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Final report on Ljubljana cathedral doors project

This is the final report regarding the coordination work by the Slovenian American Council (Slovenski Ameriški Svet) regarding the national collection in the United States for the religious bronze doors art relief in the Ljubljana Cathedral, commonly referred to as the Church of St. Nicholas.

The art work was initiated in April 1996 and concluded in November, 1996.

On behalf of the Slovenski Ameriški Svet we express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who responded and contributed to this request at a time when there are so many pressing family, private or public requests within our communities. The generosity of so many individuals, priests, religious, parishes, businesses or organizations is something that could be learned and applied on a practical basis by our fellow Slovenians in Slovenia as an example what freedom and democracy actually mean.

The gross amount raised was \$38,115.00. An additional \$104.71 was raised via interest income in certificates of deposit. Total expenses amounted to \$968.45, including the disbursement of the interest income.

Excluding the interest income expenses amounted to 2.3 cents for each dollar raised. That is, for each

\$1.00 raised 97.7 cents was given to the project itself.

For those unfamiliar with generally accepted standards of fund raising for either a non-profit or profit event, a generally accepted criteria and ratio of expenses to gross income is 30-to-35 cents in expenses for each dollar raised. In this sense, the Svet has served very well in this effort.

Two official bank checks were made payable in the name of Nadškof (Archbishop) A. Suštar, the metropolitan and archbishop of the diocese of Ljubljana. The first official check was in the amount of \$34,000 while the second check was for \$3,251.26. Father John Kumše, pastor St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Cleveland, Ohio, personally presented the first check to Archbishop Suštar in July, 1996. The second check was presented to Msgr. Franci Petric, managing editor of *Družina* (weekly diocesan newspaper for the archdiocese of Ljubljana), at the 90th anniversary banquet celebration of St. Mary's Parish (Collinwood) on November 11th. The interest income derived from the collected funds was presented to St. Mary's parish.

The bank statements, invoices, and related expenses have been presented to Mr. Joseph Baskovic, former

National Vice-President of KSKJ (retired), auditing, U.S. Defense Department who is also auditor for St. Vitus Parish, for a formal review. The Svet has therefore completed its responsibilities to the general public as stated when it initially undertook this project.

The Svet also notes that the \$38,115 raised is exclusive of other funds raised for the Ljubljana Cathedral in the communities of Chicago and San Francisco, including all raised funds by the communities in the United States, the amount would be in the vicinity of \$45-to-\$50,000. This amount would then be 40-to-45% of all raised money for this project.

If any contributor has any concerns, please contact the treasurer of the Svet at (216) 585-1360 after 6 p.m. (EST). Each contributor also received a personal acknowledgment card.

On a personal note: thanks to the members of the Svet for their individual time and talents on this project. A special thank you to the American Home, Glasilo-Amerikanski Slovenec, and electronic media for providing the space for this fund-raising effort.

Note: January, 1997 will mark seven years since the Svet was established with a mission statement of making

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THREE KINGS: Radio Producer Tony Petkovsek, left, chats with Canada's Polka King Walter Ostanek, Europe's Polka King Slavko Avsenik, and America's Polka King Frankie Yankovic at the Thanksgiving Day Polka Party at Marriott Hotel Downtown in Cleveland.

(Photo by Tony Grdina)

Evening with Bishop Pevec

The Slovenian American Heritage Foundation reminds everyone to attend the annual "Evening with Bishop Pevec." As in years past, the Mass and Reception will take place at the Bishop's residence at The Center for Pastoral Leadership (Borromeo Seminary).

This year's celebration falls on the actual Feast of St. Nicholas, Friday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Along with the inspirational message of our beloved Bishop Pevec, the liturgical celebration will be highlighted by the beautiful voices of the Glasbena

Matica Chorus. The chorus will also present a short concert of Christmas Carols after the service.

The Mass will be celebrated in the Borromeo Chapel at 28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe, Ohio. A reception will immediately follow the Mass in the Rappe Center, which is directly adjacent to the Chapel. Those attending are kindly requested to bring baked goods for the reception. Please drop them off in the Rappe Center prior to Mass. Everyone is invited to attend what has become a most memorable evening.

No Thanksgiving Until After Suffering

By Tony Lavrisha

St. Christine's Church

Euclid, Ohio, November 23

Fr. Alberts, Rev. Bob Payne, Arch Tunnell, brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for coming to this fifth annual thanksgiving prayer service here at St. Christine's. Before I begin, I want to acknowledge Marge, my wife, because it is our 17th wedding anniversary today. Marge, thank you for sacrificing a dinner date so that we could be here today.

This year is also five years since my leukemia diagnosis and bone marrow transplant. God is Good.

At the prior services, I have talked about the power of prayer. Let me share something about the power

of prayer that I have just discovered.

Did you know that prayer can make one patch of grass grow faster and taller than another patch of grass in the same tray of dirt? It's true, and it has been scientifically done many times. Well, I know some of you have been praying for me lately. I have to ask you a special favor though. Over the next year would you, instead of praying for my beard to grow, would you pray for hair to grow on my head? I must have given you the wrong scripture passages last year. As you can see, things have changed. Now don't get me wrong. I appreciate any hair, even on my face.

A brief update on the year

that was:

In December, we traveled to Disney World courtesy of you and others who are not present today. It was great. We as a family had a wonderful time playing and having fun together.

Marge, Danny, Nadi, and I as well as Disney World wish to acknowledge and thank Apol and Joe Zakelj for all the work involved and to thank all of you for your generosity which made this possible.

We almost didn't go, however. Shortly after last year's service I was hospitalized for a few days with a fever but was home long enough to recover my strength to travel. Since

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St. Mary's Slovenian School presents play Miklavz Prihaja

On Saturday, Dec. 7, St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School presents their annual St. Nicholas play.

The students will be performing the operetta "Miklavz Prihaja" under the direction of Mr. Rudy Knez, with the help of an alumni cast of senior angels and devils, and starring Revs. John Kumse (pastor), and Jože Cerne (assistant pastor in residence) who are cast as Angel Girard, the tailor, and Angel Kriščin, the shoemaker.

This year's show will be a repeat performance of last year's production by popular demand. It will include special effects that make heaven

truly heavenly, and hell a place you don't want to even visit.

St. Nicholas himself will top the evening with a personal visit from above, and is sure to bring his sacks of gifts for the good children.

Showtime is 6:30 p.m. Parents wishing to meet with the Saint prior to his formal arrival can do so in the basement of the old church beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy this now-classic show which will be held in the school auditorium at St. Mary's on Holmes Ave. in Cleveland. Admission is \$5 for adults; children, free.



We both did realize that it had been the good St. Nicholas himself.

Along with Stane Kuhar, his faithful elf.

Even our neighbors, Stepec and Duh could instantly tell...

That St. Vitus Slovenian School was alive and well.

Later, despite a broken ankle, fever and chills,

Joe Baskovic was elated St. Nicholas visited Willoughby Hills.

To children the saintly bishop is happy to greet ya

To their delight, he may even bring a potica!

As I waved goodbye, I sighed a refrain...

"If only he had brought an electric train."

My wife whispered to me with charm and worry...

"We'll be late for 10:30 Mass if you don't hurry."

"Don't fret about the time, my dear."

"I just want to taste one cookie without fear..."

"Of gaining another pound."

"For my stomach is uttering a grumbling sound."

For even St. Nicholas would have to agree...

Nothing tastes as good as a Christmas cookie.

Bob Mills, Tony Grdina and writer Bob Debevec,

Concluded St. Nicholas could easily have been Bishop Pevec.

I enjoy reading the American Home.

--Rudy Flis

Brooklyn, Ohio

As he put on his roller blades, the words he did tell...

"Merry Christmas, Na Svidenje, and I wish you all well."

Article brings back sailing memories

Editor:

Recently, a new item has become a weekly visitor in my mailbox. Enjoyable reading, I look forward to delivery of the American Home newspaper.

The first edition I received, the first article I read, had a name I hadn't seen in over 40 years.

The article, "Starting Over," by John Zakelj, had a picture from a refugee camp in Austria, of a husband and wife on their wedding day.

The married couple crossed the ocean to America on the ship, "General Greeley."

In January, 1953, as an Army private, I boarded the U.S. troop ship "U.S.S. General Greely" with 2,200 other troops.

The shore of Africa was our first stop, then Germany, where we unloaded.

Of the 14 days I was aboard ship, the last 2 or 3 days in the stormy Atlantic ocean when the USS Greely acted like a fishing bobber in Lake Erie in a winter storm, were most memorable. I thought the old tub would sink, but I think our prayers kept us afloat, so I could reminisce today and pen this note.

I enjoy reading the American Home.

--Rudy Flis

Brooklyn, Ohio

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS by John Mercina

DEAR ST. NICK !

As you visit my home during the night between the 5th and the 6th of December, please remember to stop also at the homes of those readers of American Home Newspaper that never had the privilege of feeling your presence.

I believe in YOU, Santa !

John Mercina

Kris Kringle

1 - 6 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces

2 T. butter or margarine

1 egg

1 C. sifted powdered sugar

Dash of salt

½ tsp. vanilla

½ C. flaked coconut

½ C. chopped dry roasted peanuts

In a medium saucepan, melt chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, cool to lukewarm. Beat in egg until smooth and glossy. Add powdered sugar, salt and vanilla; mix well. Stir in coconut and nuts. Chill.

Form into a 10" long roll. Wrap and chill until firm, several hours or overnight. Slice ¼" thick. Makes 40 slices.

Golden Sugar Cookies

2 - ½ C. sifted flour

1 tsp. soda

1 tsp. cream of tartar

¼ tsp. salt

1 C. butter, softened

Sift flour, soda, cream of tartar and salt together. Set aside. — Cream butter and extracts together until butter is soft and smooth. Add the sugar gradually, creaming until fluffy after each addition. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add dry ingredients in fourths to the creamed mixture, beating until blended after each addition.

Form dough into 1" balls and place about 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes or until golden brown.

White Christmas Salad

2 C. crushed pineapple, undrained

½ C. chopped maraschino cherries

2 envs. unflavored gelatin 1 C. whipped topping

1 C. grated cheese

1 C. chopped celery

½ C. lemon juice

1 C. sugar

1 C. chopped nuts

Bring pineapple, lemon juice and sugar to a boil. Dissolve gelatin in ½ cup cold water and add to hot juice. Stir well and cool until mixture begins to gel. Add cheese, nuts and celery. Carefully fold in whipped topping and turn into oiled mold. Chill until firm.

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Starting Over

By Anton Žakelj
translated and edited
by John Žakelj

(Continued From Last Week)

Someone has been spreading lies about Bishop Rožman and all of us. But the lies are sticking to "our" people. In the long winter evenings, I would often talk with John and Mary about all the suffering caused by the communists and how we had all fought the Germans. John always listened without much interest, but then he would say, "And did you have to flee because you supported Hitler?" It didn't help when I explained to him that I was in danger from both the Germans and the communists, and that the Germans held me hostage for a day and threatened to kill me.

John tried to take back the angry words he had said to me that morning. I kept quiet. I can see I just can't work with him. I would take another job immediately if I only could.

March 6, 1950

At every opportunity John tells me he is sorry. He says we can live and work together nicely, since we think alike. I only replied, "Yes; in some areas."

March 7, 1950

Our sponsors had a very serious argument at breakfast. Aunt is sad that John offended her. She's threatening a separation.

Uncle promised I would be paid from now on if we would stay. I told him that I still didn't know what we would do. If we can get along, I'd like to stay, but never if we'll continue arguing. "I'd rather starve than live in a constant dispute." I told him that we would both have to be patient and let some things go quietly, including him, not just Mary.

I wrote to Jernej Zupan in Cleveland and sent him lace worth 58.70 shillings for books from Mohorjevo publishing. I asked him to find a job for me.

John and I went to Willard in the morning. In the afternoon we had a downpour and water in the barn. I cleaned out the water and spread sawdust on the floor.

John is scrupulous about cleanliness in the barn: there is always a pile of lime next to the door. Anyone who wants to step into the stable area has to wipe his shoes in the lime first. "Lime kills germs," John would say. I often have to spread this pile of lime across the entire length of the stable and then sweep it back into a pile.

March 8

John said he'd rather just leave now than have another argument with Mary.

March 9

Milica Zonta wrote from Neelyville, Montana. She and Rafko are in the same situation we are: lots of work and no pay.

John became sick yesterday. Mary and I are milking the cows. Today I split wood for four hours.

March 10, 1950

John has a stomach ache and the flu.

John advised me to write to Rev. Wolfe, the pastor in Bangor regarding the bill for the train fare. He gave me a check for \$50 (to send in) and suggested I ask for a delay or reduction on the remaining \$51.32.

This Monday we started using two milking machines to milk 13 cows. Milking takes about an hour. Before, we milked fewer cows and had one milker. When we've filled 5 big cans (about 200 liters), I'm soaked with sweat, even with the help of the milking machines.

March 11, 1950

John went to see the doctor in Greenwood. Dr. Olsen told him that he was sick because he's holding his anger inside and not letting it out like he usually does.

Rihtar and Sršen went with John to get letters brought by Milica from Austria for me. They are also working without pay at Artac's.

John felt better after he came back from the doctor. Now Mary is starting to feel sick.

March 12, 1950

Mary stayed in bed. Johnny is sick, too. John and I went to church, but we got there late because we tried - unsuccessfully - to help Helen get her car out of the snow on the way there. Lamovec's came to dinner.

In the afternoon, Frank took me and Helen to Greenwood. Helen went to ask the doctor about Mary, while Frank took me to see a bar and bowling alley and drink beer. We returned home at 1:30, and then Frank took me to the northwest across a hill to a Slovenian restaurant, which was modern, but in the middle of nowhere. They had an automatic record player with 20 records.

People at the restaurant talked about an old man who died recently. He worked as a farmhand all his life. His master gave him his daily bread and a bed with the animals in the stable, but never a penny. People were

upset about this and had criticized the farmer. The farmer promised to buy the man a tombstone. Is the same destiny waiting for me?

At 3:30 we returned. From 3:30 to 7:30 I worked in the barn as usual. Frank promised to teach me to operate a tractor. He is becoming quite friendly.

March 13

Aunt and Johnny are healthy again.

(To Be Continued)

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DID YOU KNOW

Slovenia...

Joseph Zelle

Lazarist Peter Opček, a missionary working in Madagascar, was recently honored by the magazine, *Naša Žena*.

The award was in "recognition of exceptional personality in the domain of philanthropic works", as *Družina* put it. Others who were cited included Andrej Žigon; Anka Demšar, a professor from Mlaka pri kranju; Mr. and Mrs. Kulovec of Medvod; Andreja Razlag, in the 4th year at Ptuj Gymnasium; Hélmut Pöhlmann; Jože Zupančič; Rev. Dr. Bojan Ravbar, pastor in Piran; and the late Sister Mihelangela Mraz. All of these people have been known for their life work in charitable endeavors.

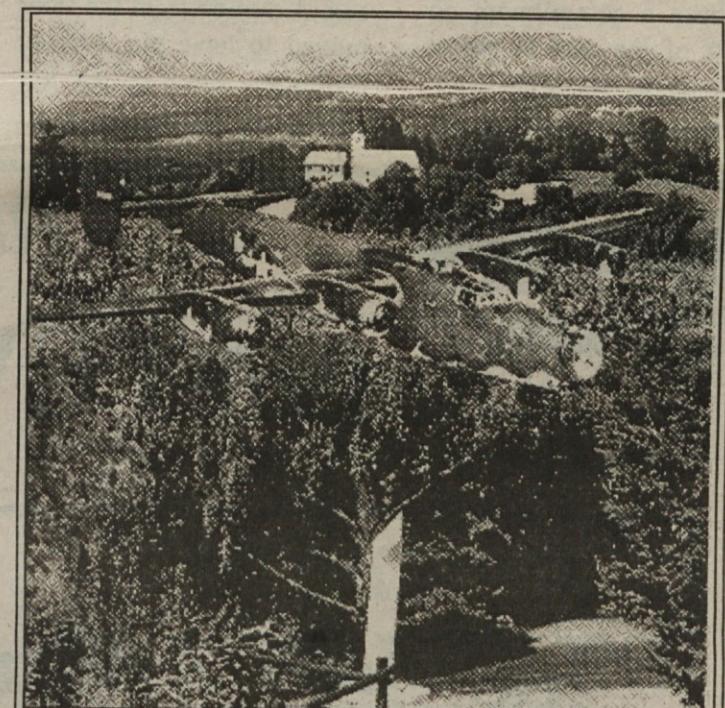
Ivan Sivec was honored for his book, *Biseri bolečiné* (Pearls of Pain), by the Franc Jelovšek, Cultural Society, and Mi Amigo Company of Menges. The book, published by *Družina*, describes the life

and times of Simon Gregorčič, a famous Slovenian poet-priest of 90 years ago.

Družba sv. Mohorja is the title of the book published by its combined societies of Celje, Gorica, and Čelovec. It is the history of the sister societies, one in Slovenia, one in Italy, and one in Carinthia (Austria). *Družba sv. Mohorja* was founded by Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek, who is at present a candidate as the first Slovenian saint in the Roman Catholic Church. This history of the society covers the period from 1861 to the present time in 1995. The forwards to the book were written by Dr. Franc Kramberger, Bishop of Maribor, and Jože Kopeinig for Carinthia; Hieronim Zvaglič for Celje; and Msgr. Oskar Simčič for Gorica. The history of the Carinthian Mohorjeva was written by Dr. Valentin Inzko. That of Celje was prepared by Dr. Marijan Smolik. At the same time Dr. Branko Marušić wrote the society's history of Gorica.

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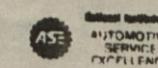
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4 News about Slovenian Garden

The Slovenian community has been almost overwhelming in its support of the historic Slovenian Cultural Garden in Cleveland. The garden, which had fallen into state of neglect, is experiencing a true renaissance. This spectacular response by the Slovenian community is just further evidence of its strength, vitality, and concern for its roots.

Among the exciting news was a report by Dr. Karl Bonutti, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Slovenia. Dr. Bonutti stated that the government of Slovenia had proposed a donation of \$50,000 for the garden in their budget next year. Further, there is interest by an artist from Ljubljana to come to the States to create the artwork for the garden.

Locally, the city of Cleveland is considering the construction of an aquarium and an ethnic museum in connection with the gardens in order to bring more people to the area.

The news is particularly stirring following the progress that was reported in the garden up to this date. There has been a commitment on behalf of the city to repair the fountain, retaining wall, and damaged masonry in the

garden.

A bike path is under construction through the park that will connect University Circle to the shore of Lake Erie. This fall there was a planting that will bring 400 daffodils in the spring. Also in the spring will be the first permanent planting of some new trees and shrubbery.

The Association was also pleased to receive a number of sizable donations from proud Slovenian groups and individuals. There was also an offer by a few Slovenian groups and individuals to provide the garden with services and labor.

The steering committee wishes to thank all those who helped in any way to make the first season of the Slovenian Cultural Garden a success. If you would like any further information on the garden, please write to John A. Valencheck, 15519 Holmes Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110 or call (216) 943-7851.

In compliance with its new bylaws, the Association's steering committee was dissolved and a board was elected for the 1997 season. A motion from the floor moved to have the steering committee serve as the Association's first board along

with a few new members.

The following were elected to the board: Gene Drobnič, Joyce Ann Hribar, Larry Hocevar, Ron Jaksic, Mary Louise Jesek, The Rev. John Kumse, Helen Nemec, Daniel H. Reiger, Edward Sedmak, Gregory K. Sedmak, John A. Valencheck, Mary Ann Vogel, and Lou Zele.

Donation

Thanks to B. Svetlic of Baltimore, Maryland who donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

Christmas Party

Slovenian Women's Union Branch 25 will have a Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 1:30 p.m. at Sterle's Restaurant. Come and celebrate with us.

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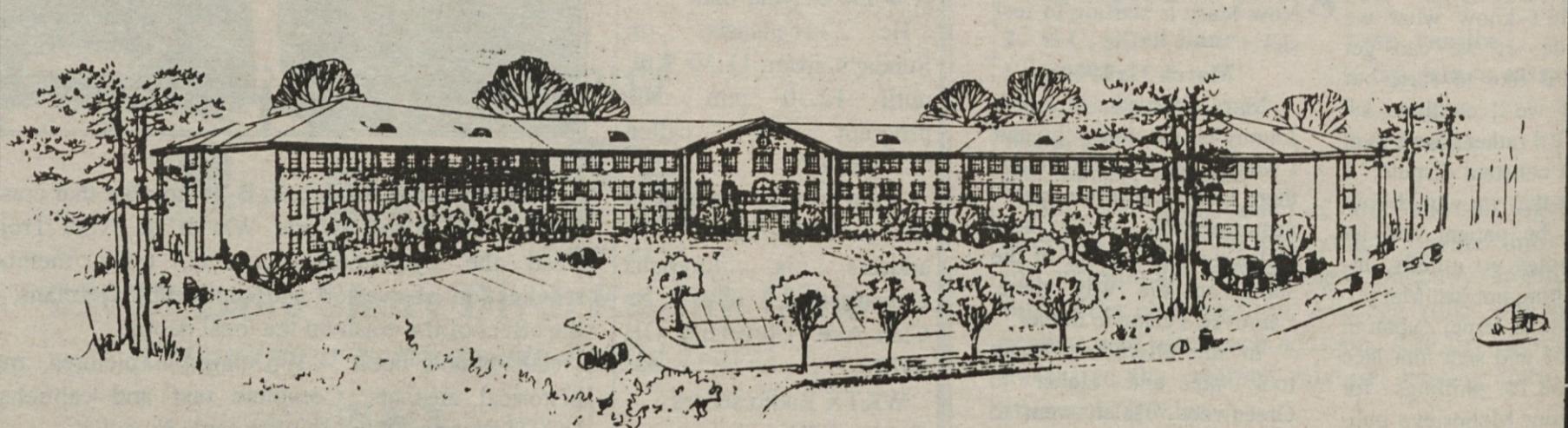


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Final report on Ljubljana cathedral doors project

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 the dream of political freedom and democracy become a reality in Slovenia after more than 45 years of a totalitarian state there. The Svet will hold a meeting in early 1997 for the general public to review the work completed over the past seven years and the direction in the future. All are welcome to attend.

--Stane Kuhar
Treasurer

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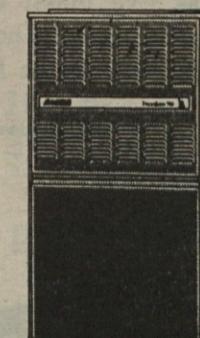
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Red Sweater Rising

By Robert M. Debevec

I don't exactly remember when I first noticed the red sweater hanging in our hall closet. It was just one of those things that seemed to always be there and I never paid any particular attention to it.

Around the year 1922 we moved from the old Slovenian neighborhood on East 61st Street to a house on Waterloo road. In 1929, we moved again, this time to our home on Chardon Road in Euclid, Ohio.

It seems to me that the red sweater always hung in the same hall closer over the years. When we moved, the sweater mysteriously moved with us and then magically appeared in our new hall closet. I never concerned myself about it but accepted the sweater being there as part of living and growing up.

My brothers and sisters never mentioned it and my parents didn't discuss it. The sweater was a small coat-type long sleeved garment appropriate for a small child. It gradually dawned on me that no matter where we lived or how many garments

were in our closet, the little red sweater was always there.

I finally realized that there must be some significance to it and that it wasn't just any old red sweater, but something special. I decided to find out.

During a break from my mother's constant baking, cooking, cleaning and countless other tasks that Slovenian mothers always seemed to be doing, I brought the subject up to her. She sat me down and told me the story which she evidently thought that I already knew as it was in the family folklore.

Mother firmly believed in Guardian Angels as most Slovenian mothers do. She told me that the only reason I was here, alive and well, was because of my Guardian Angel and that the little red sweater was the means by which my angel saved me. It had become a treasured family heirloom, never to be discarded.

This was her story:

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Grdina and my Dad were good friends. When I was around three years old the Grdinans invited our family to spend a Sunday afternoon with them at their summer cottage on the Chagrin River in Willoughby.

It was a beautiful day, my mother said, and after a picnic lunch, Dad decided to try rowing a boat on the swift-flowing Chagrin River. He sat in the center, the rowing seat, my mother sat in the stern. My older brother, Ed, and I sat on the bow seat. We kids were both going barefooted and, as soon as the boat left shore, Ed put his feet into the cool, swift-running water. I guess I thought this was a pretty neat stunt and attempted to do the same. My parents quickly shot down that idea.

"Bobby," my mother said she told me, "you're too little to be putting your feet in the water. You could fall in. Now be a good boy and just sit there and watch for fish."

I suppose I had a stubborn streak even then so, when everyone's attention seemed to be elsewhere, I started dangling my feet over the side. Guess what I



Slovenia's Honorary Consul for California, Mark Ryavec, receives greetings from Martina Sepaner, Ann Sustarich and Mimi Stalcar at recent Grape Festival held at the Slovenian Hall in San Francisco. The annual event is one of the oldest celebrations enjoyed by the Bay area Slovenian community.

was wearing at the time. Right. The little red sweater.

Mother said she didn't have a good view of me because Dad was between her and the bow. The first thing she knew she spotted something red floating by alongside the boat. It was the sweater with me, face down, in it.

She instinctively reached out, grabbed what she could of the sweater and hauled it over the side of the boat with me attached, sputtering and crying.

My mother never forgot the incident and it sort of became part of our family folklore which somehow I had never heard before. She cherished the sweater over the years and knew that my Guardian Angel had told her exactly what to do at the right time. I have to think that she was right.

The message of Christmas is that the visible material world is bound to the invisible spiritual world.

SHA Birthdays

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Christmas customs in Central America

Central America is the narrow bridge of land that connects North America and South America with Mexico on its borders. Most of Central America's people have Spanish, Indian or Mixed Spanish and Indian ancestry. The countries of Central America are Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

In Costa Rica instead of a manger scene in a corner of the room or under the tree, a whole room is filled with the

nativity scene, and the people go from house to house admiring them. This is known as a "Portal." For centuries the tradition was that the Christ child was the giver of gifts; however, Santa Claus has made an influence here.

In the Dominican Republic, Christmas is a religious holiday with the feast enjoyed generally after the Christmas Eve mass. Children receive presents not on Christmas Day, but on January 6th.

Honduras, largely Roman Catholic, Christmas celebration is preceded by nine days of seeking lodging for the holy pilgrims, Joseph and Mary. A house in the town is designated and the people visit this house each of the nine nights combining hymns and prayer.

In Nicaragua, many of the country's customs are retained from Old Spain. Before the end of November children throng the streets, carrying bouquets for the altar and sing carols to the Queen of Heaven. This celebration reaches its peak December 8th at the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

On December 16th through December 24th, the faithful begin a Novena to the Holy Child. Christmas Eve the feast begins after mass and surrounds a manger empty of the Christ child. At midnight the child is placed in the manger.

Mexico's Christmas is an elaborate pageantry of fireworks and feasting. The flaming poinsettia blooms throughout Mexico at this time of year. Homes in Mexico must be decorated and ready to receive guests by December 16th.



At the annual Slovenian Wine Festival at Slovenian Hall in San Francisco - Slovenia's Honorary Consul for California, Mark Ryavec, (middle), is joined by his cousin Mike Rijavec, Mike's wife Rita and their son. Also pictured on the left is Stephany and Miriam (Photos by Ivo Ravnik)

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Helping Children Combat Holiday Commercialism

RADFORD, VA — Christmas lists seem to start earlier and get longer every year. To make it worse, as children grow, so does the price tag of their desired gifts. Instead of a five dollar action figure, children may want the latest designer duds or expensive electronics.

Where does it all end?

Holiday time consumerism can be like a seasonal cyclone, escalating until it reeks havoc on the holidays, says Radford University psychology professor Jeffrey Chase. But how can a parent rein in what seems to be progressive and powerful trend?

Chase suggests a heart-to-heart talk about the true meaning of the holidays as a celebration of sharing and caring. Besides talking, you should involve children in acts of kindness, he says, such as baking cookies and bringing them to a neighbor.

It helps to get children involved in providing gifts for children who are less fortunate through holiday projects or charities that are devoted to helping others, particularly disadvantaged children.

In keeping with a giving theme, older children might be required to earn money so that they can buy presents for others. Earning money for gifts, instead of just picking out something that parents pay for, reminds children that money is not

limitless and that there is a relationship between work and money.

"When you make a purchase, involve children in the decision-making process," says Chase. "Make them aware of variables. Do we have the money? What will we get for the money? How long will it last? If we get one thing, what other thing will we have to give up? These are lessons you can teach children throughout the year."

When you try to combat commercialism "you're swimming against the tide of millions of dollars in advertising," says Chase. He recommends educating children about advertising techniques such as "action figure shown is not actual size." Also, remind them about past items that were deceptively portrayed or disappointing.

Ironically, says Chase, it's often those who can least afford it who are driven by guilt to overspend. "In that case, you have to weigh the transient pleasure of opening a gift versus the stress of a bill that won't go away. Children may want something desperately, but they get bored with things quickly. The long-term financial stress probably isn't worth the short-term pleasure."

If money isn't a major factor, care should be taken to provide children with precisely what they ask for,

says Chase. For example if a child expects a specific doll, just any doll can be disappointing. "Children are often more discriminating than people give them credit for," he says, "but it's also important to help children be sensitive to the feelings of others and realize that the most important thing is the spirit in which the gift is given."

It might help to have children prioritize their gifts, indicating which gifts mean the most to them. If one gift is so expensive that it would prohibit getting other gifts, you might offer the child a choice of either one major present or more numerous less expensive gifts, says Chase. "Play out the scenario for them," he says. "How would they feel getting one big present while other children open more gifts? Then they can decide if that's what they really want to do."

Younger children sometimes like opening gifts without much regard for what's inside, but "once children get in school, comparisons start and there's more pressure to acquire as much as others," he says. "It's more difficult, but it can also be an opportunity to teach children about limited funds, the consequence of choices and the more important things you value as a family."



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Kocjancic's celebrate 50th Anniversary

Frank J. Kocjancic Sr., and Amelia (Mollie) celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last June.

They renewed their wedding vows in St. Williams Church in Euclid, Ohio on June 30th. A reception was held at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid.

Frank J. Kocjancic Sr. and (then) Amelia (Mollie) Skerl were married on June 29, 1946.

Mollie is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Lodge No. 162 of KSKJ for over 50 years.

Frank was born in Bridgeport, Ohio on Oct. 1,

1917. Mollie hails from the Newburgh area of Cleveland.

They are the parents of three children: Nancy Quade of Highland Ranch, Colorado; and twins, Frank J. Kocjancic Jr., of Independence, Ohio, and Shirley Garrowski of Willoughby, Ohio.

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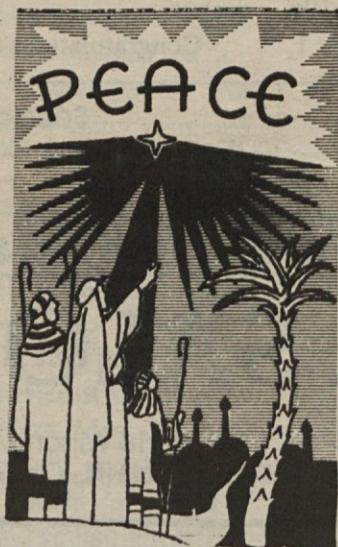
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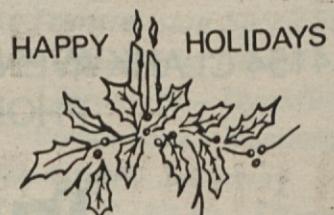


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No Thanksgiving Until After Suffering

(Continued from page 1) Disney World, however, I have not been back to the hospital. God is good. We also wish to thank those of you who gave us that extra spending money which kept our costs to a minimum. Thank you for the blessing. Well, I'm grateful to be here this evening. It's good to be seen.

My prayer in a nutshell is: There is no thanksgiving until after the suffering.

The earliest American Thanksgiving was in Massachusetts when the Pilgrims had their first harvest. Recall what led up to their Thanksgiving. First of all, it was not in the November of the year of their arrival, although I'm sure they were thankful for arriving at Plymouth Rock.

Remember that they landed at Cape Cod in November. This did not give them a planting season before the winter. Moreover, there were no hotels, motels, houses with heat, electricity, and plumbing. There were no grocery stores or clothing stores. Rather, 103 of them faced a wilderness to the front of them and an ocean behind them.

The winter was harsh. They lost almost half of their group. At the end of winter - mid March - a savage walked into their camp one day. They must have been quaking in their boots. Surely thoughts of massacre had to have crossed their minds. Well, they weren't massacred. Listen to this, the savage spoke English.

Now that must have knocked their socks off. Samoset was his name. But he said there's another Indian who would be coming who spoke better English, that is, Squanto.

About five days later, Squanto did come. He showed them how to plant corn, fish, and hunt; he acted as their interpreter and lived with them until his death. That November they did celebrate a Thanksgiving.

When I was reading this it seemed like deja-vu: John

the Baptist announcing the coming of Jesus. Governor Bradford noted that Squanto was "a special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectation." Today we would call him an angel. Three years later, Bradford made an official proclamation that on November 29, 1623, the Pilgrims shall gather in the meeting house for three hours "to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

The next Thanksgiving day was 240 years later - 1863. The United States was embroiled in a civil war over slavery. Abraham Lincoln was President. He had just lost his 12-year-old son, Willie, the year before. The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in the summer of 1863. In the midst of personal tragedy and war, Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as "the first annual National Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father..."

He further stated: [it is] announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord... [Therefore] it has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people.

The Gettysburg Address was given on November 19, 1863. Thereafter, Lincoln's pastor stated that Willie's death and Lincoln's visit to the Gettysburg battlefield "finally led Lincoln to personal faith in Christ." Further, Lincoln had a foreboding of his own death in 1863 just before the battle of Gettysburg. He responded to the question of whether the country would survive:

"...But the God of our fathers, Who raised up this country to be the refuge and asylum of the oppressed and downtrodden of all nations, will not let it perish now. I

may not live to see it... I do not expect to see it, but God will bring us through safe."

The Civil War was winding down in 1864. For the second annual of Day of National Thanksgiving, Lincoln proclaimed:

"...that on that occasion [my fellow-citizens] do reverently humble themselves in the dust, and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the great Disposer of events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling-place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations."

We have seen in our American history two examples of thanksgiving after suffering. Today we give thanks as a people for the sufferings and deprivations of the pilgrims who established a Christian foothold on this land. Today we give thanks for Abraham Lincoln who sacrificed himself to abolish slavery. More importantly, however, we give thanks to God the Father for sending his only son Jesus Christ to suffer and die for us so that we are redeemed.

We are gathered here today because all of us have suffered whether it is from unemployment, financial loss, political refugees, victims of crime, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, physical abuse, emotional abuse, divorce, illness, accidents, discrimination, loss of a loved one, and in many other ways. Isn't it strange how much close we get to Jesus when we are knocked off our high horses and have done a face plant in the dust?

I always thought God was in heaven. It is our suffering, however, that weaves the bonds that unite us. It is our suffering that enables us to give thanks. But it is Jesus' suffering that weaves the bonds to Him; and it is His suffering for which we give thanks. We have gathered together as a Body of Christ

to give thanks.

Let us over the next few days think of Jesus' example and the words of Bradford and Lincoln and "reverently humble ourselves in the dust, and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications." Through fasting, prayer, and our suffering let us give thanks and praise to our Almighty God for his blessings.

Secondly, let us suffer and give thanks and praise so that future generations will look to us in our time and give thanks for our suffering.

And next Thursday, don't forget to go to church for 3 hours and listen to your pastor!

I wish to acknowledge Fr. Sterk and St. Christine's parishioners for making this beautiful church and the school auditorium available for us. Thank you also Fr. Alberts and Rev. Bob Payne for being our shepherds and

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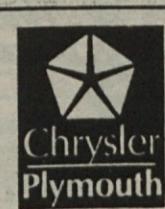
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This is the time to capture those stories and anecdotes with tape recorder or notepad. If you're not sure how to begin writing your family's story, the society is offering a basic "starter kit"; it's free if you send a self-addressed stamped long envelope.

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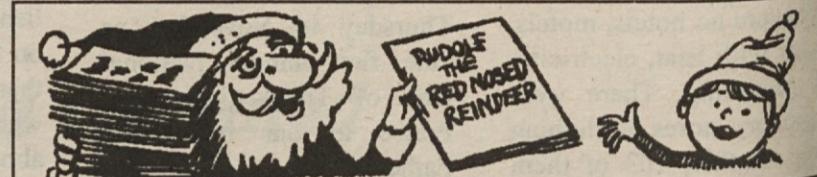
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Death Notices

FRANK DOLES

Frank Doles passed away in the Slovener Home for the Aged on Sunday, Dec. 1st.

Frank was born in Dunlo, Pennsylvania. He came to Cleveland in 1951 after living in Arizona. In 1979 he returned to Arizona until 1994 when he came back to Euclid.

Frank was employed at Clevite from 1951-1969 and Towmotor from 1969-1979 as a Stationary Engineer.

Frank was a member of Catholic order of Foresters No. 1640, Legion of Mary and Holy Name Society of St. Mary Church (Holmes Ave.), Knights of Columbus (Arizona), and Benedictine Oblates (Ariz.).

Frank was the husband of Anne (nee Luzar); the father of Kenneth and James; grandfather of Anthony, Kenneth Jr., Jim, Elizabeth, Teresa and Sandra; brother of Henry and Joseph, both of Arizona, and Ann Paulich and Cecilia Leskovec.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Wednesday, Dec. 4 where services are being held Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Mary Church at 9:30 a.m. with Bishop A. Edward Pevec as main celebrant. Interment in All Souls Cemetery.



GEORGE KUNSTEL

LEWIS

George Kunstel Lewis passed away at his home in Cleveland on November 28th.

George was a former resident of Claridon Township. He was a former owner of Lewis Sohio Service Station at Rts. 322 and 44.

Mr. Lewis was a WWII Navy veteran where he served in a submarine unit in the Pacific.

He also represented the Cleveland area in the Golden Gloves Boxing Championship in the 1940s.

George was the son of Josephine (nee Cerne) and Louis Kunstel (deceased); the father of Lou, Terry, George and Susie; grandfather of eight; and brother of Ruth Krane.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 30 at Zele Funeral Home. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

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Elsie Lokar Russo of Kirtland, Ohio renewed her subscription for a year plus added a \$20.00 donation in memory of her parents, Andrew and Anna Lokar.

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Coming Events

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Annual Evening with Bishop Pevec at Borromeo Seminary beginning with Mass at 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 6

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., featuring Casuals., from 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7

St. Mary's Slovenian School performs traditional operetta "Miklavž Prihaja", 6:30 p.m. in school hall with visit from St. Nicholas.

Sunday, Dec. 8

St. Vitus Choir's Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Church, Barberton, Ohio at 3 p.m. No admission charge; free-will donations accepted.

Friday, Dec. 13

Ballroom Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130th St., starting at 7:30 p.m., featuring Fortuna.

Friday, Dec. 20

Ballroom Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, featuring Dan Peter.

Friday, Dec. 27

St. Vitus Choir's Annual Christmas Concert at St. Mary's church at 7:00 p.m. No admission charge; free-will donations accepted.

Sunday, Dec. 29

St. Vitus Choir's Annual Christmas Concert at St. Vitus church at 3:00 p.m. No admission charge; free-will donations accepted.

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Saturday, January 4

Polka Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave featuring Joe Fedorchak plus Lake Erie Button Box from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka or Larry Hocevar. \$8 at door.

Sat., January 11

Winter Polkafest at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair featuring Joey Tomsick plus the Homesteaders in Kenik Room from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar (361-5115). \$8 at door.

Saturday, January 18

Winter Polkafest at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair featuring Jeff Pecon from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar (361-5115). \$8 at door.

Sunday, Jan. 19

St. Mary Slovenian School Annual benefit dinner in cafeteria, Holmes Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Swiss steak and breaded pork chops served family style. Cost \$10 adult; \$5 child.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Slovenska Pristava benefit dinner/dance at SNH. Contact 676-0526.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Winter Polka Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. featuring Joe Fedorchak in auditorium; Lake Erie Button Box in Kenik Room from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar (361-5115). \$8 at door.

Sunday, February 2

Chicken or Roast Beef dinner sponsored by Mission Aid Society, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. Vitus Auditorium. Adults \$10.00; children \$5.00.

Sat., Sun., Feb. 8 and 9

Slovenian Ski Weekend at Ski Windham, Catskills, N.Y. Ski races, Slovenian awards and entertainment. Information call Ivan Kamin (212) 983-3830. Clevelanders may call Karl Klesin (216) 361-4337.

Saturday, February 15

Polka Dance at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave., featuring Jeff Pecon in auditorium; Homesteaders in Kenik Room from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Tickets available from Slovenian Home, 6409 St. Clair, Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., Ann Opeka (531-7850) or Larry Hocevar

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Saturday, March 1

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Saturday, March 8

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Sunday, March 16

Federation of Slovenian Homes Banquet SNH St. Clair.

Sunday, April 13

Super Button Box Bash 15 - SNPJ Circle 2 from 1 to 9 p.m., Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio - 20 orchestras.

Tuesday, April 15

Dubravka Tomsic, Slovenian pianist, at Severence Hall.

Saturday, April 26

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Monday, May 26

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The latest word from Rome is that the Holy Father Pope John Paul will proclaim the beatification of Slovenian Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek on May 18th. Bishop Slomšek will then become the first official Slovenian candidate for sainthood. However, as of this date, these rumors are unconfirmed.

DID YOU KNOW

Slovenia...

Joseph Želle

And co-operation between the Netherlands and Slovenia has resulted in Netherlands introducing their F16 and the C130 Hercules planes to the military defense ministry. Low flights were planned for November 15 as well.

From Friday, December 13 to Sunday, December 15 there will be a pilgrimage to Rome. It is planned by the Bishops' Conference as a thanksgiving gesture for Pope Paul II's visit to Slovenia last May. The pilgrims also plan to erect a Christmas tree in Saint Peter's Square at that time.

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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE



Prva seja parlamenta v novem mandatu

Janez Podobnik (SLS) predsednik državnega zborna — Podpredsedniki so Zoran Thaler (LDS), Helena Hren Vencelj (SKD) in Borut Pahor (ZL) — Mandatar za vlado še ni znan

Pretekli torek se je konstitutivna seja državnega zborna končala z izvolitvijo novega parlamentarnega vodstva ter sestave nekaterih komisij. Po vnaprej podpisanim dogovoru predstavnikov strank, zastopanih v DZ, je bilo mogoče izvoliti tako predsednika tega telesa ter treh podpredsednikov.

Za predsednika DZ je bil izvoljen Janez Podobnik iz Slovenske ljudske stranke. Zanj je glasovalo 82 poslancev (od 90 možnih) in so bili le štirje proti. Izven sporazuma je ostala pač le Slovenska nacionalna stranka (SNS), ki ji načeljuje Zmago Jelinčič. Janez Podobnik, rojen leta 1959, je po izobrazbi splošni zdravnik in brat strankinega predsednika Marjana Podobnika, ki sicer želi postati mandatar za sestavo nove vlade. Janez Podobnik je vstopil v aktivno politiko leta 1992, je avtor programa SLS in že od 1992 predsednik programskega sveta stranke. Na lokalnih volitvah je bil leta 1994 z veliko večino izvoljen za župana občine Cerkno. Kratek biografski oris v sredinem *Delu* ga opisuje med drugim takole: »V ljudski stranki velja za zmernejšega politika, podobno ga ocenjujejo tudi v konkurenčnih strankah.«

Podpredsednik DZ Zoran Thaler iz vrst LDS je bivši slovenski zunanj minister, dokler ga ni prejšnji DZ z nezaupnico odslovil. Rojen leta 1962 v Železnikih, Thaler je svojo politično kariero začel kot aktivist nekdanje Zveze socialistične mladine Slovenije. Prvič je postal poslanec leta 1990, drugič 1992, ponovno izvoljen je bil novembra letos.

Dr. Helena Hren-Vencelj je bila izvoljena na listi SKD. Doma je iz Sinje Gorice pri Vrhniku in se je rodila leta 1939. Po izobrazbi je specialistka mikrobiologinja in predava mikrobiologijo in imunologijo na medicinski fakulteti. Prof. Hren-Vencelj je dvakratna prejemnica nagrade Sklada Borisa Kidriča, kar velja za najvišjo slovensko znanstveno nagrado. Biografski oris v sredinem *Delu* dodaja: »Za dvajsetletno sodelovanje pri pomembnem programu za raziskave, razvoj in poučevanje v humani reprodukciji je pred štirimi leti prejela medaljo Svetovne zdravstvene organizacije.«

Tretji podpredsednik DZ je Borut Pahor iz vrst Združene liste (ZL). Rojen je bil leta 1963 v Postojni, sedaj pa živi v Šempetu pri Novi Gorici. Poklicni politik, Pahor služi kot podpredsednik ZL in je vodja slovenske delegacije v parlamentarni skupščini Sveta Evrope.

Janez Podobnik je torkovo glasovanje za včerajšnje *Delo* komentiral takole:

»Današnji izid je posledica medstranskih sporazuma, ki bo omogočal lažje delo, predstavlja pa tudi doseženo stopnjo zaupanja, programske bližine in politične pripravljenosti za sodelovanje. Svoje sile bom usmeril v pripravo na izredno odgovorno delo, ki čaka državni zbor v tem mandatu, sprva na oblikovanje nove vlade, kasneje pa na sprejetje pomembnih zakonov. Pri tem delu se nameravam nasloniti na prav vse parlamentarne stranke. Moja izvolitev nima neposredne zveze z mandatarstvom za oblikovanje vlade, saj je pri tem še vse odprto. Tri pomladne stranke imamo med seboj dogovor, v dosedanjih pogajanjih smo vabili k sodelovanju tudi liberalne demokrate, prihodnost pa bo pokazala, ali je tak dogovor mogoč.«

Novinar Vladimir Vodušek v včerajšnjem *Delu* pravi, da je slišati pomisleke v raznih strankah o taktični modrosti izvolitve Janeza Podobnika. V LDS je zmagalo mnenje, da bi strankina podpora za J. Podobnika olajšala pot do podpore SLS za sodelovanje v koaliciji pod vodstvom Janeza Drnovška. Predsednik Slovenije Milan Kučan ima po ustavi 30 dni po konstituiranju DZ predlagati kandidata za mandatarja. Prednost imata tako Drnovšek kot Marjan Podobnik. Kandidat mora dobiti podporo večine v DZ, torej 46 glasov. Če bi predlagani kandidat ne dobil večine, bi imel Kučan 14 dni, da predlaga koga drugega, ki je lahko isti kot prvi ali kdo drugi. Skupine najmanj deset poslancev tudi lahko kandidata predlaga, v vsakem slučaju pa je potrebna absolutna večina.

Če bi bili vsi poskusi neuspešni postane aktualna možnost novih volitev. Če bi do teh prišlo, bi potekale po sedanjem volilnem sistemu in to ne glede na izid referendumov o novi volilnem sistemu, ki bodo to nedeljo.

Po včerajšnjem *Delu* sodeč, je vloga Janez Janševe SDS v dogodkih precej nejasna.

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Članice vabljene —

Podr. št. 25 Slovenske ženske zveze bo imela božičnico v soboto, 14. dec., pop. ob 1.30 v Sterletovi restavraciji. Članice so lepo vabljene, da se pridružijo.

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Žalostna vest —

Ga. Mary Stražišar je prejela žalostno sporočilo iz Ljubljane, da je 14. novembra umrla njena sestra Pepca Požar. V Sloveniji zapušča sestro Ivaneko Jerin in brata Cirila Gril ter mnoge sorodnike v Sloveniji in Ameriki. Sv. maša v njen spomin se bo darovala v petek, 13. decembra, zv. ob 7.45 v cerkvi sv. Kristine.

Pošta, pošta —

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Mary T. Sustersic

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Frances Virant

Dne 3. decembra je v Meridia Euclid bolnici umrla 84 let stara Frances Virant, rojena Jerele v Pittsburghu, Pa., vdova po Anthonyju, mati Richarda in Roberta, 5-krat stara mati, 2-krat prastara mati, sestra Anne Virant, I.J., Carla in Josepha. Pogreb bo v soboto, 7. dec., zv. ob 8.15 v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo ob 9. v cerkvi sv. Pavla na Chardon Rd. in pokopom na Plains Road pokopališču v Willoughbyu. Ure kropljenja (dalje na str. 19)

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Miklavžev večer, dnevi pred njim, noč, polna pričakovanj in prisluškovanja, in jutro, ko ni treba nikogar buditi — vse to dogajanje okoli miklavževanja mi je bilo vedno ljubo, ko sem bila še otrok, pa tudi zdaj, ko so tudi moji otroci že zelo veliki. Kot sem se naučila doma, tako sem učila tudi svoje otroke.

Tista skrivnostnost oranžnordečega decembriskega neba, ko Miklavž peče piškote, pa prve drobne snežinke, ko angelci pometajo moko, ki je ostala, pa pisemca, polna želja, zataknjena za rolete, tisto rožljanje pod oknom in potem na okenski polici orehi in jabolka, tisti občutek, da vso noč ne boš mogel zaspasti in boš prav gotovo slišal, ko bo Miklavž končno prišel, in potem tisto naglo brskanje po košarici, ali so na dnu lepi barvni svinčniki, ki si si jih tako želel — vse to zlahka obudim v spominu vsako leto, ko pridejo prvi decembrski dnevi in njihov skrivnostni mrak zgodaj popoldne.

Nekega miklavževanja pa se spominjam še prav posebno. Bila sem že velika, dovolj velika za tisto, kar se je potem zgodilo.

Košarice in peharji, veliki leseni krožniki in velika lončena skleda so kot vsako leto stali na mizi in vedeli smo, da bodo zjutraj polni. Otroci bomo dobili tudi kakšno praktično darilo, mlajši igračo, oče in mama pa samo nekaj jabolk in orehov. Vsako leto je bilo tako. Tisto jutro pa ne. Tokrat sta bili košarici, namejeni staršem, popolnoma prazni. Mlajše sestrice so se zgrozile: ati in mamica sta vendar pridna, njuni košarici pa prazni! Hitele so nalagati svoje sadje in sladkarje v njuni prazni košarici, medve s starejšo sestro pa sva se spogledali in druga pred drugo umaknili pogled, ker naju je bilo sram. Vendar sva vedeli, da to ne zadošča.

Tisto leto je Miklavž k nam prišel dvakrat. Naslednji večer je namreč potrkal na okno in na balkonu pred njim sta ležala dva zavitka, na enem je pisalo »ati« in na drugem »mami«. Mlajši otroci so se neskončno razveselili, saj so vedeli, da je Miklavž pravičen mož, ki obdaruje vse, ki si to zaslužijo, in onadva si prav govo zaslužita. Oče in mama pa sta stisnila k sebi mene in starejšo sestro ter naju pobožala in tako je bilo vse prav. Od takrat ni v naši hiši nikoli več nobena košarica ostala prazna in pozneje je bilo prav zabavno — in težko — najti trenutek v noči, ko iz kuhinje ni kaj šumelo in šelestelo, kot bi se Miklavž kar naprej vračal in враčал.

In kot sta storila moja mama in oče, tako delava tudi midva — noč prepuščava drugim in se šele proti jutru, ko vsi res utrujeni zaspijo, še sama oditihotapiva do košaric.

Irena Sever

Ohranite vero v Boga in zvestobo domovini

Praznovanje ob 90-letnici župnije Marije Vnebovzete
v Clevelandu, Ohio

Ljubljana — Kakor da bi tudi nebo hotelo pokazati svojo naklonjenost našim rojakom, je ob času zahvalne maše v nedeljo, 10. novembra, opoldne posijalo sonce na župnijsko cerkev Marijinega vnebovzetja v Collinwoodu, kjer so se zbrali Slovenci prve, druge in tretje generacije, da bi skupaj z drugimi prijatelji ter župljani obhajali sklepno praznovanje ob 90. obletnici ustanovitve njihove župnije.

V dneh okrog 10. novembra se je namreč v Clevelandu razdivjalo hudo zimsko neurje, ki pa ga prav na to praznično nedeljo ni bilo čutiti, saj so naši prizadetni rojaki skupaj z župnikom Janezom Kumšetom in kaplanom Jožetom Černetom pripravili nepozabno praznovanje.

Da bi se ta njihov jubilej še bolj vtisnil v spomin, so povabili medse škofa za Slovence

po svetu msgr. Metoda Piriha iz Kopra. Praznično okrašena cerkev z venci in izbranimi cvetjem, lepo petje mešanega cerkvenega pevskega zbora, temeljito pripravljeni bogoslužje in spodbudne besede škofa Piriha so ogrele množico vernikov, ki je do zadnjega kotička napolnila veliko svetisko pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Praznovanje je bilo sklep jubilejnega leta, ki so ga začeli z mašo clevelandskega škofa Anthonyja Pilla lansko polete.

Župnija Marijinega vnebovzetja ima svoje začetke v letu 1905, ko se je duhovnik Marko Pakiž, sicer doma iz Sodražice, naselil na današnjem ozemlju v Collinwoodu ter začel božjo službo v najetih prostorih in najeti cerkvi. Pogumu in velikim žrtvam župnika Pakiža in prvih župljanov se je zahvaliti, da je prišlo do zidave cer-

kve na vzhodnem delu Cleveland, kjer župnija do danes opravlja pomembno versko pa tudi kulturno poslanstvo med našimi ljudmi.

Ob vse večjem izseljevanju Slovencev iz nekdaj tradičionalnih slovenskih predelov Clevelandpa župnija Marije Vnebovzete še pridobiva ponem in vlogo. Župnik Kumše si tudi zelo prizadeva, da bi mlade ljudi iz druge in naslednjih generacij povezal v pristno versko in narodno občestvo, ki bo obstalo tudi v prihodnosti.

Nedeljskemu praznovanju je dal pečat škof Metod Pirihi, ki je s spodbudno besedo, kakršno je izrekel Slovencem po svetu papež ob obisku Slovenije, vabil rojake, naj ohranijo nedotaknjeno vero v Boga in zvestobo domovini. Pri maši so bili navzoči tudi mnogi slovenski in drugi duhovniki iz clevelandske škofije.

Po maši se je slovesnost nadaljevala v slovenskem domu na Holmesovi aveniji. Tam so poleg drugih nastopili kar trije zbori: otroški, mladinski in mešani in potrdili močno pevsko in glasbeno tradicijo v župniji. Posebnih priznanj je bila deležna župnija tudi s strani različnih krajevnih in mestnih oblasti, saj so se slovesnosti udeležili nekateri pomembni politični veljaki.

James Debevec, predsednik Fondacije Frank Lauše pa je župniji podaril ček v vrednosti 5000 dolarjev. Na slovesnosti je Srečko Gaser, predstavnik Slovensko ameriškega sveta, izročil še zadnji del nabirke za nova bronasta vrata v ljubljansko stolnico, ki so bila načrta na spomin na papežev obisk. Skupna vsota nabirke je presegla štirideset tisoč dolarjev. Pri zbiranju darov je dejavno sodelovala tudi župnija Marije Vnebovzete, zato so vrata v ljubljansko stolnico tudi njen spomenik.

Škof Metod Pirihi je ob sklepnu praznovanju v Slovenskem domu župljanom Marije Vnebovzete izrazil svoje veselje in hvaležnost za vse, kar je ta župnija napravila za blagor Slovencev v Clevelandu in v domovini. Veliko ljudi, ki se redno vsak delavnik, še bolj pa ob nedeljah zbirajo pri slovenski in drugih mašah, ter mnogo mladih sodelavcev so znamenja, da bo ta župnija dočakala še mnoga desetletja.

Franci Petrič
Družina, 1. dec. 1996

Vabilo na božičnico

CLEVELAND, O. — Že vrsto let se vrstijo naša vabilia k skupnemu praznovanju božičnice, kjer v domačem okolju prijateljev in znancev podoživljamo lepoto in skrivnost božičnih praznikov.

Smisel in resnični pomen tega veselja in praznovanja je rojstvo Zveličarja, ki si je v svoji neizmerni ljubezni do ljudi izbral uborni hlevček sredi pustinje betlehemskeh pašnikov, da bi nam odslej z zgledom svoje ponužnosti bil Vodilna Luč na poti h končnemu cilju popolne sreče.

Ob blagoslavljaju jaslic, se bomo še posebno spomnili naših bolnikov, da bi jim nebeško Dete naklonilo moči in tolažbe v težki preizkušnji življenja.

Tudi letos bomo marsikaterega člena in prijatelja pogrešali, saj so bili nekateri tudi vodilni člani našega društva. Sledovi njihovega dela so še vedno vidni. Naj nas v drag spomin nanje povezuje zvestoba in naša skupna molitev.

Da bo tudi letosna božičnica lepo doživetje, vabimo vse člane in prijatelje na to praznovanje, ki bo v nedeljo, 22. decembra, ob 2.30 v šolski dvorani sv. Vida.

Odbor društva SPB

Spominska proslava za škofa Rožmana v Lemontu

V nedeljo, 3. novembra, ob času vseh vernih duš in vseh svetnikov, smo se zbrali Slovenci iz Chicaga, Jolieti in okolice na frančiškanskem pokopališču v Lemontu. Tam je med frančiškanskimi sobrati pokopan tudi ljubljanski škof dr. Gregorij Rožman. Po kratkem spominu na pokopališču sobratom, sorodnikom in dobrotnikom smo se zvrstili v procesiji ob molitvi rožnega venca proti cerkvi za mašo ob pol treh popoldne.

Po maši smo se zbrali v veliki dvorani našega Kulturnega doma za spominsko proslavo škofa Rožmana, ki je umrl 16. novembra 1959 v Clevelandu, pred 37 leti.

Za začetek je ženski zbor zapel Rasti, rasti rožmarin. Sledila je črtica Karla Mauserja Posvetilo zemlji Korošici, tam kjer je bil škof rojen 3. marca 1883. V govoru smo se spomnili življenja in delovanja tega velikega verskega in domoljubnega voditelja.

Vodil nas je skozi najhujše čase Slovenije pod trojno okupacijo naše dežele, v dobi, ko

je komunistična partija začela revolucijo pod kinko narodno osvobodilnega boja. Leta je začel ustrahovati z morijami svoje morebitne nasprotnike, neobrambne poštene vidne Slovence, ki niso bili komunističnega mišljenja.

Zaradi škofovih naukov o ljubezni do bližnjega in potem, ko je škof na ta način razkrinal te komunistične namene za nasilen prevzem oblasti potom revolucije, so ga komunisti proglašili za izdajalca.

Po vojni je bil škof Rožman naš škof, škof izseljencev po vsem svetu. Učil nas je Slovence razstresene po Severni in Južni Ameriki, naj ohranimo vero, slovensko zavest, naše slovenske pesmi, in da živimo med seboj v ljubezni, slogi, brez prepirov, brez razdorov.

Sledile so recitacije Memento mori, Otrok v cerkvi, Vernih duš dan, in pesem Glejte že sonce zahaja. Spomin na škofa Rožmana moramo ohraniti in ga posredovati našim mlajšim, da tudi on enkrat pride na oltar skupaj z našimi drugimi svetniškimi škofi. AR

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Izseljenstvo sprejemajo s simpatijo

Pogovor z Marjanom Schiffnerjem, novoizvoljenim poslancem v SKD kot predstavnikom izseljencev

Pogovarjal se je Tine Debeljak in je bil intervju objavljen v argentinskem tedniku »Svobodna Slovenija« 21. 11. 1996.

• Izvoljeni ste bili v parlament kot nekak predstavnik Slovencev po svetu, kar se je zgodilo prvič v zgodovini. Kako se počutite na tem mestu?

Zame je to velika čast, ki si je še zdaleč nisem pričakoval. Dejstvo pa je, da so krščanski demokrati prva in dosedaj edina stranka — mogoče bodo sledile še kakšne druge — ki je odgrnila zaveso in opazila, da onkraj Karavank in Goriških brd živi ena petina Slovencev.

• Kako mislite izvajati svojo nalogo kot predstavnik krščanskih demokratskih Slovencev po svetu?

Moja naloga bi bila dosti lažja, če bi lahko povsod zagotavljala, da predstavljam vse izseljence. Malo težko bo stalno poudarjati, da predstavljam krščanske demokrate, ki že imajo razpredeno mrežo po svetu, drugi je pa še nimajo. Zato bi bilo treba, da druge stranke, ki imajo interes, da so zastopane v državnem zboru, postavijo svoje organizacije v izseljenstvu ali pa da pride do kakega dogovora, da enkrat neka stranko zastopa eden, prihodnjič kak drug, ampak da ima pooblastila kot zastopnik vseh izseljencev.

Doma težko razumejo, da jim rečete, da zastopate krščanske demokrate po svetu. Oni naše izseljence smatrajo kot nekaj enovitega, kjer političnih strank skoraj ni.

• Imate kak konkretno načrt, kako bi uveljavili naša stališča v parlamentu?

Vprašanje, ki se je zastavilo takoj v začetku, je bilo: Kdo je sploh še Slovenec? Kot prva bo treba z zakonom ali drugo odločbo to urediti. Osebno mi je najbolj pri srcu ideja, da bi se definiral za Slovenca tisti, ki se čuti Slovenca in to tudi izjavlja, čeprav mu slovenčina ne teče več. Doma je predvsem zaradi južnjakov zakon, ki pravi, da mora prosilec za slovensko državljanstvo obvladati vsaj približno slovenski jezik, kar pa je v našem primeru precej težko.

• Kako gledate na sedanji slovenski politični položaj, ko si desnica in levica delita parlament točno na polovico?

Po teoriji je to brezihoden položaj in če bi se držali strogo pravil, bi bilo treba misliti na nove volitve. Ker pa so stranke slovenske pomlad sestavljene iz ljudi, pa mislim, da se bo tu ali tam lahko z osebno pogodbami dogovorom kakšen poslanec iz teh strank dal pridobi v sklop mandatarja, ki bo brez dvoma Janez Drnovšek.

• Kako gledate na slab volilni izid SKD?

Slovenski krščanski demokrati so plačali račun sodelovanja z liberalno demokracijo, sicer pa je po mojem zanju ta

račun prišel prehitro in številčno previsoko.

• Kako gledate na možno povezavo vseh treh strank slovenske pomlad?

V bistvu je povezava že tu in ne verjamem, da bi se kateri izmed njihovih voditeljev na nivoju strank dal pritegniti v kakšno koalicijo z Liberalno demokracijo. Na nižjih nivojih pa je vse možno.

• Kako boste držali povezavo z Argentino?

V bistvu bi moral držati tudi povezavo z ZDA in Kanado; Avstralija je malo oddaljena. Na primer: Kanadčani so v veliki večini v velikem številu prišli osebno volit v Slovenijo, ker jim niso za časa prišle volilnice. Z njimi smo se pogovarjali o nujnosti, da bi zastopnik, ne glede na strankarsko pripadnost — smatrali so me za njihovega zastopnika — večkrat prišel tja, prikazal razmere doma in da bi mu oni predali svoje težave, če bi se dalo o njih razpravljati v državnem zboru.

• Boste kaj prišli v Argentino?

Vračati se mislim občasno, kakih dvakrat, trikrat na leto. Gotovo je tak osebni stik boljši kot mrzli faksi, ker — žal — zlasti krščanska demokracija veliko greši, ker ima s tujino premalo pisemnih povezav. Opozoril sem jih tudi, da imajo na internetu novice, stare štirinajst dni.

• Lahko poveste kako zanimivost iz svoje volilne akcije?

Omenil bi kot »ocvirek«, da je bil moj zadnji govor muslimanom. Muslimanov je v Sloveniji kar veliko in na seji SKD smo sklenili, da bi bilo pametno jim kaj povedati. Tako sem govoril muslimanom, češ da so nekako v istem položaju kot mi — izseljenici, in sem jih vzpodbujal, naj obdržijo svoje korenine, kaj več pa nisem hotel govoriti, ker bi bilo proti tistem, kar Slovenci doma zagovarjajo.

• Kako ste sodelovali z Vivodom in Mizeritom?

Oba sta velika garača, zato se jima je osebno zahvalil Peterle, zlasti Vivodu, ki je prekrižaril vso Slovenijo podolgem in počez, imelo veliko govorov in bil na vseh važnejših sestankih kot podpredsednik stranke. Tako da je bilo na koncu slišati komentar: Kdaj bodo že ti Argentinci šli domov, da nas bodo nehali pribanjati.

• Bi še kaj povedal?

Slovenci doma niso že kakih petdeset let slišali, da je zunaj njihovih meja še kakšen Slovenec, ker je bilo rečeno, da so zunaj vsi izdajalci. Tako so me na primer nekje vprašali: Pa vi seveda nemško govorite med sabo? Tako sem ji moral razlagati, da je več stopenj izseljenstva: nekateri imamo še slovenske šole, drugi pa tega nismo več, a se po srcu čutijo še Slovenci in bi radi postali slo-

Adventna pesem

Adventna pesem v cerkvah se nevilsivo upira pouličnemu igranju milih božičnih pesmi. Vsak večer se kolena upogibajo pred križem ob medi svetlobi ene, dveh, treh, štirih sveč in drobne roke večer za večerom izdelujejo okraske iz papirja. Za vogalom v trgovinah kar naprej odmeva božična glasba

in ljudje, oslepljeni od preprazničnega blišča, mrzlično nakupujejo bleščice, iskrice in darila.

Pripravljajo slavnostne večerje, kopičijo v svilen papir zavite darove

in nakupujejo draga vina za božično noč.

Zdaj vsi praznujejo božič, zdaj ni več prepovedano.

Tisoč pogrošnih stvari, ki jih ponujajo na vsakem koraku,

zdaj bolj kot kdajkoli prej moti zbranost adventnega časa.

Skromno razsvetljene cerkve se bodo v bogastvo lučic

odele šele na božični večer in šele takrat bomo verni zapeli najlepšo pesem.

Mir in tišina božične noči sta se zdaj spet,

bolj kot kdajkoli prej, umaknila v cerkve in v domove.

V toplem zavetju doma, v zbranosti molilcev ob devetdnevnici

bom morala otrokom dati občutek za smisel in pomen, za lepoto in milino,

za skrivnostnost — namesto vsega cirkusa

ki ga zdaj že neko okoli najlepših dni.

Da bodo tudi otroci vedeli, kako se mora Odrešenik roditi v vsakem srcu,

vse drugo pa je le pena, blišč in prazna zabava.

md Iz »Naše družine«, mesečna priloga tednika Družina, dec. 1996

venski državljanji, kar so ljudje brez ozira na politično pripadnost sprejemali s simpatijo. Kot dobri nacionalisti so se naenkrat zavedli, da jih ni dva milijona, ampak več.

• Kako pa gledajo pri SKD na nas kot izseljence?

Za nekatere je bilo razočaranje, da je bil zastopnik izseljenov tako visoko na nacionalni listi. Ko se je pojavilo vprašanje o ukinitvi nacionalne liste, je nastopil predsednik Lojze Peterle in kot enega najmočnejših razlogov v njen pridnavajal, da je v nacionalni listi zastopnik izseljenov in če lista pade, pade z njo mesta zastopnika izseljenov, kar pa bi stranko postavilo v nemogoč položaj.

• Hvala lepa za pogovor in želim vam veliko uspeha.

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Ljubljansko DELO 25. novembra...

Za položaj pri Slovencu naj bi bili krivi zaposleni

Dnevnik, ki je začel izhajati ob osamosvojitvi Slovenije, je z včerajšnjim dnem prenehal izhajati.

LJUBLJANA, 25. novembra — *Dnevnik Slovenec, ki je začel izhajati pred petimi leti, ob osamosvojitvi države, je z današnjim dnem prenehal izhajati. Časnika z dvanajst tisoč naročnik pa dejansko ni že od prejšnjega petka. Tedaj je 74 zaposlenih (med njimi 19 novinarjev) nadaljevalo stavko, ker upravni izpolnila dogovora, podpisane julija ob prekiniti stavke. Neuspešna so bila tudi današnja »pogajanja« z lastniki, ki sta jih zastopala predsednik upravnega odbora podjetja dr. Jože Duhovnik in sanacijski upravitelj Simon Zdolšek.*

Pravzaprav ni šlo za pogajanja, saj sta predstavnika lastnikov ponovila izbiro: prekiniti stavko in počakati na izplačilo terjatev (za kar nista ponudila nobenih zagotovil) ali vztrajati pri izvajaju dogovora, kar pomeni stečaj. Stavkajoči so že v petek (22. nov.) zahtevali pisni dokument skupščine lastnikov o ponujenih možnostih.

Prav ta dokument oziroma natančneje dokumenta, ki ju je podpisal predsednik skupščine dr. Janez Gril, sta med zaposlenimi povzročila dodatno nezaupanje. Iz njiju so najprej izvedeli, da je podjetje brez vodstva, saj je skupščina lastnikov sprejela odstop sanacijskega upravitelja. Pozorni pa so postali tudi na dva različna sklepa. V prvem lastniki ugotavljajo, da se zaradi neuspehov pogovorov o dokapitalizaciji odločajo za stečaj, v drugem pa namigujejo, da je stečaj posledica stavke.

Zaposleni so z ogorčenjem zavrnili odgovornost za položaj. Mnogi nekdanji zaposleni so namreč uspešni delavci v drugih podjetjih. Zato stavkajoči menijo, da je stečaj izključna posledica neodgovornega poslovanja lastnikov (SKD, Družine in posameznikov iz zamejstva) in uprave, ki so agonijo dnevnika podaljševali zgolj zaradi državnozborskih volitev. Nadaljnje izhajanje časnika bi bilo smiseln le, če bi lastniki lahko zaposlenim in naročnikom ponudili trdna zagotovila o dokapitalizaciji podjetja, menijo zaposleni.

N.R.
Delo, 26. novembra 1996

Slovenci po svetu — Osebno mnenje iz Avstralije

Zakaj se slovenski izseljenici ne vračajo?

Na Taboru v Škofovskih zavodih smo julija 96 razpravljali o tem, zakaj se slovenski izseljenici ne vračajo domov v samostojno, demokratično Slovenijo.

Po eni strani nas vabijo domov, po drugi pa nam ne dovolijo voliti svojega predstavnika v parlament.

Ko so Srbi napadli Slovenijo, so Slovenci po vsem svetu pozabili na medsebojne razlike, v srcih vseh se je na novo prebudila narodna zavest. Mnogi naši otroci so prvič začutili pripadnost Sloveniji. Pomagali so v protestih, posredovali pri tujih vladah in podprtli slovensko osamosvajanje z delom in denarjem. Kako naj jim razložim, da v samostojni Sloveniji še vedno nimajo svojih osnovnih človekovih pravic in ne morejo voliti svojega predstavnika?

Z mojih potovanj po svetu se spomnim prisrčnih sprejemalov pri Slovencih, ki jih nikdar prej nisem srečala. Veselje ob srečanjih najlepše govori o pripadnosti.

Zivljenje slovenskih izseljenov je bilo eno samo prilagajanje tujini. Načil je bil, da bi otrokom nudili lepoš prihodnost. Povsod so iste zgodbe, ljubezen do Slovenije je prepletena z navezanostjo na domovino naših otrok.

Ni tako važno, ali se izseljenici vračamo v Slovenijo, važno je, da Slovenijo predstavimo otrokom v pozitivni luči, da jih naučimo jezika in jih povežemo s sorodniki, znanci in prijatelji, da se bodo ob obi-

sku v Sloveniji počutili domače. Če se bodo čustveno navezali na ljudi, s katerimi se bodo lahko sporazumevali, se bodo navezali tudi na Slovenijo in delali v dobrobit Slovenije, kjerkoli živijo.

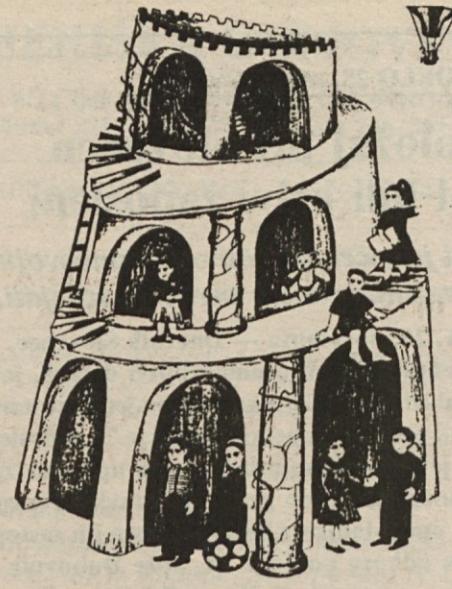
Vračali se bodo v Slovenijo, če bodo čutili, da se vračajo domov. Ko bodo našli svoj delček Slovenije, bodo lahko vzljubili celo Slovenijo. Ko bodo v Sloveniji imeli nekoga radi in bodo čutili, da jih ima v Sloveniji nekdo rad, bo to osnova za vračanje. Mogoče bodo stiki v bodočnosti stalni, mogoče občasni, vendar rodil se bo občutek pripadnosti načrnu.

Pozdravljam akcije Urada za Slovence po svetu, s katerimi skušajo privabiti otroke slovenskih izseljenov domov. Mnogi tečaji slovenskega jezika so en način zbljanja.

Drugi način za zbljanje bi morda bil izmenjava študentov, otrok in mladih ljudi na splošnih. Če bi Urad za Slovence po svetu organiziral primerne družine v Sloveniji, da bi sprejeli naše otroke za nekaj časa, da bi se tam začasno lahko popolnoma vključili v sistem, kulturo in šolanje. Na isti način bi lahko Slovenci v tujini nudili začasni dom slovenskim otrokom, da bi širili svoja obzorja s spoznavanjem tujega jezika in tujega načina življenja.

Tako medsebojno povezovanje bi bilo bolj življensko kot tečaji, tako povezovanje bi morda tudi prispevalo k spravi med Slovenci.

(dalje na str. 16)



Vladimir Donaj

DOBER DAN, SLOVENŠČINA!

Nova knjiga: Učbenik za slovenščino

Dober dan, slovenščina!

Ministrstvo za šolstvo in šport Republike Slovenije je izdalo prepotrebni učbenik z navedenim naslovom, ki ga je sestavil izkušen praktik Vladimir Donaj, učitelj dopolnilnega pouka slovenskega jezika in kulture v Švici. Kot priročnik bo dragoceni pripomoček vsem, ki žive na tujem le nekaj let ali so tam rojeni in jim doma materinščine v mešanih zakonih ali zaradi prezaposlenosti ni nihče posredoval.

Ministrstvo za šolstvo in šport je namenilo ta učbenik predvsem 40 učiteljem in učiteljicam dopolnilnega pouka slovenskega jezika in kulture v petnajstih evropskih državah, to so: Avstrija, Nemčija, Švica, BiH, Hrvaška, Francija, Liechtenstein, Švedska, Luksemburg, Nizozemska, Belgija, Ruska federacija, Češka Republika in Velika Britanija, kjer obiskuje ta pouk 1450 učenek in učencev.

Nedvomno pa bo postal ne-pogrešljiv tudi na drugih celinah, kjer žive naši izseljenci, v Avstraliji, Severni in Južni Ameriki, Kanadi, in tudi na

Japonskem, v Afriki, Aziji, predvsem tam, kjer so raztreseni potomci priseljencev ter otroci poslovnežev, predstavnikov firm, in tudi misjonarji in diplomati.

Priročnik je sicer nastal na švicarskem govornem območju, kjer prevladuje nemščina, poleg Evrope pa bo verjetno zadostil potrebam tudi drugih jezikovnih območij, preko morij.

Učbenik je natisnjen na formatu 21 x 29 cm, s privlačnimi ilustracijami Andreje Peklar in stripi Marjana Mančka. Uredila ga je z veliko izkušnje Melita Steiner.

Avtor učbenika Vladimir Donaj sam razlaga vsebino, natisnjeno na 242 straneh: Učbenik je namenjen pouku slovenščine kot drugega ali tujega jezika. Gradivo za učbenik je nastajalo na podlagi večletnih izkušenj pri delu z otroki Slovencev, z njegovo pomočjo se lahko učijo slovenščine tudi otroci-priseljenci v Sloveniji; učbenik z delovnim zvezkom razvija sporazumevalno zmožnost, zmožnost razumevanja

zapisanega sporočila, uporabe, tvorjenja z različnimi besedilnimi vzorci.

Po vsebini je razdeljen na šest večjih, tematsko zaokroženih ter med seboj smiselnopovezanih enot. Tematsko izhodišče je posameznik v domačem, šolskem in delovnem in širšem družbenem okolju. Vsako večjo tematsko celoto uvaja pesem, ki ima nalogo, da učence sprosti in spodbudi.

V učbeniku imajo pomembno mesto raznovrstne jezikovne vaje, ki uče temelje slovenske slovnice. Druga naloga je bogatenje jezikovnega zaklada-štivila besed. Po učbeniku in delovnem zvezku so razdeljene besede slovarčka po temah. Težja slovnica se prične s preprostimi dvogovori, v središču je zgodba o Mojci in Matjažu v švicarskem mestu Winterthuru. Vsako besedilo morajo učenci najprej razumeti in sprejeti.

Vaje za ponavljanje, utrjevanje in preverjanje znanja so na koncu vsake učne enote.

Najpomembnejše pa je gotovo pridobivanje sposobnosti, da učenec sam govori in piše.

Posebna privlačnost tega živopisnega učbenika so slike slikarjev in besedila, prozna in pesniška, znanih avtorjev različnih generacij: Branka Jurca, Berta Golob, Polonca Kovač, Oton Župančič, Boris A. Novak, Niko Grafenauer idr. in vrsta narodnih in otroških ljudskih pesmi. Učbenik, vreden uporabe in tehtno zasnovan!

Ivan Cimerman
Rodna gruda, nov. 1996

V BLAG SPOMIN OB DRUGI OBLETNICI



MIHAEL VRENKO

Umrl 2. decembra 1994.

Dve leti sta že minili,
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Slavka Bučar, sestra,
v Ljubljani.
Richmond Hts., Ohio, 5. dec. 1996.

ANTON ZUPANČIĆ
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ROZALIJA ZUPANČIĆ
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Ne en list ne zatrepeče,
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pokoj tih...*

Žalujoči:

ing. Anton Z., Slava Pust, Olga Petek, Roži Selan
sin in hčerke z družinami

Cleveland, Ohio, 5. decembra 1996.

Zakaj se izseljenci ne vračajo

(nadaljevanje s str. 15)

Človek ne pogreša, česar ni nikdar imel. Slovenci doma ne pogrešajo vezi z izseljenci, naši otroci pa jih ne poznajo. Če bi družine v Sloveniji sprejele otroke istih starosti, kot so njihovi otroci, proti zamenjavi, bi se tako Slovenci zblžali v sporazumevanju. Ko se bodo naši otroci v tujini spominjali ljudi iz Slovenije, se bodo v mislih vračali tja. Pravijo, da noge nesejo človeka tja, kamor ga vleče srce. Srečanje v srcu je bolj važno kot srečanje v domovini. Za spravo rabimo vzpostavitev vezi med slovensko mladino doma in po svetu.

Slovenci po svetu smo otroke požrtvovalno učili slovenski jezik, zgodovino in kulturo, ker smo še vedno bili čustveno navezani na domovino. Pričakovali smo, da se bodo otroci navezali na Slovenijo, ki je še niso srečali, in na narodnost, ki je bila zapostavljena v tujih kulturah.

V tujini smo se sprva počutili šibke, ker nismo poznali jezika, kulture in sistema. Medtem ko smo se starši čustveno vračali domov, se naši otroci niso imeli kam vračati. Rasli so v slovenski družini, v družbi pa so se prilagodili okolju. Slovenija je bila zanje le neka pravljica, zgubljena in nedosegljiva Indija Korandomija.

Slovenci so sčasoma uspeli povsod po svetu, na različnih področjih, ker smo vztrajni, delovni in pošteni. Postali smo močnejši v boju za obstoj. Ko smo ekonomsko uspeli, smo seveda začutili, da človek ne živi samo od kruha, da je več kot le porabnik in graditelj. Sčasoma smo se uveljavili kot misleči, čuteči in ustvarjalni ljudje. Bojimo se ponovnega presajanja, bojimo se, da ne bi cvetovi naših dreves uveli in da bi se veje posušile.

Izseljenci smo posebna skupina ljudi. Doma smo napol tujci, ker so naše vrednote in vrednotenje drugačne in tudi v tujini smo napol tujci, ker nam manjka navezanost na kraj, kjer živimo. V iskanju intimnosti se lahko sporazumevamo le z drugimi izseljenicami.

Bolečino čutimo ob vračanju v Slovenijo, ker v tujini zapiščamo otroke, katerim predstavljamo edino oporo, edino sorodstvo in dom, ki so ga kdaj poznali.



V BLAG SPOMIN

10. OBLETNICE SMRTI
NAŠEGA LJUBLJENEGA
MOŽA, OČETA, STAREGA
OČETA, BRATA IN STRICA



PAVEL DOLENC

ki je umrl 8. decembra 1986.
Gospod, daruj mu mir,
naj večna luč mu sveti,
ker si dobrote vir,
uziva raj naj sveti.

Žalujoči ostali:

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Sinova in hčere: Maria
Yaecker, Josie Taricska, Pavel
ml., Anton in Ann Bloom, vsi
v ZDA

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Družba za slovenske študije Society for Slovene Studies je letos od 14. do 17. novembra zborovala v Bostonu, Massachusetts

New York, NY, 20. nov. 1996 — Pred dnevi se je končala 28. vse-državna konvencija »Ameriškega združenja za pospeševanje slovenskih študij« (AAASS: American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies), ki je štiri dni zasedala v Boston Park Plaza hotelu v Bostonu, Mass. Na njej je Družba za slovenske študije imela svoje 24. redno letno zborovanje. Letos je Družba imela na sporednu še s t znanstvenih panelov, enega več kot lani, in svoj vsakoletni redni občni zbor. Na znanstvenih zasedanjih Družbe je tudi to pot sodelovalo večilo ameriških, kanadskih in slovenskih udeležencev konvencije iz ZDA, Kanade in Evrope, in nekaj gostov iz Republike Slovenije.

Prva sekcija, ki je bila na sporednu že v četrtek, 14. nov. popoldne, je bila posvečena spominu Rajka Ložarja, vodilnega slovenskega arheologa in umetnostnogodovinskega znanstvenika predrevolucijske Slovenije, ki je leta 1945. zapustil Ljubljano, prebil nekaj let na Koroškem, emigriral v ZDA, nekaj let delal v tovarni v Chicagu, kasneje, od 1956 do upokojitve leta 1969 pa kot ravnatelj Rahr Civic Center and Public Museum v Manitowocu, Wisconsin, kjer je 1985. tudi umrl.

Na sekciji *Rajko Ložar, An Uprooted Scholar of a Small Nation in America*, ki jo je vodil prof. Bogdan C. Novak (Univ. of Toledo), so sodelovali: dr. Stane Gabrovec, vodilni slovenski arheolog po Ložarjevem odhodu iz Ljubljane, od 1956 do 1987 ravnatelj Arheološkega oddelka Narodnega muzeja v Ljubljani; prof. Tom Lozar z Vanier College-a v Kanadi; prof. Rado L. Lenček (Columbia University) in prof. Jože Velikonja (Univ. of Washington, Seattle).

V glavnem so sodelavci te sekcije govorili o Rajku Ložarju človeku - osebnosti in profesionalcu (Tom Lozar), - Rajku Ložarju - emigrantu, njegovih intelektualističnih prizadevanjih v ameriških slovenskih skupnostih in streljenjih za pospeševanje in razvoj slovensko-ameriške in ameriško-slovenske znanstvene dejavnosti v Združenih državah (Rado L. Lenček), - o objavljenem in ohranjenem življenjskem delu Rajka Ložarja (Jože Velikonja) - in - o dolžnosti znanstvenih ustanov v Republiki Sloveniji, da Rajku Ložarju priznajo v domovini ustrezno in častno mesto, ki mu pripada v znanosti doma in v svetu.

Drugi panel Družbe za slovenske študije, ki je bil na spo-

rednu prav tako že v četrtek popoldne (od 5:30 do 7:30 zv., panel za R. Ložarja pa od 3:15 do 5:15 pop.), je obravnaval »Razvojne tendre privatizacije v slovenski družbi« (Trends in Privatization in the Slovene Society). Sekcijo je organizirala prof. Leopoldina Plut-Pregelj (Univ. of Maryland), vodil pa jo je prof. Tom Priestly (Univ. of Alberta).

Na programu sekcije so bili: Prof. Darja Piciga z Educational Research Institute v Ljubljani, ki je govorila o »Private Education in the Context of Change in the Slovene Educational System); prof. Veljko Rus (Univ. v Ljubljani), katerga predavanje »Attitudes Toward Work, Ownership and Privatization« je podal prof. Kenneth M. Zapp (Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colo.), in prof. Zapp sam, katerega refrat je obravnaval »Privatization of Socially Owned Enterprises in Slovenia.

V diskusiji referatov sta sodelovala Evan Kraft (National Bank of Croatia) in prof. Plut-Pregelj.

Tretja panelna razprava Družbe za slovenske študije je bila v petek, 15. novembra popoldne (3:30 - 5:30); posvečena je bila problematiki vključevanja Slovenije v Evropsko unijo (Slovenia and the European Union).

Panelu je predsedovala prof. Carol R. Rogel (Ohio State Univ.), na sporednu pa so bila predavanja treh univerzitetnih profesorjev Univerze v Ljubljani in slovenskih javnih delavcev v Ljubljani: prof. Franceta Bučarja, prof. Jožeta Mencingerja in prof. Dimitrija Rupla.

Prof. Bučar in prof. Mencinger se nista mogla udeležiti konvencije AAASS v Bostonu, referat prof. Mencingerja z naslovom »From Yugoslavia

to European Union: Economic Considerations« je v referativni odsotnosti podal prof. Karl Ryavec (Univ. of Mass.), medtem ko je prof. Rupel svoj referat z naslovom »Slovenia and Central Europe's March Toward the European Union: The Restrictive Role of the European Great Powers« podal sam osebno.

Dr. Rupel referat je sprožil živahno diskusijo, ki sta jo vodila univ. prof. Jacques Rupnik s Pariškega inštituta za politične študije in prof. Lena Hansen z Univerze v Copenhagenu na Danskem.

Četrta slovenska sekcija na programu konvencije AAASS v Bostonu je bila posvečena »Nedavni slovenski zgodovini: Dojemaju in dilemam odprijavači se tajnih arhivov« (Recent Slovene History: Perceptions and Dilemmas Arising from the Opening of Restricted Archives).

Na sporednu je bilo troje referatov: referat »New Documents and New Assessments of the Liberation Movement and Revolution in Slovenia 1941-1945« (Novi dokumenti in novo ocenjevanje osvobodilnega gibanja in revolucije v Sloveniji 1941-45), ki ga je prispeval za konvencijo dr. Boris Mlakar, podala pa ga je dr. Jera Vodušek-Starič, oba sodelavca Inštituta za sodobno zgodovino v Ljubljani; referat referat »World War II Yugoslav Materials in the U.S. National Archives« (Jugoslovensko gradivo o drugi svetovni vojni v ameriškem narodnem arhivu), ki ga je pripravila Amy Schmidtova, znanstvenica pri National Archives v Washingtonu D.C. (oz. Silver Spring, Md.); in referat »New Insights on Political Opposition during and after World War Two in Slovenia« (Novi pogledi na politično opozicijo v času druge svetovne vojne in po njej v Sloveniji) dr. Vodušek-Staričeve. Po podanih referatih se je razvila živahna diskusija, ki sta jo vodila prof. Tamara Griesser-Pečar, živeča sicer v Nemčiji in soavtorica nedavno izdane knjige o Rožmanovem procesu, in dr. Rudolph M. Susel, urednik Ameriške domovine v Clevelandu.

Sekciji je predsedoval prof. Bogdan Novak.

V nedeljo, 17. novembra, od 8:00 do 10:00 dopoldne, je bil na sporednu konvencije panel Society for Slovene Studies o zgodovinskem razvoju malih slovenskih književnosti z naslovom: »The History and Literature of Small Nations« (Zgodovina in književnost malih narodov). Panel, ki ga je vodil prof. Rado L. Lenček, je imel troje predavateljev: univ. prof. dr. Franceta Bernika, predsednika Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti v Ljubljani, prof. Leno M. Lenček (Reed College, Portland, Ore.) in prof. Timothy Pogačarja (Bowling Green State

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Predavanji prof. Lene Lenček: A Concrete Historic Determinant: International Horizons and Contacts of Writers and Poets, in prof. Pogačarja: A Possible Historical Factor: The Nature of Readership before the Formation of a Society's Elite sta motivirali in podčrtali vodilno tezo predavanja akademika Franceta Bernika, ki ga je v njegovi odsotnosti podala prof. Lena Lenček.

Akademik France Bernik, ki se zaradi bolezni svoje soprotev letos ni mogel udeležiti konferenčne AAASS v Bostonu, je v svojem predavanju z naslovom »Slovene Literature and its Time in History« razvil tezo odvisnosti književnosti malega naroda od njegovega zgodovinskega razvoja v času in umevanju, sprejemanju ali zavračanju njegove umetnosti v domovini in v svetu. Po predstavljenih treh predavanjih se je razvila živahna izmenjava pogledov na razvoj različnih obdobjij malih slovenskih, a še zlasti slovenske književnosti.

Sesti in zadnji panel Družbe za slovenske študije na bostonski konvenciji, na sporednu še isti dan po literarnem zasedanju, je bil posvečen »Topikom muzikoloških stvaritev slovenskih pokrajin« (Topics in the Musicology of Slovene Lands). Zasedanje je vodil dr. Rudolph M. Susel.

Na sporednu tega zasedanja so bili tri nastopi: predavanje dr. Metoda Milača (Univ. of Syracuse, Syracuse, NY) o »Jakobu Gallusu Carniolus in mestu njegovih kompozicij v

zgodovini glasbe« (Jacobus Gallus Carniolus and the Place of His Compositions in the History of Music), predavanje prof. Eda Škulja (Univ. v Ljubljani) z naslovom »Pregled razvoja slovenske cerkvene pevske glasbe skozi stoletja« (Survey of the Evolution of Slovene Church Vocal Music through the Centuries), dr. Škulj je pa tudi prevzel referat, ki naj bi ga podal p. dr. Vendelin Špendov (Lemont, Ill.) - Organ Music in Slovenia (Orgelska glasba v Sloveniji). Zaradi bolezni dr. Špendov ni mogel referata pripraviti, zato je dr. Škulj podal svoj pregled orgel v Ljubljani in ga ilustriral z odličnimi diapozitivi.

Diskutant te sekcije programa je bil prof. Jože Velikonja.

Kot ponavadi je poleg vseh predavateljskih znanstvenih sekcij na letošnji konvenciji AAASS - Society for Slovene Studies imela še oba svoja organizacijska sestanka: sejo izvršnega odbora Družbe in njen širši organizacijski sestanek za navzoče članstvo.

Rado L. Lenček

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Trst-Gorica — Zakladni (italijanski) minister Ciampi se je torej odločil za prisilno likvidacijo oziroma stečaj Tržaške kreditne banke. Petek, 22. november, je bil dan njene smrti, saj sta predstavnika zakladnega ministrstva prinesla s seboj v Trst tudi odlok, ki preklicuje dovoljenje za izvrševanje bančnih poslov. Delo obeh likvidatorjev (to sta rimski odvetnik Lener in bolonjski komercialist Zanzi) bodo pobliže spremljali trije nadzorniki (odvetnik Leproux, knjigovodja Mugnai in komercialist Sartori).

Imena celotne peterice navajamo namenoma, da naši bralci in naša zamejska javnost spoznajo, kako zakladno ministrstvo spet ni imelo za potrebno in umestno vključiti v to peterico kakega človeka iz naše slovenske manjšinske sredine. Ponavljata se torej primera Kmečke banke v Gorici in imenovanja prvih komisarjev za TKB, tako da je bila naši manjšini primazana že tretja zaušnica zapored.

Zanimivo (in morda celo poučno!) je, da se to dogaja v času, ko je na oblasti vlada »Olkje«, to je koalicije, za katero je na zadnjih državnozborskih volitvah glasovala takoreč vsa naša manjšina!

Proti takemu početju omenjenega ministrstva spet odločno protestiramo in bomo vedno protestirali, četudi je naš glas do zdaj osamljen in čeprav bi takšen ostal tudi v naslednjih dneh ali tednih.

Zakaj tako trmasto vztrajamo na tem stališču? Odgovor je preprost. Prisotnost nadzornika iz vrst naše manjšinske sredine bi med drugim jamčila verodostojnost, kar v današnjih časih in razmerah nikakor ni malenkost.

Zakaj je slovenska manjšina tako močno prizadeta zaradi zloma TKB

Posledice zloma TKB so raznovrstne in žal vse boleče. Najprej je treba omeniti uslužence, ki jih je skoraj 200 in ki jim grozi odpust. V italijanskem tržaškem dnevniku, ki še

vedno posveča največjo pozornost tej zadevi, smo brali, da bo večje število sedanjih uslužencev ob delu, četudi bi na razvalinah TKB nastala nova banka.

Lastnike depozitov oziroma varčevalce delno varuje t.i. medbančni sklad in je v tej zvezi prav, če se prizadeti ravno po navodilih, ki jih bo sproti posredoval v ta namen pravkar ustanovljeni odbor. Vsekakor vemo, da se depozit do 200 milijonov lir (1512 lir = \$1US) vrne lastniku v celoti, da se od 200 milijonov do ene milijarde vrne 75%, kar pa je nad milijardo, je izgubljeno.

Usoda dolžnikov TKB bo v marsičem odvisna od livitorjev, saj v tem trenutku ne vemo, ali bodo upoštevali roke, določene ob odobritvi posojila ali ne. Od odločitve komisarjev bo zato odvisna usoda številnih podjetij, zlasti v Trstu, a tudi v deželi.

Znano je, da delničarji izgubijo ves vloženi kapital. Prav tako je znano, da določila medbančnega sklada ne prihajo v poštev za bivše upravitele bankrotiranega denarnega zavoda.

Kot smo v našem časniku že pisali, obstajajo za nastali položaj natančne odgovornosti na raznih ravneh. Tudi o teh odgovornostih je treba spregovoriti jasno besedo. O kazenskih odgovornostih je v teku preiskava, ki jo vodi javni tožilec dr. Tito. Šest ljudi iz ožrega vodstva banke je bilo odpeljanih v pripor, nekateri teh so še v hišnem priporu, drugi pa so na prostosti. Jamstvena obvestila pa je prejelo več oseb.

Na tem mestu moramo seveda omeniti predvsem politične in moralne odgovornosti, katerih razščnosti še ne moremo niti približno določiti. Pri tem ne smemo nikdar pozabiti na dejstvo, da je bila TKB rezultat mednarodnega sporazuma in je Italija privolila v njeno ustanovitev, ker je na ta način hotela priznati odškodnino za vse, kar so Slovenci v Italiji iz-

gubili za časa fašizma na gospodarskem področju.

Kdo je v moralnem političnem pogledu neposredno odgovoren, da Slovenci v Italiji nimajo več TKB, ki je bila do pred kratkim v njihovih rokah, in da nimajo več v svojih rokah niti Kmečke banke v Gorici, je na dlani. Dovolj je namreč, da preberemo imena nekdajih upraviteljev obeh denarnih zavodov.

Kar zadeva TKB, moramo, če smo resnicoljubni in pravični, priznati, da je imel dr. Boris Gombač iz Ricmanj v bistvu prav, ko se je že pred leti začel javno spotikati nad delovanjem ljudi in krogov, v katerih domeno je sodila TKB. Če bi pristojni krogi in ljudje posvetili le nekaj pozornosti njejovim izvajanjem, bi najbrž bilo marsikaj prihranjenega celotni manjšini.

Kaj zdaj? Odgovor ni preprost. Z naše strani se bomo trudili, da bomo bralce in zamejsko javnost sproti objektivno seznanjali z nadaljnjam razvojem dogodkov. Prepričani smo namreč, da je takšna metoda dela še najbolj učinkovita. Odločno si je namreč treba priznati, da bo na današnjem pogorišču s časom nastala gospodarska stavba, ki bo imela trdne temelje in varno streho, v katero bodo brez škode udarjale strele.

Takšne stavbe ne more same ne zgraditi in še manj primerno opremiti nobena zamejska skupina niti nobena struja. Potrebno je sodelovanje celotne naše narodne skupnosti, kar naj prihaja do izraza preko vseh njenih političnih in družbenogospodarskih komponent. Smo nečesa takega sposobni? Po našem da, le da prej nekoliko utišamo v svoji sredi glas ihtavih javnih tožilcev — teh je vsekakor preveč — in poslušamo modre ter trezne razsodnike.

NOVI GLAS
Uvodnički članek
28. novembra 1996

V BLAG SPOMIN

2. OBLETNICE SMRTI
naše mame, stare mame
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MARIJA BOH
ki je umrla 7. dec. 1994

Dve leti sta že minili
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Le pri Bogu mirno zdaj počivaj
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hčerka Marija in njih družine.
V Sloveniji sestra Ivana
in njen sorodstvo.

Socialdemokratska stranka Slovenije (SDS)

Vladna odredba povzroča težave z EZ

(*Sporočilo SDS za javnost, 2. decembra*) — Poleg povolilnih koalicijskih dogovarjanj precejšnjo pozornost slovenska sredstva javnega obveščanja zadnje dni namenjajo pismu, ki ga je evropski komisar Hans van den Broek poslal slovenski vladi in v katerem kritično presoja majsko odredbo, ki ureja pogoje za oddajo površin ob slovenskih avtocestah za gradnjo bencinskih črpalk.

Socialdemokratska stranka Slovenije je sporočila, da je njen gospodarski forum že maja letos, ko je slovenska vlada sprejela sporno odredbo, ostro protestiral. Po mnenju gospodarskega foruma je določilo, ki zahteva, da mora ponudnik za najem bencinskega servisa predložiti dokazilo, da ima bazo za oskrbo z naftnimi derivati na področju države in da že opravlja distribucijo naftnih derivatov na vsaj treh bencinskih črpalkah, diskriminatorno do različnih ponudnikov, tako domačih kot tujih. SGF je zahteval od vlade Republike Slovenije, da omenjeno določilo v najkrajšem času odpravi, vendar se vlada na poziv maja letos ni odzvala.

Na svoji zadnji seji v sredo, 27. novembra, je po posredovanju evropskega komisarja van den Broeka vlada le obravnavala pritožbi družb Shell in Agip ter razveljavila sporno določbo, vendar ne za nazaj. Shell in Agip bosta tako lahko pod enakimi pogoji kot drugi ponudniki sodelovala šele na drugem razpisu.

Po faksu iz Ljubljane, 2. dec. 1996

Slovensko-madžarski odnosi se razvijajo v pozitivno smer

Slovensko-madžarski prehod

Konec avgusta sta predsednika Madžarske Árpád Göncz in Slovenije, Milan Kučan slavnostno odprla sedem kilometrov dolgo asfaltirano cesto, ki povezuje madžarsko naselje Nemesnép v Županiji Zala in Kobilje v Sloveniji. Leta 1992 sta takratna zunanja ministra sosednjih držav podpisala sporazum, po katerem nameravata državi na skupni meji odpreti štiri nove mejne prehode.

Vojna na Balkanu in izjemno povečan tovorni promet prek Slovenije ter madžarske ambicije, da se povežejo z morjem, so poleg gospodarskih vezi s Slovenijo v združenju CEFTA temeljni razlogi, ki narekujejo nujnost izgradnje boljšega cestnega, a tudi železniškega omrežja.

Madžarski predsednik je podprt pomembnost odprtega mejnega prehoda, slovenski pa o tem, da obe državi, Slovenijo in Madžarsko povezuje tudi skupna alternativa — vključevi v Evropsko unijo.

Cesta, ki veže obe državi, še ni mejni prehod, bo pa to postala, ko bodo dogradili potrebne objekte. Porabci v več naseljih si želijo, da bi odprli »prave mejne prehode« tudi zanje.

Madžarski vlak v Slovenijo do l. 2000

Pred letom 2000 naj bi peljal novi vlak iz Ljubljane v Budimpešto! Slovenija in Madžarska sta se sporazumeli in v Moravskih Toplicah podpisali memorandum o železniški povezavi med obema državama.

Ministra za promet Igor Umek in Károl Lotz sta se s pogodbo zavezala, da bo Slovenija zgradila 24,5 kilometra železnice, kar bo stalo okoli 10 milijard tolarjev; na madžarski strani pa bodo morali zgraditi 16 kilometrov proge, vrednost naložbe pa bo okoli 15 milijard forintov. Iz Slovenije bo vodil nov odsek prek Murske Sobote (Puconci) do Zalalova.

Po enotirni proggi, ki bo zgrajena za začetek, bodo z dieselsko vleko vozili tovorni in osebni vlaki s hitrostjo 160 kilometrov na uro (100 milij!). Bodoča železniška povezava, predvidoma večtirna, bo pomembna tudi za Loko Koper, ki je že zdaj pomembno pristanišče za Madžare. Mi lahko samo pričakujemo, da bodo težki tovornjaki, ki vozijo danes prek Slovenije in povzročajo veliko zmedo, potovali z vlaki. Prekmurci pa se ob tem načrtu boje, da bo idilična pokrajina zgubila svoj značaj in lepoto, ker jo bo železница skala.

Obe poročili

v Rodni grudi, nov. 1996

KOLENDAR

DECEMBER

6. — Večer s škofom Edwardom Pevcem na nekdanjem Borromeo semenišču, v priredbi Slovensko ameriškega kulturnega sveta.

22. — Društvo DSPB priredi božičnico v farni dvorani Sv. Vida. Pričetek ob 2.30 pop.

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JANUAR

19. — Slov. šola fare Marije Vnebovzete priredi ko...
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Reportaža iz Washingtona

Na obisku na Radiu Glas Amerike

poroča ANJA MEGLIČ

Skoraj ni Slovence, ki bi prišel v Washington, obiskal kakega tam živečega Slovence in ne bi nič zvedel o tamkajšnji radijski postaji Glas Amerike (Voice of America - VOA) postaji, ki se prek satelitov povezuje z več kot 250 različnimi zasebnimi in javnimi radijskimi postajami po svetu. V njenem jedru deluje 50 let tudi slovenska redakcija. Do naše samostojnosti je ta delovala v sklopu srbske redakcije oziroma jugoslovanskega oddelka, danes pa samostojno v novinarski sestavi: Alenka Adamič Richardson, Karmen Lazar Gentry, Franci Kapus in Vasilij Volarič. Vsakodnevne oddaje, ki potekajo neposredno in prek satelita vsak dan med 19. uro in 19.30 po slovenskem času sprejema pet slovenskih radijskih frekvenc.

Glas Amerike je leta 1942 ustanovila ameriška vlada kot učinkovito propagandno orožje iz obdobja hladne vojne. S tremi radijskimi postajami, ki so desetletja širile po vsem svetu proti Vzhodni Evropi in Sovjetski zvezi na enem koncu svetu in še LR Kitajska in kaki LDR Koreji na drugem koncu — ameriško resnico lo svobodi in demokraciji.

Hiša, ki je popolnoma odvinsna od državne dotacije, si zato zadnje desetletje prizadeva za nov status, svoje delovanje želi opravičiti tudi v novih časih. Čeprav je finančna dotacija zanje vsako leto znova vprašljiva, si prizadevajo prilagajati se svojim poslušalcem, ki od njih ne pričakujejo več samo novic, ker jih prej niso mogli dobiti drugje, ampak želijo nasvete, kako deluje ameriško tržno gospodarstvo, kako se ustanavlajo podjetja, kako je treba voditi knjigovodstvo kake trgovine in podobno.

»Naša vloga je v zadnjih letih oziroma po koncu hladne vojne zelo spremenila. Nismo več organizacija, ki poroča o političnih dogodkih v Sloveniji, ampak poročamo največ o dogodkih v ZDA, tudi političnih, o obiskih slovenskih državnikov v Ameriki in obratno ter drugih poljudno-znanstvenih temah,« pravi Alenka Adamič Richardson, odgovorna urednica slovenske redakcije.

Slovenska redakcija se je za nekaj časa težavam z dotacijo izognila: »Ameriški kongres je odobil dotacijo za letos, pomembnejše pa se mi zdi, da smo si izbojevali navzočnost na slovenskih tleh,« pravi Alenka Adamič Richardson.

Novinarji slovenske redakcije začenjajo z delom že ob 6. uri zjutraj. Oddaja gre v eter ob 19. uri po srednjeevropskem času; 7 ur zadostuje, da so novice in poročila, intervjuji in trakovi s poročili dopisnikov zbrani. Slovenski novinarski kolegi smo bili presenečeni nad njihovo spremnostjo. Amerika ni Slovenija, novice iz tiskovnih hiš prek fakov in drugih medijev kar dežujejo.

Nad delom bedi urednica Alenka Adamič Richardson. Oddaje, te skoraj ne minejo brez njenega pogovora s kakim Slovencem, na obisku v Ameriki, tudi vodi.

Živahnja slovenska novinarska ekipa je prišla na delo k Glasu po približno enakem življenjskem naključju: vsi so

spoznali živiljne partnerje v Ameriki, se zaradi njih tam poročili in zaposlili.

Alenka Adamič Richardson živi v ZDA že skoraj 33 let: »V tem času so postale moj prvi dom, tu imam družino. Slovenija mi je še vedno blizu, vedno bom ostala po srcu Slovenka, nisem pa več Slovenka v smislu, da bi tam želela živeti. Ne morem si več predstavljati živiljenja v tako majhnem krogu. Slovenijo sicer rada obiskujem, zelo rada pa se vračam tudi v ZDA,« pravi.

Novinarka Karmen Lazar Gentry, rojena v Mariboru, živi v ZDA skoraj devet let: »V ZDA pa sem prišla zato, ker sem v Evropi spoznala svojega sedanjega moža, po rodu Američana, in se z njim poročila. Tudi moj študij evropske zgodovine je zato potekal na marylandski univerzi; akademski način podajanja snovi je bil zame zanimiv, zato se mu nameravam še bolj posvetiti. Za študij pa v Ameriki potrabiš tudi veliko denarja. Slovenijo za zdaj obiskujem dva-krat na leto, pogrešam družino in prijatelje, sicer pa Amerika ne vzbuja domotožja, saj se v njej zaradi različnih narodnosti nikoli ne počutiš tujca,« je povedala.

Franci Kapus dela kot novinar na radiu pet let. V Ameriki si je ustvaril družino, sedanjo ženo, Američanko, je spoznal v Ljubljani.

»Preselili smo se po sinovem rojstvu, v času Jugoslavije, ko je bila inflacija stodstotna. Razlike v vsakdanjem živiljenju so sicer velike, v Sloveniji sem imel veliko prijateljev, družabno živiljenje je tam lažje. Če greš v Ljubljani zvečer ven, boš skoraj gotovo našel kakega znanca, tu pa se je treba povsod prej napovedovati oziroma vnaprej določiti datum. Družabnega živiljenja je tu manj.

Po drugi strani pa nikoli ne čakamo v vrstah ne v bankah ne v trgovinah, tudi storitve so tu hitrejše, prijaznejše in kakovostnejše. Svojo prihodnost za zdaj vidim v ZDA, ne izključujem pa možnosti, da se bom še vrnil.«

Vasilij Volarič, po rodu Ljubljjančan iz Bežigrada, je radijski vodja realizacije, poleg tega pa tudi novinar, ki se največ ukvarja z gospodarskimi temami, ker je ekonomist.

»V Ameriki sem od leta 1987. Tu živim, ker je moja zdajšnja žena Američanka. Na Glasu Amerike delam od leta



Z leve proti desni: urednica Alenka Adamič Richardson, Vasilij Volarič, Karmen Lazar Gentry in Franci Kapus pred oddajo.

1992, prej sem delal kot bančnik v veliki ameriški banki. Živiljenje se je zelo spremenilo, odkar sem tu. Človek tu laže pride do stanovanja ali hiše, storitve so hitrejše, v mojem primeru je tukaj živiljenje kakovostnejše. Vendar prijatelje človek lahko najde kjer koli; k njim in družini se rad vračam vsako leto.«

Neštete redakcije, slovenska, kitajska, argentinska ali ruska, si torej vsaka na svoj način prizadevajo ohraniti svoj prostor in zadovoljiti svoje poslušalce. Njihova prihodnost pa klub temu ostaja odvisna od Amerike, oziroma dobre volje predstavnikov, ki delujejo v njenem kongresu.

Slovenec, 5. nov. 1996

K O L E D A R

(nadaljevanje s str. 18)

silo v šolski dvorani. Serviranje od 11. dop. do 1. pop.

25. — Odbor Slovenske pristave priredi »Pristavsko noč«, v SND na St. Clair Ave.

F E B R U A R

2. — Misijonska Znamkarška akcija postreže s kosirom v avditoriju pri sv. Vidu. Serviranje od 11.30 do 1. pop.

8., 9. — Smučarski vi-kend v Ski Windham, N.Y. Informacije: Ivan Kamin (212) 983-3830, Karl Klesin (216) 361-4337.

M A R E C

9. — Slov. šola pri sv. Vidu postreže s kosirom v farnem avditoriju. Serviranje med 11. dop. in 1.30 pop.

16. — Federacija Slov. narodnih domov priredi letni banket v SND na St. Clairju.

A P R I L

5. — Tabor DSPB priredi spomladanski družabni večer z večerjo in plesom v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

12. — Pevski zbor Jadran ima spomladanski koncert v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Igra Fred Zichich orkester.

13. — Kr. št. 2 SNPJ ima Super Button Box Bash 16 v SDD na Recherjevi ulici, od 1. do 5. pop.

15. — Izredno: Koncert svetovno znane pianistke Dubravke Tomšič v dvorani Severance Hall v Clevelandu.

19. — Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu priredi Materinsko proslavo v farni dvorani. Pričetek ob 6.30 zv.

19. — Primorski klub prireja »Primorski večer« z večerjo in plesom v SND na St. Clair Ave.

26. — Pevski zbor Zarja ima koncert z večerjo in plesom v SDD na Recher Ave.

27. — Klub upokojencev St. Clair Ave. ima večerjo v SND na St. Clair Ave.

J U N I J

14. in 15. — Tabor DSPB ima spominsko proslavo pri Spominski kapelici na Slovenski pristavi. Dne 14.6 zv. molitev pri kapelici in prižiganje kresa. Dne 15.6 sv. maša ob 11. dop.

J U L I J

13. — Misijonska Znamkarška akcija priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Ob 12. uri opoldan sv. maša.

27. — Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu prireja piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

P O V A B I L O iz Toronto

Društvo Slovenski Dom prireja slavnostni banket ob praznovanju 33-letnice uspešnega delovanja za slovensko skupnost v Torontu. Banket bo v soboto, 15. februarja 1997, ob 7. uri zvečer v cerkveni dvorani Marije Pomagaj na 611 Manning Avenue, Toronto.

Odbor društva Slovenski Dom prisrčno vabi tudi ameriške Slovence, da se udeležijo tega banketa in skupaj s kanadskimi Slovenci proslavijo to obletnico Slovenskega Doma v Torontu. Vstopnice za banket so \$25 po osebi in rezervacije so zaželjene. Če kdo želi pomoč pri rezervaciji hotela, informacije kako priti do župnije Marije Pomagaj, kje parkirat itd. se, prosim, obrnite na g. Karen Oskarja, 14 Oakmount Cresc., Concord, Ontario, Canada L4K.

NOVEMBER

16. — Kr. št. 2 SNPJ ima jesenski koncert v SDD na Recherjevi ulici v Euclidu.

22. — Pevski zbor Jadran ima jesenski koncert v SDD na Waterloo Rd. Igra Tony Fortune orkester.

NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

bodo v petek pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Frank Doles

Dne 1. decembra je v Slovenskem domu za ostarele umrl Frank Doles, rojen v Dunlo, Pa., mož Anne, roj. Luzar, oče Kennetha in Jamesa, 6-krat stari oče, brat Henryja, Josepha, Ann Paulich in Cecilia Leskovec, zapošlen pri Clevite (1951-1969) in Towmotor (1969-1979), član Katoliških borštnarjev št. 1640, DNIJ in Marijine Legije pri fari Marije Vnebovzete. Pogreb bo v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda danes zv. ob 8.45, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete, kjer bo pogrebno mašo daroval škof Edward Pevec ob 9.30 in od tam na Vernih duš pokopališče.

Mary Evanish

Dne 29. novembra je v Lorainu umrla 107 let stara Mary Evanish, v Lorainu živeča od l. 1910, vdova po l. 1969 umrelom možu Josephu, mati Gilberta in Edwarda, 7-krat stara mati, 15-krat prastara mati, članica KSKJ, SNPJ, SŽZ in HBZ. Pogreb bo bil 3. decembra s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Cirila in Metoda v Lorainu.

Ann G. Perovich

Dne 30. novembra je v Slovenskem domu za ostarele umrla 92 let stara Ann G. Perovich, rojena Grčić na Hrvaskem, vdova po Josephu, mati Ann Modic in Margaret Faulk, 7-krat stara mati, 7-krat prastara mati, članica HBZ. Pogreb je bil 3. decembra v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Our Lady of Perpetual Help in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Darovi v pokojničin spojni Slovenskemu domu za ostarele bodo s hvaležnostjo sprejeti.

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1160. Božična voščila vsem slovenskim misijonjem

narjem, v posebnem pismu, pripravljenim na Zahvalni dan, s čekom MZA vsakemu v določeni letni vsoti, smo začeli razpošiljati 28. novembra.

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Rev. Andreju Majcenu SDB

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