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SCHOLARS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE INCLUDING PULITZER PRIZE WINNER ANNE APPLEBAUM TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY CLUB NOVEMBER 5TH AND 6TH FOR MILESTONE;

GENOCIDE EXPERTS TO PRESENT SEMINAL EXPLORATION OF RECENTLY UNEARTHED DOCUMENTS AND PHOTOS FROM THE FORMER SOVIET BLOCK THAT MAY FUNDAMENTALLY CHANGE PERCEPTION OF THE GREAT UKRAINIAN FAMINE OF 1932-1933;

“TAKING MEASURE OF THE HOLODOMOR” ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ANCHORS HISTORIC TRI-FECTA OF EVENTS;

On November 5th and 6th, fifty of the world’s most celebrated Holodomor/Genocide Studies scholars and other luminaries including: Pulitzer Prize winner Anne Applebaum; historian Mark von Hagen; Andreas Graziozi, of the University of Napoli; Nicholas Werth of the Institut d’Histoire de Temps; Jan Jacek Bruski of Jagiellonian University; a dozen members of Ukraine’s National Academy of Sciences; Volodymyr Vyatrovych, the former Chief Archivist of the Security Services of Ukraine; and President of the American Foreign Policy Council, Herman Pirchner, will convene at The Princeton University Club in Manhattan for a conference on The Great Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 known as The Holodomor.

This landmark gathering will address fundamental questions like why, how, where, who suffered and how many, from the perspective of explosive new documents and photos, recently unearthed from intelligence archives in Eastern Europe, and post Orange-Revolution Ukraine, that show the Holodomor was a deliberate act of genocide, and the Ukrainian nation was a target of mass elimination by starvation. The event will be divided into twelve panel discussions, ranging from the geo-political and economic impact of this dark chapter in history to the human element, and culminate with the issue of responsibility, redress, reconciliation and denial. Also in attendance will be living survivors of the Holdomor who will offer deeply personal testimony of their experiences. The entire proceedings will be transcribed, annotated, and edited into a book for worldwide publication.

Following the first day's forum, the Ukrainian Museum of New York will host an evening reception to honor the pioneers of Holodomor studies. Featured speakers will include Mr. Pirchner, and Canadian Member of Parliament James Bezan. The museum will be concurrently showing a special exhibit, entitled: "Give Up Your Daily Bread...Holodomor: The Totalitarian Solution."

On the evening of November 6th, the Ukrainian Institute of America will host a special commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Holodomor that will be highlighted by a moving and special tribute to the survivors of the Ukrainian Famine.

"The Bolsheviks were never as efficient as the Nazis and therefore evidence of the scope and ultimate meaning of the atrocity committed upon the Ukrainian nation, in contrast to the terror unleashed upon the Jews in Europe, has been harder to cull and identify. As a consequence, it has proven difficult to provide simple yet succinct responses on behalf of the Holodomor that would allow for the kind of full throated condemnation that the Holocaust justly receives....that is, until *now*," states Dr. Walter Zaryckyj, conference program coordinator, and Executive Director of The Center for U.S. Ukrainian Relations (CUSUR). "The appropriate intellectual firepower has finally been assembled."

“Taking Measure of the Holodomor,” presented by The Center for U.S. Ukrainian Relations (CUSUR), in tandem with the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian studies, The Columbia Ukrainian Studies program, the Holodomor Research and Education Consortium, and The Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences, is part of the Zenowia & George Jurkiw Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series.

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