

News From Ukraine

Russian Invasion of Ukraine
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The Ukraine War Ebook, “The Ukrainian People vs. The Russian Horde”

The Ukraine War Ebook, sent to those who were kind enough to support us, includes all our emails that we sent during the first week of the war. The Ebook has been very well received. Since early July, when the Ebook was released, we have added many new email recipients. For new recipients, plus existing recipients who would like to receive the Ebook, we would be happy to send you a copy in return for your support for our efforts. If you would like to support us in any amount in any currency, and receive an Ebook as our gesture of gratitude, please click on the link [HERE](#). Your support is greatly appreciated!

Ukraine Emails This Week

They will be sporadic, due to our respective travel and work schedules. If Bohdan isn't available, but I am, I will send one out as circumstances require. This email is one of those circumstances.

The Heritage War/”60 Minutes”

Last night, some of you may have seen a segment on “60 Minutes, a newsmagazine on American broadcast television, entitled “[The Heritage War.](#)” It is about the wanton destruction of historical sites throughout Ukraine by the Russians, and the theft of art objects. Much

of the destruction was deliberate, directed at a particular site, whether it was a church, library, or a museum.

This segment is especially appropriate for those who suggest that Ukraine should enter into a peace agreement with Russia, that includes Ukraine's agreement to give up territory. They must understand that this will never happen, for the reasons described in this segment.

The city of Chernihiv, approximately 80 miles north of Kyiv and near the Russian border, was an early center of Eastern Orthodox learning. There is a substantial collection of churches in and around Chernihiv, dating back almost 1,000 years. They have survived all the conflicts that have washed over Chernihiv during that time but, at least for one church shown in this "60 Minutes" segment, it didn't survive the "Special Military Operation." I have visited almost all of them.

There is a separate on-line segment, in "[60 Minutes Overtime](#)" about the [Bohdan & Varvara Khanenko Museum of Art](#), located in the Center of Kyiv. The 60 Minutes Overtime segment includes an interview with the Museum's curator.

The Khanenko House is the site for the museum. I have visited the museum several times. It is one of my favorite places in Kyiv. Their collection included a Velasquez and several other Renaissance and Old Master paintings. Khanenko made his money in the sugar beet business. The description of the cultural and commercial life in Kyiv in the late 19th Century, included in the website, was one of the things that was destroyed by the Bolsheviks. Bohdan died in 1917, so he was spared living through the Bolshevik Revolution, but his wife Varvera wasn't.

On Oct. 10th, 2022, a Russian missile struck a children's playground, located across the street from the museum. It is almost certain that the missile was intended for the museum.

News From the Battlefield

["Reporting From Ukraine"](#) covers a Russian attack around Vuhledar, in

southern Donetsk Oblast. The "[Latest Denys](#)," who is also recovering from an illness, reports on the expanding Ukrainian bridgehead on the Left Bank of the Dnipro River. He also covers a report from a Russian source that Russia plans to withdraw from Kherson Oblast that includes the Left Bank – unlikely.