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Dear Pulitzer Board Co-Chairs:

***“THE PULITZER PRIZE BOARD REVOKES ITS PULITZER GIVEN TO
WALTER DURANTY BECAUSE IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO”***

What an amazing headline it would be for The New York Times to feature this story, as the Pulitzer Prize Board prepares its announcements of new prizes in April.

It has been close to 20 years since the Ukrainian diaspora and many prominent journalists and media scholars have asked the Pulitzer Prize Board to review its decision in 2003, **not to revoke**. The Board’s reason given was, that they find *“no clear and convincing evidence of deliberate deception”*. That conclusion was baseless, since so many documents were presented to the contrary, such as, the Kliefoth Memorandum, and Duranty himself admitting that he manipulated the veracity of his reports for Joseph Stalin.

Walter Duranty downplayed the horrors of Joseph Stalin’s execution of his collectivization and covered up the Holodomor-Genocide in Ukraine, which killed millions with a planned genocidal program for the Ukrainian nation, yet, he was awarded the prestigious Pulitzer for Journalism in 1932 for 13 articles that were clearly “fake news”. Duranty wrote, “Any report of a famine in Russia [USSR] today is an exaggeration or malignant propaganda.” This writing came at a time when 25,000 Ukrainian farmers were dying per day! As Malcolm Muggeridge so aptly stated, “Duranty was the biggest liar that he ever met”!

As we all are aware, the Pulitzer Prize stands for “excellence in journalism, capturing events accurately as they occur.” Giving a Pulitzer Prize to an opportunistic journalist who falsified the truth and lied to the American public through The New York Times does not in any way meet the standards of the Pulitzer Board or civic responsibility. Duplicity in journalism should be

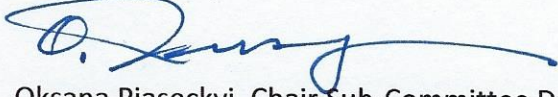
considered a crime against the First Amendment of our Constitution, and is a very serious infraction against professional ethics and therefore cannot be ignored nor forgiven as it has been done with Duranty's lies. The Pulitzer Prize is awarded to outstanding journalists who stake their reputation and lives to present the truth. In Duranty's case, it was given to a man who did not live up to any standards of the award, but instead spread "fake news" worldwide and promoted the legitimacy of the Soviet Union, which brutally starved, executed and exiled to the Gulags millions of innocent people in the Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide.

It is about time to honor the integrity and truth in journalism to show the world that the Pulitzer Prize Board is capable of righteousness and publicizing an act of evil, perpetrated by Walter Duranty.

As the chairman of the Duranty Revocation subcommittee of the U.S. Committee on Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness, I am asking on behalf of all those innocent victims who perished by the pains of hunger that you finally revoke Walter Duranty's Prize.

I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely yours,



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We cannot allow the truth to be manipulated with alternative "facts". That is not journalism.