

AN APPEAL

ON BEHALF OF THE UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE USSR.

We appeal to the British public to help us secure the release of the following four Ukrainian Political Prisoners held in the Soviet Union:

YURIY SHUKHEVYCH,

LEV LUKYANENKO,

OKSANA POPOVYCH

AND MYKOLA RUDENKO

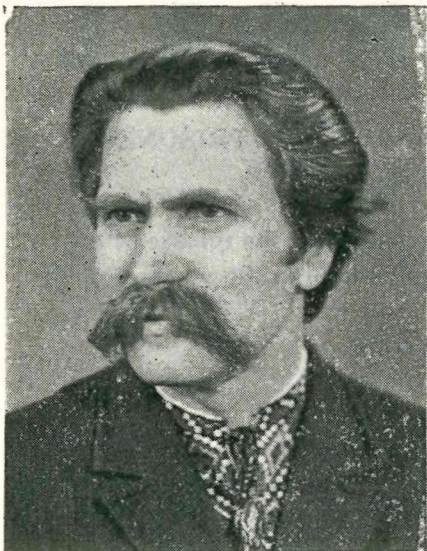
We strongly believe that the release of VALENTYN MOROZ, the prominent Ukrainian historian and publicist on the 27th April after many years of imprisonment and hard labour was the result of a long, hard campaign undertaken over the years by many Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank all these people — Members of Parliament, prominent Church leaders and members of the British Public who raised their voice in protest on Valentyn Moroz's behalf.

Such efforts are needed once again to obtain the release of many more political prisoners whose civil and national rights are being denied in the Soviet Union. Four such cases we should like to highlight today:



As was previously in the case of Valentyn Moroz, these and many other prisoners of conscience need YOUR support to secure their release.

YURIY SHUKHEVYCH, 46 was arrested for the first time in 1948 when he was only 15 and sentenced to 20 years. His "crime" — the fact that he is the son of Gen. Roman Shukhevych, who during the Second World War, led the resistance struggle against both the Germans and the Russians, and then up till 1950 against Russia. He is now serving his second sentence of 15 years in Vladimir prison near Moscow.



LEV LUKYANENKO, 52, a lawyer by profession who was first arrested at the end of 1960 and sentenced to death for belonging to the so called "jurists" group of Ukrainian lawyers, which called for the secession of the Ukrainian SSR from the USSR — a right guaranteed to all the republics of the USSR by the Soviet Constitution. His death sentence was later commuted to 15 years imprisonment. In 1977 he was rearrested and sentenced to 15 years of deprivation of freedom for belonging to the Ukrainian Public Group to Promote the Implementation of the Helsinki Accords.

OXSANA POPOVYCH, 54, who from 1945-55 served a sentence in Russian concentration camps, where she became an invalid. Arrested again in 1974, she was sentenced in January 1975 in Ivano-Frankivsk under article 62 of the



Criminal Code of the Ukrainian SSR "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda", to 8 years of imprisonment and 3 years of exile from Ukraine. At home she was forced to leave her 87 year old mother.



MYKOLA RUDENKO, 58, a writer and philosopher, until his arrest and trial in 1977 he was the leader of the Ukrainian Public Group to Promote the Implementation of the Helsinki Accords. Accused of anti-Soviet agitation, he was sentenced to 12 years of deprivation of freedom. A war-veteran, he still suffers from wounds he received during the Second World War.

**HELP TO SECURE HUMAN AND NATIONAL RIGHTS FOR ALL
ENSLAVED NATIONS IN THE USSR!**

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