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NEVARNOST BO- LEZNI V POPLAV- LJENIH KRAJIH

Pol milijona ljudi brez
strehe v nižinah ob
reki Ohio

VOJAŠKA VLADA V LOUISVILLU

Washington, D. C., 26. jan. — Federalne čete so bile poslane v poplavljene kraje v državi Kentucky po poročilu, da so povodni zahtevale že 105 življenj in da je 550,000 ljudi brez strehe v dolinah ob reki Ohio, ki je prestopila brezpreveč in še vedno narašča. Druge reke in potoki, ki se stekajo v reko Ohio, so se dvignile več četvrtjev in zaliile nižine. Voda je narasla 80.7 četvrtjev v Aurora, Ind. Nasipe ob reki Ohio v bližini Caira, Ill., so razstrelili z dinamitom, da odvrnejo tok voda, ki je ogražal mesto, na missourško stran.

Poplavam so se sedaj pridružili potari, nalezljive bolezni in lakota. Iz vseh krajov Združenih držav voziči vlaki živila in druge potrebsčine prebivalcem poplavljениh mest. Rdeči križ in druge organizacije sodelujejo pri reševalnih delih.

Cincinnati, O., 26. jan. — Tri skretitne tega mesta je pod vodo, ki je reka Ohio narasla 80 četvrtjev, na najvišjo točko, kar pomnilo ljudje. Vse elektrarne so ustavile brat in pokvarjen je tudi mestni vodovod. Pitno vodo deli prebivalci v odmerkah. Po izjavji W. C. Deveneauxa, federalnega meteorologa, so poplave in požari povzročili škodo deset do petnajst milijonov dolarjev samo v Cincinnati. Tudi v sluzbi, da deževni nalivi prenehajo, bo mesto pod vodo najmanj deset dni. Okrog 65,000 prebivalcev je že pobegnilo iz mesta, ko je voda zalažila rezidenčne distrikte v nižinah.

Druga ohajska mesta, ki so prizadeta v poplavi, so Bellaire, Bridgeport, Coshocton, Ironton, Pomeroy, Portsmouth, Zanesville in Youngstown. Ta so deloma v popolnem pod vodo.

V južnem delu Indiane je bilo razglašeno obsedno stanje v 33 krajih. Večina prebivalcev iz Evansville, Lawrenceburga, Jeffersonville in New Albanyja je že pobegnila v višje kraje. V Illinoisu so tri mesta — Cairo, Harrisburg in Shawneetown — poplavljena. Okrog 20,000 ljudi je brez strehe.

Louisville, Ky., 26. jan. — Bataljon federalne vojske, 850 mož, je na poti v to mesto, kjer bodo sodelovali pri reševalnih delih. Poplavi, ki je zajela 90 odstotkov mesta, so se pridružile bolezni in lakota. Dve tretjini izmed 330,000 prebivalcev sta brez strehe. Elektrarne ne obratujejo že dva dni in ves cestni promet je bil ustavljen.

Governor A. B. Chandler, ki je apeliral na predsednika Roosevelta, naj pošlje federalne čete, je nekaj ur pozneje razglasil obsedno stanje v Louisvillu. V svojem telegramu Rooseveltu je omenil, da prevladuje panika med prebivalci.

Mestne avtoritete so uveljavile drastične ukrepe, da bodo lahko kons situaciji. Ena odredba določa konfiskacijo živil, oblik, gasolina in drugega blaga. Vsi trgovci, ki bi skušali navijati cene živilskim potrebitinam, so bili posvarjeni, da bodo strogo kaznovani. Vsaka oseba, ki bo začačena pri plenitvi, bo na mestu ustreljena.

Poleg Louisvillu so v poplavljena mesta Augusta, Dayton, Eddyville, Frankfort in Paducah. Vsa ležijo v nižinah ob reki Ohio.

Sto ruderjev ubitih, sto ranjenih v Cileju

Antofagasta, Cile, Južna Amerika, 26. jan. — Eksplozija dveh

Sijajan napredek članstva SNPJ v letu 1936

NAŠA JEDNOTA NAPREDOVALA ZA 1864 ČLANOV

V letu 1936 je imela SNPJ razpisano kampanjo z nagradami le za mladinski oddelok, nobene take kampanje pa ni bilo za oddelok odraslih. Kljub temu je v teku prošlega leta stopilo v SNPJ 1891 novih članov v oddelki odraslih, dočim je kampanja prinesla mladinsku oddelku 1815 novih članov. Skupaj v obeh oddelkih 3706 članov!

Ob koncu leta 1935 je SNPJ štela v oddelku odraslih 34,080 članov, v mladinskem oddelku pa 13,852; skupaj 47,932 članov.

Ob koncu leta 1936 je SNPJ štela v oddelku odraslih 35,057 članov, v mladinskem oddelku pa 14,252; skupaj 49,309.

Napredek v članstvu obeh oddelkov torej znaša 1377 članov.

Pojasnititi je treba, da v gornjem številu napredka manjka 296 članov mladinskega oddelka in 191 članov oddelka odraslih, ki so bili pridobljeni v decembri, toda v jednoti so bili sprejeti šele s 1. januarjem. Ako pričatejemo še te nove člane, znaša naš napredok v članstvu 1864.

Manjka nam še nekaj malega — 204 člane — da SNPJ doseže 50,000 članov v obeh oddelkih. Poskrbite, da bo to število doseženo do konvencije!

Bratje in sestre! To je vaš uspeh! Pokazali ste v prejšnjem letu, da je še vedno lahko pomnožiti naše vrste. MNOŽITE JIH ŠE NADALJE! NAPREJ Z AGITACIJO!

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

Domače vesti

Radioprogrami

Milwaukee. — Po zaslugu tamboškega zborna "Modri Dunaj", katerega direktor je rojak Steve Hegyi, je tukajšnja naselbina dobila pol ure stalnega jugoslovanskega radioprograma, ki bo trajal vsako nedeljo zjutraj od pol devete do devete ure na postaji WEMP, ki ima 1310 kilociklov. Vsi milwaukeeški slovenski pevski zbori so vabjeni k sodelovanju. Za pojasnila se obrnita na Fr. Ermenca, 1019 So. 15 st. Telefon Mitchell 1331. Začetek prihodnjo nedeljo.

Reading, Pa. — Prihodnjo nedeljo, dne 31. januarja, bo na radiopostaji WEEU v Readingu na programu slovenska godba ob 1:15 popoldne. Igral bo orkester "Pennsylvania Corn Huskers". Za nadaljnje programe slovenske godbe se priporočite pišemo na A. Y. Pennsylvania Corn Huskers, Station WEEU, Reading, Pa.

Lowber, Pa. — Karl Klun, član mladinskega oddelka SNPJ, bo igral na piano in harmoniko na radiopostaji WJAS v Pittsburghu, Pa., dne 30. januarja zvezcer od pete do šeste ure (vzhodni čas). Igralec je star 12 let. Kdor želi, da bi se igral, naj piše omenjeni postaji.

Nov grob v La Sallu

La Salle, Ill. — Tu je umrla Helene Pohar, stara 58 let. V Ameriki je bila 26 let in tu zapušča moža, devet otrok in devet vnučkov ter enega brata, v starosti (kje?) pa mater, brata in sestro.

Operacija

Nokomis, Ill. — Jos. Turk, član SNPJ, leži v bolnišnici v Hillsborough, kjer je bil operiran. Zeleti je, da kmalu okreva.

Clevelandske vesti

Cleveland. — Zaročila se je Ana Dermota z Charlesom Sculijem. — Sodnik Frank J. Lauša je moraliti v bolnišnici, kjer je bil v naglici operiran.

Za pljučnico je umrla Terezija Franko, roj. Grdanec, "starca 47 let" in doma iz Cerine pri Čatežu ob Savi. V Ameriki je bila 24 let in tu zapušča moža in hčer. — Dalje je umrl Louis Ilc, doma iz Dolnje vas pri Ribnici, kjer zapušča ženo in odrasel otroke.

Nadalje je umrl pionirka Jana Korč, roj. Furlan in doma iz Verda, ki je živila v Ameriki 35 let. — Smrt je pobrala tudi Marijo Lenarčič, roj. Marolt, doma iz Bevk pri Vrhniku. — V bolnišnici je umrl Adolf Tekavčič, star 23 let in rojen v Ameriki. — Pljučnici je podlegel Fr. Podpadec iz Richmondville, N. Y. Zapatuša ženo in 11 otrok.

Vagonov dinamita je včeraj ugasnila okrog sto ruderjev, ranila drugih sto in uničila še največjega bakrenega rudnika Chuquicamata v Južni Ameriki.

Mussolini, Hitler

mečeta pesek v oči

Medtem pa pošiljata na daljnji 40,000 mož v Spaniol

Zeneva, 26. jan. — Spanski zunanj minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo je včeraj informiral Anglijo in Francijo, da glavni namen Goeringovega obiska v Rimu je bil, da se dogovori z Mussolinijem glede nove nemško-italijanske armade 80,000 mož, ki ima biti odposljana generalu Francu v Spaniji prihodnje tedne za poslavljano ofenzivo. Mussolini je ugovarjal, da je ta armada prevelika, nakar sta se dogovorila, da Nemčija in Italija pošljeta 40,000 mož Mussolini in Hitler bosta poskrbela, da se vprašanje "prastovoljev" za Spanijo zavrne toliko časa, da njuna nova armada pride v Spanijo.

London, 26. jan. — Odgovor Nemčije in Italije na noto Anglike in Francije glede načrta, da se zaprejo meje Spanije inozemskim prostovoljcem, je prišel včeraj — po dveh dolgih tednih.

Ob dogovoru sta v bistvu enaka. Nemčija, kakor Italija se v principu strinjata, da je treba izključiti tujce iz Spanije, ampak Nemčija in Italija morata prevideti, da bodo to storili tudi drugi.

Madrid, 26. jan. — Včeraj ni bilo bojev zaradi meseca vremena, da se podlagi nekih informacij, da so "izpovedi" boljševiških obtožencev v Moskvi posledica neke nove drogerije ali omotila, ki je tajna iznajdba sovjetske znanosti. Clovek, ki je omoten s to drogerijo, je kakor hipnotiziran: lastne volje nima več in govoril, kar drugi hočejo. To menda pojasnjuje, zakaj je 17 obtožencev v tem procesu navdušeno priznalo vso krivdo, katere jih obtožuje Stalinovo sodišče. Pri prvem procesu v zadnjem avgustu proti Zinovjevu in 15 tovaršem so Stalinovi tožilci rabili isto drogerijo s sijajnim uspehom...

Moskva, 26. jan. — Včeraj, tretji dan obravnave proti Radetu in 16 tovaršem, so pričali manj važni obtoženci — in vsi so se z največjim navdušenjem, obtožili vsega, kar jim očita obtožnika. Se več: obtoženci so drug drugega jemali krivdo iz ust in jo prisneli sebi!

Obtoženec Leon Sestov je recitiral, kako je izvršil velik bančni rop, da je dobil denar za ostale zarotnike. On je imel naložiti ubiti razne visoke sovjetske uradnike, Stalinove veljake, med temi tudi Ordožikine na Kazaku, tu mu je pa segel v bese do Nikolaja Ivanoviča Muralova, drugi obtoženec in bivši poljedelski komesar ter poveljnički garnizije v Moskvi. Muralov je zavpljal, da se Sestov laže, ker je on bil tisti, ki je stregele Ordožikine po življenju!

Leon Serebrijakov, bivši poštni podkomisar, je obtožil Bidija Mdivanija, ki je bil eden najintimnejših prijateljev pokojnega Lenina, da je vodil teroristično grupo v Georgiji (Gruzinska na Kavkazu), katera je hotela ubiti Stalina in odtrgati Georgijo od Sovjetske unije — in on (Serebrijakov) je pomagal tej grupi.

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Autobus padel v kanal v Floridi; 17 mrtvih

Miami, Fla., 26. jan. — Potniški autobus, vozeč turiste, je včeraj padel v kanal v tukajšnji otočki in 17 potnikov je utonilo.

autobus je bilo 31 oseb; 14 oseb s voferjem in črnokožnim voferjem vred se je rešilo.

SLOAN IZZIVA

VODITELJE AVTNE STAVKE

Uradniki korporacije se ne bodo udeležili konference

TRIJE RANJENI V IZ- GREDIH

Detroit, Mich., 26. jan. — Korporacija General Motors je načinila obnovitev obrata v svoji tovarni v Michiganu in Indianu in pozvala 40,000 stavkarjev, naj se vrnejo na delo. Istočasno je Alfred P. Sloan, predsednik korporacije, izjavil, da se on in drugi uradniki ne bodo udeležili mirovne konference z voditelji unije zdravilnih avtov. Sloan je podal ostavko, da ga politični stranki izklopijo.

"Dokler se stavkarji ne bodo umaknili iz tovarne, katere so kupirali, se ne bomo pogajali z unijo avtovih delavcev," je dejal Sloan. To stališče so uradniki avtovne korporacije izjavili na konferenci zadnjih teden, ki se je razbila.

Voditelji avtne unije so včeraj odpotovali v Washington, kjer bodo konferirali z Johnom L. Lewisom, načelnikom Odbora za industrijsko organizacijo. Vsi so že prej izjavili, da so pripravljeni na obnovitev pogajanja v smislu mirovnega načrta, katerega je predlagala delavska tajnica. Unijški grupi, ki je odšla v Washington, tvorijo Homer Martin, predsednik avtne unije, Wyndham Mortimer, predsednik in Ed Hall. Kakšno akcijo bo unija zdaj, ko je Sloan odšel, povabilo delavske tajnice, naj se udeleži Washingtonske konference, podvzela, ni znano.

"V imenu korporacije vas obvezjam, da sem prejel povabilo glede konference z voditelji avtne unije, ki se prične v sredo v našem uradu," pravi Sloan v svojem odgovoru delavški tajnik. "Iz razlogov, katerih sem navedel zadnji teden, ne morem sprejeti povabilo. Mi se ne bomo pogajali z avtne unije, dokler se stavkarji ne umaknijo iz tovarne, katere so obupirali."

Anderson, Ina., 26. jan. — Tri osebe so bile ranjene sinoči, ko je množica okrog 2000 oseb napadla člane avtne unije, ki so se zbrali na svojem shodu v poslopju tukajšnjega sodišča.

Kongresnik zagovarja svobodo govora

Philadelphia, Pa. — Kongresnik Maury Maverick, progressiv iz Texasa, je v svojem govoru pred profesorji univerze Swarthmore izjavil, da bo predložil zakonski osnutek v kongresu, ki določa denarne in zaporne kazni za policafe in uradnike, ki kršijo ustavne garancije svobode govora in zborovanja. Osnutek predviduje denarno kazeno \$3000 in zapor do enega leta za vnos v skupino, ki je razlika in zato bratskim organizacijam ni treba plačevati davka v Novi Mehiki.

Poplave, viharji, ne- sreča po vsem svetu

London, 26. jan. — Na Angleškem močno dežuje in reka Thames narašča. — V Sydneyju, Avstraliji, je bil v nedeljo strahoviti vihar, ki je podiral hiše. Stiri osebe so bile ubite. — Grški parnik Spiros se je potopil bližu Portugalaskem in osem mornar

Uradne vesti društva SNPJ

Detroit, Mich.—Članstvu društva 711 SNPJ. Vaš mesec od 20. do 25. se plasuje assessment pri tajniku v Hrvatskem domu na 1829 E. Kirby ave. od 11. dopoldne do 1. popoldne. Slučajno da tajnik v tem času ni, se obrnite na brata zapisnikarja, prva vrata od doma, št. 1223 E. Kirby ave. S članom, ki ne piše ob času, kakor govorijo pravila, se bo postopalo po pravilih. Potem ni treba, da bi prizadeti nikog kritizirati. Vsak član dobro ve, da je njegova dolžnost, da redno prihaja na seje ter da redno in pravočasno plača svoj assessment. Prosim članstvo našega društva, da se ravna pravilno in da upošteva pravila.

Joseph Mihaljevič, tajnik.

Pueblo, Colo.—Društvo Orel št. 21 SNPJ se izvihno pripravlja na federalno konferenco, ki se bo vršilo tukaj 31. jan. V tej federaciji društva SNPJ so društvo v južnem Colorado in severni New Mex. Upam, da se bodo odzvala vsa ostala društva in poslala svoje zastopnike na ta sestanek. Treba je tudi, da se razstojajo listki. Na svidenje 31. jan. v Pueblo na federalni konferenci!

Tudi tukaj razstaja španska influenca in mnogo ljudi je položila v potrebo. Pred štirimi tedni je uhrala sestra Erciu, članica našega društva. Star je bila še 41 let in rojena maj. Podlegla je pljučnicji. Zaučala tri odrasle otroke in soprog. Dne 10. januarja je umrl Frank Adamič, tudi član našega društva, ko se je vrnil s seje. Padel je na cesti pred svojo hišo in čez par ur umrl. Zadele ga je kap. Bil je naprednega prepranja in rad je čital napredne knjige. Bil je vdovec, soprog mu je umrla pred šestimi leti in tudi ona je bila članica SNPJ. Pokojnik zapušča tri odrasle sinove in dve hčerki. Prizadetima družinama našo globoko sožalje!

Frank Boltezar, 21.

Detroit, Mich.—Društvo 121 SNPJ se inkrenzo zahvaljujem za podarjeno vstop 20 dolarij, prej pa je darovalo vstop 15 dolarij. Moj soprog Joseph Mezgec št. je bolan že od prelega maja in se nahaja v bolnišnici Harper od proslige 23. oktobra. Na 6. jan. t. l. se je podvrzel operaciji in se nahaja v kritičnem stanju, tako da so ga dal in takovano "oxygen tent" (napravljeno za umetno dihanje s pomočjo kisika). Srečno se štejemo, da je član SNPJ. Kaj bi počela društva, ako ne bi bil zavarovan pri SNPJ! Seveda ni mnogo, ker se je podpora te skoro izčrpala, hvalejni pa smo vseeno, posebno pa je zato, ker nam društveni člani in članice storijo ob strani. Članstvo društva 121 SNPJ je lahko uverjen, da sem in da bom vedno jač in moja družina delal v korist društva in jednotne, katere člani smo vam, namreč 7 po številu. Obenem se inkrenzo zahvaljujem vsem sorodnikom in prijateljem za obiske na domu in v bolnišnici ter za vetrilice in druga darila in gotovini. V Kolikor nasi ne prizadela brezposelnost, nareje pa še bolesen. Soprog je bil tri leta brez dela ipz za Forda že garjal 11 let. Pisala sem Fordovi družbi, našem kaj pomaga, ker je soprog tam obolen, pa sem dobila odgovor, da ne morem dokazati, da je tam obolen, menda zato, ker se ni v tovarni na tlu zgrudil. Prisel je z nočnega dela domov takoj slab, da ko je vlegel v posteljo, ni več vstal, ker je bil preveč bolan za pljučnico in pljučnico mu je pustila bolesen, ki traja še skoro en mesec.

Priporočam rojakom, da si naročijo Prosveto. Tako bi bilo delavski društvi bres dnevnika Prosvete, kajti je nje se vedno kaj novega naučimo. Čestitam tudi naši mladi generaciji, ker tako zanimivo piše, kajti tudi mi starejši se učimo iz angleškega črtiva, da naše otroki bolj razumemo.

Frances Mezgec, 121.

Renton, Wash.—Ker se bliža enajsta konvencija SNPJ, katera se bo vršila v Clevelandu meseca maja, je potrebno, da se članstvo našega društva 277 udeleži redne mesečne seje dne 14. februarja v velikem številu. Kajti na tej seji se bo vrlo volito za delegata. Dolinost članstva je, da natanko pregledajo pravila kar se tiče volitev, da ne bomo na kakšen način krili pravil, tako da bo delegat pravilno izvoljen, obenem pa, da izvolimo delegata, ki bo delal za dobrobit društva in jednotne. Naša veselica na starega leta veber se je dobre obsevale, in veselice, ki smo jih prizadeli lani, so podkreple našo blagajno, da se nam ni treba dati državni doklad. Ker imamo precej društvenih stroškov, upam, da bomo tudi v bodoči sodelovali v korist društvene blagajne.

John Peterrel, blagajnik.

Brackenridge, Pa.—Naznanjam članom društva 375, da se bo vršila izredna seja dne 7. februarja točno ob 1. popoldne, na kateri bomo volili delegata za 11. konvencijo. Naša društva se je zdržalo z društvom 400. Obenem omenjam, da je bilo zadnjih napadno navedeno, da se bo vršila federalna seja dne 25. januarja, namreč 24. Vsakemu je lahko bilo takoj znano, da je bila pomota in da se seja vselej na nedelje.

Mary Svedi, tajnica.

McKeesport, Pa.—Članstvo društva 347 se vabi in poziva, da se udeleži redne mesečne seje dne 14. feb. Na tej seji bo vedno vaš zadavek, kateri je treba rešiti, poleg tega pa tudi volitve delegata za enajsto konvencijo. Izveliti moramo tudi dva društvena odbornika, ker sta resignira-

la. Zato pa vsi na sejo! Tajnik in predsednik ne moreta sama reševati društvenih zadev. Na seji 10. jan. je bil izbran za predsednika Alex Dušančić. Pridite vse na prihodnjo sejo, da se bo vršila 2. feb. iz razloga, ker bomo imeli volitve delegata. Mnogo članov se ne udeleži sej, ker misijo, da le plaćajo assessment, pa je dovolj. Seveda je glavnino, da se plača assessment, ampak važno so tudi druge stvari. Kadar člana običe nešreča ali bolesen in ne dobi zadostne podpore, se jezi na društvo in njegove uradnike ter gl. uradnike. Pravila so za vse enaka, so veljavna od konvencije do konvencije in jih ni mogoče predragucati. Marsikomu bo v korist, da se udeleži sej, posebno po letos, ker se bo vršila konvencija. Treba bo dati priporočila delegatom, da bodo delali v korist društva in jednotne. Zato pa je treba na društvenih sejih članstva, da o tem razpravljajo in priporočajo. Citatej glosilo, kaj v njem uradniki pišejo in priporočajo. Časi so resni, postali bomo stari in pomoci bo treba marsikom. Kje je bilo še 41 let in rojena tumač. Podlegla je pljučnicji. Zaučala tri odrasle otroke in soprog. Dne 10. januarja je umrl Frank Adamič, tudi član našega društva, ko se je vrnil s seje. Padel je na cesti pred svojo hišo in čez par ur umrl. Zadele ga je kap. Bil je naprednega prepranja in rad je čital napredne knjige. Bil je vdovec, soprog mu je umrla pred šestimi leti in tudi ona je bila članica SNPJ. Pokojnik zapušča tri odrasle sinove in dve hčerki. Prizadetima družinama našo globoko sožalje!

Marko Sabič, tajnik.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Društvo Sloga št. 16 SNPJ je na zadnji seji sklenilo, da se uradno pozovemo vse člani na prihodnjo sejo, ki se bo vršila 2. feb., iz razloga, ker bomo imeli volitve delegata. Mnogo članov se ne udeleži sej, ker misijo, da le plaćaju assessment, pa je dovolj. Seveda je glavnino, da se plača assessment, ampak važno so tudi druge stvari. Kadar člana

občesa obnesio ali ne, bo pokazala udeležba. Upam, da bo dvorana polna, po dolgem času, ko nas je depresija trila (vem, da še ni vselelo slovo od vseh). Upam, da se počutimo nekoliko bolje. Apeiram posebno na članstvo, da zapre svoje domove za isti večer (blagajno naj s seboj primesne, da je ne bodo tavori ukrali) in se naj v obilnem številu udeleži naše društvene zabave, ki je samo enkrat v letu, da se bomo spoznali med člancem in malo pokramljali med seboj.

Nick Glogovšek.

Blaine, O.—Društvo 333 priredi maskeradno veselico 12. feb. Vabljene so vse vselej na sej, da nas običaste omenjeni dan. Začetek veselice ob sedmih večer. Godba bo dobra in za prigrizek bo poskrbel odbor.

Chicago. — Ker se bliža konč predpusta, bo imelo društvo Nada št. 102 SNPJ svojo običajno letno maskeradno veselicu v dvorani SNPJ v soboto 6. feb. To bo edina veselica te vrste v tej sezoni med nami. Zato upam, da bo udeležba velika. Veseljeni odbor in članice so pripravile izredno mnogo krasnih in tudi nekaj praktičnih daril, tako da bo kar mogoče veliko število mask obdarovanih. Rediteljice bodo skrbale za red v dvorani po svoji najboljši moći, tako da ne bo nihče mask nadlegoval. Odbornice imajo nalogo, da dobijo také sodnike, ki bodo delili nagrade maskam kolikor mogoče nepristransko. Pripravljeni odbor pa bo preskrbel dober prigrizek in druge dobre, ki spadajo na take prireditve. Na svidenje!

Mary Church, predsednica.

Bon Air, Pa.—Društvo 254 je priredilo novoletno zabavo. Društvo je naprosilo članice, naj vsake kaž dobre pripravi, člane pa za pijačo in godbo. Zahvala gre ženam, ki so v resnicni prekrble marški dobrega in se žrtvovale. Kakor bi se bile domenice: ena je prinesla tri, druga eno, tako da je vse prav prisojlo in miza je bila obložena z raznimi dobratimi. Odprla se vrata v vstopilo to je nekaj Mokrečanov, med njimi tudi A. V., ki je imel seboj pol tucata Družinskih koledarjev. Veselili smo se skupno, pa tudi v rajšči, A. V. pa je prodal več koledarjev in enega sem jari kupil, četudi sem jih s sam prodajal! Takega starega znamca in prijetja kot Je A. V. mora človek spoštovati. Veselje nam rad ustreže, kadar potrebuje govorinic, zakar je tudi sposoben, ali pa Frank s Parkhill. Če tudi imata vsek par nasprotnikov, sta obe fejt fanta, aktivna na delevkem polju vselej in povod—Na 31. jan. se bo vršila sej, seje v dvorani sv. Alojzija v Conemaughu ob 2. pop. Volitive odbora za tekoste leta. 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Glasovi iz naselbin

Problemi kanadskih članov

New Waterford, N. S., Kanada. — Pred vsako konvencijo se veliko razpravlja v Prosveti, na druščinih sejah ali po domovih članstva, kaj bo v novih pravilih treba spremeniti, koga voliti v gl. odbor itd. V tem oziru bi jaz delegatom XI. konvencije priporočal to: da se za člane SNPJ v Kanadi par členov pravil (ali zaključkov gl. odbora) toliko spremeni, da bomo člani v Kanadi stali s člani v Združenih državah na enaki stopnji.

V času zadnjih 4 letih sem videl v Prosveti apele kanadskih članov na gl. odbor in tako tudi od društev, da bi se kaj ukenilo radi doplačevanja na valuto in radi doklade v bolniške sklade. Vse takratne apele sem jaz smatral za nesmiselne, ker gl. odbor nima moči kaj spremeni, kar je bilo na konvenciji sklenjeno.

Herman Drobisch, predsednik st. 558.

eden za drugim vlegel v postopek, ko je bil ob delo, si izmisli kako bolezan, mozel do zadnje kaplje in potem bil prisilen zapustiti društvo in našo milo domovino Kanado. Na ta način so pri naših društvenih nastali deficiti, in člani, kateri niso bili prisiljeni zapustiti delo in državo, morajo še danes plačevati dolgo drugi.

Družič so pa radi skozi večletne nepretrgane doklade še drugi člani pustili društva eden za drugim. In razumljivo je, če manjše je število članstva, dalje se bo doklada moral plačevati. Zato pa želim, da bi XI. konvencija to spremeni, da bo izgledalo bolj bratsko, ker sedaj članstvo je tega deficitu le malo zadržalo. Toliko za danes, ker se še oglastim.

Tudi važno vprašanje:

Milwaukee, Wis. — Kakšno stališče naj zavzemajo jednotine publikacije, da bodo uspešno izobraževala delavstvo za boj proti kapitalizmu? Da je izobrazba tista sila, brez katere delavstvo ne more misliti na trajno zmago, je samo obsebi umetno. Toda vprašanje nastane, kakšna izobrazba je potrebna delavcu? Vsak časopis, kateregakoli citamo, nam ponuja delavsko izobrazbo, seveda po svojem okusu, pa če tudi pri tem zagovarja direktno ali indirektno sedanjanje družbeni red. Zopet dalje vidimo veliko število ljudi, ki so pohajali visoke sole in vendar so mnogi izmed teh visokoizobraženih največji podporniki kapitalistične družbe.

Iz gornjih podatkov je razvidno, da ni vsaka izobrazba koristna za rešitev delavskega razreda. Ako torej hočemo, da se bo naše časopis v resnicu moglo nazivati delavsko in da bo imelo resničen uspeh v izobrazbi delavskega razreda, je potrebno, da piše in izobražuje v smislu socialističnih principov in to brez ozira, če iste principe širi kaka politična stranka ali ne! To seveda velja, tudi za Prosveto in Mladinski List.

Brat Molek je v Prosveti z dne 16. dec. podal svoje sugestije prihodnji konvenciji, kakšne smernice naj Prosveta zavzema v bodočnosti. Z drugimi besedami rečeno: ali naj Prosveta tudi v bodoče piše v tem smislu, kakov zadnje čase?

Kar se mene tiče, sem popolnoma nasproten tem sugestijam iz sledenih razlogov: Da se bi Prosveta bolj zanimala za takozvane slov. kulturne aktivnosti med nami in medtem opuščala politično izobrazbo naših nasejencev, smatram za veliko zmotno. Kar se tice naših slov. kulturne aktivnosti, so za nas stvar preteklosti oziroma bodo odšte z nami v grob, za našo mladino pa sploh nimajo nobenega pomena. Kar danes zanima naš mladino, je: Kako se otresti kapitalističnega sistema in si tako izboljšati življensko eksistenco, in to naj zanimali tudi Prosveto najbolj!

Nadalje, da Prosveta podpira tendenco zdržanja vseh farmerško-delavskih strank v masno-delavsko stranko, brez socialnega programa za odpravo kapitalizma, to nima dosti pomena. Pominiti je treba, da so vse te farmerško-delavskie stranke in stranke, ki so danes na obzoru, in katere prav na skrivnem omenjajo "produkcijsko zaboravo," mnenja, da je rešitev delavskega problema mogoča tudi pod kapitalizmom.

Vsled zgorajnjih razlogov priporočam prihodnji konvenciji, da se Prosveta v bodočnosti bolj zanima za vprašanja na polju delavsko izobrazbe, kar pa naj bo usmerjeno v smislu socialističnih principov. Nadalje naj Prosveta vsej v povod podpira tendenco zdržanja vseh delavskih strank v masno-delavsko stranko, katera naj ima socialistična načela in soci. program.

Joe Vidmar, 234.

Komentar. — Br. Vidmar pravi, da se ne strinja z mojimi sugestijami glede bodočih smernic Prosvete, on sam pa priporoča isto kot jaz, samo z drugimi besedami! Ali je vredno, da se pričkamo zaradi golih besed?

Delavska izobrazba je isto, kar propagira Prosvetna matica, katera je publicirala v razširila okrog deset mojih knjig in brošur. Mislim, da mi br. Vidmar toliko zaupa, da ne bom po 30 letih intrigiral za kakšno drugega delavsko izobrazbo, kakšne sploh ni. Kadar jaz pišem ali govorim o slovenskih kulturnih aktivnostih, imam v misli naše kulturne aktivnosti, nameč delavsko v področju Prosvetne matice. Socializem ni samo politično in ekonomsko vprašanje, marveč je tudi znanstveno in kulturno v Prosvetu je že izvršila ogromno delo na polju znanstvenega socializma in proletarske kulture. To delo naj se nadaljuje — in lahko se nadaljuje, ne da bi bila Prosveta moralno obligirana kateri politični stranki ali skupini. Moja sugestija je bila, da Prosveta v bodoče podpira gibanje za razvoj masne delavsko ali farmerško-delavsko stranke v Združenih državah, katera bo usmerjena za dosegod odprave profitnega sistema po demokratičnih potih. Br. Vidmar hoče isto, le pove to z drugimi besedami.

Kaj pa je produkcija za rabo, če ni odprava profita — in kaj je to oboje, če ni socialistizem? — Ivan Molek, urednik Prosvete.

Priporočila k spremembam pravil

Milwaukee, Wis. — Federacija SNPJ za tukajnje okrožje je na svojih sejih skrbno razmisljala o sledenih spremembah, ki jih priporoča prihodnji konvenciji v odobritev:

Clen 2, točka 3, med drugim naglaša: "Ce se predlog potrdi, mora (upravnih odsek) napisati o njem svoje mnenje". Naši priporočilo je, da se omenjeno besedilo črta iz pravil iz sledenih razlogov: Zdi se nam, da je članstvo dovolj razumno in kompetentno, da žele, ali je iniciativa v epošno korist članstva in 10. jan., bomo imeli čistih dohodkov med \$30 in \$40. S temi dohodki je veselica hvalevredna, ne da se ne strinjam.

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Se žive naši principi!

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Baš narobe: (kakšna sreča za nas, da naši klerikalni nasprotniki kot pristni mentalni burbonci ne bodo nikdar tega spoznali!) njih ofenzivno meketanje in tuljenje je za nas reklama!

Cim bolj rogovili proti nam, tem bolj ima naša masa, ki je navadno brezbrizna, razumeva, da je nekaj narobe pri — rogoviležih; tem prej se ta masa odziva nam in oklepa naših orga-

nizacij in naših listov.

In kako lahko je razumeti naše nasprotnike, kako lahko je videti pod njihov plitvi humbug! Ves njihov "mesarski" krík, da je vse grozota v Španiji le na strani španske vlade, z večino ljudstva pravilno izvoljene, da je na strani te vlade sam komunizem in ruski boljševizem in kdorkoli simpatizira s to vlado, je sam komuni-

nist, boljševik, je tako prozoren, da mu le skrajni slepi nasedajo. Njihovo mrtvaško molčanje o tisočletnem dejstvu — molčanje, kadar ne poskušajo z mizernim zavijanjem!

da bi bili barbarski napad na špansko demokracijo že davno odbit in strt, če ne bi španskim puščistom pomagala Hitler in Mussolini, to molčanje jih pobija pri vsakem koraku. To molčanje o bistvenem karakterju španske fašistične vstaje, da namreč brez Hitlerja in Mussolinija ne bo fašistične znage v Španiji in da ta dva podpirata in branita špansko reakcijo s cerkvijo vred z bombami in topovi — izdaja njihovo ostredno hinavstvo!

Članstvo SNPJ je s to akcijo krepko demonstriralo, da ima še svoje napredne principe in jih misli obdržati. Storilo je za obrambo španske demokracije, kar je moglo storiti. Drugega ne more storiti. Nasprotniki se nam cincinno rogajo, češ, zakaj ne pograbimo puški in odidemo v Španijo. Mij pa pravimo: kar je dobro za gospjaka, mora biti dobro tudi za gos. Naj raje oni pograbijo puške in podmaširajo v Španijo! Do zdaj branijo "krščanstvo" v Španiji Hitlerjevi pogani, Francovi mohamedanci in Mussolinijevi revolver-kristijani. Čas je torej, da ta banda dobi nekaj "pravih" kristjanov iz Amerike ...

Glasovi iz naselbin

Naš rezervni sklad

Cleveland, O. — Ako bi bil naš edini problem varnost investicij; potem bi bila vsaka diskuzija nepotrebna. Vladni, državni in veliki večini municipalni bondi so brez dvoma najvarnejše investicije. Križ pa je, da te vrste investicije prinašajo danes izredno nizke obresti. Ako st hočemo omemiti samo na te bonde, potem bo naša obrestna mera padla, ne samo pod štiri, ampak pod tri odstotke. Višji asesment postane potem neizogiven. Konkurenca z onimi organizacijami, katere so sposobne investirati svoj rezervni sklad proti višjim obrestim, bi postala tako težava.

Dobro bi bilo, da pogledamo o-krog sebe, da vidimo, kaj delajo drugi. Vem, da je med nami nekaj ljudi, ki pravijo: "Kaj nas briga, kaj delajo drugi, mi sami najbolj vemo, kaj je dobro za nas." Ti ljudje me spominjamjo na mamico, ki je opazovala četvero vojakov, ko so korakali skozi mesto. Tudi njen sin Janecek je bil med njimi. Ko je opazila, da njen sin Janecek ne drži koraka z drugimi, je vskliknila: "Izmed vseh vojakov, ki je v tej četrti, samo moj Janecek koraka pravilno."

Zato mišljeno med nami ne sme biti prostora. Učiti se moramo, ne samo iz naših lastnih izkušenj, ampak tudi iz izkušenj drugih ljudi. Ako spoznamo, da so njihove metode uspešne, teda je naša dolžnost, da jih posnemamo.

Ako primerjamo portfolio naših investicij z onim drugim podobnih organizacij, zapazimo veliko razliko. Za podrobno primerjanje ni v teh dopisih pristopova in večine čitalcev bi tudi ne zanimalo. Oni, kateri želijo naštanje statistike, si lahko dobijo knjigo "American Insurance Year Book" v Public Library. Tudi knjigo "Statistics of Fraternal Societies" v založbi "The Fraternal Monitor" priporočam onim, kateri se želijo seznaniti s poslovanjem in metodami podpornih organizacij. Toda kratek preizrek naših investicij ne bo odveč.

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Baš narobe: (kakšna sreča za nas, da naši klerikalni nasprotniki kot pristni mentalni burbonci ne bodo nikdar tega spoznali!) njih ofenzivno meketanje in tuljenje je za nas reklama!

Cim bolj rogovili proti nam, tem bolj ima naša masa, ki je navadno brezbrizna, razumeva, da je nekaj narobe pri — rogoviležih; tem prej se ta masa odziva nam in oklepa naših orga-

nizacij in naših listov.

In kako lahko je razumeti naše nasprotnike, kako lahko je videti pod njihov plitvi humbug! Ves njihov "mesarski" krík, da je vse grozota v Španiji le na strani španske vlade, z večino ljudstva pravilno izvoljene, da je na strani te vlade sam komunizem in ruski boljševizem in kdorkoli simpatizira s to vlado, je sam komuni-

nist, boljševik, je tako prozoren, da mu le skrajni slepi nasedajo. Njihovo mrtvaško molčanje o tisočletnem dejstvu — molčanje, kadar ne poskušajo z mizernim zavijanjem!

da bi bili barbarski napad na špansko demokracijo že davno odbit in strt, če ne bi španskim puščistom pomagala Hitler in Mussolini, to molčanje jih pobija pri vsakem koraku. To molčanje o bistvenem karakterju španske fašistične vstaje, da namreč brez Hitlerja in Mussolinija ne bo fašistične znage v Španiji in da ta dva podpirata in branita špansko reakcijo s cerkvijo vred z bombami in topovi — izdaja njihovo ostredno hinavstvo!

Članstvo SNPJ je s to akcijo krepko demon-

striralo, da ima še svoje napredne principe in jih misli obdržati. Storilo je za obrambo španske demokracije, kar je moglo storiti. Drugega ne more storiti. Nasprotniki se nam cincinno rogajo, češ, zakaj ne pograbimo puški in

odidemo v Španijo. Mij pa pravimo: kar je dobro za gospjaka, mora biti dobro tudi za gos.

Naj raje oni pograbijo puške in podmaširajo v Španijo! Do zdaj branijo "krščanstvo" v Španiji Hitlerjevi pogani, Francovi mohamedanci in Mussolinijevi revolver-kristijani. Čas je torej,

da ta banda dobi nekaj "pravih" kristjanov iz Amerike ...

malo ali pa nič prejeli, kar se nam ne vidi bratsko.

Kar se tice načrta C ali 20-letnega zavarovanja, je potrebno slediti drugim slovenskim podpornim organizacijam, to je, da bi bila vsaka skupina za \$60,000 te vrste bondov. Na podlagi kupne cene bi prejela višje obreste.

Državne postave nam dovoljujejo, da investiramo do 25%

našega rezervnega skladu v Public utilities. Moje mnenje je, da bi se v bodoče vsaj del naših dohodkov investiral na ta način.

Cetrtič: Posojila proti prvinknizi (first mortgages). SNPJ ima približno 10% svojega premoženja v istih. Ameriške inšurante družbe so imele pred leti 43%, danes imajo nekoliko manj. SNPJ je s tem posojili prenehala pred štirimi leti. Izkazalo se je, da je med nami nekaj ljudi, ki pravijo: "Kaj nas briga, kaj delajo drugi, mi sami najbolj vemo, kaj je dobro za nas." Ti ljudje me spominjamjo na mamico, ki je opazovala četvero vojakov, ko so korakali skozi mesto. Tudi njen sin Janecek je bil med njimi. Ko je opazila, da njen sin Janecek ne drži koraka z drugimi, je vskliknila: "Izmed vseh vojakov, ki je v tej četrti, samo moj Janecek koraka pravilno."

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Instructions for Election of Delegates

In accordance with Article 17, Section 1, of the SNPJ By-Laws, election of delegates for the regular convention to be held this year, should be conducted from February 1 to March 31, inclusive. In the event that a Lodge fails to elect a delegate during the time as described in the By-Laws, it loses the right of representation at the convention.

Article 1, Section 4, provides: "Each local Branch having one hundred or more members in good standing on January 1 of the convention year shall be entitled to a representation of one delegate; each Branch having two hundred fifty members or over shall be entitled to two delegates. Branches having less than one hundred members may merge to attain the required number of members for one delegate. No local Branch shall have more than two delegates, and no combination of Branches shall be entitled to more than one delegate. Branches in existence not fully four months at the time of elections shall not be entitled to representation at the Convention. ONLY MEMBERS WHO REGULARLY PAY THEIR MONTHLY ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER LODGE OR SOCIETY OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE CONSIDERED MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING."

Any good-standing and active member is an eligible candidate for delegate, under the conditions provided by Article 17, Section 3, of the By-Laws, which read:

"A member who can read and write, who has been a member of the Society at least two years and a member of the local Branch at least six months prior to the election day, and who has not been found guilty of fraud, deception, embezzlement or theft either by the SNPJ or any other fraternal society or its local lodges, or by the civil court during the period of five years prior to the election, shall be eligible as a delegate to a regular or special convention. A MEMBER WHO WAS NOT PRESENT AT LEAST AT ONE THIRD OF THE BRANCH MEETINGS IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION, OR WHO IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY CANNOT BE A CANDIDATE FOR A DELEGATE."

Nomination for delegate can be open, but election must be secret and only members in good standing, who are present at the meeting, have the right to vote. In the event that three members are nominated for one delegate, absolute majority is essential, which means that one candidate must receive more votes cast than both opponents together. If this is not accomplished, then the two members receiving the highest number of votes must contest for election. An alternate must also be elected for each delegate.

THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES FOR THE CONVENTION SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED VALID UNLESS IT IS CONDUCTED AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 17 OF THE BY-LAWS.

To avoid any and all complaints or charges, which may arise at election of delegates, we appeal to the officers and members of the Lodge to conduct election strictly in accordance with the By-Laws and see that justice will prevail.

Passive or suspended members shall not be permitted to vote as they have no right to do so according to the By-Laws. This election can be conducted in a manner fit for a Fraternal Benefit Society without any grudge or hard feeling.

Local Secretaries are requested to comply with Article 17, Section 4, of the By-Laws, which provides:

"Secretaries of the local Branches shall furnish the Supreme Secretary with the names and addresses of duly elected delegates not later than April 10, 1937. The Supreme Secretary shall publish the names and addresses of elected delegates and alternates in the Society official organ at least twice before the Convention."

This, however, does not mean that you must wait until April 10 to report election of delegate. You are requested to send same immediately after the election is over.

F. A. Vider, Supreme Secretary.

For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovenes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Our Membership Progress in 1936

Without any official campaign and special privileges or awards for the Adult Department last year, the SNPJ was able to make a remarkable progress.

When there is a will and determination, one can always expect successful results. The following figures are proof of our statement:

Adult Membership at close 1935 . . .	34,080
Juvenile " " " " . . .	13,852

Total	47,932
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Adult Membership at close 1936	35,057
Juvenile " " " "	14,252

Total	49,309
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Increase last year	1,377
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If we would add to the above increase the additional 296 Juvenile and 191 Adult members obtained last year and accepted January 1, 1937, the total increase would amount to 1,864. This means that we have approximately reached the 50,000 mark.

Brothers and Sisters—FORWARD with our campaign! F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

The Reveliers' Column

AMBRIDGE, PA.—Some time ago, back in November, 1936, this column carried a piece about "this fall and winter will find many of your acquaintances ill; be all the nicer to them now before any illness, as well as during any illness." I hoped that prediction wouldn't materialize. In Ambridge quite a few Revelier and Naš Dom members have been ill. Mrs. Louis Uhernik Sr. is recuperating from quite a serious operation. Mr. Uhernik has just returned home from a Pittsburgh hospital, where he underwent an operation. Alvin Murshtz is ill at home. So is Anne Rosenthaler. Caroline Kerzan is well again after some days in bed. Mrs. Anthony Grandovic Sr. has been ill from a severe attack of grippe. In the Kosela household, two have recovered from colds, the mother and young Leonard are yet in bed. Tommy Ganter is another who continues to be forced indoors, awaiting complete recovery. Frank Kress' mother was also taken ill. An exceptional number have been victims of severe cold attacks. It would be timely for the Prosleta to publicize all necessary precautions to avoid, or cure by timely treatment, illnesses prevalent in this season's weather.

Some new names grace the lists as Revelier officials this year. A few have retained their old positions. Joseph Becek is the new president; Louis Uhernik Jr. the new vice president; Katherine Grandovic continues as secretary; likewise, George Malech as recording sec'y; John Gaul was promoted to treasurer; new trustees are Margaret Peltz, Louis Kosela and Rudy Peltz; John Vidmar retains his old office; Kosela and Becek will handle lodge publicity. Martin Spec remains as unofficial, yet necessary, floor leader at all meetings and in all discussions.

Arrangements have been completed by the Broughton Keystone-Trojans and the Reveliers for merging relative to electing a convention delegate. Both lodges will participate in a joint meeting to elect a delegate. The meeting will take place in Ambridge on Feb. 21.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING.—An early and complete recovery to all those friends that are ill. The members should occasionally pay a cheering visit to the ill friends and

L. L. ZUPANCIC, Lodge 716.

PROGRESSIVES

EUCLID, OHIO.—New officers! A new spirit! New Lodge!—Yes, brothers and sisters, that's the motto for our lodge this new and predicted prosperous year. Our new officers are: Pres., Albert C. Megan; Vice Pres., Charles Wood; Sec'y, Helen B. Megan; Rec. Sec'y, Charles Sezon, and Tres., Emma Kokal.

It gives me great pleasure to become president of my lodge—a great fraternal organization, one worth while working for.

We had the pleasure of having at our meeting Brother August Prusnick of the Loyalties, and we merged with his Lodge to enable them to have a delegate at the coming convention.

Progressive dance will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Slovene Society Home on Recker ave. in Euclid, Ohio. Music to be furnished by that very popular local boy who made

good, Johnny Pecan and his orchestra.

Our 1937 resolution is to get in more members. Each member bring in one a piece. If a member has a prospect, please notify one of the officers. But if you think the prospect is hard to handle, let us know and we will send out our Cleveland organizer.

Good News

The directors of the Slovene Society Home in Euclid are planning to build a new home for the Slovene people. A home worthy of our generation. A home that will be looked up to by all the Slovene people of our city, state, and if I'm not mistaken, by the country.

Come now, all you Progressives, let's be progressive.

ALBERT CHARLES NEGLAN,

Pres., Lodge 641.

Comments on This and That

By IVAN MOLEK, Editor

A MAGNIFICENT PROGRESS! ALSO VICTORY—SOCIETY PRINCIPLES STILL MUCH ALIVE

A short report of the SNPJ main office on the result of our Juvenile campaign has already been given, and another report will be published soon in the Prosleta. The Juvenile campaign lasted nine months—from April 1 to December 31, 1936—and brought 1,815 new members to the SNPJ Juvenile Department. This means a magnificent gain in membership of that department for the last year.

At the same time, precisely between the same dates as stated above, a Slovene Catholic society, our oldest rival, campaigned for its own juvenile department. It was practically a race between the two fraternal organizations as to which will get more children into its folds. The other society got 1,585 new members; our Society won the race by a majority of 230 children.

In the meantime the SNPJ obtained almost 2,000 new members—exact figure, 1,891—for its adult department without any campaign features, without any concessions! This remarkable progress of our Society in the previous year should fire all friends of the SNPJ with still greater enthusiasm to work harder for a new mark of progress this year.

Our lodges and individual members have so far contributed about \$2300 for the victims of fascism in Spain. Contributions of the JSF clubs and individual members for the same purpose have passed \$1000. The total is over \$3000.

All this money was collected in the last six weeks without much ado. The Prosleta published one lone appeal, and that was all. Over 300 SNPJ lodges answered it.

How do you explain such a magnificent response on the part of our members? Is such response possible if there are no principles behind it, no belief in cause? No!

The SNPJ lodges and hundreds of individual members have again well demonstrated that the principles of our Society—Free Thought and Social Justice—are still much alive. No unjust attacks and childish abuses of those who have thus shown openly their friendship with the brutal Spanish fascism coupled with barbarous Mussolini and Hitlerism, can break the backbone of our Society: the bulk of progressive membership which has been so severely tried many times and always found true to its glorious principles.

Little Fort News

NO. CHICAGO-WAUKEGAN.—At our Annual Little Fort meeting, we selected the following officers to preside through 1937: Pres., Mary A. Hodnik; Vice Pres., Frances (Fish) Mesec; Sec'y, Christine Stritar; Treas., Frances Mesec; Rec. Sec'y, Verne Hodnik; Trustees: Ernest Sustarec, Edward Mihevc, and Anton Kranjc.

The meeting was very well attended and the members were more enthusiastic than ever. The Athletic Committee consists of Christine Stritar, Sylvia Kirn, Joe Celarac, John Hodnik, Frank Babnik, John Kogovsek and Tony Pierce. Of these members, two were chosen to represent us at the Mid-West meetings. These are Joe Celarac and John Kogovsek.

The Mid-West League held its meeting here Jan. 14 and decided to have both a basketball and bowling tournament in the near future, exactly what we needed to get more life in our lodges. Things have been too slow lately.

The girls are still hitting the head every Monday night at the Stanekal alleys. Jan. 18 we held a masquerade party and had a one great time. Christine Stritar and Mrs. Novak took prizes for best dressed, while Stephanie Urbanski took 1st prize for high score. Another such party will be held at the end of the bowling season. Mary A. Hodnik was

late.

THE REPORTER.

Canonsburg Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—Wouldn't it be a surprise if all the members of the Pioneers Lodge should attend the February meeting? Boy, what a shock that would be! You can imagine them saying, "I never knew she was in our lodge," or, "When did he join?" So, brother and sister members, how about coming to the February meeting at 2 p.m.? Come and see who are your brother and sister members and get acquainted with them.

Many members give excuses saying that they do not have the time or that they forgot. Why not come and do your part in the lodge affairs and not let only a few do all the work. There is also a cash prize given away at each meeting to the lucky member attending the meeting.

On February 7, the same day of the meeting, the Girls' Club will hold a "Polka Dance" beginning at 7 p.m. So, let us all go to the dance and make it a success.

On January 31, the Pioneers will hold a "goulash supper." It will be cooked by a man, and what's more, be served by men. We invite all the girls to come and get a few lessons on "How to Prepare and Serve a Meal."

The new members to be initiated into the ranks of the Pioneers are

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The Mid-West Athletic Conference Minutes

CHICAGO.—The meeting was called to order by the President Bro. Louis Baffetti, at two o'clock on Jan. 17, 1937, in the Waukegan Slovene National Home. The delegates present were:

Waukegan: John Celarac, John Kogovsek.

West Allis: John Gole, Anton Kostanjevec.

Milwaukee: Frank Bolka, Frances Jereb.

La Salle: Frank Kiansek.

Pioneers: Frank Groser, Emil Hraast.

De Lads: Joseph Radosevich, Otto Hauptman.

Integrity: Leo Morella, Louis Baffetti.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were approved. Bro. Louis Baffetti brought a letter he had received from President Vincent Cainkar, and it was referred to unfinished business.

A motion was carried that two new offices be created, namely—that of the Vice-President and the Recording Secretary. Later it was decided that at each meeting the officers shall appoint a capable person for Recording Secretary at each meeting.

Elections: Nominations for President: Bolka, Baffetti and Kiansek. Bolka, receiving majority votes, was declared elected president.—Nominations for Vice-President: Kiansek and Morella. Kiansek was declared elected by one vote.—Nominations for Secretary: Groser, Morella and Baffetti. Since Morella and Baffetti declined, Groser was elected unanimously.—Nominations for Treasurer: Baffetti, who was elected unanimously.—Nominations for Auditors: Morella, Hauptman and John Kogovsek. They were elected unanimously.

Unfinished Business: The De Lads owe for last year's Entry fee, and they informed the assembly it was due to the lack of funds. It will be paid immediately after their February affair.

The Tournament of Basket-Ball and Bowling: A motion was carried that there shall be an entry fee for each sport, the Basket-Ball and the Bowling tournament. This money shall be used by the Chicago Lodge to help defray the expense of sponsoring the tournaments. Louis Baffetti gave rates on gymnasiums for basket-ball, and they were from fifteen dollar an hour to two dollars an hour.

A motion was carried that the Integrity Lodge 631 shall sponsor the Basket-Ball and the Bowling Tournament this year. Thereafter, each lodge shall be given an opportunity to sponsor the tournament.

A motion was carried that Integrity shall set the Entry Fee in each Tournament. It is understood it shall be as reasonable as possible so as to help promote the affair.

This shall be a NO HANDICAP Bowling tournament. Integrity Lodge shall decide on what are the most feasible awards, to give medals, cups, etc.

Reading of the Resolution sent by President Vincent Cainkar. It was passed as agreeable to all with the exception of one clause pertaining to the conception of the Athletic Board.

A motion was carried that a committee be appointed to rectify the clause and was instructed to function immediately after the closing of the Mid-West Athletic Meeting. This committee was composed of Leo Morella, Louis Baffetti, Anthony Pierce, Frank Groser, Frank Bolka, Frank Kiansek, and Oscar B. Godina.

Oscar B. Godina placed this question on the floor for general discussion: "How about an Athletic Director as the by-laws speak of?" The consensus of opinion was that it is all right, but it is not feasible at the present time.

The Idora park affair was brought up at this time through a letter of Supreme President Vincent Cainkar in which the matter was mentioned with other things to Louis Baffetti. It was concurred that the East shall not be permitted to have or call an affair the SNPJ Day in direct competition with the Milwaukee Affair which is the SNPJ Day officially. The East should call theirs by another name.

A motion was carried that the Entry Fee of membership in the Mid-West Athletic Federation remain the same as last year.

The Mid-West Athletic Conference adjourned at 5 p.m.

THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Athletic Leagues, districts or federations shall be organized, and one or two representatives shall be elected by the league, district or federation to be their representatives on the Athletic Board of the SNPJ. It is also felt that if the leagues, districts, or federations are unequal in proportion of lodges in them, then the representation should be made so too. This entirety is subject to the approval of the Supreme Board. The Athletic Board shall spend the money only for prizes, traveling expenses, not for equipment, on a national scale and not inter-lodge. The present Athletic Board shall function until then or the convention can elect a temporary board to function up to that time the regular board is composed and ready to function.

Oscar B. Godina, Lodge 559.

Recording Secretary of the Meeting.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—It is about time that we have a membership drive. Employment and conditions are much better. Things in general look more promising than that of a year ago so I really believe that if the SNPJ would declare a campaign, it would prove very successful.

The Badger Dance

was a success from every sense of the word. On behalf of the Badgers, I wish to thank all members and friends for their kind cooperation given us at this affair.

Coming Events

The Milwaukee SNPJ Federation is sponsoring a Mask Ball. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. A beautiful quilt will be given away to the holder of the lucky ticket

BY-LAWS

By Fred A. Vider, Supreme Secretary

The by-laws of an organization are binding rules established by authority with the intention of enforcing equal rights and justice: specified conditions for groups united or organized for a determined purpose, which unconditionally govern all those under its jurisdiction. The entire management should be regulated and conducted in accordance with these legal principles, which the joined group should pledge to respect and obey.

By-laws, which are constantly being changed or amended, as is customary among foreign fraternal benefit societies (not excluding ours) gradually lose their importance. The contents of the by-laws could be less complicated as well as more condensed. From a financial standpoint, extensive changing of the by-laws often does more damage than good to any society. It is far from being brotherly for a fraternal organization to continually change the amounts of assessments or benefits, and from a moral point of view it is very poor advertising for the Society before the public.

Disregarding circumstances of the individual member, the delegation at our convention changes the by-laws with the determination that they apply equally over all the members, especially where benefits are concerned. Unfortunately, some incidents arise at our conventions which often disintegrate mutual confidence to the extent that the delegation does not trust anyone to manage the business for the best interest of the Society wherever the by-laws do not specifically determine the case. However, in the event of a civil suit, especially if the court decides unfavorably for the Society (since in many states exist laws which grant a member "vested rights"), we find some members who utilize such incidences for their personal interest. There are occasions where certain cases are not thoroughly covered by the by-laws, which perhaps might be settled favorably if the convention would vest the power to some authority and in this way avoid suit. Who can determine in advance what the outcome of a civil suit, which we are sometimes forced into, will be? Since no one has this foresight, it would be necessary to govern ourselves in accordance with the by-laws adopted by the convention and use our common sense. It is very simple to criticize the work of others, especially for one who is not responsible for anyone. Unquestionably, we shall never perfect our by-laws to such an extent so as to avoid all suits and troubles regardless who manages the Society and it is also true that we shall not win in every law suit case.

I hope that the members will agree with me that whenever a dispute arises which is not thoroughly covered by the by-laws, or if a member does not demand anything beyond reason, the best procedure is to settle between ourselves. Members, however, must be honest enough not to demand something, which they are not entitled to, according to the regulations and by-laws of the Society. A member who brings civil suit against this organization should be aware of the fact that he is not suing a private concern, but an enterprise of his own brothers and sisters.

Let me also mention that on account of errors on the part of commercial insurance companies and also fraternal benefit organizations in the past, the authorities governing same have become more alert and strict; they now watch more rigidly over these organizations. They have also adopted more drastic laws, according to which a more rigid agreement is required on the certifications between the member and the Society.

As we do not intend to devise by-laws that will cover all matters and problems confronting the Society from time to time, for it would not pay to do so, let us attempt to make them as simple as possible. Constant amendments and additions of new sections and articles have made the by-laws complicated to the extent that the membership understands them less and less, and the result is more correspondence in connection with same. With a will and a mutual understanding we can adjust and improve the by-laws, which must remain more standard in the future.

In the construction or changing of the by-laws the delegation should not follow the example of one member or Lodge, as often happens, but bear in mind the interest of the entire membership. It is comprehensive that if we wanted to take into consideration all of the recommendations of individuals, lodges and federations that have already been voiced, and which will yet be suggested, we would have such a combination that no one would be able to understand. By this we do not intend to imply that recommendations for the by-laws and discussions are not necessary, but they should be practical and limited as much as possible. Discussions on vital questions and problems in the official organ before the convention might avoid unnecessary debates on the convention floor.

After the last convention's decisions we did not have many complaints about the by-laws, with a slight exception pertaining to sick and operation benefits, which we shall attempt to adjust upon the base of financial ability. It seems that technical corrections are more essential in the by-laws at present, than anything else. We must also safeguard our financial standing in the future, which has abolished special assessments; and hence, in this manner we have gained more confidence among the people, which must be retained.

In the near future I shall offer my views why "endowment insurance" is popular amongst the younger generation within the Society, and also, how the corresponding assessments would mount. I shall also cover other vital problems.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO, ILL.—It looks like convention is coming up this year.—To the Jolly Allis Gang: Say, Adie, who is that gal from Penny? Anka, you sure have a good publicity agent (Snippy).

Brother Ludwick Zupancic, how about more of your "Natives Return" in the Prosveta?—What about venereal diseases? That was an interesting article. This matter should not pass the convention without giving it a proper attention.

Answer to the editor on Baffetti's article: Bro. Baffetti's article was more or less on the Chicago District Federation matter that came up at last month's meeting.

When the flood hit the Pennsylvania, some of the members of the Federation opposed the donation to the members of the stricken area.

6-973; Emil Heidenreich, 6-993; Martin Bergles, 5-717.

Jewel Wittle (Bergles), 5 games, total pins 634; Josephine Kaitinger, 6-976; Agnes Mejasch, 6-977; Emma Zagor, 6-264; Jenny Abram, 5-238; Dee Oshinski, 3-161.

The scores of the other members of the bowling team will appear in later issues of the Prosveta.

Thanks, Bro. Baffetti, for the write-up you had in the Prosveta regarding me. My motto is to give credit to all where it belongs, regardless. Sometimes a person must make personal sacrifices and put aside all personal affairs for the sake of Unity and CO-OPERATION by which the Lodge benefits. This should be the duty of all the members at all times. Some members do like to use personal matters for their own selfish desires. To use such whip is poor tactics. I have pride and honor for the INTEGRITY LODGE and all members should have pride in the Society they belong to.

If the Lodge is growing in such rapid way, as it has been for the past few years, it is because we together do things that should have been done years ago. I am only the Secretary and as a Secretary I like to give the best that is in me for the welfare of our Lodge and our members. The time I give to promote the INTEGRITY is nothing to me. If I should be the secretary only for what it pays and use the time that I am giving towards the Lodge affairs I would say, "Take it and keep it." I believe if all of us officers would work for the pay we get, you would not have any then.

Three cheers to all that are promoting the Integrity Lodge.

Give us—at once—another Campaign and the INTEGRITY Lodge will add 100 more new members.

MICHAEL FLEISCHHACKER,
Secretary, Lodge 631.

Veronians' Views

VERONA, PA.—Our predictions for another successful SNPJ year are off to an excellent start. The Excelsiors and Comets were guests of the Veronians on Sunday. The bowling matches started the day, and even though the Veronian girls won two out of a three game series, much credit goes to the Excelsior girls for their fine bowling and their sportsmanship. The Comet boys were less successful in their bowling but their defeat did not deter them from joining in the evening's joviality. Dinner was served at the homes of Mary Alexa, Kay Zolet, Jenny Lesar and Mary Kern and comments from the crowd indicate that they are doing all right as hostesses. With the strains of "Home Sweet Home," another perfect day was ending and will not be forgotten as we all know that pleasant memories have a habit of lingering.

The Veronians' Valentine Dance for the benefit of the Veronian Athletics will be held on Saturday, February 6, at the National Home. Prices are reasonable. We furnish the time, place and the fun and Leo Zornick's Swing Band will furnish the dance rhythm. All neighboring lodges are invited to help make our first dance of 1937 a success. Why not plan to spend February 6 with the Veronians?

MARY KERN, Lodge 680.

J. Z. Jrs. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—The J. Z. Jrs.' 7th Anniversary Dance on Thanksgiving was a big success, socially and financially. The J. Z. Jrs. can turn another leaf over and start the year 1937 a little better than the last. We need more cooperation from the members, always the same persons working at the dances.

Now the J. Z. Jrs. are coming to lime-light again by holding their 2nd Annual Valentine Dance on Sat., Feb. 13, at the Slovene hall. The music will be furnished by Stan Vinton and his 10 piece orchestra, the band of many styles, from 8:30 p. m. until 12:30 a. m. The J. Z. Jrs. cordially invite all of the Lodges of Western Pa. to attend this great affair. The committee is working hard for this affair to make it successful.

MARIAN E. KONCHAN,
Lodge 742.

A great number of our members attended the Canonsburg Pioneers' Xmas Dance, and a good time was reported by all. The J. Z. Jrs. were also represented at Ambridge on New Year's day in the bowling event. Didn't win anything, but we gave the other teams a chance for their money.

Slapnik has left Library and moved to Harmarville. Another one of our members, Jacob Seichur, has left Library and is working in a shop in Cleveland, Ohio. He has transferred to a lodge in Cleveland.

All members please pay your dues on time this year, before the 24th of each month, at the home of Sister Bolte. The meetings will be held the 1st Friday of each month. Everybody keep Feb. 13, the Valentine Dance, on your date book.

FRANK J. AMBROZIC,
Lodge 622.

They were saying that they do not need any help.

On Jan. 16, we had our first Bas-

ketball practice. Six boys and six girls were present. Anybody that cares to come to the practice may do so, but must have gym shoes.

The boys' practice is Jan. 30 from 6 to 7 p. m. and the girls' on the same date from 7 to 8 p. m. That was the only day and time we could get at this time. The place is at the Holstein Park, 2200 N. Oakley Blvd. The more come to the practice the more fun you'll have. Everybody has a chance.

The standing of our ladies' and men's bowling team in the practice held every week on Thursdays: Martin Abram bowled 5 games, total of pins 913; Chester Gainsko, 6-1020;

Julius Abram, 6-973; Adolph Griz,

Excelsiors Lodge

W. ALIQUIPPA, PA.—We are back to say that we still hold meetings, etc., although publicity indicates no such happenings.

The officers for the coming year were installed at the last meeting. The meeting takes place the first Tuesday of the month, the usual time, usual place. We also have a Bank Night at each meeting where \$1 is awarded to the person whose name is called. If such person does not happen to be present, the sum is doubled for the next meeting. It is hoped this procedure will help occupy more seats at the meetings.

Quite a number of Excelsiors were present at the Federation Bowling Tournament held at Ambridge, and assisted in working towards the success of this affair. Delegates at the Federation meeting at Pittsburgh were Jean Smrekar, Treas. Zekrysk, and Ann Grosnik, in accordance with delegate elections at the last meeting.

Little or hardly nothing has been said for a long time about getting some more members for the lodge. The procreation of new members is at a standstill. Who will give the first push? There is no need to remind members of their duty to secure new members and increase our fold. The small number of members we have among us shows it and should be a reminder. Why not shine up the Ford V-8 and go out canvassing down prospect road? There should be some prospects yet unapproached.

Saying It: One of our members sporting a diamond.—Excelsior meeting attendance is increasing lately.—The local KSKJ lodge is holding a dance in the very near future. Excelsiors are asked to patronize it.—Again urging the members to be on lookout for prospective members.

MEETING NIGHT: FEBRUARY 2.
PLEASE ATTEND. "BABES."

Commodores' Log

CLEVELAND.—Commodores' last meeting was a very encouraging one. The attendance was good and the spirit was enthusiastic and eager to accomplish results. We were full of ambition and dismissed the routine work quickly and then began the discussion for the big event of the year for us.

Our fifth anniversary! The date selected is October 24, 1937, the actual month of our organization. Remember, folks! It's hard to believe that this year marks the fifth on our SNPJ calendar, but there it is, and here we are, proud to say that we have come sailing thru! So after a little reminiscing, we went into planning with fervor, vim and vigor.

Our Anniversary celebration must go over with a bang! Just flick over the leaves of your 1937 calendar, friends and fellow SNPJs, until you come to the month of October and then put little "X" on the date of the 24th and reserve it for the Commodores' Fifth anniversary—and we'll do the rest. You'll hear more of our plans from time to time. Committee in charge of arrangements is: Jos. Konchan, Jos. Stefanik, Cam. Zarnick, Marie Zeitz, Frank Ewolski, Pete Zuwrowski, Mary Kujan, Martin Uranner, Marian Konchan.

Officers for the year 1937 were installed at this meeting also. They are: Marian Konchan, Pres.; Jos. Stefanik, Vice Pres.; Cam. Zarnick, Secy.; Dorothy Uranner, Rec. Secy.; Jos. Konchan, Treas. Auditing Board: Martin Uranner, Ann Zarnick, Frank Ewolski, Marie Zeitz.

Soda's Dance

Lodge "Soda" holds a dance Saturday, January 30, in honor of their Basketball team who is holding third place in the Inter-Lodge league. The place is the Sachsenheim hall, both halls. Music by Eddie Simms and Frank Mates, popular radio orchestra. Commodores are urged to attend as the Sodans have always shown a friendly and cooperative attitude to us in our social affairs.

MARIAN E. KONCHAN,
Lodge 742.

Beacon Highlights

CLEVELAND, O.—Next week, Thursday, February 4, many persons in this vicinity will go supperless.—"S' matter, a famine?" No, nor is it a sudden craze for dieting, but the fact is that these persons want to make sure they will do justice to the appetizing spaghetti supper which will be given at the Beacons, under the capable direction of our chief cook, Pearl Cultrona. And when Pearl prepares spaghetti, it's SPA-

GHETTI that hits the spot. Make sure that you come.

This Spaghetti Supper is the Beacons' Social Nite piece de resistance. It will be the first social of any kind sponsored by the lodge in fourteen months, so we are doubly anxious to have our fellow members from local lodges visit us that evening. Of course, there will be dancing during

the entire evening, featuring good music . . . and the bar will be a favorite rendezvous for greeting of old friends. An evening of merriment is assured all; Anne Traven, our hostess, will see to that. (Essen P. Jayer will take care of the vocal angle . . . if permitted.)

The tickets for the spaghetti supper and dance are only 35 cents, and these may be purchased from any Beacon member. Please get them in advance.

A special meeting of the Beacons will be held at Pearl Cultrona's home February 1st. Everybody please attend. . . Say, "Oh" how about you and your gang coming over on the 4th . . . same goes for Pauline Spik, Frank Truden and other Comrades

including Lindy "Pappy" Loker, Konchan, Euclidites, Joe San-

ker's gang from West Park . . .

Yoothoo, Progressives, how's about comin' over? . . . Same goes for some of our own members who have been neglecting us: Pauline Williamson (Vitgray), Max Traven, Anne Ribaric and maybe Louis Ferfala, funeral director, might find time to take part in the festivities. . . If everything goes well, the Beacons will be in Barberston this Saturday to help the Buckeyes celebrate their anniversary (and maybe do a little missionary work). . . Our regrets, New Eras, that we couldn't attend your 11th anniversary dance on the 16th.

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The members of the Cleveland Fed.

Softball team are given notice to at-

tend a meeting Feb. 9 at the St. Clair

hall to make plans for the coming

season—mainly finances. (Know

where there's some money?) A silver

loving-up, presented by the Young Americans and Wolverines to the Cleve. Fed. softball team will be on display. Thanks a million, De-

troit; we certainly appreciate it.

BEACONS!! GET A NEW MEM-

BER!

ESSEN P. JAYER.

Strugglers

CLEVELAND.—At our meeting on

Wednesday, January 6, at the Slo-

vene Home, quite a few members

were present, due to the fact, we be-

lieve, that the Bank Nite was \$11.

and to begin the New Year right.

The winner was our capable secre-

tary, Brother Frank Koss. The next

Bank Nite award takes place at the

next regular monthly meeting at

Wednesday, Feb. 3. Will you be there?

At our January meeting, the time

was spent mostly in discussing the

strike at the Fisher Body plant (many

Strugglers are employed there).

Our Lodge donated five dollars to be

used for food to the men who are on

picket duty—a worthy cause!

Our Tenth Anniversary

takes place on April 3 and 4. Are

you coming? We are working very

hard to make this the very best

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELE-

BRATION ever attempted by any

SNPJ lodge! Every effort is being

Lodge Letters

LODGE NO. 736

THOMAS, W. VA.—Due to the fact that we did not have any meeting last month, we had to elect our officers for this year at our January meeting. What is the matter with us members, anyway? It seems that we haven't been able to hold a decent meeting since last September. Of course, some of our members are away, but those of us that are here are not active enough. We made the decision this meeting that we would suspend any member for one month who does not attend meeting at least once every three months.

Our officers for this year are as follows: Pres., Frank Polantz; vice pres., Carl Shaga; secy., Pauline Sligar, and recording secy. and treasurer, Antonio Gasser.

Members, please notice that we have changed our date and place of meeting. Our next meeting is to be held on February 14 at 2 p. m. in Milkint's hall, in Thomas. Let's all be there!

And now, members, let's not forget our Sixth Anniversary Dance. It may seem rather early to be talking about it already, but we want to have plenty of time to prepare for it. We want to make it the biggest and best dance ever held in the history of our lodge. After all, it really will be our first Anniversary Dance. The date is April 17.

A. GASSER,
Lodge 736.

"CADETS" LODGE

MANOR, PA.—We thank the "Torchers" and "Keystonians" for the interest they have already taken, and their invitations will be accepted with mutual friendship. With a card party and bingo in the Polish hall at Westmoreland City on January 28 at 8 p. m. the Manor Cadets wish to celebrate and enjoy the first entertainment and hoping to start out with complete success. The tickets may be obtained from any member of the lodge for only 25¢. And don't forget, a door prize will also be given.

The Publicity Committee promises to publicize all social and other important matters of the lodge. Information pertaining to the lodge in any form or manner will be appreciated. We extend invitations to all SNPJ lodges to attend our affair Jan. 28.

MANOR CADETS, Lodge 749.

(Note:—Your letter was mailed Jan. 19 at 5 p. m., consequently too late for the Jan. 20 issue.—Ed.)

MID-WEST ATHLETICS

CHICAGO.—With all lodges of the Mid-West League of the SNPJ represented at the meeting held in Waukegan Sunday, Jan. 17, plans were formulated to make 1937 a banner year for athletics in this section. To start it off, the Integrity Lodge will sponsor a basketball and bowling tournament to be held in Chicago soon. Waukegan, La Salle, Integrity and the Pioneers have promised to enter basketball teams in the tournaments.

Little Fort and De Lads

The Little Forts of Waukegan are sponsoring a dance Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Slovene Dom. They are inviting all SNPJ members. Quite a gang of Pioneers have promised to attend. Tickets can be gotten from me at 2125 S. Harding ave., or Luke Groser at 2125 S. Ridgeway ave.

The De Lads youngsters of SNPJ Lodge "Delavec," No. 8, South Chicago, are sponsoring a dance Feb. 6 at the Croatian hall, 9618 Commercial ave. Pioneers are urged to attend this affair. The youth of this lodge deserves a lot of encouragement and help. On the same evening SNPJ Lodge "Nada" is sponsoring a dance at the SNPJ hall. Pioneers not planning to go to South Chicago should attend this dance as "Nada" has always co-operated with the Pioneers.

Pioneer Athletic Dance

One dance which all Pioneer and SNPJ members are invited to is the

meeting of Feb. 14 at 7 o'clock sharp; election of delegate, etc.

We are still in the market for new members. Anthony Bombatch Jr. is now a new member of Friendly City, "Forward, Friendly City."

BEENIE (BOMBATCH) JACOBY,

will be announced in the Prosveska within the next few weeks. Let's make it a big success. Entry fees will be announced also at the same time.

The following members were elected: Louis A. Baffetti, President and Chairman of Sport Activities; Martin Abram, Vice President; Michael Fleischhacker, Secretary; Edith Podlesnik, Recording Secretary, and Leo Morella, Treasurer. We wish our Supreme President could have attended to see what a meeting it was as about 25 members attended. After the meeting a fish fry was held, and did they go for fish. (Where were you, Brother Mike of the Integrity "Eaters Club"? We missed you.)

Kenosha, the Integrity Girls' Basketball team will be down to play your girls as per your request, Feb. 6.

LOUIS A. BAFFETTI,
Pres., Integrity Sports Club.

YOUNG AMERICAN LODGE 564

DETROIT, MICH.—There was a box social held by the Young Americans Lodge 564 and the proceeds are going towards sports. It was a huge success both morally and financially.

If you care to have a good time don't forget to come to the Young Americans' Valentine dance which will be held on Feb. 13, at 242 Victor ave., near Oakland, Highland Park, Mich. A good orchestra will be in store for everybody. The admission is in advance 30¢ and at the door 35¢. Everybody is welcome, young and old.

The Singing Society Svoboda is also holding a Masquerade dance on Sat. Jan. 30, at 17153 John R. There will be a good orchestra. There will also be three prizes. First prize goes for the one that has the best representation, second for the prettiest, and third for the funniest mask. The admission is 25¢.

JOSEPHINE SPENDA,
Lodge 564.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF WESTERN PENNA E. S. FEDERATION OF SNPJ LODGES BY-LAWS

Article V, Sec. 1: The meetings of this federation shall also be known as conferences, and shall be held on the third Sunday of the months of January, April, July and October of each year. Addition: except as provided hereinafter.

Article V, Sec. 2: The conference shall be composed of from one to three duly elected delegates from each of the respective member lodges, of the executive board and of members of the various committees of the federation. Amendment: The conference shall be composed of duly elected delegates and the executive board. Member lodges shall be entitled to representation as follows:

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Article V, Sec. 4: This section contains a superfluous phrase. Strike out "of their respective delegates."

Article V, Sec. 5: First sentence changed to read: The executive board shall consist of a president, one vice president, financial secretary, recording secretary, treasurer and chairmen of standing committees. (Note: Original by-laws called for two vice presidents and didn't include chairmen of standing committees.)

Article V, Sec. 6: (Additional to original) Educational committee of three members and organization committee of five members.

Article 6, Sec. 1: Amend as follows: The executive board shall conduct the meetings of the federation, and its members shall submit reports of its activities and recommendations pertaining thereto. It shall meet on the third Sunday of March, June, September and December of each year, except as provided hereinafter.

It shall transact such business as will be necessary between conferences. It shall draw up agendas for the use of federation conferences. (Note: amendment calls for executive board meetings.)

Article VI, Sec. 2(a): Addition to original: He, (president) together with the financial secretary and treasurer shall have discretionary power to

change the dates of both executive board and federation meetings and to call special meetings of either bodies if conditions necessitate.

ARTICLE VI SEC. 2 (b): Substitute Vice President for the first vice president.

Article VI, Sec. 2 (c): Amend as follows: In the absence of both president and vice president, the financial secretary shall act as temporary chairman until the conference elects one.

Article VI, Section 2 (j): The educational committee shall arrange lectures, select speakers for conferences and otherwise carry on educational work in accord with the declared purposes of the Society and of the federation.

The endowment insurance is comparatively new. It has been instituted and promoted almost entirely by the big, private insurance companies for particular reasons. Those members who think we ought to compete with the giant insurance companies, most of which are conducted for the profit of the small groups which own and control them, are also of the opinion that the SNPJ should likewise emulate them and compete with them on the field of endowment insurance.

Why has this "insurance" become so popular in recent years? First, because people generally are very naive. Second, because the big insurance companies found out during the "recent" crisis that this field offers a large, steady income with which they could meet their obligations to policyholders. During recent years many an insurance company was hard pressed. They found their investments frozen. The current income from premiums and investments, many of them frozen or worthless, did not suffice to meet the obligations to policyholders. The result was that many went bankrupt. Others went after endowment and annuity insurance, thus developing new sources of income with which to stay above the ground.

This is the whole "secret" about the sudden popularity of this type of "insurance". And now some well-meaning but naive members propose that the SNPJ too ought to go into this insurance. For one, I am against it for more than one reason. One is stated above.

The second is, that placing any emphasis on the plain commercial insurance is contrary to the very principles of working class fraternalism which many of us in the SNPJ cherish most highly, even above the fraternal insurance features of the organization which in the final analysis can give you but small and ephemeral security. I know there are also a good many members so well impregnated with the current philosophy of the ruling class that they despise the very mention of the phrase "working class." Let me assure them that they are going to stay in it, 99 out of a 100, fall with it or rise with it. They will become free men only to the extent that their class becomes free and secure from the more glaring hardships and social and economic injustices of life.

Endowment insurance in reality is nothing but a savings account with an insurance company in place of a bank. The main difference is that an insurance company has higher expenses with your account than a bank, for it must pay its field representative who collects your premiums; it also has to maintain local offices and clerical and supervisory staffs. Anyone who buys this type of "insurance" is, in my opinion, a fool. He—or she—would get more for his money if he would regularly deposit the amount of his premium in a saving account, and certainly more in a sound Building & Loan.

And the third point is, that the SNPJ seems to be growing among our members. This is particularly true of the English speaking lodges. The question will most likely come for a decision before the coming convention of the SNPJ; hence these lines.

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Third, those people who care only for "insurance" should stay out of the SNPJ. There are plenty of commercial insurance companies which do not want anything but your premiums. Such people generally care for what they could get out of the organization not for what they can contribute of their time, ability and means for further development of the organization and in the interest of their fellowmen.

Forth, the high rate of endowment "insurance" precludes getting new members, or if you get them into this class few could carry any other insurance which may be more essential in view of the present vicissitudes of life. Those who want an endowment "insurance," tell them they will be better off if they open up a savings account in a bank or a Building & Loan association. They will get more for their money.

ANTON GARDEN, Lodge 1.

Women's Round Table

By Mary Jugg

Can infectious diseases be cured without any medicines or operations whatsoever? According to the article "A Doctor Discovered," in the Coronet magazine (mentioned last week) they can. A certain Dr. Duncan, of New York, who has received recognition for his work, cures patients in the simplest manner imaginable, and there is no quackery in his practice.

Dr. Duncan has simply extended the theory of vaccination. He believes that "every infected wound has the remedy within the wound itself, placed there by nature, to cause the wound to heal quickly." According to the author of the article, his patients always recover.

—Production for Use—

Upon reading the complete article, the "Duncan method" of treatment seems so simple that one is likely to say, "How is it that everyone isn't aware of this simplest formula of nature?" It seems like a thing that has always been general knowledge.

Yet, despite the fact that Dr. Duncan has at one time been recommended for the Nobel prize and that his method of treatment is to be found in all medical dictionaries, he is hardly known at all to the general public. Why is this? Is it a threat to a great deal of medical practice now current? If so, is it just or sane that medical men, who should serve the human race, should first of all have to worry about how they will make a living? Is that the progress of a capitalistic society?

—Production for Use—

By the way, America's Town Meeting of the Air, J. F. Grimes of the L.G.A. said that in countries where people have developed cooperatives, they haven't been content to let that system in the economic field. They went ahead and extended their influence to politics.

Think of it! It really will be grounds for worry when the people actually take a hand in government!

—Production for Use—

Mr. Lincoln, Director of the Cooperative League of America, hit the nail on the head when he quoted, "We must attain economic democracy before we can have political democracy. The economic system is the invisible system and more important than the political—which is only a tool."

The most important point of cooperatives is that the profit goes back to the people "according to their purchases." Can you think of anything more sane than this?

—Production for Use—

The King of Bulgaria recently said, "No babies, no votes." Does having a child make a woman more intelligent politically?

—Production for Use—

They recent innovation of talking via radio with groups in other cities is another indication of the unlimited possibilities of radio.

—Production for Use—

ally make use of them to boost herself whenever the occasion presents itself.

Knowing the record of the SNPJ in regards to helping her needy members, it is almost impossible for me to understand on what grounds and for what reasons anyone of her members should be "ballyhooing" about the organization slipping up on the matter of providing properly for the members in time of distress.

Louis Baffetti of Lodge 431 is of the opinion that the flood sufferers in Pennsylvania last spring were sadly forgotten and asks the membership why they don't do as much for the people in the flood section as they are doing today for the Spanish anti-fascists.

The SNPJ was one of the very first organizations in offering relief to the flood-stricken victims. I agree with the editor that the voluntary collection being given to the Spanish anti-fascists is just and necessary and in perfect accord with the democratic principles of the organization.

The Spanish government was voted into power by a great majority (80%) and is a democratic one. The fact that it was attacked by General Franco's rebels and Moors with the aid of fascist Italy and Germany who dream of making another fascist country out of Spain, makes freedom and liberty-loving people all over the world sympathetic with the Spanish loyalists and send them financial aid as is the case with the SNPJ membership, and even enlist in the Loyalist armies as is the case with the French, Russian, yes, and many of this country's sympathizers.

Anyone who is willing to go on slumbering in blissful ignorance instead of opening his eyes to the fact that the struggle throughout the world today is between fascism and the form of government that the Spanish loyalists voted into power, and that in the impending war, for which the countries are now jockeying for positions, the world powers are going to line up accordingly to do his learning fast.

A victory for Franco in Spain will immensely encourage war-willing powers (Italy and Germany) for their next aggression. Why anyone should oppose sending aid to the loyalists (the Spanish LEGAL government) and thereby help Franco's Moors on to victory with his bloody slaughter is beyond my power of comprehension.

If American ships or American-owned munitions should meet this fate, we might find ourselves engaged in a dispute with some foreign power greater than Franco's Moors. If there is a danger that European nations will be precipitated into war by the Spanish rebellion, there is also a danger of our becoming involved.

How can these clashing policies be reconciled? My suggestion is that in this matter the United States is, and has been from the beginning, in the same situation as France and Great Britain—though not so close to the firing line. If all three had at the very first given legitimate support to the Spanish government—that is, if they had allowed it to exercise its legal right to purchase munitions from them. Spanish democracy would, beyond much question, have been decisively saved, and nobody would have dared to interfere on the other side. The danger of international war would not have arisen. Since it has arisen, we cannot act without regard to what the other powers are doing.

JOSEPH DRASLER, Lodge 124.

By Harold Magin

