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**EXPERT SCHOLAR AND HISTORIAN JOINS "HOLODOMOR" DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM TEAM**

Hollywood, CA. Esteemed Rutgers University Professor Taras Hunczak, PhD has joined the "HOLODOMOR; Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-33" feature-length documentary film team as the film's expert, historian and researcher.

Professor Hunczak is a world-renowned scholar who has focused his research and years of study on Ukraine, Russia, Poland and national minorities of Ukraine. He received his PhD from the University of Vienna in 1960 and has authored and edited twenty-seven books and over sixty articles and chapters on the subject of Ukrainian, Russian and Jewish-Ukrainian relations. His other activities include serving in November 1993 as consultant to the CSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and Preventive Diplomacy in Hague, The Netherlands. Professor Hunczak has also received numerous awards in the United States and in Ukraine for his academic accomplishments as well as for his contributions to building civic society in Ukraine.

"HOLODOMOR; Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-33" is in production by Tomkiw Entertainment and Moksha Films. The film's production coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor, Ukraine's genocide of 1932-1933. "HOLODOMOR; Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-33" is an edgy, auspicious, cinematic look at a very dark and horrific time in which millions of people died due to a man-made famine in Ukraine, perpetrated by Joseph Stalin.

In the early 1930's, Ukraine was the breadbasket of the Soviet Union, had bountiful crops of grain, yet its people were dying of starvation. In order to crush the will of the independent-minded Ukrainian peasants and secure collectivization of all Ukrainian lands, Joseph Stalin ordered an army of ruthless, well-fed Communist Party activists to confiscate all harvested grain and seize all the foodstuffs in the villages. As a result of this genocidal decree, by the end of 1933 nearly 25 percent of the Ukrainian population – 7 to 10 million people, including three million children - had perished.

In the face of terror, Ukrainians had little possibility of escaping their horrific fate or even to create another type of life elsewhere. Travel was banned for Ukrainians, keeping them confined in a prison of starvation within their own villages.

Tomkiw and Leigh have made available a five minute trailer and are looking for financing for the documentary feature film. "I really feel that this subject needs awareness and must be brought into the mainstream cinematic arena. There is no more effective way to get into everyone's homes and hearts than through cinema." says Leigh.

To view the film trailer and to support the making of the documentary, please visit [www.HolodomorTheMovie.com](http://www.HolodomorTheMovie.com). Be a part of helping the world to learn about Ukraine's Holodomor.

"History knows no other crime of such a nature and magnitude."

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