

Zadeva gospodarskega odseka

V Prosveti z dne 27. septembra je bil priobčen dopis brata Alesha, v katerem kritizira načrt poslovanja gospodarskega odseka kot je bil predložen po odločitvi odbora in potrjen na zadnji seji glavnega odbora. V tem dopisu opozarja članstvo na glavni odbor na hibe, ki jih je predložil načrt. Ker se ta sistem poslovanja sestavlja iz več delov, kateri so v njegovem mišljenju nepravilno predloženi načrt. Ker se ta sistem poslovanja sestavlja iz več delov, kateri so v njegovem mišljenju nepravilno predloženi načrt. Ker se ta sistem poslovanja sestavlja iz več delov, kateri so v njegovem mišljenju nepravilno predloženi načrt.

Kdoroli je zasledoval poslovanje gospodarskega odseka v preteklih 8 let, temu je znano, da je poslovalo po načrtu, katerega je svoječasno predložil brat Alesha. Kaj je bil ta načrt? Po njegovem mišljenju je bil to jako nepravilno načrt edino zato, ker se je na podlagi tega načrta lahko kupilo poročila in dajalo izjave, koliko in koliko popusta smo dosegli in te popuste smo imenovali "glasovanje". Temu načrtu se je polagala tudi velika pozornost za odpravo komišnina, vendar ni nistem nikoli verjel in ne verjamem sedaj. Prevečkrat je bil meni ponuden, da celo popusti so mi ga, zato sem prepričan, da nobeden načrt ne bo odpravil komišnina, ako ga odborniki hočejo jemati. Edina gajncija v tem oziru je *postenost* članov gospodarskega odseka. Glejmo si torej ta načrt, na podlagi katerega je bilo kupljenih največ sedaj defaultiranih bondev.

Kadarkoli se je v glavnem uradniku nabrala vsota, katero je bilo potrebno investirati, je bil tajnik o tem obvestil predsednika gospodarskega odseka. Recimo, da je to bilo 10.000. Predsednik je dobil denar 11. v mesecu, pregledal poročila, katere je imel ali postal ter drugi ali tretji dan napisal "glasovanje". To se prvi, da je poslal ostalima članoma "priloge", v kateri je priporočal v nakup te ali one bonde ter obenem določil za prihodnje do 18. v mesecu, za glasovanje do 22., tvrdkam za popustje ponudb pa do 24. v mesecu. Ostala člana gospodarskega odseka sta po prejetju pisma od predsednika pregledala ponudbe (ako sta jih imela) in tudi odposlala svoje "priloge" članom gospodarskega odseka. Ko je bilo to izvršeno, se je začela zopet ista procedura s pošiljanjem "glasovnic". Ako je kateri bond dobil več glasov, se je obvestilo, da hočemo te in te bonde kupiti, kdo jih da ceneje. Nato se je pripetilo, da je ena druga tvrdka poslala malo popust. Tako popust je bil jako majhen, navadno 1/2 ali 1%. To je pri nakupu za 10.000 bondev od \$25 do \$50. Tako je bila cena bondev za glasovanje padla, je bil tak popust večji. Ako bi se le ta popust naglašal kot dobiček, bi bil posteno in pravilno, toda vseh popustov se je večkrat popust, katerega dobe vse članov, ki kupujejo bonde, nikoli meri kot mi, in to ne glede na načrt.

Če je razvidno, če je šlo za gladko, smo kupili bonde v enakem slučaju 15 dni popusta, ko je bil denar na razpolago. V slučaju petodstotnih bondev je jednota pri nakupu dobila \$25.000 ZGUBILA — \$50.000, ko se je pošiljalo "priloge". "glasovnice" in ta načrt.

Dalje brat Alesha izraža bojazn, da ne bomo priobčali seznama kupljenih bondev, boji se, da bomo začeli zakrivati stvari in da bomo dali nasprotnikom priložnost za razna sumničanja. — To samo na sebi se neosnovana sumničanja in po Aleshi logiki ga toraj moramo smatrati za našega nasprotnika. Članstvo je lahko opazilo, da je bil zapisnik seje gospodarskega odseka priobčen tri tedne po seji in ne 6 mesecev kot

se je poprej prakticiralo, in članstvo je lahko uverjeno, da bo polletni seznam kupljenih bondev objavljen kakor hitro poteče doba 6 mesecev.

Upam, da sem s tem članstvu pokazal hibe, katere je sedanjí gospodarski odsek odpravil iz svojega poslovanja, ne verjamem pa, da sem prepričal brata Alesha.

John Olip,
član gōsp. odseka SNPJ.

Hitlerska demoralizacija

Pred časom je imela nemška fašistična stranka svoj kongres v Nürnbergu. Na kongresu je tudi Hitler govoril o svojem programu. Hitler je dobil v Nemčiji vsa oblast z zakonom z dne 24. marca 1933. S tem zakonom je bil Hitler pooblaščen, da vlada po svoji mili volji, da sme izvajati svoj teror do skrajnosti. Hitlerjeva vlada izjavlja sicer, da se poboji in grozovite krivice gode nemškim državljanom proti volji vlade. Ali režim ne kaznuje zločincev. Režim tudi dovoljuje, da vpadajo fašisti celo v Švico, Avstrijo in Čehoslovasko. Vse to izvajajo fašisti. Vlada izdaja celo oklice, da je nedopustno, nadlegovati ali celo oškodovati sbebe itd. Zločini se pa vrše dalje, kakor bi oblast ne bila kos, da štiti svoje lastne ukrepe.

Na nürnbergskem kongresu je Hitler zopet povdaril svoje stališče s tem, da je rekel, da je treba pobijati sovražnike režima s terorjem, ker so vsa druga sredstva jalova. Iz tega sledi, da bo Hitler, dokler se mu ne upro njegove lastne množice, ki jih je temeljito prevaril s svojim "socialističnim programom" ter ga morda z nepričakovanim terorjem odstranijo.

Med najvažnejše dogodke spada vsakogar umor profesorja Lessinga na čehoslovaskih tleh. Lessing ni bil politik. Iskal je na Čehoslovaskem zavetja, ki ga mu je čehoslovaska republika dala in je s tem prevzela moralno odgovornost za njegovo varnost. Kljub temu ga je umoril gavrati nemški fašizem. Znani svetovnega slovesa, ki je užival azilno pravico, je postal žrtev po beneškega nemškega nacionalizma.

Vpadl v Avstrijo, Švico, umor na Čehoslovaskem, pohodi v Belgijo in na poljsko ozemlje; ali niso to čini, ki morajo zanimali mednarodno politiko, in sicer predvsem Društvo narodov. Poštena diplomacija mora poseči v to demoralizujočo politiko nemškega fašizma.

Toda obotavljajo se diplomati. Zakaj?

Mednarodni kapitalizem je vesel nemškega fašizma. Zakaj kljub mirovnim pogodbam; kljub barbarizmu, ki ogroža civilizacijo, mednarodni kapitalizem hoče pripustiti nikakršnih ukrepov proti nemškemu divjaštvu. Vsaj nam je znano, da so angleški židji hoteli proglašiti bojkot proti Nemčiji, toda židovski velekapitalisti so bojkot odklonili in konec je bilo gospodarskega bojkota proti Nemčiji. Bojkot se izvaja le toliko, kolikor ga izvaja delavstvo in konzumenti, ki iz gnjeva do nemškega fašizma odklanjajo blago. Bolj ugaja kapitalizmu, če se že Nemci obotavljajo in prehajajo v imperialistično politiko, poživitev vojne industrije, ki donša kapitalistom velike dobičke, državam in državljanom pa polom in socialno bedo.

Tako dela nemški fašizem na roko domačim kapitalistom in tujim ter demoralizira vse velike probleme o miru, sporazumu med narodi in še najbolj za vprašanje socialnega položaja delavstva. — Del. Pol.

Eksekutiva prezira Toma Mooneyja

Washington. — Ker je eksekutiva ADF popolnoma prezira Toma Mooneyja v svojem poročilu, je predlagal resolucijo za njegovo takojšnjo pomilostitev Paul Scharrenberg od Californijske delavske federacije.

Trideset let društva Slavije, št. 1 SNPJ

Frank Zaitz

Nato so sledile volitve uradnikov, veljavni do glavnega zborovanja. Sklenjeno, da se kandidati nominirajo ustmeno. Za predsednika predlagani Frank Medica, Martin Konda, Joseph Versčaj in Frank Klobočar. Kandidaturi sta se odpravila F. Medica in M. Konda. Frank Klobočar je bil izvoljen s 17 proti 11 glasovom za predsednika, Jos. Versčaj je bil izvoljen za podpredsednika, Anton Mladič za zapisničarja in Frank Bahovec za blagajnika.

V gospodarski odsek so bili izvoljeni: Frank Medica, Frank Čeh in John Petek. V korist društva je sklenjeno, da naj vsak član agitira kolikor mogoče, da bo to mlado društvo prišlo čimprej do svojega cilja.

Po zadnji seji so pristopili in plačali slednji: John Rungar, Frank Zohar, John Zenko, Jos. Jesih, Math Klemenc, John Košček, Mohor Mladič, Matija Erklavc in Anton Maren. Vsaki je plačal 25c, skupaj \$2.50. Dohodki prejane seje \$7.50; dohodki prve seje \$2.00. Skupaj \$12.00.

Stroški za dopisnice in za knjigo zapisničarja Antona Mladiča, \$2.07. Pokrovitelj (blagajnik) ima gotovine \$9.93.

Anton Mladič, zapisnikar. Frank Klobočar, predsednik.

Prva knjiga ter prve dopisnice, ki pomenjajo uvod v SNPJ, so torej stale \$2.07, in prva blagajna celih \$9.93 gotovine.

V prejšnjem članku sem omenil, da je pristopilo v Slavijo in plačalo članarino po 25c na prvi seji dne 23. sept. 1903 osem članov. Zapisnik z dne 4. oktobra pravi, da so znašali dohodki "prejšnje seje \$7.50", in prve seje pa omenjena dva dolarja. Tega drugega zapisnika z imeni članov, ki so plačali \$7.50, ni v knjigi. Na podlagi teh števil je imelo društvo Slavija 4. oktobra 1903 že 48 članov.

Predlog Medice za združitve s Hrvati med članstvom Slavija na seji 4. oktobra ni dobil prav nič odziva. V tistih letih je bilo ustanovljenih precej slovenskih društev, ki so pristopila k Narodni Hrvataki Zajednici.

Odzivi iz nasebin za novo jednoto

Napredni rojaki v Chicagu niso bili edini, ki so želeli ustanovitve bratske podporne organizacije na takozvani narodno-svobodomislenski podlagi. Nadjalni zapisnik društva Slavije se glasi:

Tretja seja 1. novembra 1903

Brat Medica je poročal o dopisih, v katerih se društva po Ameriki oglašajo z voljo za pristop k Slovenski narodni jednoti. Brat Petrič je prečital zapisnik novoustanovljenega društva Triglav, La Salle, Ill., ki šteje 24 udov. Pišejo, da se v kratkem povzdigne še do večjega števila. Br. Anton Mladič predlaga, naj bi se bolj agitralo v Glasu Svobode. Brat Frank Medica potrdi to željo in pravi, da bo v bodoče vedno na prvi strani pisano v prid društva Slavija in za napredek Slovenske narodne jednote.

Predlagano je bilo, da bi gospodarski odsek se začel pripravljati za delo s pravili za Narodno jednoto, katere naj bi delegati raznih društev na glavnem zborovanju potrdili, ali pa z dodatki v raznih člankih sprejeli.

B. Jos. Versčaj predlaga, da bi se gospodarskemu odseku dodalo dva nova člana, ki naj bi pomagala sestavljati nova pravila. Nato sta bila od br. predsednika imenovana v ta odsek br. brata Jos. Versčaj in John Petek. V celotnem odseku so: John Petek, Jos. Versčaj, Frank Čeh, Frank Medica in Frank Petrič. Poslednji je imenovan za tajnika gospodarskega odseka. Nato je bila seja zaključena. Dohodki so napredovali za \$9.25. Stroški Franka Medice \$12.31.

Anton Mladič, zapisnikar.

Ta gospodarski odsek, čigar naloga je bila sestaviti pravila za novo jednoto, katero so šele ustanovljali, je imel zelo težko nalogo. Pred seboj je imel pravila dveh obstoječih slovenskih jednot, katere je zavrgel, češ, da mora nova jednota dobiti nekaj novega in boljega. Črpal so, kolikor so mogli, iz pravil češke organizacije, h kateri se je že pred

letih pridružila "Slovenija". V splošnem pa so člani imeli zelo različne predloge in ideje. Konfuzija v odboru je bila velika in delo s pravili je šlo počasi naprej. (Dalje prihodnji.)

DRUŠTVENE VESTI

Naznanilo

Eveleth, Minn. — Naznanjam članom društva št. 130, ki niso bile na seji dne 8. okt., da je društvo sklenilo na tej seji, da bomo pridredili nekoliko zabave okoli ples dne 19. okt. zvečer v mestnem auditoriju v korist društvene blagajne. Vstopnina je 25c za moške in 10c za ženske. Članice društva so proste vstopnine, zato pridite vse in s seboj pripeljite svoje mote, prijatelje in prijateljice, da bo udeležba čim večja. Saj društvene seje so bolj slabo obiskane, pa tedaj pridite vse na to zabavo, da se bomo enkrat skupaj zabavale in to brezplačno. Vsaka naj se potruži, da bo pripeljala s seboj, kakor sem že omenila, mota, prijateljca ali prijateljico, ker to bo vsem v korist.

Johana Zadnikar, tajnica.

Seja društva št. 130 dne 15. okt.

Cleveland, O. — Ker v mojem pismu na sejo predli teden ni bila navedena prava društvena številka, naj prizadeti vzamejo na znanje, da je dotična vest bila namenjena za članstvo društva 139, ne za društvo št. 477. Prosim, da to upoštevate in pridete na sejo dne 16. okt. ob 10. dop. Tajnik.

Vabilo na veselico

Washington, Pa. — Društvo 621 priredi ples in zabavo v soboto, 14. oktobra v Millerjevi dvorani, Jefferson in Woodland. Vstopnina 25c za moške in 10c za ženske. Ker je to prva veselica v tem letu, vabimo vsa sosedna društva, kakor tudi vse posamezne rojake in rojakinje iz oklice, da se udeležite v obilnem številu. Godba bo prvovrstna in za dobro postrežbo bo v vseh obeh skrbel odbor.

S. Krizay, tajnik.

Čikaški župan povedal dovolj

Washington. — Zakaj čikaška policija pretopa stavkarje, je povedano v pismu, ki ga je poslal John Fitzpatrick, predsednik Čikaške delavske federacije, predsedniku Leather Workers' unioni Bryanu. Vzrok je podkupnina, katero policija prejema od tovarnarjev.

Fitzpatrick pravi v pismu, da je šel do župana Kellyja in protestiral proti policijski brutalnosti, odnosno proti aretaciji stavkarjev pri Dresner & Sons Co. Kelly je rekel Fitzpatricku, da je s policijo težko, ker je za \$50 ali \$100 pripravljena razbiti stavko. Objubil pa je premestitev policijskih poročnikov v prizadetih krajih.

Hitlerjev poslanik je molčal

Philadelphia, Pa. — Nemški poslanik dr. Luther, ki je bil v nedeljo povabljen k tukajšnji proslavi stoletnice naseljevanja Nemcev v Germantownu, je svoj slavnostni govor sprevlil v žep in molčal. Edine njegove besede so bile: "Živela Nemčija, živela Amerika". Vzrok je bil, ker pri slavnosti ni bilo novega nemškega bandera s svastiko. Nemški diplomatje v inozemstvu imajo menda zapoved od Hitlerja, da ne smejo nikjer govoriti, kjer bo manjkalo zastave s svastiko.

Nova iznajdba odkrila "slepco stran" zarenja

Ithaca, N. Y. — Nova iznajdba v obliki aluminijevega zrcala je odprla znanosti novo prizmo barv ali takozvano "slepco stran" svetlobe. Ta stran so ultravijolični žarki, ki so bili do sedaj nevidni za človeško oko. Astronomi in fiziki na Cornellovi zvezdarni so te dni naznanili, da so s pomočjo aluminijevega zrcala odkrili "plavo mavrico" ali nov trak barv, ki se je prvič odčitnil na fotografski plošči, ko izpostavili žarkom ene izmed visoko ploščo izpostavili žarkom ene izmed vijanskih zvezd.

TRPITE LI VSLED RAN NA NOGAH?

Ko vam nič več ne pomaga trdaj paroketo Dr. Chedronov Domačo Zdravilo, ne vaše ranjane noge. Pozor! Konec in izka pomazanje konic k ponovnemu zdravljenju.

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TRIGLAVSKE STRMINE

Prvi slovenski film iz stare domovine

MIŠKA Ljubezenska zgodba iz slovenskih planin z nepozabno krasnimi prizori, se bodo predstavljali: v SLOVENIA DVORANI v JOLIETS, Ill., v nedeljo, dne 15. okt. 1933. Vstopnina za odrasle 35c, za otroke 15c. Začetek ob 7:30 popoldne in ob 7:30 zvečer. Med in po predstavi bo ples in nastopi pevski zbor.

v HRVATSKEM DOMU v SO. CHICAGO, ILL., dne 22. okt. ob 7:30 zvečer. Vstopnina kot zgoraj. Po predstavi bo ples s glasbo iz Škofje Loke, Kranja, Ljubljane, Novega Mesta; Vrhnika in Cankarjev spomenik, narodne noše, ljubljanski nebotičnik, največji v Evropi, ne le v Jugoslaviji. Amerikanci v Ljubljani.

The Society shall insure to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical and political creeds.
Declaration of Principles, SNPJ By-laws.

Those who would give essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.
Wm. Franklin, M.A. Editorial Review.

Our Lodge Activities

Paraphrasing our statement of a few weeks ago, we wish to repeat again that there is no more opportune time for various lodge functions than is the autumn season. And many of our local lodges seem to be well aware of this fact, some more and others less, according to and depending on their local conditions.

This year's activities among our lodges are more numerous than they were in the past few seasons. Most of the wide-awake local lodges are taking the season's opportunity by sponsoring their week-end functions. Some are observing their anniversaries, while others are staging their annual programs, and many of them are holding post-meeting entertainments. When there is no conflict in dates in their territory our young and spirited members enjoy visiting their neighbor lodge affairs and thereby promote their local lodge interest which helps to cement the way for a real fraternal progress.

Lodge activities are a good indication of lodge life. Social and cultural activities sponsored by our lodges serve remarkably as a means of making new contacts with other members and non-members. In this manner new prospects are being met and potential members are being attracted. Young people eligible for membership can be approached and talked into our lodges at such gatherings. Our lodge officers and leaders should cultivate a friendly spirit among themselves and should take every chance to bring in new members; they should exploit every opportunity to campaign for new members.

Lodge functions of whatever form permitted by our organization should always be planned in advance. Only then will they spell success. While youth perennially is accused of frivolity, indulgence in care-free entertainment is healthy, but our local lodges cannot afford to overlook the importance that lies in cultivating a true labor spirit at their gatherings where serious type of activities are taking place. Conflicts of dates should be avoided in every urban community. In rural communities, as for instance in Pennsylvania, the same rule should be observed. By cooperating in this manner all lodges concerned will profit materially and otherwise.

Child Labor and the NRA

In spite of the extremely severe times prevalent in this country for the past four years when millions of workers are idle and without any subsistence, child-labor is extensively exploited by manufacturers in all lines of industry, especially in the east and south. The recovery act, it is true, curtailed some of these evil practices, but that is merely an emergency act of temporary duration. And even under the NRA provisions child-labor is still exploited in some industrial centers.

The profit system is unscrupulous. Profit at any price of human rights. Human lives are not considered. All this is in perfect accordance with the present system. While millions of workers are roaming the streets and the country, children are forced to work at long hours and low wages. Now is the time for our citizenry to start reading again E. B. Browning's "Cry of the Children," that touching poem written to plead for the unhappy child workers in the mills in the middle of the past century in England when the conditions of industrial workers there were as bad as they still are in many parts of America:

Do you hear the children weeping, O my brothers,

Ere the sorrows comes with years?

The young lambs are bleating in the meadows:

The young birds are chirping in the nest;

The young fawns are playing with the shadows;

The young flowers are blowing toward the west—

But the young, young children, O my brothers,

They are weeping bitterly!

They are weeping in the playtime of the others,

In the country of the free.

Before the state legislatures, at present, there is an amendment which aims to prohibit child-labor in industries. Its progress is slow, very slow. Most of the states are reluctant in ratifying it. On the other hand, the 18th amendment is being speedily dispatched into oblivion which it deserves. But we think that the amendment which will prohibit child-labor deserves much greater attention of every citizen and their representatives in state legislatures. Help speed its ratification.

A large majority of Wall Street brokers are reported as voting to move the stock exchange to New Jersey. If the move was eastward to the Atlantic we would like to vote for a big shift.

Milwaukee News

Milwaukee, Wis.—Each one of you who had in any way contributed to the success of the Badgers' Harvest Festival—we salute you! You have proven to the Badgers that you are not a dead race, but a group of people who are more than willing to do their part to bring back happiness to the Badgers.

I shall not attempt to describe this wonderful affair in my own words for I am so enthused over its success that I may allow this enthusiasm to play too great a part in its description. Therefore I shall let an impartial observer give his own opinion of the Festival.

Quote: "Massive and congenial crowd marked the Badgers' first dance of the season, at the South Side Turner Hall. Caravella's Orchestra filled the air with modern and peppy dance numbers. Hall decorations consisted of cornstalks, pumpkins and everything to lend a true harvest seasonal air."

"Other out-of-town organizations represented at the 'dances' were: Stalwarts of Kenosha, Moderns of Sheboygan, Little Forts of Waukegan and Jolly Allis of West Allis." End of quote.

I might go on to describe in detail the program for the evening, but

space does not permit it. However, I feel confident that the reader has a fairly good idea of the magnitude of the success which was attained at the Badgers' first celebration of the season. In conclusion I offer my heartiest congratulations to the committee who conceived the marvelous ideas for its success, and to all those who helped to make this day one which will live in our memories for years and years to come.

A Gentle Reminder

The Badgers' meeting is due Friday the 13th! Does that scare you? The good news, plus the good eats and jolly entertainment after the meeting will dispel all your fears. Let's chalk up a 100% attendance at this very important meeting.

Odds and Ends

How about the Badgers invading the City of West Allis Saturday night, October 14, and help the Jolly Allis celebrate their 4th anniversary. One good turn deserves another.

The basketball season is around the corner. The Badger boys have started practicing for the first time last Tuesday night. Here's wishing you luck.

Molly Pogorek, Publicity Committee, Badgers 584.

Little Fort News

Waukegan-No. Chicago.—The plans for the Halloween Dance to be held on Saturday, October 28, at the Slovene National Home, sound better and better every time I talk to the committee. The more I hear about the dance, the more certain I am that if you come, you're going to put this dance down in your "Book of Memories" as one of the best times in your life, but on the other hand, if you don't come I'm just as sure you're going to regret it for a long time to come. You know, "Ace" Nagode and His Rhythm Kings are going to furnish the music and you also know that you just can't keep your feet still when Jackie starts that accordion rollin'.

This year's decorations are going to be the best of any of the other years. Besides all the streamers, skeletons, spoons, pumpkins, corn stalks, and what have you, there are going to be balloons and confetti given to every one attending. Another free feature is the FREE checking with your admission ticket. And the admission price is very reasonable, so come on all you members, let's see how many tickets you can sell. Any one who wants a ticket can get it from any Little Fort member, and if you haven't it yet, you better hurry, because they're going like hot cakes.

According to SNPJ members in Springfield there's a number of them coming out to the dance, and Gus Turk of the Stalwarts assures us of a number from Kenosha. Now let's see some Integrities and Pioneers out here for this gala occasion. Don't forget, Saturday, October 28, at the Slovene National Home.

Another date that you shouldn't forget is October 19. That's the day of the Little Fort monthly meeting. Now don't say, "Oh that's a long way off yet," because it isn't. It's next Thursday. One of the features of this meeting is the social to be held after the meeting. The refreshments are going to be served in regular Halloween style. I'm not going to tell you what they're going to be until you get there. One thing you can be sure of and that is, if they're something that we haven't had at any other social and you can bet your boots they're going to be good, too. Another feature of the social is that there is going to be dancing after refreshments are served. Now, don't you think that's enough of an inducement for you to attend the meeting? Don't forget next Thursday, October 19, at 7:30 sharp.

Personals

Congratulations to Sis. Josephine Novak. She and Richard Shiffler are going to march to the altar Saturday, October 21. In behalf of the members I wish you both a lifetime

Coming Events

Oct. 14—Jolly Allis Lodge 686 celebrates Fourth Anniversary at Labor Hall, So. 64th and W. National ave., West Allis, Wis.

Oct. 21—Buckeyes Lodge 626 stages Fall Dance at Barbours, Ohio.

Oct. 22—Mohawks Lodge 873 presents three-act play, "Closed Lips," at Slovens Dom, La Salle, Ill.

Oct. 23—Lodge Excelsiors 781 gathers at annual dance at West Allis, Pa.

Oct. 28—Strugglers Lodge 814 holds Halloween Mask Dance at Slovens Workers' Home, Cleveland, O.

Oct. 28—Little Fort Lodge 558 holds Halloween Dance at Slovens Home, Waukegan, Ill.

Oct. 28—Pioneers of Strabane, Pa., hold Fall Dance at SNPJ Hall.

of happiness. Since "Ham" Mesec returned from New York he claims he is somewhat disappointed in the gang. What's the reason?

It has been rumored that "Swede" Hodnik intends to leave the Bachelor Club. How about confirming the rumor?

Haven't had any news on Frank Kovach for some time, but here's a bit. It seems he fell for a blonde.

I noticed a couple of our young bachelors attending Hal Kemp with female escorts. Frank Pezdír was there with Alice Bagdon, and John Hodnik with Valeria Baron.

Depression must be over, Clark Gable's got a "new" car, and Sylvia Kira has a new job. Sylvia is connected with the Cooperative Trading Co. as clerk.

A surprise shower was held at the Kira residence in honor of Mrs. Bud Bennett, a recent bride. Games were played and refreshments were served. The guest of honor received many beautiful gifts. Mrs. Bennett was the former Polly Stritar.

A waffle contest was held at Albin Ogrin's home with "Tish" Mesec and Ann Pezdír sharing honors. Albin was kept busy baking the dozens and dozens of waffles that the contestants consumed. After a heated battle "Tish" was named the champ.

Did you know that "Shiek" Pezdír gets a postal card from Racine, Wis., every few days?

Beacons Highlights

Cleveland, O.—The Beacon last meeting, Oct. 4, was well attended, thereby making it possible for us to make our final decisions concerning our Fifth Anniversary. A program of variety will be presented in the afternoon with dancing following in the evening. All the Beacons are hard at work making every effort to make this the most successful affair in the Beacon history. Give us a hand by attending November 12. The admission for the complete affair will be only 40c and free checking. Reserve Nov. 12 for Beacons!

New Lodge

Bros. Lokar and Kosa are to be congratulated upon organizing a new lodge in Cleveland, the Commodores. The lodge was organized on the West Side with ten members, which is certainly a wonderful start. Bro. Zarnik also deserves honorable mention for the helping hand he gave this group in the organizing of the lodge.

To Beacons are ready to cooperate and give you any assistance we can. Our best wishes for the continued progress of the new SNPJ branch, the "COMMODORES!"

Buckeyes' Bits

By "Oh"

Herberton, Ohio.—First, the Buckeyes want to offer their heartiest wishes for the success of the newly organized lodge in Cleveland, Ohio, the "Commodores." May your number grow from ten to a great many more members. We also hope to meet some of you at our dance on Oct. 21 at the Domovina Hall, 14th st. All other lodges are invited.

More Dance News

At our last Friday's meeting we all had a nice time discussing the pros and cons of the dance. Every one there was very nice about their job assignments. We appreciate that spirit.

Snappy and waltz tunes will be played by "Taffy" Dutka and his "Original Nightingales." We'll have ham sandwiches, refreshments, etc.

A prize will be given to the Buckeye boy or girl who sells the most tickets. So come on, everyone, let's start now.

All members who are willing to help with decorations, please be at the hall on Friday, Oct. 30. You can bring pumpkins, if you can spare them. We'll have to have some to make the atmosphere one of good old harvest time.

Saint and Sinner

We were glad to see your article in last week's Prosveta after such a long absence and we're sorry to have missed your Dance and Rally nite. Glad to hear that both were successful. May we see you at our dance?

Noticed that except for our dance, Oct. 21 seems to be an open date, so we would like to see the Beacon Bachelorettes, Micky Dan, Golden Eagles of Girard, Zippers, etc., among those present.

Young Americans

YOUNG AMERICANS' AUTUMN FROLIC

Detroit, Mich.—The fall season has opened with great gusto, and foremost in the list of activities to fill the social calendar is the Young Americans' Autumn Frolic. It is to be held on Saturday, November 4, 1933. Everyone is eagerly anticipating this coming dance, which will be given at Detroit's Gay Spot, the Woodmen of the World Hall, Oakland Drive and Victor Boulevard.

Something entirely different in the way of rhythmical melodies is intended for this gala opening. We hope to see the Young Americans, Wolverines and all their friends in attendance. Several novelties are in store for those who come; and, of course, refreshments, beer, and sandwiches will be served in the lower part of the hall.

In the meantime the password is, "I'll see you there."

The Chaperone.

This 'n' That

It was a great surprise to hear of the dance being held by the New Era lodge last Saturday. With so many things on one night it was very hard for us to decide which one we should attend. We hope all the affairs were a success. Jack Prejza of Herminje, Pa., attended Comrades' Harvest Dance, and seemed to enjoy the evening. We know he had a good time while in Cleveland. The expression on his face told us that. Saint and Sinner, if we told you whether or not we are in the popularity contest, it would be too much like revealing ourselves. But we tell you that you haven't bought or sold any tickets from us. We are selling tickets, but not saying whether or not we are in the contest. What has happened to Strings', Preseren's and Prejza's write-ups? Have they gone on strike? Two Beacon boys are worrying about Ann and Frances Strimlan. A word from them would, we are sure, comfort their aches. Do you know why Sisters Bubnic and Mezec held their heads so high last week? Well, their names appeared in last week's Prosveta. Ahem! The Beacon Melody Pilots will make their second appearance in Gowanda, New York, the latter part of next month. Bro. Jarc is an inspiration to the REAL Bachelorettes, by trying to guess who we are. Some day he may succeed. Oh, who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

Two Beacon Bachelorettes.

FLOOD CITY NEWS

Johnstown, Pa.—The Flood City Lodge 712 at this time announces their Halloween Mask Dance on October 28 at the Slovene Hall. We wish to extend our usual welcome to all lodges and friends and promise you a good time.

All members are urged to attend the Moxham Slovene Dom dance Oct. 14, to help them out financially. They assure you a good time.

Josephine Bizjak, Sec'y.

Thomas Writes to Sinclair

An Open Letter

Dear Upton Sinclair:— Our conversation and my reading of the gall proofs of your forthcoming book convince me that you are still a Socialist at heart and in intention and that you believe that somehow or other you are furthering Socialism by the extraordinary course you have taken leaving the Party, enrolling as a Democrat, and seeing the gubernatorial nomination on the Democratic ticket in California. Doubtless your so-called plan for ending poverty in California is Socialist inspiration and makes use of some Socialist immediate demands.

I am skeptical of the plan. It is far too late in the day of an interdependent world and of the nation economics promoted by the New Deal for any state even California, to end poverty in blissful disregard of other states. Your plan requires you to set up within the framework of capitalism a separate economic system for the unemployed who under state authority will be settled on farms or put into factories. California will have separate scrip for the unemployed, use in exchanging these goods. This will be financed by a vast sale of bonds to the public. You hope to the competition of this co-operative, or partially co-operative scheme, aided by very heavy taxes upon capitalist industries, will bring about the triumph of your new order.

Probably I shall want to review your book in more detail when it is released. Now I can only say that if you can get the power to make this new system work for the unemployed, you can get the power to take over the general economic system which is a less wasteful plan and more likely to succeed. No successful economic revolution is going to be won on the basis of the re-employment of the unemployed, important as this is. It is to be won by capturing the commanding heights of modern industry and by connecting your program of unemployment with your general program. I foresee endless practical difficulties—psychological and economic—in the working of your scheme which you have not even touched your prophetic book.

But I should be willing and perhaps even happy to see you lead California in this type of experimentation if you still held aloft the banner of Socialism. For you to haul that down is a loss to us not to be compensated by any of the dubious gains of your program, even in the doubtful event of your being in position to attempt it. Words are symbols. You alone, or you with the help of a certain number of California voters, cannot make the word Democrat a symbol for Socialism. That word with its capital D is a symbol for the party which bitterly discriminates not only against Negroes but white workers the South; for the party of Tammany Hall in New York, and Hague in New Jersey. There are not enough in the dictionary for you to explain to the great masses of common folks who have looked to you for leadership the different sense in which you are a Democrat. Still less will you be able to explain your defection to the multitudes in Europe who have hailed you as prophet and spokesman of their hope. No matter if your book has a great circulation, it never catch up with the news that has already flooded round the earth that Upton Sinclair, the Socialist, turned Democrat at the very hour when the decades of capitalism and the hopeless inadequacy of capitalist parties was most manifest.

What you are now trying has on some scale been tried over and over. Impatient Socialists have we will capture the old parties. Have they ever succeeded? Do you really think you will be nominated for Governor? If you are not nominated will you turn to the Socialist Party, perhaps bringing some of your new Democratic adherents with you? You once more don sackcloth and ashes as you do after you had left us in the World War? If so, shall again welcome you back. But remember, a defection will weaken your influence. It will further confuse and bewilder the masses of those who however, much they may need a plan to end poverty need even more an ideal, a philosophy to inspire them to build a Co-operative Commonwealth, and an equate organization to achieve that glorious goal.

Sincerely yours, Norman Thomas

Wages and Prices

Average weekly earnings declined in August though in the first three months of the business year beginning in April real wages, measured in purchasing power, increased. This is the conclusion of the National Industrial Conference Board based on monthly changes in wages and the cost of living. The following paragraph tells the story of the August reversal:

"The total purchasing power of the industrial earning population increased in August, because of increase of 8.6% in the number of employed workers but the purchasing power of the individual wage earner diminished, because of the rise in living costs. Average actual weekly earnings increased slightly 0.5%, the cost of living rose in greater degree, 2.2%. The net result was a loss of 1.8% in purchasing power for the individual worker."

Rising living costs have overtaken and passed weekly earnings. Keep that in mind when discussing NRA.

Think It Over

Late last week the Roosevelt administration announced that \$700,000,000 of federal funds will supplement state and local funds to provide food, clothing and coal to the nation's destitute. All efforts are devoted to assuring the bare essentials of life to tens of millions of jobless workers four years after the industrial earthquake that shook all nations of the world.

Politicians dread the coming winter and will be happy if it passes without food riots. They have as many industrial plants as we ever had, as much raw material, as many machines, many workers willing to apply their labor, much productive power as in 1929, but industrial paralysis continues. Workers and productive power cannot be brought together!

Why? Plants, raw materials, and machinery belong to one class and workers are prohibited from using them. Socialism would destroy industrial paralysis and bring productive power and workers together. Think it over.—New Leader.

Your Health

Epidemic Encephalitis (Sleeping Sickness)
 Encephalitis is an infectious and is characterized by inflammation in the central nervous system, involving especially the brain stem and different masses of nerve cells within the brain. The disease occurs in epidemics which are usually small and prevail frequently in winter than in summer. An unusual type of encephalitis has appeared this summer in St. Louis, Mo. There were 286 cases reported from July 10 to Sept. 20 of which there were 146 deaths so far. This epidemic is similar to a Japanese epidemic reported in 1924, and an epidemic in Australia. No other epidemics of similar nature have been reported anywhere else in the world. In Illinois today we have cases of encephalitis and have had to St. Louis only 13 per cent of the cases have occurred among the 15 year old population which was 23 per cent of the patients has been in this age group of 15 to 34 years which comprises 35 per cent of the total population that is from 35 to 54 years old. The age group over 55 years old, comprising only 13 per cent of the population has had 95 per cent of the cases, and the case fatality rate in this oldest age group has been double the rate for the other groups. The youngest case was 15 months old and the oldest case 79 years of age.

The disease is just as common in males under the 15 year age group. This disease started and is most prevalent in the City of St. Louis in districts which are not crowded and among intelligent people.

It is not known at the present time whether the disease is caused by a germ or a virus (poison). Medical scientists at various universities are trying to establish the cause of this disease. Since the beginning of the outbreak of encephalitis in St. Louis, numerous animals of different species have been inoculated with material from five different dying

patients of encephalitis. Three of these animals showed similar symptoms of encephalitis. While these results are encouraging, many weeks work has yet to be done before it can be stated that the human disease has been established in animals. There has been some attempt to determine whether or not mosquitoes, which are present in St. Louis in unusual numbers, may not be associated with the transmission of the disease, but so far such experiments have not been conclusive.

The onset is usually fairly sudden and is not prolonged over more than three days to reach a definite development of the disease. The patient comes down with a general headache, fever rather high, 102° or more, which lasts a week and then gradually declines, muscular pains, sluggishness, drowsiness and vomiting. There is retention of urine and constipation. Also eye muscle paralysis, especially double vision, drooping of eyelids and the face has a mask-like expression. Tremors are frequent and the muscles often are somewhat rigid. For final diagnosis a spinal puncture should be done for examination of the spinal fluid.

The duration of encephalitis varies from a few days to several months. The mortality is apparently between 20 and 30 per cent. Recovery may be complete but in a fairly large portion of the cases there is a permanent disability.

As soon as the disease is recognized the patient should be hospitalized and isolated for three weeks from the date of onset. No visitors should be permitted in the room. Food handlers are not permitted to come in contact with the patient. Rest in bed, protection from excitement, abundance of liquid or semi-liquid food and careful nursing is important.

Frequent spinal punctures should be done to hasten recovery and administration of convalescent encephalitis serum is helpful.

Just recently Dr. Karl Edward Rosenow, experimental bacteriologist of Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn., has discovered a serum of positive benefit in treating encephalitis. He calls it encephalitis anti-streptococcus serum. John J. Zavertnik, M. D.

increased 10% and in most cases the earning power has been reduced by the decrease in working hours.

How then can we talk ourselves out of this depression? No patriotic rallies, no shouting parades, no all-star radio programs will change the depression. Only a change of the system, the profit system, which gives to the few wealthy nonproductive overlords big sums of money, called profit, and the many productive workers who make and construct everything this world possesses, a meager existing wage, can cure the depression.

"What do you mean?" asked a uniformed student. We mean merely that, to spend money the working-man must first make it. As long as the money goes into the big money bags of the rich it is not spent. Hence, the goods that we workers need are on the shelves because we have no money with which to buy them.

If Roosevelt wanted to stop the depression he could have done it easily, by establishing the 30 hour week and a minimum pay of \$1.00 per hour. Oh my gosh, then the rich wouldn't get much. The heck with the rich! Do they live off of the products of the workers or do the workers live off of the products of the rich?

He who thinks or is so confused thinking that a discussion of the economic conditions or agitating for a system that will give the working-man more pay, is politics, which should be abandoned, is knowingly or otherwise, a right hand dupe of the exploiters.

The Pioneer Eighth Annual Dance went off satisfactorily in every way. Over 450 patrons jammed into the SNPJ Auditorium and wound their way around the congested floor. The tunes of Virge Gaines' Monday Melody and enjoyed it. Many a larger quarters and truly a better hall would have made it more pleasant. Many new acquaintances were made which we hope will last long friendships.

the decorations, coupled with the lighting affect, were the delight of many. They were beautiful and soft on the eyes amid all the royal Monarchs. All elements of the undertaking functioned well considering the short-time as such as a small barroom, facilities, etc. As a result financial gain will be equally as good as the moral success.

the prominent out-of-town guests at the dance were Frances Landrum of Johnstown, Pa., Flood City and Matthew Klarich, the American of Detroit, Mich. expressed a satisfaction in having the opportunity to attend a Pioneer dance and no doubt gathered many things which might be useful in promoting their lodge activities, as many of them are active in lodge and organizations.

must report that Oscar Godins had his arm while decorating for the dance. He is, therefore, on the mend. We are glad that his arm will be well. With him on the mend we have Chas. Zorc, 3023 12th St., Angela Putz, West Side Hotel, Mary Kremusch Munger, 22nd Place, and Anna Rybinski, 6443 S. Austin Ave. Members are invited to visit them.

Lucky Stars

Imperial, Pa.—The Third Anniversary Celebration of Lodge 718 SNPJ on Sept. 23 was the most successful social affair ever sponsored by this lodge. The financial profits did not run into three figures, and the crowd did not exceed others of the past, but the moral support brought about by the "three month membership campaign" which was held to increase the number of members for this affair, almost doubled the membership of this lodge making it all in all a very successful undertaking. The outside lodges in evidence among the large local crowd were Cliff Mine, Musketers, Pioneers of Wash. Co. and a few Jolly Juniors were also to be seen, not forgetting the strangers whom this writer does not know. Lodge No. 718 wishes to thank all those mentioned above for taking part, in making this affair a success.

The Lucky Star Lodge is thinking seriously of the coming Bowling Tournament which may be sponsored by the West. Pa. Fed. of E. S. Lodges. And who they think that way something is bound to happen. "Easy,"

Excelsiors

West Alliquippa, Pa.—With the falling of the leaves reminding us of the Autumnal season approaching and with most of the summer activities now over, the mind naturally wanders to the social activities of the winter months. All of which reminds us of the fact that the Excelsiors are hard at work preparing for their share of social activities, the first of which is to appear on the calendar in the Excelsiors Third Anniversary Dance to be held on Oct. 25 at the Slovak Hall in West Alliquippa.

All right, Excelsiors! How much work are you doing for the dance? Did you get up your party of friends? Did you talk to the old folks? There's no reason why you and all your friends shouldn't attend. You go to shows, dances, taverns, etc., on Oct. 25 you are directed to the Slovak Hall.

Neighboring Lodges are asked to attend this gala affair. Bring your friends; the more the merrier. You will not regret traveling a few miles to attend Excelsiors Third Anniversary Dance, I am sure. The music will be furnished by the Taylor Joy Boys. Admission prices are very reasonable. We guarantee you an enjoyable evening. Did you ever mingle with the Excelsiors? If you did, aren't they a jolly bunch? We expect to see you and you and you and ever so many of you at the Excelsiors Third Anniversary Dance, Oct. 25.—Peanut Venders.

Spirit-grams

By Whoozit

St. Louis, Mo.—All members of the "Spirits" are kindly requested to be present at our regular meeting on Friday night, Oct. 13. This being an unlucky day should not prevent any of the members from being present as those not being present will be assessed. The reason for this being that it will be an important meeting in which all details for our Fifth Anniversary will be thrashed out. So please bear this in mind.

It has been rumored that the "Integrities" of Chicago, The "Hearts of America" of Kansas City and some of the "Lincolns" of Springfield, Ill., will be among those present when we celebrate our Fifth Anniversary on Nov. 12. Am I correctly informed?

The music for this affair will be furnished by Bud Waple's orchestra who are now playing at the Westborough Country Club on Saturday nights. He has a very fine reputation for his arrangements and it certainly should be a treat to listen and dance to his hypnotic and enchanting music.

Sis. Mary Chaprio has just recuperated from a short sick spell and seems to be well on the road to recovery.

I guess you people reading this (if you still are) probably are tired of reading it, so I think I will quit for this time. (I know you think I should have quit before I started.)

Universal Comets

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Thanks to the Western Pennsylvania Federation Picnic Committee for a wonderful time enjoyed by the Comets last September 10. And why not, with activity being featured every minute of the afternoon and evening; why, it would have appealed to the most unresponsive person, so why not to us? The writer particularly enjoyed it because of his participation in several of the events staged that day, in one of which the mubball game, he was thoroughly convinced, that he could engage in skillfully because each time he made his appearance at the plate that fast ball pitcher of the Veronians, Kern, gave him a base on balls. Maybe it was because he knew the umpire, Wyoich, intimately, or maybe it was because the pitcher was feeling pretty high (not in height) by this time, and then again, maybe it was because he was so good, even though he was consistent in error making on the field. Anyway the pie was good, and I found I couldn't wheel a wheelbarrow, when Caesar was the cart.

The Comet Lodge, No. 718 SNPJ, of Universal, Pa., are announcing their annual Halloween dance, for the third successive year. However, unnecessary, because of recollections of the fun making had at previous social events held by the Comets, which, incidentally, have not been experienced due to inactivity in that particular aspect of lodge performances the past several months, it is suggested that fun loving SNPJ members make a memo of the following date, October 28, for an evening of fun making and entertainment, with the Comets assuming the capacity of host. Let's not know your presence until the distribution of the prize money for the 2 best dressed people and the 2 most comical people present is made; then off with the masks, and on with the dance and associations with fellow members in this hall of the Moose Temple, which is familiar to the majority because of its spaciousness and magnificence. There will be dancing until 12, but refreshing tables and liquors will be furnished until — well, until!

I'll see you in Library on October 15, and again in Universal on the 28th. Michael E. Komer.

Flood City

Johnstown, Pa.—Again, we have news for you! A Halloween Dance will be held by Flood City on Oct. 28 at the Motham Workers' Hall. We haven't missed a year yet, and we don't intend to this year. Masquerades will be allowed to parade and prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners; we want you all to attend. So far final arrangements have not been made, but as soon as possible we shall let you in on the news—so keep Oct. 28 open for us!

Say, the depression must be over, young couples are beginning to get married, and Flood City happens to have one of those popular members, Gephart Bender and Sister Mary Elizabeth Umek were married Sept. 30. The latter was a charter member of the lodge, and also happens to be the only girl charter member. During her activities in the lodge she has been very active and a worthy member. We congratulate the newlyweds. Mary, now your duty is to get your husband into our organization!

This and that: Stanley and Jennie Kebab were transferred to the "Golden Eagles" Lodge in Girard, Ohio. Did you know what Stanley is playing for the Ohio Leather Company in the band? Well, he is! Good luck! — A shower was held for Mary Umek a week prior to her wedding. Quite a few Flood City members were present, and she certainly was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. "Neda Slova" is going to have their Seventh Anniversary Dance on November 18, and a three-act Slovene play entitled "Zenitee" will be given the following day at the Motham Hall. Several Flood City members are taking part in this play.

Fraternally—Mollie and Frances.

Suffering Brought by Depression
 Gen. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania Railroad has had his salary reduced from \$12,500 a month to \$5,000. He is now reduced to the desperate condition where he makes only a little more a week than the average worker makes yearly.

Badgerland Buzz
 By Betty Boop
 Milwaukee, Wis.—Any of you superstitious? Well, Friday, Oct. 13, is our next meeting and that day shouldn't stop any of you from attending the meeting. Let's all be there.

Spirit of SNPJ
 That grand old SNPJ spirit which filled the hall Oct. 7, and which helped make our dance a success, will be remembered by every Badger. Such a dandy crowd and a sociable one in behalf of the Lodge Badgers, I want to thank the neighboring lodges who didn't forget us on that day, but gave us their support. The Stewarts of Kenosha, Moderns of Sheboygan (who says they don't live up to their title?), Jolly Allis and then a few Forwards were seen "struttin' their stuff" on the dance floor. Thanks also to the Cardinals who attended. I know everybody had a great time.

Dance Highlights
 Surprised to see Pauline Stiglitz with us last Saturday—Now all you have to do is attend the meeting, and it'll be like old times again. Moderns sure looked cute.

"Ritzzy Mitzzy" thinks I ought to give up my identity. Not a chance.

The Jolly Allis are having a dance next Saturday, Oct. 21, at Labor Hall in West Allis. They gave us their support and let's as many of us attend as can. Real Fraternalism is what the grand SNPJ means. Gotta go—gotta go.

I am the People, the Mob
 By Carl Sandberg
 I am the people—the mob—the crowd—the mass
 Do you know that all the great work of the world is done through me?
 I am the workingman, the inventor, the maker of the world's food and clothes.
 I am the audience that witnesses history. The Napoleons come from me and the Lincolns, They die. And I send forth more Napoleons and Lincolns.

I am the seed ground, I am a prairie that will stand for much planting. Terrible storms pass over me, I forget. The heat of me is sucked out and wasted, I forget. Everything but Death comes to me and makes me work and give up what I have. And I forget.
 Sometimes I grow, shake myself and spatter a few red drops for history to remember. Then—I forget.
 When I, the People, learn to remember, when I, the People, use the lessons of yesterday and no longer forget who robbed me last year, who played me for a fool—then there will be no speaker in all the world any longer: "The People," with any flock of a shearer in his value or any far-off smile of derision.
 The mob—the crowd—the mass—the mob will arrive then.

AN OBSERVATION
 Cleveland, O.—Several problems which trouble the officers of some of the various local lodges of the SNPJ today can be traced to a general laxity in the conduct of meetings according to the by-laws and the after-meeting entertainments in the same spirit. I speak specifically of the lack of cooperation among more than a few members of a lodge; of the inability of a lodge to succeed as well financially in its social affairs as it did several years ago and of the public dance and amusement character which an after-meeting entertainment assumes.
 A few years ago the local branches

of the SNPJ English speaking lodges conducted their meetings strictly according to the provisions of the by-laws. Non-members were not permitted to attend meetings and were cognizant of the fact. Entertainments which were planned to follow meetings were enjoyed by members and a few invited guests. What is the situation which obtains today? Non-members attend some meetings. Before meetings are formally adjourned we are already disturbed by the intrusion of outsiders who come into our meeting halls to converse and distract the attention of our members. You may well say, "What has this to do with the cooperation of the members and the success of our social ventures?"

Plenty! Many of our members do not care to attend meetings because of these conditions. They cannot fraternize with those who have obtruded, because they are strangers who have nothing in common with the members. In my opinion it leads inevitably to disassociation! If we wish to strengthen our locals and make them more valuable to the organization and to the members who comprise it we should make our meetings appeal to the members and in that way show them that meetings can be among the amenities of life instead of the commonplace affairs which they have become. The members would, I am sure, appreciate meetings and entertainments which are planned for them exclusively. They would show their appreciation by again working together to promote the success of our public affairs through ticket sales and otherwise.

Members now pay a certain amount of their assessments to defray the expenses of their locals and for entertainment only to see a horde of pleasure seekers preempt their social diversions. It is not justifiable to allow these things to continue. This may be a selfish attitude to maintain but it is my idea of what is wrong in many of our locals.

John J. Alich, Member Lodge 508.

Lodge News Notes

PIONEERS OF STRABANE

Strabane, Pa.—The "Spirits" have at last moved the "Pioneers" of Strabane and we are going to have a Halloween Party Sunday evening, October 28, at the SNPJ Hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all neighboring lodges, and as prosperity is supposed to be here, we hope to see quite a few at the party. The music will be furnished by Anthony Rozanc and his piano accordion. A musician often heard over our local radio stations.

All of our girls and boys enjoyed themselves at the Federation Picnic at Moon Run but, according to Bro. Kosela's article, only two of our girls were recognized.
 Elizabeth Graytoh,
 Frances Cheanic.

JOLLY ALLIS LODGE 686

West Allis, Wis.—"It's the talk of the town." What is? Why, it's the Jolly Allis' Fourth Anniversary Dance. The date is set for Saturday, Oct. 14, the place, Labor Hall, So. 64th St. and W. Nat. Ave.

We see from an article by Kaye of Waukegan that they will try to be here for our dance. We certainly hope you will be with us to help us celebrate our Fourth Anniversary Dance. We shall also expect to see some of the other neighboring lodges with us on that day.

The admission is only 25c, a splendid orchestra to dance to, and you will have a good time.
 We'll be looking for you!
 A. Yersin.

SILVER STAR LODGE NO. 729

Yukon, Pa.—The Silver Stars Lodge meeting on Sunday, Oct. 1, was attended poorly. Out of twenty-three active members merely seven or eight were present including the officers. What would happen if these eight would do the same? Remember, our Third Anniversary is drawing nearer and it's time for us to make plans for this big affair, so I ask you all to attend our next meeting the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 a. m. Come and make this meeting an interesting one. Your presence will be greatly appreciated.

For the benefit of those who have not taken notice that a special assessment of fifty cents has been levied on the two-dollar class, and \$1.50 on the \$3.00 class.
 Two delegates were appointed to attend the Westmoreland Fed. meeting on Oct. 22 at 2 o'clock. They are Frank Buloh and Frank Podbesek.
 Mary Dinardo, we missed your pleasant smile at our lodge meeting. We hope you will be with us soon again.
 Sat., Sept. 30, a couple of Silver Stars attended a dance held by the combined lodges of Carbon Co. We were enjoyed dancing those fast polkas. We got there late, but better late than never.
 Fan.

EVERYDAY MUSINGS
 Chicago, Ill.—Judging by the number of people that were present at the Pioneer Eighth Annual Dance, it was a great success. The hall decorations were gorgeous. The committee in charge certainly deserves credit for the artistic work that was done. According to remarks of several acquaintances, the orchestra was better than any that the Pioneers ever had for any of their dances. Also there were several out-of-town visitors present at the dance, and all in all everyone had an enjoyable time.

"Smeh v dsungli," by Louis Adamic, now appearing in the daily Prosveta, is good reading matter as well as entertaining. It is an autobiography of the author, in which the first part of it, is devoted in describing the period before he came to America and the reasons why people immigrated. It is interesting to know what our people thought of this country. If you haven't started to read it yet, you should do so now.

Now that the American Legion Convention is over in Chicago it seems that things are more or less quiet again. You would think that a quiet of manias were let loose when the legionnaires were in the city, with empty bottles flying out of windows, people being purposely tripped with cans, drunks here, there, and everywhere, and even the women following the parade were being uproarious.

October is one of the most beautiful months of the year. Doesn't it give one a desire to go out into the open spaces somewhere to meditate all day long amongst the tumbling, crumpled leaves with nothing else to do, or perhaps a visit to the Century of Progress would be more appropriate just now?
 N. I. P.

DECISIONS OF SUPREME TRIAL COMMITTEE
 IN THE MATTER OF BRANCH 733-315

Branch 733, of Canton, Ohio, preferred charges against the following members: Mary Zuzick, Anna Matlach, Mike Zugic, Frank Odar and Joe Guna, former members of Branch 733. They are charged with violation of the By-laws by spending the sum of \$13.84, belonging to Lodge 733, unjustifiably.

The hearing was held on August 27, 1933, in presence of a representative of the Supreme Judicial Committee. All parties concerned were given a chance to explain and to submit evidence in connection with the case. The minutes of the hearing were then submitted to the Supreme Judicial Committee for consideration and decision. These minutes indicate that the Branch 733, because of bad working conditions, was almost forced to dissolve, and that for this particular purpose a meeting was held on June 16, 1933, at which a letter from the Supreme Secretary to that effect was read. The minutes further show that an argument followed between the members and that three of them walked out before the meeting adjourned, leaving the main question unsettled. On June 18, 1933, the accused five members held a meeting and discussed the unfinished business. They decided to use the sum of \$13.84 to pay dues for the members, saying they have a permission from headquarters to do so.

With all the evidence in mind the Supreme Judicial Committee has come to the conclusion that in such circumstances it was only right and proper for the members to divide the money equally and that the sum of \$13.84 used for dues in that manner was not misappropriated.

Furthermore, the records show that the plaintiffs at that time were not very much interested in the Lodge. This was proved by the fact that they left the meeting held on June 16, 1933, before this important matter was disposed of. With the above testimony at hand the Supreme Judicial Committee by an unanimous vote has decided that the defendants are not guilty of the charges preferred against them, and that the Branch 733 must bear the sum of \$13.84.

John Gorsek, Chairman; Anton Suljar, John Terziel, Frank Podboy, Committee.

Make Cuts Safe for the Sugar Daddies
 And pretty soon when the Cuban workers and peasants start seeing the U. S.-owned sugar centrals in Cuba, the marines will have a "mopping up" job on their hands.

FLASHES By Incognito

The Pioneer Eighth Annual Dance went off satisfactorily in every way. Over 450 patrons jammed into the SNPJ Auditorium and wound their way around the congested floor. The tunes of Virge Gaines' Monday Melody and enjoyed it. Many a larger quarters and truly a better hall would have made it more pleasant. Many new acquaintances were made which we hope will last long friendships.

the decorations, coupled with the lighting affect, were the delight of many. They were beautiful and soft on the eyes amid all the royal Monarchs. All elements of the undertaking functioned well considering the short-time as such as a small barroom, facilities, etc. As a result financial gain will be equally as good as the moral success.

the prominent out-of-town guests at the dance were Frances Landrum of Johnstown, Pa., Flood City and Matthew Klarich, the American of Detroit, Mich. expressed a satisfaction in having the opportunity to attend a Pioneer dance and no doubt gathered many things which might be useful in promoting their lodge activities, as many of them are active in lodge and organizations.

must report that Oscar Godins had his arm while decorating for the dance. He is, therefore, on the mend. We are glad that his arm will be well. With him on the mend we have Chas. Zorc, 3023 12th St., Angela Putz, West Side Hotel, Mary Kremusch Munger, 22nd Place, and Anna Rybinski, 6443 S. Austin Ave. Members are invited to visit them.

speaking about the NRA the schemes will turn out to be a success. As long as the difference between the cost of production and the price goes to a few rich people who will have recovery. What about this depression? Lack of purchasing power. Merely raising the price of commodities with even an increase in wages will leave people poorer. The fact of the matter is that goods have gone up in price, while wages in rare cases

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCELSIORS' THIRD ANNIVERSARY

W. Aliquippa, Pa.—It's been a long time since anything has been said about the Excelsiors. We are still progressing with two new members on our list. The new members are, Mary Aleksa and Stella Marold. We are glad to have you among us. Let's keep progressing, gang. Excelsiors have been holding socials every three months, and I think this helps to keep us together. A Wiener roast was held on Sept. 21, a grand and glorious time was had by all.

The Excelsiors Lodge 721 are holding their Third Anniversary Dance on Oct. 25 at the Slovak Hall. All nearby lodges are urged to keep this date open. Music will be furnished by a colored orchestra. The committee is working hard to assure everyone a good time. If you can remember last year's dance, you will recall a good time you have had. This year's will be just as enjoyable. There will be plenty refreshments and the good old 3.2. Dancing from 8:30 p. m. until!

All members are urged to attend the next monthly meeting. Don't forget our Anniversary Dance. More will be said later.

Mathilda L. Derglin.

"I ALL MOST FELT"

Milwaukee, Wis.—You no folks as to the party I liked. I didn't help a rule I usually give my bath Saturday nite but last week my mother gave it to me Friday for I was going out with my sister to the Badger lodge meeting. Golly! All most felt sorry I sed I wud go for my neck and ars stayed red all nite from the hard rubbin my mother gave them. I am a juvenile member so my sis sed I cud go along but be anekus to go for we herd nothing else all last month. My sis looked swell with her nugown and fresh curled hair. And I can't say that I looked so bad my self. It was kinda hard on me that I wuzent a little older so I cud of danced with some of them purty gurls.

You no every budy seemed to be all smiles and feelin purty good. As my sister says—"The spirit of fraternalism was present in the nth degree". That is two hi fuluten for me but I hope you under stand it.

And golly what more cud I desire than to see some thing good to eat. Gee, the table was plumb full of good delicious food, that those good looking gurls had brot. They also had barrels of beer but my sis sed I was to yung to drink. Wen I looked at all that food I just didn't no where to grab first. Boy, were those flancate good that Evelyn brot. Two bad you are already took, its a sure thing those Slovene gurls can cook and bake and you cant make a mis'take n getting any one of them.

They also had some swell music by some of the boys that have musical ears. Seems to me they were Jonnie and Tony Obluck and Strudel and Zup—that reminds me that I like strukels and zup. Dont you? my mother can make them like no budy's business. And golly how some of them gurls and pards danced. Some of them danced so hard that all the beer came out on there shirts. Some gave an xabishun of the Slovene dances and they eud do there stuff, no kiddin.

You no as my sister and I were kinda a-restin ond diskussin things she sed that she didnt think any gurl eud rouse Jonnie Zarella, but man alive you shud have seen him Friday nite, face all lip up and talkin all he was good for to one of the Minnesota gurls. Sis says it makes the Milwaukee gals fel kinda bad. That reminds me the purty gurl from Minnesota was none other than Mary Kovach who belongs to the Arrowhead lodge at Ely, and she also is the sekretary of that lodge. We also saw little Jay T. in a huddle with a nice red hedded young feila and we wonder what it is all bout.

The funny I like betty Boop and my sis sed I wud see her at the meetin but she didnt show up and I am not the onley one that was sedly disappointed. The Betty boop didnt come we were glad to see smily Betty Wegel there any way. They wish she would come round ofener.

Sis says there were a good meny faces there they hadnt seen for a long time. She hopes they come to every meetin from now on for you can never tell what youre missin. You no good many folks WISH there lodge to be suksesful but my sister says she hopes some of the people wud stop WISHING ond start doing a little work to make it so.

Herd a couple of gurls talking about Tony V. going to the Worlds Fair, and one sed to the other, "I wonder if he went down to buy him self a silver band". Dont no just what they ment. Do you think he intends to start an orchidstra? Also herd them speak about Frances Zager going to the fair with her boy friend. Is it sceerous? They say when cupid hits the mark he Mrs. it and he certenly is busy in these parts. Hope the gurls dont come round wanting to sign—I WISH I WAS SINGLE AGIN.

Well folks my mom says its time fer me to go to bed so must stop now. Seel I was the onley little chap at the meetin you will all no who I am and will just sign my self.

Sweetie Boy.

W. VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Pierce, W. Va.—What an affair our Lodge 736 dance of Saturday night, Sept. 23, was. Whew! We are still talking about it. Because this one

was such a success we may have another one soon.

The doors opened at 7:30 and from thence the doorways were packed with the people continually coming. The dancing was varied—round and square. We had arranged it thus for the benefit of those who cannot round dance and who can square dance. We hoped to please everyone and I'm certain we did.

The lodge now wants to thank all those who helped to make this dance such a success. We certainly feel grateful toward Senior Lodge 29, of Thomas also, for the help and cooperation they gave us on this night. Not only did they help us by almost perfect attendance but they even gave us a hand at the dance. What would we have done without Bro. Andy Kotnik, aproned and smiling, selling you whatever you wished in the way of refreshments; or Mrs. F. Polanc, making delicious sandwiches from home-cooked funka?

And now if there is any special one within our own ranks who merits a big thanks, that is certainly Frank Polanc. If we only had more members like him. Rose Verdeinck, our secretary, is another—and to our greatest regret we shall lose her this month. As for ticket-selling, I think we ought to elect Frances Kocjanec our permanent ticket-seller. She herself sold around forty tickets! Nice work, Frances!

Now let's all make our next dance just as successful or even more if possible.

A. Gasser, Lodge 736.

Increase The Food Vouchers

Unemployed and part-time workers and their dependents will recall a short six weeks or two months ago how the public press amplified the ballyhoo coming from the treasury building at Washington, how going off the gold standard resulting in inflation of money was going to put thousands of idle workers back to work by raising the value of things, this in turn to create employment so as to afford workers the opportunity to earn three square meals for themselves again. You will recall how your stock of courage, confidence and hope raised too. Possibly, if you had imagination and enthusiasm enough for such bunk, it soared to within an inch of bursting out in riotous hilarity, only to be later again disillusioned into sad disappointment by the Washington Messiah's prediction not coming to fruition.

Political opportunists, merciless profiteers and financial wizards realizing that their efforts at manipulating the money system and its values alone would not and could not achieve the desired and hoped for prosperity. Results at one and the same time attempted, and present price tags on the necessity commodities of life are indicative that they have succeeded, and all events now are moving in the direction that the industrial jingoes will succeed in forcing prices still further heavenward on the excuse of National Industrial Recovery Act or NIRA.

Few people, but those very observing, such as economists, men in labor circles and others who are daily in close contact with the actual picture of the mappenings of things, can realize what is actually taking place. Employers are no more sincere today in their obligation to public duty under Federal Law than they were at any time without a law to invoke over them. At its best the Law cannot be very severe upon violators. In numerous instances employers have worked on stock with cheap material and low labor costs and will sell at fabulously fancy inflation prices, meaning extra profits and dividends to them. Constantly they are cheating and chiseling workers' wages behind the display of the NRA Blue Eagle and minimum wages, hours and conditions, with provisions for union membership and recognition for workers—meaning nothing to the losses. Violation of the Spirit of Codes are reported daily, with Washington officials too busy to give them any attention, and with no provisional enforcement bureau set up, they go unnoticed and unchallenged.

What will be the result of all this super-effort at inflation and the ultimate consequence to the unfortunate unemployed?

Few if many more unemployed workers will be usefully re-engaged in industry because of the industrial barons insisting upon forty to forty-eight hours per week when hours should be thirty and not over thirty-six. And the Industrial Board is agreeing and putting their approval on these conditions. What then must the Unemployed and their dependents look forward to with no hope of re-employment? Their bean and rice diet food voucher is made still further inadequate by the enormously successfully inflated costs of the necessities to sustain life, with purchasing power of food vouchers already reduced to between twenty and thirty per cent. Conservative estimates are that if present food vouchers allowances are not increased immediately, rapid inflation will reduce allowances of unemployed by fifty to seventy-five per cent, signing for certain the death warrant for millions to rapid starvation rather than the slow process through which they are now going.

The United Workers Federation urges all Unemployed Organizations and their sympathetic cohorts to immediately and simultaneously make a request and demand upon their Local, State and Federal Relief Boards for one hundred per cent increase in food voucher allowance, because of inflation limitation of food purchases.

This is no more than a humane and just demand that must be met immediately, and unless attended to in the very near future will result in mal-nutrition and a very much underdeveloped and anemic future generation.

James H. Maurer.

"What is Coming Next?"

In-Laws and Outlaws

"It is impossible for me to send you a check. My present financial condition is due to the effects of federal laws, state laws, county laws, corporation laws, by-laws, brother-in-laws, mother-in-laws, and outlaws, that have been foisted upon an unsuspecting public. Through the various laws I have been held down, held up, walked on, sat on, flattened and squeezed until I do not know where I am, what I am and why I am.

Syntax and Carpet Tax

"These laws compel me to pay a merchant's tax, capital stock tax, income tax, real estate tax, property tax, auto tax, gas tax, water tax, light tax, cigar tax, street tax, school tax, sales tax, syntax and carpet tax."

Suspected and Disrespected

"I am suspected, expected, inspected, disrespected, examined, re-examined, until all I know is that I'm supplicated for money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race, and because I refuse to fail and go out and beg, borrow and steal money to give away, I am cursed and discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, held down and robbed until I am nearly ruined, so the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what the hell is coming next."

LABOR YOUTH TO HOLD DEBS MEMORIAL

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. Maynard Krueger, professor of the Chicago University, one of the delegates to the International Socialist Convention, and Winnie Branetter, will be the principal speakers of the Debs Memorial Meeting to be held at the Workmen's Circle Lyceum, Kadzie and Ogden, Friday evening, October 20, 1934.

The meeting arranged by the E. M. DEBS CLUB of the Young Circle League will include several panopimies of the important incidents of Debs' life, some of which will be Debs' Canton Speech, Debs on Trial, Debs in Prison, "Eugene," Debs' Last Days, "9653"—recitation.

An attractive leaflet advertising the meeting is being widely distributed among Youth Organizations, Workmen Circle Branches, and Labor organizations.

M. Halushka.

OUR SLOVENE HOME

Johnstown, Pa.—Our Slovene Home in Moxham is in a bad financial condition. In order that we can enable it to get on its feet again, the directors have decided to sponsor a dance. To this decision, the several lodges and societies have joined them to give them a helping hand. So, you see, this depression has not only gotten the best of us, but our cultural societies. The day set aside for this dance is **Saturday, October 14, at the hall.**

Something new, unique, different, "Saljiva Zenitev," which means that you will have the opportunity of getting married and divorced as many times as you desire in that one evening. This feature has never been played at Johnstown, as yet, and we are hoping that it will prove to be successful. The person who will receive the highest number of divorces will receive a prize of two dollars in cash; the person receiving the second highest number of divorces will receive a prize of one dollar in cash; and if two persons tie for first place, each will receive one dollar and fifty cents in cash (eliminating the second prize). Come and see the fun in it anyway!

The Moxham Slovene Band will furnish the music for dancing. Naska Nloga will see to it that you get what you like in the food line. Flood City will greet you at the door—and will ask only twenty-five cents admission for ladies and gents. Triglav, Singing Society "Jugoslavija," Planinski Raj (JSKJ) and Independent Benefit Society will help with other necessities such as the main feature, etc.

All in all, you are sure to have a good time if you attend; in fact, we can almost guarantee it. You'll laugh until you ache! Now, don't forget the date, **Saturday, October 14, at the Moxham Slovene Hall.**

All workers are giving their services free, and the least you can do is to attend, for you surely are a member of one of these organizations. It is your duty to be there!

For the dance committee, Frances Langérholc.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

North Chicago, Ill.—October is "Co-Operative Month," during which time co-operative societies make a special effort to secure new members and new customers, and spread the principles of Co-Operation.

This program is carried out by

concentrated effort, via radio, press, and public meetings, as well as the special inducement of attractive prices on Co-Operative brand merchandise.

Local educational activity will consist of two mass meetings for the public. The first one will be conducted in Slovonia and will be held on Saturday, October 14, in the Slovonia National Home, beginning promptly at 8 p. m. The program is to consist of speaking and discussion to be followed by refreshments and dancing.

The second of these mass meetings will be held on Saturday, October 21, also in the Slovonia Home. The program for this meeting is both entertaining and educational, including an address by Mr. L. S. Herron, of the Nebraska Union Farmer, one of the outstanding Co-Operators in America; a one act play, "When the Wife's Away," a vocal quartet and several other musical features. For the balance of the evening, dancing to Ace Nagode's Melodians.

There will be no admission charge to either of the meetings, and the public is cordially invited.

Committee.

FUN-O-LEERS NEWS

Milwaukee, Wis.—Hello, everybody! This isn't Kate Smith broadcasting, but the Fun-o-leers Club announcing their Halloween Frolic and Dance to be given at the So. Side Turner Hall on Saturday, Oct. 23, 1934. Music to be furnished by the well-known Joe Caravella and His Sensational 11 piece orchestra. Admission will be 50c in advance, 50c at the door. The splendid music of the orchestra combined with the real Halloween atmosphere decorating of the hall and the tossing of confetti, streamers, serpentine, etc., will be enough to force anyone to join in and make whoopee. If you are looking forward for a time of your life, don't fail and attend this dance—So. Side Turner Hall, Oct. 23. Lmsy.

ENGLISH SECTION OF BRANCH NO. 1

Chicago.—An important program is scheduled by the English section of the Yugoslav Socialist Branch for Friday, October 13. "Is Socialism America's Way Out," will be a discussion of the principles of Socialism and the economic theories underlying it; in general—the fundamentals of a program of socialization as opposed to the present order. Anyone interested is invited to attend. We especially urge those who are unacquainted with the meaning of Socialism and those who have not become convinced of its practicability to join in the discussion, at the Proletarce office, 3639 W. 26th st., this Friday evening.

Committee.

THE STRIKE IS ON

Lafayette, Pa.—The coal strike is on. The miners have come to Lafre to close the industrial plants Oct. 7. The miners are trying to get the Frick Coal Company to recognize their union. The Vulcan Mold & Iron Co. workers are 100% union—the International Brotherhood of Foundry Employees. The company recognized their union. They also decided to help all other workers, miners and steel workers, in their fight for their union.

John Fradel Jr.

NORMAN THOMAS IN DETROIT

Detroit, Mich.—Norman Thomas, noted Socialist, spoke here Sunday, Oct. 8, at Detroit Institute of Arts. Oct. 14 Soc. Sub-Branch 114 holds a dance at Slovene Workers' Home, Livernols at South. Good music. Branch 114 meets every second Friday of the month. Attend 100%.

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"VINEYARD DANCE"

Detroit, Mich.—Slovene Workers' Home is sponsoring a "Grape Pickers" dance on Sunday, Oct. 15. Dance will be held in both halls. Hot orchestra. Program starts at 3 p. m. dance at 7 p. m. Committee.

Signs of the Times

Four Hundred New York restaurant operators who paid \$80,000 for beer licenses have surrendered their permits because of poor business.

It is reported that the American Bankers Ass'n convention listened politely when Comptroller of the Currency O'Connor told them that every depositor has a right to his money. Nice of them to listen, wasn't it?

U. S. Commissioner of Education G. F. Zook can offer no cash help to starving teachers, but he plans to put at education's disposal a vast amount of statistics.

Just a meal of statistic steaks, gravies, diagram dumplings and percentage puddings for the pedagogs, we suppose.

Sen. Pittman of Nevada proposes that silver producers be permitted to take their product to the U. S. mint, have it coined and receive the value of the coins made from it.

Paper manufacturers, it is suggested, will next be bringing their paper to the mint to have it made into paper dollars.

How about bringing the hogs to the mint for bigger and better pork chops?

Hurrah for NRA! Higher wages and no work.

One Hundred Million Peasants

Louis Adamic

Will the "Green International" Revive in the Balkans?

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Most important of all, these countries are fearfully overpopulated. Practically no village in the territory under consideration has an economic capacity sufficient to afford comfort and security to all its inhabitants, even according to the low standard of life there. Indeed, in relation to their economic capacity under the existing system, most peasant communities in these seven states are from 25 to 75 per cent overpopulated, with no room for new villages. From one-fourth to three-fourths of the population consists of landless paupers, proletarians with no opportunity to earn a decent living according to local standards and of peasants with so little soil and other means of maintaining themselves that they perennially verge on destitution.

Overpopulation was a problem throughout that region even before the War. The War decreased the population by about 3 millions, but the birth rate is so high that those losses have since been made up several times and population is increasing by leaps and bounds. Moreover, today almost no part of the human surplus piling up in villages can emigrate with any hope of individual economic betterment or of being able to help those left behind with money earned in America.

That 100 million peasants will eventually become alive politically is almost inevitable. They have rich insurrectional traditions behind them. Moreover, immediately after the War, led by such glorious demagogues as Radich of Yugoslavia, Stambullski of Bulgaria and other so-called Green Internationalists, they had, in their various countries, a brief but valuable experience as factors in modern democratic political life. They forced the bourgeois-military elements to yield to their demands for great agrarian reforms; then, going further, tried to get hold of direct power—and failed.

In 1922 Stambullski became Premier of Bulgaria and with Radich, who was swiftly forging ahead in Jugoslavia, started to work for a great federation of Balkan peasant states. Foreign financial and diplomatic-military interests in the Balkans, however, would not stand for any such statesmanship. Radich and Stambullski were incorruptible, and, as passionate Slavs as Green Internationalists, inclined more to Russia than to Western capitalist powers. So, in 1923, the militarists of Sofia, in league with the Macedonian bandit-politicians, and with the moral and financial support of the foreign interests in the Balkans, murdered Stambullski and five of his ministers. Then, with continued foreign support, notably Italian, the same gang proceeded to liquidate by murder all the village leaders of the Stambullski movement, till by 1925 the number of their killings reached 25,000. They thus destroyed the best peasant political machine ever created and have remained in power ever since.

In 1930 King Carol was allowed (in fact, urged) to return to the Rumanian throne chiefly because Green Internationalism and Communism were spreading through that country and Western (especially French) militarists and finance imperialists no longer trusted anyone else there. Like Jugoslavia's Alexander, Carol is a capable military man, an intrigant and terrorist.

The Hungarian revolution in the early 1920's, supported by the proletarian and landless masses, was put down with the aid of outside forces, and Hungary has been a feudal-military dictatorship ever since. In 1922 Polish peasants elected the speaker of the Parliament in Warsaw; whereupon the Western powers, munition interests and money imperialists lined up behind Pilsudski and company, and Poland became a dictatorship. In Czechoslovakia, as in Austria, "democracy" is allowed. The upper and middle classes there naturally oppose the Greens as well as the Reds, and such very capable bourgeois politicians as Benes can be trusted to play the considerable industrial proletariat—on the whole better treated in Czechoslovakia than in Jugoslavia or Poland—against the peasantry, thus annulling the potency of each.

In all the countries save the two last-named, peasants are variously estimated to be from 75 to 95 per cent anti-regimist; I know the latter percentage is true in Jugoslavia and Bulgaria; and this includes also numerous ex-peasants in the cities; professional and small business people, most students, priests and workers (secretly) many government employes and even army officers. But different forms of terror keep them down. In all these seven lands the depression is terrific and, with the currently intensified economic nationalism of the Western industrial countries on which they depend to buy their agricultural products, it is certain to continue. In most of them terror has been the rule for the last five or ten years; in all of them the depression is from two to four years old—and all this time the peasants' wits have been sharpened by both the terror and the crisis. They remember the early 1920's, when they had a strong taste of political effectiveness; and now they are meeting secretly, thinking, whispering about Russia, reading underground literature, lis-

tening to secret agitators, both Green and Red.

Their big leaders of ten years ago are murdered or in prisons or their parties outlawed, their political machines largely destroyed, their publications forbidden, but in villages the "Green Idea" today is numerically stronger than ever.

Moreover, as a reaction to terror and the depression, Communism spread through villages almost much as in the cities, which now veritable strongholds of supreme extreme leftism. In the Balkan states perhaps, two-thirds of the peasantry have more or less intense political convictions and aspirations, and appear about evenly split into Green and Red or potential Red. Greens are mostly peasants who own property and believe the best way to save themselves is to help their countries into mild socialist peasant states withing a great peasant federation or alliance. Many of the Communists are the more intelligent pauperized village people who would lose nothing if Communism came; others are ex-Greens who believe that if Radich and Stambullski were still living they would be out-and-out Bolsheviks; for the current Balkan situation is like that of pre-revolutionary Russia, and the only salvation for Russia was what happened October, 1917.

Next to the masses of uneducated, but, on the whole, not unintelligent peasants, perhaps the most important element, from the point of view of the future, are the students—in countries mainly peasant boys, from 40 to 80 per cent of them Green Internationalist and Communist, largely Communist. They are the principal agitators in the villages.

Last spring, as I say, Jugoslavia was on the verge of upheaval. A grade buzzed with rumors. Alexander was on the point of abdicating. A new world war seemed imminent, and after I gained their confidence peasants told me that if Belgians called them to arms, no matter whom, they would not fight but turn against their commanders quickly as possible.

Since then the situation has changed considerably. The Four Power Pact signed mainly because of the widespread disposition to revolt makes a new war improbable in next few years. As a result of the Four Power Pact, Mussolini no longer has any urgent use for the Sofia cession-and-bandit government; so probability is that the Macedonian bandits, receiving no further support from Italy to maintain their organization, will soon be out.

There already is some loosening in the various dictatorships. It continues, but is less severe. In Austria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary matters are momentarily worse because the threat of Nazi aggression has caused the Western powers to put on the screws. On the other hand, Poland, Rumania, Jugoslavia and Bulgaria have more liberty at any time for years.

I believe that, unless the general European situation again changes drastically, "the elite" in each country, decent, personally honest and liberal bourgeois politicians (some of whom in exile), will be given a chance within the next few years to do what they can do. The pressure from below will force them to go on a radical program, but they will be unwilling or unable to go further Left than Green Internationalism—and, in my opinion, will not go very far with that. The Green program is much too half-hearted to be effective. Its principal aim is to stop the small landowning peasantry from big-business exploitation, but it does not include a break with Western capitalism. Hence every Green peasant will inherit the whole national mess created or augmented in recent years by the dictators, which have contracted foreign debts which have contracted foreign debts which will be a constant drain on economic power of these industrial backward countries and will prevent them from creating their own industries, which might absorb a part of the human surplus in the villages.

This, I think, will have a disillusioning effect on the millions of Green peasants and push them still further Left. The political struggle will increasingly be in favor of Communism especially if the experiment in Asia will show signs of success. Asia will show signs of success. The elite-Greens will begin as leftists, but circumstances as I have suggested will inevitably drive them to the right, to some weak form of fascism or else force them to quit and let Communists, who have a complete program, take charge.

At the moment it seems to me in twenty years or so most of Western Europe and the Balkans will be part of the U.S.S.R.; and much of it if Western capitalist power is not avoided a new world war is in the period. All these countries are being pushed in that direction which I tried to describe. In addition, Poland, Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia are pulled that way by Pan-Slavism, which verges upon nationalism.

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