

Turning from the same page:

Freeland's 1988 article in a far-right Ukrainian paper shared page with ad praising the Waffen SS Galicia

An antiSoviet article on the Holodomor, co-authored by Chrystia Freeland, appeared on the same page of *Ukrainian Weekly (UW)* as an ad for a book glorifying the Nazi's Ukrainian Waffen SS. (See footnote 18, opposite.) Historians Ronald Smelser and Edward Davies say the book ignored "SS atrocities against civilian populations" and that "tens of thousands of Waffen-SS men served as guards in concentration camps." Full of praise for the SS, Richard Landwehr's book says for example that:

Ukraine was an integral part of Europe's field of defense against the Communist enemy. The Waffen-SS was a unique experiment that fostered international unity, high ideals and valiant sacrifice against what can be termed the somewhat less than high-minded forces of Soviet Communism and its assorted internationalist gangster allies.¹

Landwehr had previously praised the Nazis in a notoriously racist, antisemitic and Holocaust-denying journal. In it he exalted the SS, saying it "usually represented the best human material" and was driven by "the idea of a united, anti-communist Europe."² His book, *Fighting for Freedom*, thanked Jaraslav Sawka, a contributor to the *UW* Fund and others "of Ukrainian descent who prefer not to be recognised."³ It was also cited in Myron Kuropas' *UW* column when he denounced a CBS TV show on the Ukrainian SS.



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The show, he claimed, "had 'KGB' ... written all over it" and may have been "orchestrated by Moscow" or done in order to "strengthen the hand" of certain "American Jews."⁴

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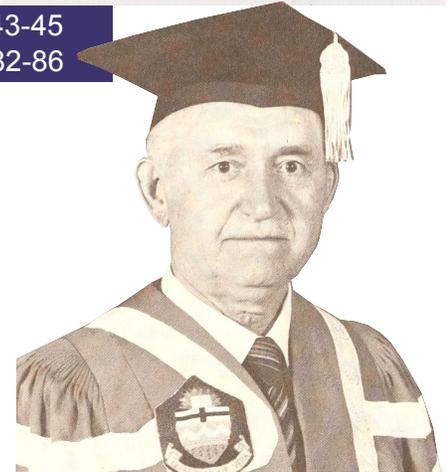
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A 1986 announcement of Freeland's first (govt-funded) writing job (for a publication spearheaded by her propagandist grandfather's war-time boss), shared the page with a notice of this SS veteran's retirement

Peter Savaryn

SAVARYN RETIRES AS CHANCELLOR

- Soldier, Nazi Waffen SS Galicia, 1943-45
- Chancellor, University of Alberta, 1982-86
- Recipient, Order of Canada, 1987



When he died in 2017, the Univ. of Alberta (UA) said of its former chancellor: "[A]fter growing up in Ukraine and enduring the hardships of Russian occupation," he came to Canada in 1949.¹ Left unsaid were Nazi "hardships" or that he was a veteran of Ukraine's Waffen SS which the Nazis created, trained, armed, funded and led. Instead, they praised his "accomplished career" as a lawyer, his lead role in Alberta's Progressive Conservatives and in "championing multiculturalism and education."²

"Savaryn was proud of his SS past," said historian Grzegorz Rossolinski-Liebe. He made it "an important part of his Ukrainian identity and probably understood it as a contribution to Canadian multiculturalism."³ Savaryn was a UA governor and senator who cofounded its Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS). The publishing deal for its biggest project, *Encyclopedia of Ukraine*, was cosigned by Savaryn in 1976. It was created by Volodymyr Kubijovych who led Nazi-Ukrainian collaboration in WWII. Kubijovych's top news propagandist in Krakow and Vienna, Michael Chomiak, worked on the CIUS encyclopedia (1978-79), as did his granddaughter, Chrystia Freeland, in the 1980s.

In 1987, when Savaryn received the Order of Canada, Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauv e praised his work in "multiculturalism" and for being "active in his community as a volunteer."⁴ Savaryn, "a stalwart leader"⁵ of Plast Edmonton, also volunteered as president of the World Congress of Free Ukrainians (1983-88), which still reveres WWII fascist Stepan Bandera. During the Cold War, it worked closely with the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations.

In WWII, Savaryn joined the SS and swore a "holy oath" to Adolph Hitler, which said in part: I swear before God ... that in the battle against Bolshevism, I will give absolute obedience to the commander in chief of the German Armed Forces Adolf Hitler and as a brave soldier, I will always be prepared to lay down my life.⁶

The UA's four endowment funds named for Ukrainian Canadian veterans of the Waffen SS Galicia, include the "Peter Savaryn Award for Contributions to the Development of Ukrainian Studies."⁷

When Savaryn died, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) honoured him as "a great leader in the Ukrainian Canadian community" who "made a major contribution" to the UCC.⁸

Peter Savaryn has retired as Chancellor of the University of Alberta. Mr. Savaryn, the university's twelfth Chancellor, played a major role in the establishment of CIUS.

CIUS SUMMER RESEARCH PROJECTS

During the summer of 1986, CIUS sponsored a number of research projects.

.... Ms. Natalia Chomiak and Ms. Chrystia Freeland were employed as research assistants as part of the Government of Canada Summer Employment/Experience Development programme.

Ms. Freeland supervised by Dr. Bohdan Krawchenko, wrote entries for the second volume of the *Encyclopedia of Ukraine*.

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