Ukraine

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what is written between the lines of the communist press, and from confidential accounts he said he had from "highly placed officials" in the Soviet government, Terelya believes the KGB - the secret police - and the Soviet army are considering a crackdown on nationalist movements within the Soviet Union.

"The military and the KGB will only throw (Gorbachev) out when he's completed the job," Terelya said, adding that Gorbachev's "job" is to obtain western technological and economic aid to bolster the Soviet economy. "If (Gorbachev) succeeds in getting economic and military aid that he wants from the West, when the money's in their hands ... the military will take over."

Terelya hopes the West, especially the United States, will let the Soviet system collapse, and he stressed that such a collapse will take place within the next decade as long as the democracies encourage the nationalist movements within the Soviet

The activist maintains that the Ukraine will become an independent nation, and claims his belief is grounded not only in objective observation of the Soviet Union, but in spiritual revelation as well.

In a Courier article from last March, Terelya said he and thousands of other witnesses saw an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Ukrainian village of Hrushiv in May, 1987. Part of Mary's message at Hrushiv was that the Ukraine would be free in 10 years, and that Ukrainian Catholics must work to convert the Soviet Union to Christ, lest the nation plunge the world into a third world war.

Terelya's belief that the Ukraine even-

turily will be free is shared in varying degrees by other Ukrainian activists. Kindrat thinks the best the Ukrainians can hope for is a confederation with the Soviets, similar to the relationship Great Britain's commonwealth nations hold with England.

Without the Ukraine, Tratch noted, the Soviet Union could not exist as it does today, given the Ukraine's agricultural and industrial base which is coveted by the communists. Yet he, too, believes that the Soviet Union will eventually break up, although he finds the Ukraine's place in such a movement uncertain.

'Sometimes, I try to imagine myself in (Gorbachev's) shoes," Tratch remarked. "I have a suspicion he knows deep down that this is the end of the Soviet Union, and he's trying to make it as easy as possible. Or ... he's the last of the Russian czars ..."

Whatever Gorbachev's motives, the effect his perestroika and glasnost policies have had on Ukrainian Catholics was movingly demonstrated when Kindrat read a letter from his nephew who lives in a village in the western Ukraine.

"My mother brought us up in the Christian faith...," the nephew wrote. "She was always like a pillar of our upbringing in ... the last 40 years of occupation by the Russians since the war.

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'The big day came on Nov. 21 in our village. St. Michael Parish officially declared that they are now serving the Catholic faith..." the letter continued. "There was a beautiful Mass in the village. The whole village was present there including the communists ... My mother, especially, was in ecstasy, and we, together with her after the Mass.

"The people were dancing in cold weather outside, and many tears were shed," Kindrat's nephew wrote. "They were calling, 'Freedom, freedom, freedom!""

TGA

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Father William M. Hart.

Father Hart said he had heard no talk of a boycott. He blames the shortfall on an increase in the parish's quota and the failure of parishioners' incomes to keep pace with increasing expenses.

Yet another parish that always succeeded in meeting its TGA goal before is St. Ambrose, Rochester, where pledges are \$10,000 shy of the \$87,000 parish quota.

St. Ambrose School has lost its seventh and eighth grade classes as result of school restructuring in the Northeast Ouadrant. reported the pastor, Father James J. Marvin, and some parishioners have told him

they would not support the TGA as a result. But the pastor maintained that "95 percent of the problem is demographics."

According to Father Marvin, St. Ambrose has a shrinking — and an increasingly elderly and poor - population. He claimed the parish quota was based on census figures from 1980, when the parish had approximately 2,400 parishioners. That number has declined to 1,900 in the past decade, he said.

Seeberg acknowledged that parish quotas do not always accurately reflect demographic changes in parishes. The goals are based in part on population figures from the 1980 U.S. Census. Since the census was taken, some parish populations have grown, while others have declined.

Hetterich cited the economy as another

possible reason for individuals' hesitance to contribute to the TGA.

'There's every indication that the economy is softening," Hetterich said. In Rochester in particular, he observed, cutbacks at Eastman Kodak Company have put some parishioners out of work, and have placed doubts about job security in the minds of others.

The TGA may also have simply reached the upper limits of what it can bring in, Seeberg noted.

Seeberg pointed to the 49 percent participation figure and noted that the average participation figure for diocesan annual appeals throughout the nation is 42 percent. He also said that in development circles, 50 percent is generally considered an upper limit for participation in fundraising campaigns.

If the TGA has reached its limit, then the diocese must address the question of how to meet budget increases in coming years.

According to Seeberg, two methods of increasing contributions are enlarging the number of donors and cultivating larger. gifts from individuals - particularly wealthy individuals. Development Office personnel will be working on both methods.

Of immediate concern to appeal officials, however, is soliciting contributions from those who have failed to give so far this year. Seeberg said he and other members of the development staff will analyze current returns before deciding whether to contact those potential donors via letters, phone calls or personal visits.

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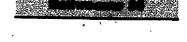
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