

Holodomor 1932-33

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

George Santayana

They were dying: 17 people each minute, one thousand each hour, 25 thousand each day. This was the harvest extracted by the terrible Famine Genocide in Ukraine.



"HOLODOMOR" is Ukrainian word for "FAMINE-GENOCIDE"

- **Ukrainian Famine – Genocide (1932-1933), or Holodomor** ([Ukrainian: Голодомор](#)), was one of the largest national catastrophes of the Ukrainian nation in modern history with direct loss of human life in the range of millions.
- The estimated number of victims of the famine is between 4 to 10 million.
- The word **Holodomor** comes from Ukrainian words *holod*, ‘hunger’, and *mor*, ‘epidemic’, possibly from the expression *moryty holodom*, ‘to inflict death by hunger’. Ukrainian "moryty" (морити) means "to poison somebody, drive to exhaustion or to torment somebody". Perfect form of the verb "moryty" is "zamoryty" - "kill or drive to death by hunger, exhausting work".
- **The land that was known worldwide as the breadbasket of Europe was being ravaged by a man-made famine of unprecedented scale.**
- **Stalin and his followers were determined to teach Ukraine’s farmers “a lesson they would not forget” for resisting collectivization, which meant giving up their own land to work on government controlled farms.**



Genocide – is the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group.

- **Just as the Jewish Holocaust is not simply a "Jewish issue", the Genocide Famine in Ukraine is not simply a "Ukrainian issue". Both genocides have universal implications.**
- **The Holocaust is an example of genocide perpetrated by an openly racist, fascist regime which had as its acknowledged purpose the extermination of the Jewish people. The Ukrainian Genocide Famine is an example of genocide perpetrated by a Communist regime.**

The West is hardly aware of Holodomor ever having taken place

This occurred for the following reasons:

- 1) consistent denial by Soviet officials;***
- 2) a conscious cover-up by influential Western correspondents reporting from Moscow;***
- 3) a lack of information about the Soviet Union's crimes within its own borders, crimes that since the collapse of the Soviet Union appear to be fading from public consciousness both here and abroad;***
- 4) an information vacuum regarding Ukraine and its people among American universities and the general public where the prevailing view was that Ukrainians were Russians who spoke a Russian dialect.***

RATIONALE OF HOLODOMOR

The three major objectives were behind the orchestration of a Genocide Famine by the Soviet government in the desire to expand empire of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) :

- 1. To destroy a significant portion of that segment of the Ukrainian population which had most loudly and openly resisted increasingly oppressive Soviet rule.***
- 2. To terrorize the surviving Ukrainian population into compliance to Soviet totalitarian domination.***
- 3. To provide funds for Soviet industrial expansion from the sale of expropriated Ukrainian wheat and other foodstuffs to the rest of the world.***

International Recognition of Ukrainian Genocide

- The following countries have legislation which recognizes the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 as an act of GENOCIDE:
- Argentina; Australia; Canada; Check Republic; Ecuador; Estonia; Georgia; Hungary; Italy; Lithuania; Peru; Poland; Ukraine; United States of America

Why we think it is important

- **Ukrainian American Cultural Association of Oregon & Ukrainian Community in Portland Metro would like to resolve by the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon the Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933 as an act of GENOCIDE against Ukrainian nation and these painful memories and share it with all Oregonians so:**
 - **that we all make ourselves strong against the power of lies and ideologies of hate;**
 - **that we all strive to work together for the human dignity of all;**
 - **that we prevent future Famine-Genocides;**
 - **that we train Oregon students to be vigilant for violations of human rights and learn about this painful Ukrainian history in public schools, colleagues and universities (*Education on the process of genocides is important because it helps people recognize the discriminatory patterns that can lead to genocide and what constitutes genocide which may aid in its prevention*).**

UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE (1932-1933), Poem by Eugenia Dallas

Peaceful, hard working, happy, gregarious people,

With their golden fields of wheat

Blue skies, Ukraine my country,

Breadbasket of Europe.

Suddenly black clouds of terror

From the neighbor to the North.

Darkness blew over the green hills

The peaceful golden steps of Ukraine.

Bullets riddle my country,

They took my freedom, my land

And brutally turned us into a colony

Run by hostile ruthless outsiders.

By Force they made us give them

All our food to the last morsel.

In return they gave us prisons in Siberia

And Genocide in Ukraine.

Countless Numbers of Children

With protruding frightened eyes,

outstretched little hands

Pleading for food, crying.

Some of us survived - Orphans Forever