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Cover Graphic by Vasyl Sedliar, May 1933, from Taras Shevchenko's *Kobzar*. Along with several other Ukrainian *avant garde* artists, Sedliar was executed by the NKVD, 13 May 1937.

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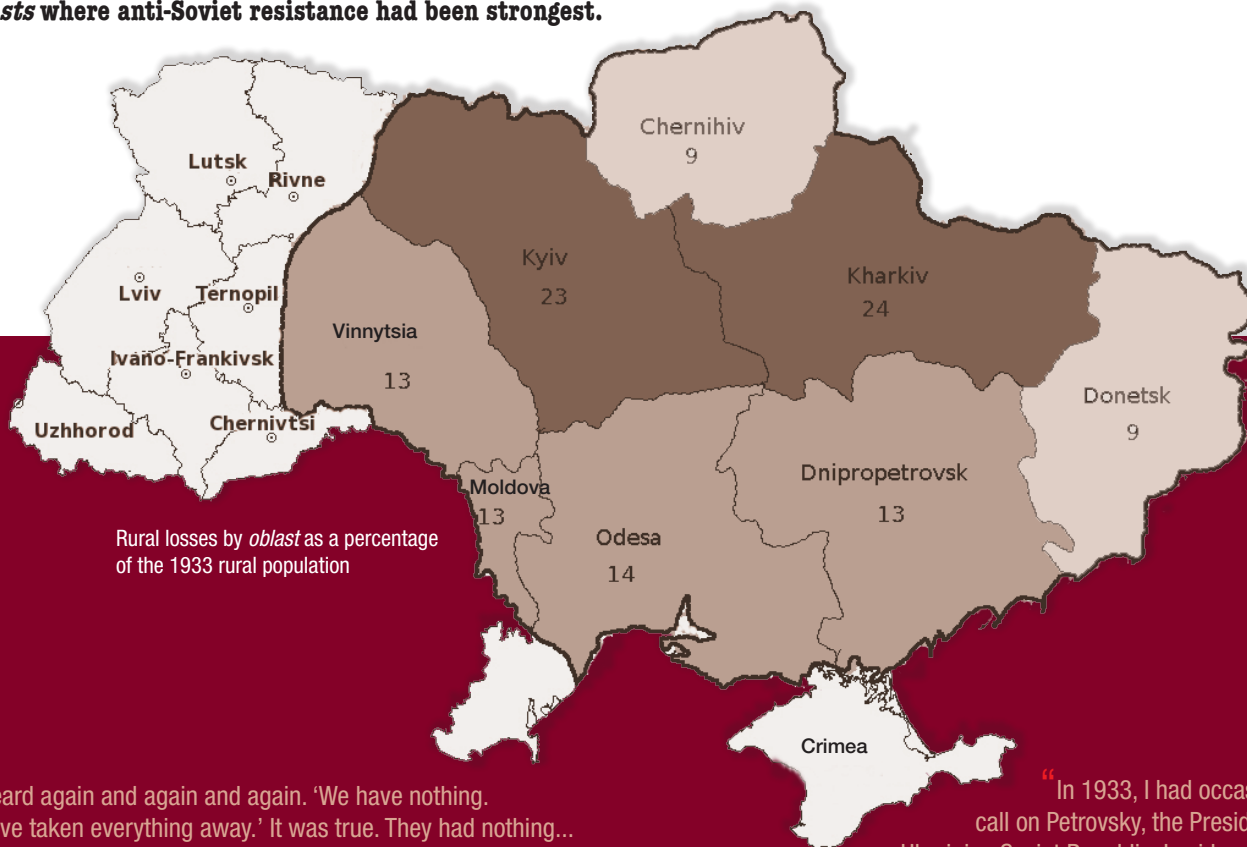
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The genocidal Great Famine of 1932-1933 in Soviet Ukraine



During 1932-1933 millions of Ukrainians perished in a famine perpetrated by the Stalinist regime. Almost 90% of these victims starved between the winter of 1932 and spring of 1933, one of the greatest genocides in European history.

1932-1934: The *Holodomor* caused the death of 16% of the rural population of Soviet Ukraine with the highest losses not in the major grain-growing regions but in *oblasts* where anti-Soviet resistance had been strongest.



Rural losses by *oblast* as a percentage of the 1933 rural population

“...I heard again and again and again. ‘We have nothing. They have taken everything away.’ It was true. They had nothing... The famine is an organised one. Some of the food... taken away from them — and the peasants know this quite well — is still being exported to foreign countries.”

– Malcolm Muggeridge, *The Manchester Guardian*, 25 March 1933

“...we have no bread... we have nothing to eat. Our children were eating grass in the spring... There was nothing else for them.”

– Rhea Clyman, “Children Lived on Grass,” *Toronto Telegraph*, 16 May 1933

“Mr. Duranty thinks... as many as 10 million people may have died directly or indirectly from lack of food in the Soviet Union during the past year.” – William Strang (British Embassy, Moscow), 26 September 1933

“The truth of the matter is... that we have... information about famine conditions [and] there is no obligation on us not to make it public. We do not want to make it public, however, because the Soviet Government would resent it and our relations with them would be prejudiced.”

– Laurence Collier (Northern Department, British Foreign Office), June 1934

“In 1933, I had occasion to call on Petrovsky, the President of the Ukrainian Soviet Republic. I said... ‘They say five million people have died this year... What are we going to tell them?’ ‘Tell them nothing!’ answered President Petrovsky. ‘What they say is true. We know that millions are dying. That is unfortunate, but the glorious future of the Soviet Union will justify that. Tell them nothing!’” – Fred E. Beal, *Proletarian Journey* (1937)

“Between 1932 and 1933, 5,000,000 Ukrainians starved to death... a famine was necessary for the Soviet and so they got one to order, by plan... This is not simply a case of mass murder. It is a case of genocide, of the destruction, not of individuals only, but of a culture and a nation.” – Dr Raphael Lemkin, “father of the UN Genocide Convention,” 20 September 1953

“The great man-made famine of 1933 was followed by a silence that Stalin called happiness.”

– Sir Robert Gilbert Vansittart, *The Mist Procession* (London: Hutchinson, 1957)

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