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Ukrainians Of U. S. Open Parley Today

Hopeful that an Allied victory will liberate their homeland, more than 1,000 Ukrainian-Americans convening here today will appeal for moral support to aid in establishing an independent and democratic Ukraine after the war.

Representing some 2,500 Ukrainian-American organizations, the congress is the first of its kind held in this country since the World War when a similar plea was made.

The delegates, mostly descendants of peasant Ukrainian stock, want it known they are Americans first. As liberty-loving Americans, they stressed, they want their homeland to escape the Soviet yoke and enjoy the fruits of democracy.

Scheduled speakers before the congress today will include Senators Joseph F. Guffey (Democrat), and James J. Davis (Republican), both of Pennsylvania, and Senator Robert F. Wagner (Democrat), of New York. Other Congressional leaders will be guests.

Registration will continue up until 9 a. m. today, when the congress opens with an invocation by the Rev. Vladimir Lotovych, of Jersey City.

Chairman of the congress is Nicholas Muraszko, Jersey City, president of the Ukrainian National Association, who will deliver the opening address.

Other Ukrainian-American delegates include: Dr. Alexander A. Granovsky, of the University of Minnesota; Luke Myshuha, of Jersey City, editor of Svoboda, Ukrainian daily newspaper in the United States; Miroslaw Sichynsky, of Scranton, Pa., president of the Ukrainian Working Men's Association; Dr. Vladimir Timoshenko, professor at Stanford University; Dr. Alexander Koshetz, of New York, conductor of the former Ukrainian National Chorus.

A colorful note yesterday was the presentation by two women delegates of several articles of Ukrainian handiwork to Ernest Swift, vice chairman of the American Red Cross.