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Tribute to Liberty Finds Support in British Columbia

Dear Friends,

I am proud to announce the official opening of a Tribute to Liberty branch in the beautiful province of British Columbia. On May 3, 2013, I had the pleasure of meeting with a notable group of Canadians in Vancouver. We were joined by our good friend Minister Jason Kenney, who as always, spoke with great passion and extensive knowledge about the evils of Communism. The Honourable Senator Yonah Martin has agreed to assume the important role of Honorary Chair for Tribute to Liberty in B.C. The Senator was instrumental in organizing the event in Vancouver. Senator Martin leads our efforts with her personal conviction and unwavering commitment. Senator Martin's presence will enhance our understanding of Korean suffering under Communism. This is the year of Korea in Canada. Our support of the Korean families in their struggle for reunification should be well reflected in the proposed Memorial to Victims of Communism. North Korea still suffers under Communism today.

I am overwhelmed with pride and joy as this group is already working on raising \$1,000,000 for the Memorial to Victims of Communism in Ottawa. We need to get all our communities from across Canada involved. We welcome our friends from B.C. into the family. Thank you from all of us.

Regards,
Ludwik Klimkowski
Chair, Tribute to Liberty





Toronto Vietnamese Community Raises \$15,000 for Memorial

On May 4, 2013, the Vietnamese Committee for the Memorial to Victims of Communism held a fundraising event to raise funds for the Canadian Memorial to Victims of Communism. Tribute to Liberty Chair Ludwik Klimkowski and board member Teresa Berezowski attended.

Present at the event, along with many Canadians of Vietnamese heritage, was Senator Thanh Hai Ngo, who came to Canada after the fall of Saigon in 1975. The Senator and Mr. Klimkowski both spoke of their commitment to the construction of the Memorial. They related their own personal experience with the cruel and unjust system of Communism, and stressed that this Memorial is not only for those who suffered or died under Communism but for those who are still oppressed by it. It is the hope of Mr. Klimkowski that this Memorial will be a reminder for our children and future generations that the atrocities of Communism must never happen again.

The evening raised \$15,000 for the Memorial which brings the total amount the Vietnamese community in Toronto has raised to \$46,000. The goal of the community is to make the total amount they've raised \$50,000 by summer 2013.

Tribute to Liberty appreciates the instrumental support of

this community for building the Memorial to Victims of Communism in Ottawa.



Czech and Slovak Community Support Memorial to Victims of Communism

On April 14, Tribute to Liberty Chair Ludwik Klimkowski attended the annual Sokol Toronto Spring Festival held at St. Wenceslaus RC Parish in Toronto. Mr. Klimkowski was invited by members of Sokol, a long standing Czech-based gymnastics and cultural organization, to address members and their families on the progress of the Memorial to Victims of Communism to be built in Ottawa. After being introduced to the audience by Robert Tmej,

Sokol Canada Director of Men and Tribute to Liberty board member, Mr. Klimkowski gave a passionate summary of the project and fundraising efforts in the Czech and Slovak community in Canada. Mr. Klimkowski then asked attendees to donate to the charity in the name of family and loved ones who have suffered at the hands of Communist oppression in Eastern Europe. Speaking after a dinner and a demonstration by Sokol Toronto child gymnasts, Mr. Klimkowski reiterated the importance of the project to the Czech and Slovak community and the need for continued financial support as the project moves closer to a design competition and construction.

The Czech and Slovak Association of Canada and Sokol Canada and their respective units in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto pledged financial support for the Memorial, and they continue to support Tribute to Liberty's efforts to educate Canadians about the horrific crimes of Communism.



Tribute to Liberty Addresses Latvian Community

On April 20, 2013, Tribute to Liberty board member Alide Forstmanis spoke at the Latvian Relief Society of Canada (LRSC) AGM about the Memorial to Victims of Communism planned for Ottawa.

The LRSC has to date donated \$40,000 to the memorial; Mrs. Forstmanis took the opportunity to give an update on the progress of the project, and to encourage the Latvian community in Canada to donate more funds to the project.

Mrs. Forstmanis told the group that all donations are welcome—both small and large—and described the virtual *Pathway to Liberty*. She read aloud several dedications from the *Pathway* so that the audience could hear that donors come from a great variety of ethnic backgrounds—

Latvian, Cuban, Romanian, Hungarian, Polish and Vietnamese, to name a few.

To view the *Pathway to Liberty* or to make a donation, visit www.tributetoliberty.ca.



Memorial Promoted at Canadian-Croatian Business Awards Evening

The Memorial to Victims of Communism was promoted to a packed crowd of over 600 at the 11th Annual Canadian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards Evening on April 26, 2013. Organized by the Chamber of Commerce and co-hosted by one of its directors, Ivan Grbešić, who is also a Tribute to Liberty board member, the event was attended by members of the Canadian-Croatian business community, members of a trade delegation from the Republic of Croatia, as well as numerous political and diplomatic representatives from Canada and the Republic of Croatia.

While the main purpose of the evening was to recognize excellence and leadership in, and contributions to, the Croatian-Canadian community, the message delivered to those in attendance was clear: Everyone touched by Communism directly or indirectly should feel a need to contribute toward the completion of the Canadian Memorial to Victims of Communism. The design, prominence and its grandeur is dependent only on you and your generosity. Please give from your heart.

Canada is home to more than 200,000 Canadians of Croatian descent. The Republic of Croatia declared independence from Communist Yugoslavia in June 1991.



Staunch Anti-Communist Journalist Peter Worthington Dies at 86

Toronto Sun founding editor and committed anti-Communist Peter Worthington died at the age of 86 on May 12, 2013.

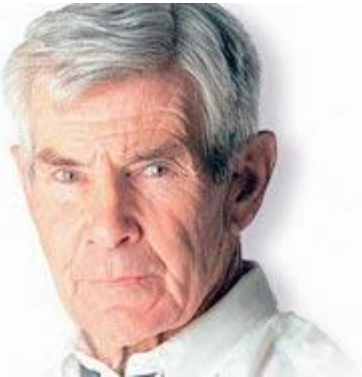
Described as a legendary journalist, Mr. Worthington was an eyewitness to Communism—he fought in the Korean War, and worked on assignment in Moscow in the 60s, and was in Prague in 1968 when Soviet tanks invaded.

Mr. Worthington is known for speaking out against Communism at a time when few or none were doing so in Canada.

According to an editorial in the *National Post* by Conrad Black, Mr. Worthington was “a tireless Cold Warrior and personal friend of Soviet defector Igor Gouzenko, and protected anti-Communist writers such as Lubor Zink.”

In almost every article written on Mr. Worthington following his death, his anti-Communism is noted.

Mr. Worthington was also a friend to Tribute to Liberty, and helped to publicize Tribute to Liberty’s efforts to gain approval to have the Memorial built in Ottawa. In September 2009, Mr. Worthington wrote an article in the *Sun* to help educate the public about the reality of the death toll of Communism.



In January 2010, when Tribute to Liberty was helping to promote Edvin Snore’s documentary film *The Soviet Story*, Tribute to Liberty provided Mr. Worthington with a copy of the documentary and information about its Toronto screening. Mr. Worthington then wrote an article in the *Sun* which helped to bring attention to the film and the atrocities it depicts.

Mr. Worthington has been recognized by the Ukrainian community for helping to bring attention to the realities of the Holodomor (Stalin’s forced famine killing millions in Ukraine in the 1930s) by continually writing about it in his column.

The following is an excerpt from the column he wrote about *The Soviet Story* in 2010:

“Where Hitler and Stalin differed in building a pure society and better human beings, was Hitler digressed from Stalin’s formula of “class warfare” and introduced “racial cleansing.” Hitler watched with envy how the NKVD eliminated seven million Ukrainians by imposing the world’s first man-made famine on Ukraine in 1932-33, confiscating all food and making record sales of Ukrainian grain to Europe.

The world paid no attention — the few journalists who did (Malcolm Muggeridge) were ignored. The New York Times correspondent in Moscow, Walter Duranty, won a Pulitzer Prize for dodging the famine.

The film footage is ghastly but persuasive. Mountains of skeletal, starved bodies are bulldozed into mass graves. Vivid photos of victims shot in the head and tumbling into mass graves. There is Katyn Forest, where 20,000 Polish reservists were shot, some buried alive in mass graves, and our side pretended the Germans did it.

The world remembers the horrors of the Nazi death camps, but we hunger to forget, if we can, the 20-plus million who died in the Soviet Gulag at the whim of our wartime ally, “Uncle Joe.”

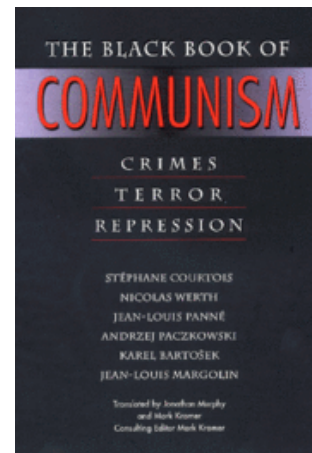
Among Edvin Snore’s interviews are aging women who recall the famine, the massacre of their families, the Gulag. Painful, but essential to record.

With younger generations reluctant to believe history, it’s important there be a source for unvarnished truth.”

Peter Worthington, rest in peace.

Tribute to Liberty Website Resource Section

Don’t forget to visit the [resource section](#) on Tribute to Liberty’s website—it contains valuable resources for those interested in reading about the victims of Communism.



Tell Your Story...

And help build the Memorial to Victims of Communism in Ottawa.

A donation of \$200 buys a brick for the virtual Pathway to Liberty that leads to the Memorial.

Each brick can be donated with a story of a victim of Communism, a message or a dedication. Donate today at: tributetoliberty.ca.

For more information about Tribute to Liberty and the Memorial to Victims of Communism, visit tributetoliberty.ca.



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