

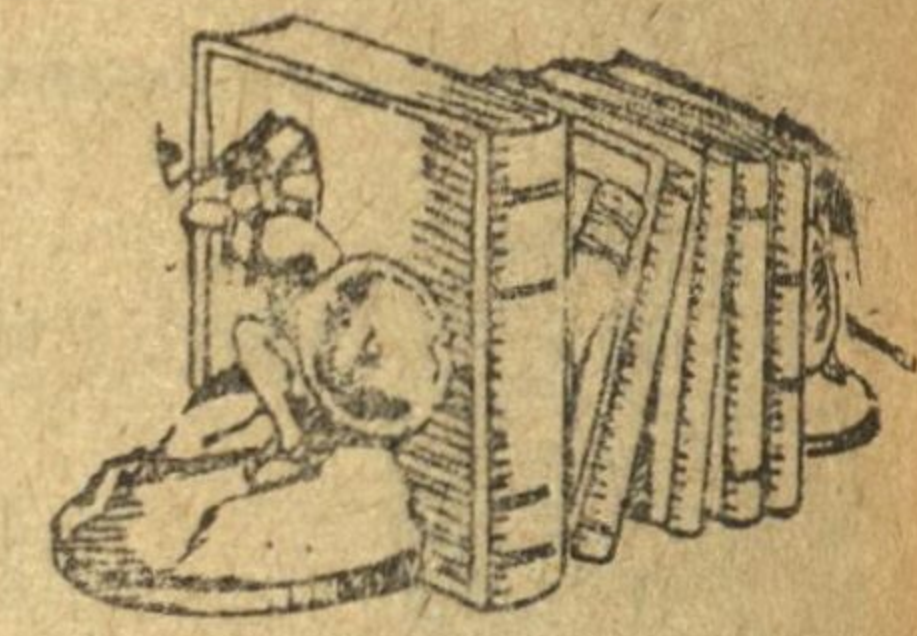


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What Have You Done? What Are You Going To Do?



Recently I happened across a bulletin issued by another organization which contained a letter, submitted by one of its lodges, in which a number of questions were addressed to its members. The importance of these questions is so obviously applicable to many of our lodges that I have taken some of them, added four or five of my own, and now address them to you. Here they are...

What have you done during the past nine months that has been of any benefit to your Lodge or to the Society? How many times have you been absent from meetings when you could have been present if you had made an effort? When you attend a meeting, do you pay attention to what is being discussed—do you make an effort to express your views? Do you accept appointments to committees, willingly; do you volunteer to help in the sale of tickets for social affairs, or are you one who is always ready with an excuse of refusal? Are you one who pays his assessments on time, or do you have the habit of waiting until the Secretary notifies you three or four times, and finally must come to your home to collect it? Have you spoken to any friend about the advantages of membership and sought his application? Have you visited a sick brother or spoken a kind word to cheer one in his affliction? What would become of your Lodge if every member had done exactly as you have done? Are you going to continue in the same old way, or are you going to start something? Is it right for some one else to do all the work and for you to expect an equal share of the benefits? Have you tried to be a partner with the rest of the members in running your Lodge? If each member would address these questions to himself and give honest answers, the chances are that a great many would recognize their negligence and, what is more important, would determine to "start something" in the way of a more active participation in Lodge affairs.

Men Walking In A Dream

Decades hence, men and women in the United States will look back with a curious poignant remembrance on the days through which they are now passing. Probably everyone has wondered what it would be like to live through the end of the world; yet now that we are coming so close to doing exactly that, most people seem hardly conscious of the indescribable significance and seriousness of these days. We read in the newspapers of seventy-one successive air raids on London within a space of a few weeks, and three minutes later we casually go on about our business. Historic names appear in the headlines—Buckingham Palace bombed, windows of Westminster Cathedral broken, St. Paul's threatened—and we glance at them and continue to make our trivial daily decisions: What suit shall I wear? Shall I drive to the office or take the street car? What about renewing the lease on my house?

Cleveland's Neglect

By Anthony J. Klancar (Editor's note. The following article is reprinted from the April issue of the American Slav Magazine). In the summer of 1933 Western Reserve University offered for the first time instruction in Slavonic languages. Classes were held in Czech, Slovak and Slovene. Several years later a Slovene was approached by Cleveland College to give a course in his native language, but nothing came of it. Since then various Slavonic groups in Cleveland have organized courses in their respective languages, but Cleveland's School of Slavonic Studies still remains a project for the future.

Considering the large number of Clevelanders of Slavonic origin, one often wonders why such institutions of learning as Western Reserve University or John Carroll University do not give this matter some serious thought. There are hundreds of students of Slavonic parentage in their schools, who would like to learn something of the cultural background of their parents, but are not given the chance because of some unknown aversion to Slavonic studies on the part of the powers that be. According to available sources there are some 200,000 Slavs in Cleveland alone. In Ohio the number exceeds 500,000. One would think that on the strength of these numbers the universities of Cleveland would jump at the opportunity of increasing their enrollment by welcoming students who would like to major in Slavistics.

Some 15 universities in the United States have already had great success in offering courses in Slavonic languages and literatures, according to a report by Prof. Arthur P. Coleman, published in the Slavonic Review last year. Among these, such as Columbia, Harvard, and California, are located in states having a large Slavonic population. Their Slavonic Departments serve as an example for our Cleveland institutions. While the curriculum of the School of Slavonic Studies of the University of London is considered the best of its kind. When we consider the caliber of such American Slavonists as Arthur P. Coleman, Ernest J. Simmons, Alexander Kauh, and Clarence A. Manning, we realize the possibilities of making Cleveland a center of Slavonic studies, a place to which it should rightly aspire because of its heterogeneous Slavonic composition.

There seems to be the impression in Cleveland's educational circles that the younger generation of Slavs is not interested in the culture of its parents and that the rest of the "non-Slav" elements are even less interested in Central and Southeastern European matters. What a misconception! One need only point to the recent growth of interest in Slavonic studies in the various nationality groups who conduct courses in their languages and literature, such as Slovak, Polish, Czech, Croatian, Slovenian, and Russian. The great success of Prof. Joseph Remenyi's lectures at Cleveland College and elsewhere, many of which deal with Slavonic literature, indicates a general interest in this direction even among the Amer-

MOVIES AT CHICAGO UNITED LODGES MEETING SUNDAY

A meeting of the United Lodges of SSPZ of Chicago will be held at Paul Berger's Hall Sunday afternoon, SEPTEMBER 29th. All Lodge representatives and Vrtec Administrators are urged to be present. After the meeting, movies of the SSPZ DAY affair held last June will be shown—also, movies of the WISCONSIN DELLS, BADLANDS of South Dakota, BLACK HILLS, and the YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. Members are reminded that meetings of the United Lodges are open to any member of the SSPZ. — The invitation to see the latest movies after the meeting is extended to members as friends.

Cleveland SSPZ Bowling League

The Utopian Hawks by taking all three games from the Utopian Rams went into a tie for first place with the Utopian Falcons. T. Vrh had a 523 series and J. Kikol had a 504 series for the Hawks. For the Rams T. Gruden had a 552 series and C. Krivec a 550 series with a 200 game. The Utopian Falcons by beating the Spartan Buckeyes in all three games stayed in a tie with the Hawks. For the Falcons E. Marash had a 531 series with a 200 game, N. Spehar a 531 series and M. Lenassi a 501 series. S. Zagar had a 516 series for the Buckeyes. The Zdruzeni Bratje beat the Spartan Buddies in all three games. For the Zdruzeni Bratje F. Slejko had a 535 series, T. Debeljak had a 531 series, Joe Leskovec a 520 series with a 205 game and John Leskovec a 518 series. For the Buddies E. Centa had a 512 series. The Spartan Clippers beat the Utopian Eagles in two games. For the Clippers T. Bolka had a 555 series with a 200 game. For the Eagles B. Streeter had a 548 series with a 213 game and P. Manilla had a 504 series with a 200 game.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Includes Standings and Average Leaders.

Collinwood Chatter

By Valeria Artel COLLINWOOD-Cleveland, O. — Well, now that we've all recuperated from the All-American Dance which the Spartans sponsored last week (and, boy, did we have fun!) I've decided to let you in on the details of our Sweetest Day dance to be held on October 19 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road. We Utopian girls have decided that since it's Sweetest Day, we ought to let the girls off from working that night, so, if we can coerce a couple of gentlemen by the names of Frederick J. Basher and Edward Slejko into selling wieners for us, we shall certainly have something unique to offer our customers. Here's hoping they'll be good sports about it. Anyhow, no matter who sells the wieners, Lou Trebar and his orchestra will supply the music, we supply souvenirs at the door, and you supply a mere 35c for admission. Don't forget.

What is happening to the Outlookers' Corner? Last week it was conspicuous by its absence for about the third time this year. Come on kids; after all, it was you who were the first to have a regular page in the Vrtec section. How's about keeping it up?

College days have come around again, and among those who will enter the portals of higher education are Edward Slejko, noted Collinwood sax and clarinet player and ex-president of the Outlookers, at Western Reserve University, as is also Edward Slabe, handsome St. Clair-ite; Florence Durn at Ohio University; Edward Poljsak, talented Zarja pianist, at Case; and Marion Pastorich, young artist at Columbus Art School. Who said we young Slovenes aren't ambitious?

Careless Walking

Careless walking is responsible for most of the fatal and serious traffic accidents in Cleveland. To save yourself from the misery and suffering caused by accidents the Police Department asks that everyone consider these questions before they step from the curb to cross the street. Is there enough time to cross? Can the approaching car stop in time? Remember that a mistake can easily be fatal!

Teacher — What are some of the uses of wool? Boy — ??? Teacher — Now listen; what are your clothes made of? Boy — Dad's ol duns, ma'am.

SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 — 2:00 p.m.

Alleys 1-2: Utopian Rams vs Utopian Falcons. Alleys 3-4: Utopian Hawks vs Spartan Buckeyes. Alleys 5-6: Zdruzeni Bratje vs Spartan Clippers. Alleys 7-8: Utopian Eagles vs Spartan Buddies. Notice, there will be a special meeting before bowling at 1:30 p.m. on the subject of bowling shirts. All captains be sure to be present.

BRO. DRASLER THINKS YOUTH IS MISINFORMED

CHICAGO, Ill. — At this stage of merger proceedings no lodge or individual should contend himself with doubt as to what is transpiring in regards to the merger. "To merge or not to merge" not only "seems to be the question" in our society at present, but very definitely it is the question. And, likewise, it definitely is possible. In fact, we are closer to it today than ever before, and there remains only one last monkey-wrench to be removed out of the wheels of the merger machinery. That last obstacle not unsurmountable, is the deliberate and determined opposition of the SSPZ supreme officials who have opposed the move from the very beginning, only occasionally, in a face-saving maneuver half-heartedly voicing a good word for the merger idea.

They have been reproached and reprimanded repeatedly for their insincerity by individuals, lodges and even federations of the SSPZ, and officials of both organizations with whom merging is being considered—SNPJ and JSKJ—have openly accused them of hypocrisy and insincerity. The accusations remain unanswered.

The merger agreement as drawn up by the SSPZ and presented to the SNPJ and JSKJ has been rejected outright by the JSKJ meeting in convention in Waukegan, Ill., after almost a full day of debate. At the SNPJ it has been tabled for further negotiation on a few points of disagreement.

We can now know where we stand.

Wholehearted co-operation on the part of the SSPZ officials and the merger committees of SNPJ and SSPZ should make it a comparatively simple matter to complete the last leg of the journey down the road to merging with the only organization the SSPZ membership has shown itself willing to combine with.

A typical example of how some members are deliberately misleading and confusing their fellow-lodge members in an attempt to sidetrack the main issue is apparent in the article signed by the Hoosier Pals lodge of Indianapolis, Ind., (published last week), purporting to make public their position but in reality completely missing the core of the issue involved. They evidently devoted an entire meeting to wrangling over personalities, while the merger agreement mentioned above, and the points on which the SNPJ requests further negotiation, went completely by the boards.

Members of the Hoosier Pals lodge seem to be quite roiled over the "načelna izjava" or principles covering religion and politics in the organizations involved, a condition quite common among young lodges today who are unaware of and unacquainted with the importance contained in such principles. They completely overlook the important fact that many of their parents regard these principles as all-important. In this respect youth certainly owes respect and a debt of gratitude to its elders. Our parents believed that a fraternal organization, in addition to protecting them in times of sickness and providing for them in death, should always defend the cause

of organized labor and its struggle to better living conditions through political and industrial organization.

Any youth who considers it wrong for his lodge to help organized labor, or support the labor press, or labor martyrs, or cultural and educational organizations among Slovenes, is the victim of a sadly misinformed and miseducated intellect. Any member begrudging another fraternal organization built on principles pledged to supporting the cause of the workingman likewise dwells under a grave misconception, for an organization with such principles is certainly greatly preferable to one which is a free-for-all haven for politicians seeking influence with which to further their political ambitions.

Let's face the facts squarely. Isn't merger with the SNPJ to be preferred by virtue of the fact that it is the largest and most influential fraternal organization among Slovenes? And this has been accomplished on the principles and ideals it has been founded and built.

Any one who has followed the Slovene section of Napredek since the SSPZ convention and even before then, knows that a large number of active SSPZ lodges and individuals, who view the issue with more than objective interest, have expressed themselves in favor of merging with the SNPJ, whereas, only one lodge has favored the JSKJ. This, I think, is a fair and accurate barometer by which to judge sentiment among the SSPZ membership.

If lodge after lodge of the senior members favor joining with the SNPJ, let not we of the younger generation show worse judgment by taking a reactionary stand against the principles of that organization.

Unquestionably it is the best organization with which to merge. Many SSPZ members hold membership in it. Many feel that it is the closest organization to us. Closest in the sense that its principles and functions are very similar, in fact, so much so that an overwhelming majority of our members consider it impracticable to shoulder overhead expense of two organizations when it would be much more practical and advantageous to combine into one powerful group. For that reason the merger idea was born. It has in its favor advantages too numerous to enumerate here. It is a wise move and a sensible one. It must not be dropped by the wayside again.

The next move of the SSPZ merger committee should be a meeting with the SNPJ committee to iron out the few remaining items of difference.

It is to be desired that negotiation continue until a satisfactory agreement is reached. No obstacle must be allowed to negate the good work already accomplished. It may not be wise to curb the sentiment so strongly and intently expressed in favor of merging.

Joseph Drasler

Bargain

Irate Coed: "Hey, why are you following me? Didn't you ever see any one like me before?" Frosh: "Yeah, but I had to pay a quarter."