



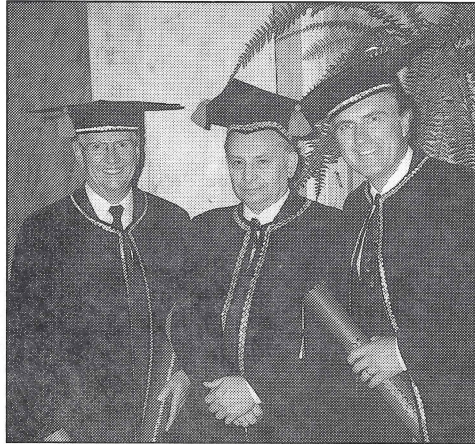
resolved on this project, but it is our view that eventually it will provide economic benefits to both Ukraine and Saskatchewan. Deputy Prime Minister Sabluk fully supports Saskatchewan proceeding with the proposal," Romanow said.

Plan of Action Creates Potential for Long-Term Economic Co-operation

Premier Romanow said that the signing of the Saskatchewan-Ukraine Co-operation Agreement will establish effective mechanisms to steadily increase Saskatchewan's trade and investment in Ukraine. This includes focusing on Saskatchewan's unique technologies and expertise in sectors such as energy, which also address the immediate and pressing needs of Ukraine and its economic reform process. For example, there will be expansion of co-operation in oil field development, since Saskatchewan industry has developed world class expertise at increasing oil production on a cost-effective basis from oil reserves.

Another major area where Saskatchewan and Ukraine have a strong common interest is agriculture. Saskatchewan will participate in a demonstration farm in Ukraine and a production-based extension program in Saskatchewan which will utilize farm machinery manufactured in Saskatchewan. Romanow, along with representatives from Mind's Eye Pictures, Four Square Productions, Coteau Books and Saskatchewan Communications Network also met with minister of culture and arts, Dmytro Ostapenko, to explore business opportunities for cultural production industries.

Saskatchewan also wants to assist in the development of small business in Ukraine by establishing further economic ties in the cultural industry sector. Several companies are in the process of negotiating co-



Premier Roy Romanow (r) and Dr. George Ivany, Pres. of University of Saskatchewan (l) pose with Rector Stepan Kostyshyn of Chernivtsi University after receiving Honorary Doctor Degrees.

production agreements for projects in film and video, book publishing and television.

Romanow said Saskatchewan may also be able to assist in the drafting of priority legislation for Ukraine by acting as a host province in a Canadian national parliamentary internship program now being developed. "These initiatives are only a beginning, and we expect adjustments and additions through the on-going Plan of Action in the Saskatchewan-Ukraine Co-operation Agreement, as we build a mutually beneficial and long-term economic relationship."

Economic Development Opportunities in Lviv

On Oct. 5, 1995, Premier Romanow met with Mykola Horyn, chair of the Lviv Regional Council in Lviv, Ukraine, to explore economic development opportunities for Saskatchewan business in one of the most important regional hubs in western Ukraine.

"The Saskatchewan-Ukraine Co-operation Agreement signed with First Deputy PM Lazarenko this week is a new beginning between Saskatchewan and Ukraine covering project proposals in energy, agriculture, culture, economic development, health and other sectors," Romanow said. "Our meeting helped to examine the region's priorities in areas such as crop and livestock production, processing and agricultural machinery. "I'm hopeful that the partners in these projects will consider involving Lviv in their development plans. Our new co-operation agreement is very flexible, allowing co-operative projects to grow and develop wherever the opportunity is available in Ukraine."

The premier also participated in the official opening of a retail-wholesale market in the village of Hynna Navaria, outside Lviv. The market is a joint venture involving Canadian interests.

Romanow then travelled from Lviv to his ancestral village Stojoniw. "The Western Ukrainian regions of Lviv and Chernivtsi are the ancestral homes to most of the Ukrainian immigrants in western Canada. This region includes Stojoniw, the village of my parents," Romanow said. "I have been very well received throughout Ukraine this past week, but I was particularly honoured by the warm reception I received from the people of Stojoniw."

WISE TRADE INVESTMENT

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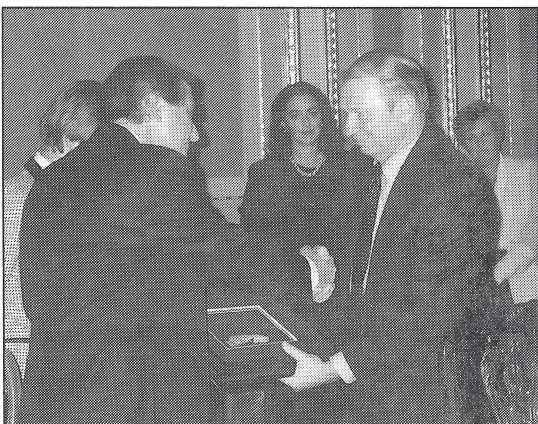
Don't be deceived. In most cases deals signed while premiers or prime ministers travel abroad on trade missions are akin to well-planned photo-ops. The transactions are actually the result of months of earlier legwork; leaving only the papers to be signed or deals announced in the presence of elected officials.

Such was the case during the federal foray into China in 1994 when almost \$10 billion in deals were signed and is likely the case during this month's trip by Premier Roy Romanow's to Ukraine, Britain and Germany. Last weekend, Romanow announced a deal between Brandt Industries and a German company for the purchase of grain augers.

That said, such trips are important and, in most cases, represent money well spent. That is particularly true of Saskatchewan, which relies heavily on export trade. Nearly one-quarter of our economic output is based on export industries, such as agriculture, mining and oil and gas.

During his current trip, Romanow meets with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma, a visit that could help open doors for Saskatchewan companies wanting to strengthen trade links between the two jurisdictions. A strong Saskatchewan-Ukraine relationship represents significant economic opportunities, especially in the agricultural sector.

Past trips of this type have been subject to some criticism. ...But while one should be suspicious of staged signing ceremonies, trade missions should not be looked upon as an expense; rather they should be regarded as an investment in the province's future.



Premier Romanow and President Kuchma exchange gifts at Mariyinsky Palace in Kyiv.