

RUSKA ARMADA PORAŽENA V BITKIS FINCI

Predsednik Kallio se
zahvalil prijateljem

LETALSKIN APADI NA FINSKA MESTA

Helsinki, Finska, 2. jan.—Finski bramboveci so vrgli nazaj na rusko ozemlje tretjo sovjetsko armado po bitki, ki se je vršila v bližini Kuhma, 50 milij severno od Liekse v spodnjem delu centralne Finske. Prej so se morale ruske čete umakniti z ozemlja vzhodno in južnovzhodno do Liekse.

Vrhovno poveljstvo finske armade poroča o zmagah v bitkah z Rusi pri jezeru Savantu na vzhodni strani karelijske zemeljske obzine in pri Kitelaju. Bitka pri tem jezeru je trajala več dni.

Ostanki tretje sovjetske armade so pobegnili na rusko ozemlje. Ena ruska divizija je bila uničena v bitki. Finci so zasegli enajst tankov, 27 topov, 150 tovornih avtomobilov, 500 drugih vozil in veliko količino drugega orodja in bojnega materiala. Finsko poročilo pravi, da je bilo več tisoč ruskih vojakov ubitih.

Vest o prihodu švedskih prostovoljev na Finsko, kjer se bodo pridružili finski armadi, je bila uradno potrjena. Več sto prostovoljev pod poveljstvom generala Ernst Linderja je doseglo na Finsko. Finški zunanj minister Vajno Tanner se je zahvalil Švedom za pomoč v vojni proti ruskim četam.

Predsednik finske republike Kallio se je v svoji novoletni poslanici zahvalil prijateljem za dano pomoč in naznani, da prostovoljci iz Švedske in nekaterih drugih držav prihajajo na Finsko. "Dokaz simpatij nas veseli," pravi predsednik v svoji poslanici. "Zdaj predvsem potrebujemo aktivno pomoč na frontah, da bomo lahko vrgli sovražnika nazaj."

Kallio je omenil komunistični rezim, ki je bil ustanovljen v Teriju, mestu ob finško-ruski meji in katerega je Stalinovska vlada priznala. "Stara imperialistična Rusija, ki je ograzala Finsko, je bila oživljena," je dejal Kallio. "Brez vsakega povaoda z naše strani je invadira finski ozemlji. Finski narod se uspešno boril proti agresiji in upa, da bo zmagal s pomočjo svojih prijateljev."

Sovjeti letali so napadli z bombami več finskih mest, med temi Abo, pristaniščno mesto v južnozapadnem delu države ob ustju Finskega zaliva. Bomba so razdejale več poslopij in zanetile požare. Abo je bil nekdaj glavno finsko mesto in je zdaj krizišče treh železnic.

Sovjeti napadi na finska mesta iz zraka so se obnovili po porazih ruskih čet na vzhodnih frontah. Sovjeti letali so prekoradili finski-švedski mejo ob pokrajini Petsami na skrajnem severu in vrgli več bomb na norveško ozemlje pri reki Pasvik. Norveška vlada je poslala protest Moskvi zaradi kršenja svoje neutralnosti.

Stalin bi rad dobil
nemške strokovnjake

Copenhagen, Danska, 2. jan.—Dopisnik tukajnjega lista Političnega poročila iz Berlina, da je ruski diktator Stalin apeliral na Hitlerja, naj mu poslje 200.000 strokovnjakov, inženirjev in tehnikov, da bodo reorganizirali sovjetski ekonomski sistem, ki se ruši pod težo vojne na Finskem. Stalin je priznal, da ne bo mogel voditi kampanje na Finskem, če ne dobi pomoči, kar pomeni, da ne bo mogel zlagatiti Nemške s surovim materialom.

Nemčija obnovila
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Helsinki, Finska, 2. jan.—Nemška vlada je obnovila trgovinsko pogodbo s Finsko in bo ostala v veljavni nadaljnje leto. Finski premier Risto Ryti je dejal, da je dobil tudi zagotovilo od Nemčije, da bodo vsi finski parniki, ki so nahajajo v nemških lukah, izpuščeni.

Posvetimo se svoji organizaciji

Stopili smo v novo leto 1940, o katerem ne more nikhe prekročiti danes, kako se bo končalo, posebno za tiste narode v Evropi, ki so zapleteni v vojne.

Za nas, člane SNPJ, je predvsem važno, da posvetimo kolikor mogoče več svojih moči za našo podporno organizacijo, od katere moremo prizakovati največ v slučaju potrebe. "Zavedati se moramo dejstva, da po skoro dveletni kampanji, v kateri so bile posebne olajšave in katera se je z nastopom novega leta končala, bo treba bolj odločne agitacije, v kateri, če se resno potrudimo, moramo biti tudi uspešni. Naša jednota, kot prava bratska in delavska podorna ustanova, ima bodočnost, za katero kajpada moramo skrbeti člani s tem, da ji pridobimo mladega narašča.

Vsem bratom in sestrám, kakor društvenim odbornikom, kateri so na en ali drugi način prispevali uspehu naše organizacije v preteklem letu in onim, ki so kooperirali z glavnim uradom, da je še delo lažje izpod rok, se s tem bratsko in prijateljsko zahvalim za sodelovanje. Vsestransko medsebojno zaupanje ter potrebitno razumevanje naših problemov in kooperacija je ena temeljnih podlag našega napredka.

Ker se mi ni bilo mogoče vsem, ki so poslali božična in novoletna voščila, osebno zahvaliti, naj se vsem na tem mestu zahvalim za prijaznost, žeče obenem vsemu članstvu boljšo gospodarsko sigurnost v novem letu!

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F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

Rumunija hoče

obdržati Besarabijo

Borila se bo proti ruski invaziji

Bukarešta, Rumunija, 2. jan.—Premier George Tătărescu je včeraj izjavil, da se bo Rumunija borila, če bo treba, da obdrži Besarabijo in Bukovino, provinci, ki mejita na sovjetsko Rusijo. Premier je govoril pred mornaričnimi častniki v navzočnosti kralja Karola. Poudaril je, "da se se prebivalci obenih provinc prostovoljno izrekli po svetovni vojni za združitev z Rumunijo, zato jih bomo branili pred agresijo z ruske strani."

Prvič je bila Bukovina omenjena po rumunskih voditeljih v zvezi z nevarnostjo zunanjega invazije. Bukovina je pred svetovno vojno spadala pod Avstrijo. Tukajšnji diplomatični učenje, ali bodo voditelji Rusije zahtevali poleg Besarabije, ki je bila ruska posest, tudi Bukovino. Pred nekaj tedni so kraljevo poročila, da je Rumunija odpoklicala vse vojaške čete iz Besarabije, zaenčo s pojasnil, da Rumunija ne more braniti svoje province. Rusija se ni nikdar odpovedala Besarabiji in jo se vedno smatra za svojo pokrajino.

Odkar so se pokazala znamenja, da ruska armada ni tako sposobna in močna kot so govorili sovjetski voditelji, je Rumunija začela pošiljati čete v Besarabijo. Nesposobnost sovjetskih ruskih čet je bila demonstrirana v vojni s finsko republiko. Rumunija je zdaj izgubila, da bo lahko upravila sovjetski Rusiji, če bo ta odredila invazijo Besarabije.

Japonske izgube v vojni s Kitajci

Cungking, Kitajska, 2. jan.—

Japonske izgube v bitkah s Kitajci v preteklem letu so znašale 400.000 ubitih in ranjenih po poročilo, ki ga je objavil list Saotang-Pao, glasilo kitajske armade. Nevrstni opazovalci pravijo, da so številke o japonskih izgubah pretirane.

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ANGLEŽI ODPO- DILI NEMŠKA BOJNA LETALA

Nove čete pozvane pod zastavo

DVA PARNIKA PO- TOPLJENA

London, 2. jan.—Angleži so odpolili nemške bombe, ki so se pojavili nad otokom Shetlandom in metali bombe na bojno ladjo v bližini otoka. Bombe so zgrdile cilj. Protiletalske topniške baterije so streljale na nemška letala in eno je padlo v morje. Nadaljnje nemško bojno letalo je bilo sestreljeno v spopadu z angleškimi letali nad Severnim morjem.

Nemška podmornica je torpedirala in potopila dva angleška parnika, neka druga ladja pa je bila poškodovana, ko je zadelo ob mino v bližini škotske obrežje. Okrog 40 mornarjev je izgubilo življenje.

Velika Britanija je uveljavila nove ukrepe glede preureditve svojega socialnega in ekonomske življenja. Odredila je nove davke na dohodek in opozorila ljudstvo, da bo mora dooprinesti črtje v vojni z Nemčijo. Financiranje operacij vojne mašine stane milijone dolarjev dnevno.

Kralj Jurij je sinoc podpisal proklamacijo, ki določa registracijo okrog 2.600.000 mož za vojaško službo. Vsi fantje v starosti 19 let se morajo registrirati. Velika Britanija bo kmalu razpolagala z armado 3.500.000 mož. V zvezi z registracijo so bile nove čete posavne in očetne.

Admiralitet je naznani, da bodo posejane mine na morju ob 500 dolgem obrežju.

Velika Britanija se hoče zavarovati pred nemškimi podmornicami v 50 milij širokem pasu, ki se razteza 33 let in tu zapušča moža, stiri sinove in tri hčere.

Milwaukee novice

Milwaukee.—Pred dnevi je za pljučnico umrl Anton Kopče, star 40 let in doma od nekod v Beli Krajini. Tu zapušča ženo in dva otroka. — Nadaljnje večje stevilo Jugoslovjanov je zadnje dne prejelo državljanke pravice.

Vesti iz Minnesota

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Clevelandske vesti

Cleveland.—Dne 29. dec. je umrla Anna Blatnik, roj. Barbic, starca 61 let in doma iz Dobrave pri Sv. Krizu na Dolenjskem. V Ameriki je bila 35 let in tu zapušča moža, sina in več pastorkov in pastork. Bila je članica društva 142 SNPJ.

Obiski

Chicago.—Mike in Antonija Krutz ter Mike Krutz ml. iz Willarda, Wis., Rose in Joe Jakobich ter Antonette Bernik iz Aurora, Minn., Emil Pike in Anthony Kebe iz Coraopolisa, Pa., so obiskali glavni urad SNPJ in uradništvo Prosverte.

Predavanje v Tomanovi knjižnici

Chicago.—Prihodni petek, dne 5. januarja, ob 8:30 zvečer bo v Tomanovi podružnici članske javne knjižnice na oglu 27. ulice in Pulaski Rd. (Crawford ave.) predaval Irving Pflaus, vprašanju, kaj se godi za bojni fronti v Evropi. Pflaus, ki je urednik inozemskih vesti pri dnevniku Chicago Times, je bil v Čehoslovakinji ob času krize tamkaj v letu 1938. Vstop k predavanju je vsakomur prost.

Pisatelji protestirajo
proti Stalinovi agresiji

Pariz, 2. jan.—Zunanji urad je naznani sklenitev dogovora s sovjetsko vlado glede pravice ribolova v ruskih teritorijih vodnih vodah na Dalnjem vzhodu. Japonske je určilna sklenitev dolgoročne pogodbe, toda naletela je na opozicijo v Moskvi. Zunanji komesar Molotov je dejal, da bi Rusija sklenila tako pogodbo pod gotovimi pogoji, na katere pa Japonska, kakor kaže sklenjeni začasni dogovor, ni hotela pristati.

Domače vesti

Nov grob v Chicago

Chicago.—Na novega leta dan je umrla Elizabeta Kordes, rojena v Jamniku na Gorenjskem. V Ameriki je bivala 32 let in tu zapušča hčer Rose, v Muskegonu, Mich., sina Franca, v starem kraju pa brata. Pogreb se vrši v četrtek, dne 4. januarja, pred poldneva iz naslova 2027 W. Cermak Rd.

Jože Zorko, bivši gl. odbornik SNPJ, umrl

Chicago.—Iz West Newtona, Pa., je prisla brzjavna vest, da je 30. decembra v bolnišnicu v Pittsburghu umrl Jože Zorko, star domala 61 let in rojen pri Sv. Lovrencu v Slovenskih gorah na Stajerskem. Pokojnik je bil član, blagajnik in zapisnikar društva 64 SNPJ, blagajnik westmorelande federacije SNPJ, odbornik Narodnega doma in pevskoga društva Savice v West Newtonu in več drugih podpornih društev, svoječasno je pa bil več let gl. odbornik SNPJ. Vremeni pionirju na polju svobodne misli in delavske zavesti med nam naj bo ohranjen najlepši spomin!

Se en nov grob v Penni

Strabane, Pa.—Tu je umrla Katarina Jamka, članica društva 138 SNPJ, ki je opravljala posle babice. Starca je bila 61 let in rojena v Moravskem Ostravi v Čehoslovakinji. V Ameriki je živila 33 let in tu zapušča moža, stari sinove in tri hčere.

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Uradne vesti društva SNPJ

St. Mary's Pa. — Clanom društva 581 SNPJ, ki se niso udeležili letne seje, naznanim, da je bil izvoljen sledič odbor: Predsednik John Roje, podpredsednik Mike Bakovic, tajnik Gabriel Uljan, blagajnik Ludvik Bon, zapis. Josephine Bon, bolniški nadzornik Mike Bakovic; predsednik knjig, Katherine Troha, John Rollok; zdravnik dr. J. E. Sunder. Seje se vrše vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne na 523 Curry ave.

Gabriel Uljan, tajnik.

Cleveland. — Na letni seji društva 264 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni slediči uradniki za 1940: Predsednik Cyril Urbančič, podpredsednik Jacob Jesenko, tajnik Charles Zakely (3540 W. 63. st.), blagajnik Joseph Kline ml., zapisnik Mike Bizaj; nadzorniki, Mirko Copic, Jacob Jesenko, Stanley Mausar st.; reditelj Joseph Kline st., zastavonos Anton Gustinčič, zdravnik dr. John J. Sanate, zastopnik za Zapadni slovenski dom, Fr. Krašovec, namestnik Anton Mausar ml., zastopnik za Cankarjevo ustanovo Frank Krašovec, za Prosvetno in jednotno publikacije Charles Zakely. Seje se vrše vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne do aprila, potem pa ob 10. popoldne do oktobra v navadnih prostorih v Zapadnem slovenskem domu na 6818 Denison ave.

Društvo se prosi, da se bolj redno udeležuje društvenih sej. Udeležite se prihodnjih 14. januarja, da boste silišali celoletni račun. Navzoč naj bo tudi ves odbor. Obenem se zahvaljujem vsem odbornikom in vsem članstvu, ker smo tako lepo skupno delovali v preteklem letu in želim, da tako ostane tudi v bodoče.

Charles Zakely, tajnik.

Frontenac, Kans. — Člani društva 27 SNPJ so prošeni, da se udeležijo prihodnje seje 7. januarja in potem vsak mesec, ker je vsaka seja važna za skupno delovanje. Na prihodnjem bo podan trimesecni kakor tudi celoletni račun, koliko je bilo poslan na glavni urad in koliko smo prejeli z glavnega urada. Prav tako društveni doktori in izdaci, ki, da boste imeli jasno sliko o poslovanju preteklo leto. To naznanih se tice vseh, ne samo nekaterih.

Frank Krajsel, tajnik.

Milwaukee. — Društvo Bratoljub 234 SNPJ je na letni seji izvolilo slediče odbornike za 1940: Predsednik Louis Marr, podpredsednik Adolph Geiser, tajnik Joseph Fritz (831 W. Walker st.), zapisnik Joe Bachun, blagajnik Mary Geiser; nadzorni odbor, Josephine Shiretz, Matilda Kodrich, Genovefa Sagadin; bolniški odbor, Andrew Loncarich, Joe B. Podglednik, Frank Kolentz; zdravnik dr. J. Stefanec. Seje se vsako drugo nedeljo popoldne ob 2. v dvorani Tivoli — ne več zvečer, ker se večerne seje niso obnesle.

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Lične — Naslov moje sestre Antonije Može, poročena Kordon, radi zadev POKOJNE MATERE. Ako kdor prijateljev se za njen naslov, jé prošen, naj mi istega naznani. Ako pa ona sama čita ta oglas, naj mi piše nemudoma na naslov: Mary Modic, 1210 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio. — (Adv.)

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če in bomo napredovali. Apeliram na vse odbornike in na vse člance, da se zavedate, da moramo delovati bratsko, se udeleževati društvenih sej in priredb, da bomo bolj znano društveno delovanje. Ni dovolj, če recete: bodo že drugi naredili brez mene; tudi vase sodelovanje je potrebno, ker to je tudi vaša dolžnost. Držite se tega in na svrdenje na prihodnjih sejih 14. januarja. Želim vsem srečno in zadovoljno novo leto 1940.

Joseph Fritz, tajnik.

Cleveland. — Društvo Vipavski raj 312 SNPJ je izvolilo slediče uradnike za 1940: Predsednik Andrej Božič, podpredsednik John Strancar ml., tajnik John Strancar st. (716 E. 159. st.), blagajnik Krist Marc, zapisnik Joe Kartel; nadzorniki, Louis Cebron, Louis Bezek, Louis Petrovič; zdravnik, dr. Opaskar, dr. Rutar, dr. Skur; zastopnika za delniško sejo SDD na Waterloo, Franč Kalin in Louis Cebron; za SD na Holmes ave., Krist Marc in Charles Benevol; zastopnika za clevelandsko federacijo SNPJ, Andrej Božič in John Strancar ml.; za Cankarjevo ustanovo Louis Pezdir. Društvo podpira kulturne ustanove Prosvetno zavodico ISZ, Cankarjevo ustanovo in mladinski zbor na Holmes ave. Seje se vrše vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne do aprila, potem pa ob 10. popoldne do oktobra v navadnih prostorih v Zapadnem slovenskem domu na 6818 Denison ave.

John Strancar, tajnik.

Granite City, Ill. — Članstvo društva 230 SNPJ je na letni seji sklenilo, kdor se ne udeleži seje vsaj enkrat v treh mesecih, bo v primeri bolezni suspendiran za en-dan podpore. Zaključeno je tudi bilo, da se upi proslava naših 25-letnice 24. marca. V odbor za 1940 so bili izvoljeni slediči: Predsednik Geo. Bogoevich, podpredsednik Jack Brisky, tajnik Julius Svoboda, blagajnik John Simurd, zapisnik Frank Begovich, predsednik odbora John Gudac; nadzorniki, John Radich, John Kozak, Adolph Keck; zdravnik dr. Jacob Schermer. Seje se vsako četrto nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne v Brunčičevi dvorani na 14. cesti in Madison ave.

Julius Svoboda, tajnik.

Rices Landing, Pa. — Društvo Slavček 501 SNPJ je na letni seji izvolilo slediče odbornike za 1940: Predsednik John Udovich, podpredsednik Tony Zorich, tajnik Mathew Barich (Box 116, Crucible), blagajnik Mathilda Zorich, zapisnik Mike Marusich. Seje se vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu.

Mathew Barich, tajnik.

West Park, O. — Društvo Delavec 257 SNPJ je na letni seji izvolilo slediče uradnike za 1940: Predsednik Andy Mirtich, podpredsednik Anton Hosta, tajnik Frank Knafele, blagajnik John Križmančič, zapisnik Carl Strekeley; nadzorniki, Carl Strekeley, Stanley Gabon, Josephina Slokar; zdravnik dr. A. J.

Frank Krajsel, tajnik.

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Naše naloge v letu 1940

Dnevi voščil in srče—zaradi lepšega!—so za nami, milega sezonskega popevanja je konec in zdaj je spet treba resno misliti na delo, ki nas čaka v novem letu. Mislimo delo v jednoti in v korist naši jednoti.

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Jubilejno leto je zaključeno in z njim vred je zaključena tudi jubilejna kampanja SNPJ. Naj bo rezultat jubilejne kampanje kakršenoli—vse kaže, da je priljubo dober—končana je; ni dosti resne volje, da bi jo nategnili čez mejo. Toda, če ni več izredne kampanje, ni s tem se rečeno, da bodo aktivni člani letos spali.

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Naša prva naloga v letu 1940 torej je, da se spet lotimo redne kampanje, to je, da ne prestanemo gledamo za novimi člani, zlasti za mladimi člani, ki so življenska kri vsake zdrave podporne organizacije.

Vedeti moramo, da naš mladinski oddelek ne more živeti brez stalne in dobro idoče kampanje. Mladinski oddelek se mora neprehonomu obnavljati, drugače se izteče in izgine, aki ni stalnega prirastku na prvem koncu. Mladinski oddelek ni kot oddelek odraslih, v katerem članostane, dokler hoče biti član; mladinski oddelek se neprestano prehriva, kakor potok, ki se izlivlja v reko. Na prvem koncu prihajajo otroci noter, na drugem koncu odhajajo v oddelek odraslih, ko določljivo sestajajo ali osemnajsto let.

Mislimo, da se vsi aktivni člani SNPJ dobro zavedajo tega dejstva. Zato bodo neprehonomu skrbeli, da pride v mladinski oddelek SNPJ dosti novih članov, ki nadomestijo one, kateri odhajajo iz njega. Kampanja gor ali dol—mladinski oddelek mora redno dobivati nove člane, drugače ne bo napredka SNPJ!

Sa pa še druge naloge, s katerimi nadomeščamo naše aktivnosti jubilejne kampanje.

Nobena organizacija ni perfektna in naša tudi ni. Vsaka organizacija, ki hoče živeti in rasti, se mora neprehonomu izboljšavati na znotraj. Razne reforme, izpremembe na bolje, so stalno na dnevnem redu, aho hočemo, da bo naša organizacija elastična, da bo korakala s potrebami razmer in časa. Kakor posamezniku, ki se zna prilagodovati razmerjam in času, tako je tudi organizacijam zagotovljen primeren uspeh in dobro življenje.

Kjerkoli v sistemu našega poslovanja ali go spodarstva se opaža kakšna slabost ali zaostrost, zastarelost ali pomanjkljivost—odstrani mo jo.

Prihodnje leto bo spet naše konvenčno leto, zaradi tega ne bo nič napačnega, aže letos v letu 1940, razpravljamo o problemih, ki nas najbolj žalijo in ki bodo na prihodnji konvenciji zahtevali nujne rešitve. Cini temeljite prejemljemo naša notranja vprašanja, tem boljša je lahko rešitev teh vprašanj. Mi imamo navadno pred konvenčnimi premiči časa odmerjene ga za splošno razmotrovjanje o važnih točkah pravil, zato pa prihajamo na konvencije nepripravljeni glede maršic. Najmanj eno leto, ko renitega razpravljanja v glasiju bi bilo treba!

Leto 1940 bo zelo razburljivo za Ameriko in naša jednota ne bo mogla kar tako z zavezanimi očmi mimo teh razburljivih dogodkov. Vršila se bo predsedniška voilna kampanja, katera obeta, da bo ena najhujših v zgodovini. Združenih držav in od katere bo v veliki meri odvisno, ali pojde ameriška republika naprej ali nazaj.

Ker smo vsi, bodisi kot posamezniki ali kot organizacije, uvrščeni v ameriško življenje, bomo hočeščoč poteženjeni v to voilno kampanjo in ne smemo čakati zadnjega momenta, da se odločimo kje je naše mesto v voilnem boju in na kateri strani bi mogli s svojim skromnim sodelovanjem najbolj konfiskati svoji organizaciji in svojemu delavskemu sloju, h kateremu spadamo.

Nalog v letu 1940 je torej mnogo in važne so.

Glasovi iz naselbin

Sharonova božičnica

Sharon, Pa.—Prijedra na božični večer v Slovenskem domu je bila vredna poseta. Igra "Bedak Pavle" je bila prvo-vrstno igранa. Priozačoval jo je naša naračaj, člani mladinskega krožka 21 SNPJ pod vodstvom miss Frances Novakove. Pred igro so bili tudi govorji.

Prvi je nastopil predsednik SD Frank Stiblaj, ki je vse načelo lepo pozdravil in želen vesel božič v srečno novo leto. Želen je, da se mladina še naprej uči v SD, ki jim je na razpolago, mi pa moramo biti z njimi. Drugi govornik je bil predsednik našega društva 262 SNPJ Joe Garm, ki je istotako želen vsem najbolje in dejal, da je naša mladina naša bodočnost, zato pa je tudi dobro, da se že sedaj poučuje. Ko bi imeli take ustanove že pred leti, bi bilo še toliko bolje. Tretji je bil mladi predsednik društva 755 SNPJ Albin Cvelbar, ki je istotako želen vsem vesel božič in srečno novo leto. Povedal je tudi o napredku njih društva in spodbujal na pristop k SNPJ. Njih društvo daje članom razvedrilo, v primeri bolezni prispodbujal.

Cetrti govornik je bil naš tajnik SD Frank Kramar, ki je imel daljši govor. Rekel je, da nas delita vera in prepricanje, kar pa bi ne smelo biti. V svobodni deželi da bi se tega ali onega prepricanja ne smelo nikomur zanikati. Ako bomo to upoštevali, bomo delali bolj skupno, složno in bolje napredovali, kar bi bilo v korist jednotam, društvom in tudi Slovenskim domovom, katere potrebujemo za naše shode, seje in poučevanje. Dotaknil se je tudi velikašev onkraj vode, ki složno pobijajo naš milijonski revni narod. Znani pregor pravi: "Mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje." Kdo pa naj bo dobre volje? Oče in mati, ker so njihovi sinovi pred kanon? In zakaj?

V peti točki sta nastopili Frances Novak in Rosie Mlakar, ki sta zapeli dve lepi pesmi v angleščini, potem se je pa pričela igra. Mladih igralcev je bilo okrog 25 po številu. Vsi so imeli lepe nove kostume, napravljene nalači za to igro. Lepo jih je bilo videti. Če bolj je bil majhen, bolj se je postavil. Po igri so pa vsi malčki zapeli v slovenščini Venček narodnih pesmi, v katerem so bile vključene Dekle je rože pleia, Tam za goro, Dol po cestici, Daj srček nazaj. Bom lešnikov dal. Zapeli so tudi Sveta noč, ob koncu pa še v angleščini Jingie Bells in Santa Claus Is Coming Town. Vse, igra in petje, je bilo pod vodstvom miss Frances Novakove.

Nato pa je nastopil veliki Miklavž, ki je najprvo malčke obdaril z raznimi dobratami. Razume se, da tudi stari nismo bili izpuščeni. Dobili smo več kot smo pričakovali. Videti je bilo, da se bili posetniki zadovoljni s programom in z miklavževino. Mladinsku krožko pa se bo tudi blagajna pomnožila za bližnjo štiri desetake. Ko sem vprašal girardskega Preveca, kako se mi je dopadlo, je dejal, da ne bi verjel, da je tako, sedaj pa se je sam prepričal, da je v resnicu zanimivo, lepo in načinljivo.

Opozval sem tudi našega Tone Zidanška. Z zanimanjem je opozval mlade igralce in imel solzne oči. Ne vem, ali od veselja ali od žalosti, ali pa se je morda bolj velikega Miklavža. Sele ko je prišel v spodobe prostore, kjer je bila velika druščina, se je okorajil. Eden mladih igralcev je pristopil k njemu in mu reče: "Hey, mister, give me cane." Tone ga gleda in vpraša, kaj hoče. "Lend me your cane." Pa mu Tone odgovori, da ni "mister" ne ken." Toda fant je le še prisl, nakar stopi Tone k meni in me vpraša, kaj bi rad. Pojasnil sem mu, da ga prosi za palico, katero bodo rabili pri igri. A tak, tu jo imaš in paži, da mi je ne pokvariti, je odvrnil Tone. Potem nisem videl, da je dobil nazaj ali ne. Zdela se mi je, da so ga

vse slabosti zapustile in da mu palice ne bo več treba. Ali se je tudi drugi dan tako dobro počutil, ne vem. Ako se je, bomo palico obesili v Slovenski dom za spomin.

Da, kdo pride v Slovenski dom, mu odleže na ta ali drug način. Poskusite še drugi. Nekaterim pa je tudi dobra kapljica prekipe, kar pa ni lepo. Jaz sem se od pijač nazaj držal. Vedel sem, da mi je Miklavž poslal črnine, od drugega rakije, od tretjega cigare in druge priklbine. Fa sem si mislil, da se ga bom že doma naložil, ne da bi komu delal škodo ali kvaril veselje. — Srečno novo leto vsem.

Anton Valentinčič, 262.

Poročilo zastopnika

Sharon, Pa.—Ker nam poteka staro leto in nastopa novo, je moja dolžnost, da se zahvalim vsem čitateljem Prosvete. Bil sem zelo zadovoljen v tem letu z vsemi naročniki. Povsod so mi bili na roko in naročino ponovili pravočasno. Pridobil sem 15 novih naročnikov.

Napredek ni velik, toda za takoj starega človeka kakor je podpisani, je to že lep napredek, in to posebno še, če upoštevamo da naša delavnica razmire in pa napako 11. konvencije v Clevelandu, ki ni hoteala upoštevati mojega priporočila, da bi bili mladini dve strani angleškega člana. Tako je bila to storila, bi mnogo mladih in zasednikov pridržali kot naši sosedniki, ko jim starši pomrjejo. Pa tudi na novo bi se naročili pri tako priljubljenih zastopnikih kot sem jaz pri starih mladih. Pošljajo mi številna pisma iz vseh strani, v katerih me bodrijo, naj nadaljujem z mojimi dopisi. Drugi me obiščijo, ker me že zelo spoznati.

Ravno na 23. dec. so se pripravili na obisk k Jožetu Kramarju Pavlinovi iz Warrena. O. Gospa Pavlin je takoj vprašala Jožeta, če ve, kje jaz stanujem, ker me že zelo spoznati. Jožet je izpolnil pridržal in pride v dnevnik, kar je bil naši mladi in zasebnični. Njena tovariščica je gospodična Mlakarjeva. Tudi ona je izurjena pevka in po vsak temen po radiu na šolski postaji. Za prej sem bil slišal, da je Frances dobro izurila 21 tukaj rojenih otrok od 6 do 14. leta za priredbo.

Program je otvoril Frank Kramar in zaključil svoj govor z velikim aplavzom, potem pa so se na odru pojavili malčki. Programa ne bom opisoval, povem te, da sem že mnogo prepotoval po naselbinah in se udeležil silčnih priredob, toda tako izurjenih igralcev in pevcev še nisem viden. Vsi nastopi so se lepo izvršili, brez vsake napake. Mislim, da ni bilo v dvoranu človeka, ki bi mogel kaj kritizirati. Občinstvo jih je mirno opazovalo pri igri, da se mladi učenci niso motili. In to je menda vzrok, da malci igralci niso delali napak. Potem so pa skupaj zapeli več lepih slovenskih pesmi s takoj milim glasom, da je že moje staro srce postal mlado.

Srečni so starši, ki imajo tako poslušne in nadarjene otroke, da ubogajo starše, ki se zanje mnogo žrtvujejo. Gre jim vse priznanje. Frances Novak pa mislim, da je najbolje napolnjava z glavnega urada našemu članstvu glede teh razredov, veliko je pa tudi še članov, kateri nočejo spremeniti svoje stare zavarovalnine. In se še celo norujejo iz tega in nočejo razumeti vrednosti, katero jim nudi to zavarovanje.

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Anton Zidanšek, zastopnik.

ne bodo klubni in društva nič opomogli.

In občinstvo hoče imeti tudi nekaj žaljivega čtiva, ne samo podobno. Občinstvo ljubi vsako vrstno dopise, žaljive in podobne. Kdo noče čitati mojih dopisov, naj jih pusti. Jaz pišem za tiste, ki jih radi čitajo in mi tudi pošljajo čestitke in darila. Ko sem bil pred božičem na agitaciji, sem prinesel poln kovček krvavih in mesenih klobas iz napredne naselbine Imperiale. Vsem skupaj lepa hvala!

Sedaj pa nekaj bolj veselega. Porčal sem že, da bomo imeli v Sharonu na božični večer v Slovenskem domu miklavžo priredbo za mladino. Pa tudi odraslim je Miklavž prinesel lepa darila, toda le tistim, ki so pridni. No, jaz nisem štumfa nastavil, ker sem reynega stanu, kakor tista reyna vdova. Kljub temu sem bil tako vesel, da me je Frank Prevec iz Warrena prisilil, da sem šel z njegovim ženo kegljat. Dejal mi je, če bom gem izgubila, da bo on plačal. No, šel sem, prvič v mojem življenju. Kakor mi je Frank povedal, sem v dveh gemih podrl 42 kgov, druge sem pa pošljao zoper one, ki jih razgovarjajo, da ni tako kakor sem jih imam na naših sejih tolmačil. In pa da zakaj bi še več plačevali, ker ni potreba, naša jednota ima zadostni denarja i. t. d. Zapomnite si to — vam popolnoma po pravici povem in nič ne pretevam — da je novi zavarovanje D in E boljše kakor se jih more dobiti pri kateri drugi organizaciji v Ameriki.

To je zoper, da je treba za sprostev te velikanskih energij, ki težijo v atomskej jedri, električnih napetosti več milijonov voltov, kakršne vladajo v jedrih samih in držajo atome skupaj. Te sile je treba za zdrobitev atomov spustiti vanje od zunaj. Gre za najmanj 6 do 8 milijonov voltov. L. 1932. so raziskovalci v laboratorijih za visoke napetosti družbe A. E. G. v Oberschoeneweideju prekrali 2 milijona voltov. Njih aparatura je ustrezala po svoji učinkovitosti žarilni silni tisoč kilogramov radija. Že to je bil velik uspeh, če pomislimo, da je človeštvu po desetletnem predelovanju uranove rude uspelo do danes pridelovati komaj kakšen kilogram radija. Z drugimi metodami in po neštetih presečenjih, trdem delu in razočaranjih je uspel proizvajati napetosti 7 do 8 milijonov voltov in še več, vendar pa le za poedine tokovne sunke, ki so trajali komaj kakšno desetino sekunde.

Posebno velike uspehe so imeli v tem področju angleški in ameriški učenjaki, a omenjene profesorji Lawrence ter njegovemu sodelavcu Livingstonu je uspela teoretično in deloma praktično celo končna rešitev tega problema.

Ko bi vi člani vedeli, koliko se je trudil odbor za pravila na zadnjem konvenciji SNPJ v Clevelandu in koliko je naši delavnici delovali, da smo tako delegate prepričali, da so sprejeli to novo zavarovanje. (Odbor za pravila je bil enakega mnenja

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Our Responsibilities and Duties in 1940

This week we greet the dawn of the New Year—1940—which is destined to bring a variety of new things and a repetition of the old.

With the passing of 1939 into history passed also the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Slovene National Benefit Society. The occasion was observed remarkably well throughout the jurisdiction by lodges and federations with public celebrations and with the jubilee membership campaign. The complete results of the latter will be known within two weeks. No definite or official goal was set; the unofficial quota of 3500 new members by the end of the year was suggested as a fitting tribute in honor of our organization's anniversary. There is every indication that the total increase in membership will not be far from the 3000 mark, which is considered good for the nine-month campaign.

The progress of our organization, as of any similar group, is determined by its membership and financial growth and strength. Therefore, in order to maintain and reinforce our position as the biggest and most influential fraternal society among our people, it is of paramount importance that we constantly strive to increase its ranks in both departments. This is our supreme duty and responsibility in 1940!

One of our most important institutions within the organization is our Juvenile Department, for it is from this source that our future adult members will be drawn. Therefore, it is logical that more emphasis must be placed on this department and its activities. The Society is alive to this fact and toward that end has done much in the past and will do more in the future. The Department was established at the 1912 convention and, nine years later, it was given its own official organ—the *Mladinski List*. More recently, at the 1937 convention, a new development was initiated—the Juvenile Circles.

It is the duty of our English Speaking Lodges to cooperate with the Senior Lodges to build up their Juvenile Circles and to build up their juvenile ranks as well as their own adult membership. Let us remember that a strong juvenile department and active juvenile circles will greatly accelerate our progress.

Along with our various institutions, let us also further our Society's social and cultural activities within the framework of progressive labor organizations.

Loyalites Anticipate Outstanding Year of Lodge Progress, Success and Growth as 1940 Is Ushered in

CLEVELAND, O.—Loyalite Christians dance will be in the past, but not forgotten, when this article will still be hot from the press. I hope everyone present had a wonderful time.

Our annual meeting proved to be the biggest and the most successful meeting of the year. An attendance of fifty or more were present to progress Loyalites for an outstanding year of 1940. Sandwiches and refreshments were served at the climax of the meeting. Party bingo was played, prizes being donated by Bill Lipmas of Bill's Clothes, and Perusek Furniture. Loyalites and myself thank them for their generosity. If our members respond, the game will be revived at our future meetings.

Loyalites' Entertainment Committee met Dec. 19 at Margaret Boot's home. Plans for our Xmas dance were put in effect, after many friendly ab-

gements everything was settled to their satisfaction.

By the results of the meeting it seems as if we will have a successful and active committee. It consists of the following members: Frank Gregoric, chairman; Frank and Zora Cheligo, Marge Boots, Anne Stranska, Joe Gregoric, Tony Fortuna, Frank Yankovic, Jean Russ, Rose Znidar, and your scribe.

The Bowlers' Athletic Dance, sponsored by the Cleveland SNPJ Bowling League, was held Dec. 23 at the Slovene Workers Home on Waterloo Rd. Yankovic and his crew supplied us with polkas, waltzes, and everything imaginable. All of the lodges were represented, even the Detroit Wolverines were represented by Steffler and Lefty. Along with refreshments, there was plenty of mistletoe; in fact, I even saw imaginary-mistletoe, but it didn't work with all of the girls. Which brings me to the point of asking Vice Prexy Tony Kastelle where he learned his cave man style? Tony, you certainly surprised the girls.

I am taking this opportunity to wish all the Sisters and Brothers of our wonderful organization, the Slovene National Benefit Society, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May the new year guide more friends to join our great fraternal organization and make it a record-breaking year. Loyalites will do their share.

Loyalite Girls' Bowling team astonished everyone Sunday, Dec. 24, by winning 1-2-3 right in a row. Strangier than No. 1 were the opponents. The rib of it is that Jo Lekar, one of the better bowlers of the Struggles team, was showing us girls pointers which helped us win the game. Thanks a million, Jo. "Right from the corner, girls"—isn't that correct, Jo?

On Jan. 7, the Pioneers will hold their initial meeting of 1940. At this meeting the incoming officers will be installed. Remember, Pioneer membership, the 1st meeting of 1940 on Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. in the SNPJ Hall.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
Lodge 589

West Point Cadets Elect New Officers

LISBON, OHIO.—The yearly meeting of SNPJ lodge 746, West Point Cadets, proved to be a very interesting one, but we would hit a rough spot occasionally, otherwise it was smoothly conducted.

Elected to lead the West Point Cadets were: Vic Tuseck, president; Jack Pozelen, secretary; Brigitta Pozelen, treasurer; Mary Bergant, recorder, Auditor: Rudy Hoffman, Bill Dolene and John Pozelen.

All Slovenes in this vicinity were so much interested in building a new Slovene Home in Power Point, and now we have bought a building and remodeled it for our New Slovene Home. As announced in last week's Prosleta, the opening of the New Home was celebrated on Dec. 30. The New Hall is located next door to the Catholic Church in Power Point. The celebration was a big success, with many neighboring lodges being represented.

Through this column the West Point Cadets wish to extend to all of you a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

MARY BERGANT,
Rec. Sec'y, Lodge 746.

SNPJ Lodge 540 to Install Officers

ELIZABETH, N. J.—SNPJ lodge 540 held their annual meeting on Dec. 10 and most of the members were present to join in the election of officers. Joseph Pasarich Jr. was re-elected president. We are glad to have him hold this office as he does very well. The rest of the new officers are: Joseph Skari Jr., vice-president; Joe Pasarich Sr., secretary; John Bratnik, recording secretary; Mary Skari, treasurer. Auditors: Mike Bratnik, chairman; Tony Pezdire and Lotta Skari.

Our regular meetings will be held the usual second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. at the same Polish Nat'l Home. Members, please remember the new time, 2 o'clock hereafter.

To start the first meeting of 1940 off right, which falls on Jan. 14, the Lodge decided to hold a Grand Get-Together Party and invite all members to attend. So have your dinner early and bring your parents and kids over to the Polish Home, where you are assured of a good, merry time with plenty of good beer and other refreshments. At this meeting, our officers will be installed.

All men of this lodge that are interested in bowling, please attend the January meeting so a team can be organized.

Flash! Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pasarich Sr., who celebrated their 25th anniversary on Jan. 2. The Lodge 540 wishes them many more years of wedded bliss and good health. And happy birthday to Mary Pezdire (Dec. 26) and to Joseph Pasarich Jr. (Jan. 1st). Wonder what became of Olga Peterlin, now Mrs. Samuel Kanach, who since her marriage hasn't been around.

The Slovene Singing Society of New York City gave a very enjoyable program on Dec. 19 over station WJZ at 5:15 p.m. The songs brought back many memories especially to our parents. We hope these programs would come more often on the air, so we young folks could appreciate the Slovene language more fully.

Lodge 540 wishes all their neighboring lodges a very prosperous new year. Publicity Committee:

MARY PEZDIRE and MARY SKARI

Barberton SNPJ Fed. To Give Mask Ball

AKRON, O.—The Barberton SNPJ Federation is planning to hold a dance on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7 o'clock at the Domovina hall in Barberton, O. The Committee in charge of this affair will prepare an interesting program. This will be a masquerade dance at which prizes will be awarded. The most representative mask will receive \$3; the best mask, \$2; the ugliest, \$1. Please arrange to attend this ball and bring your friends along. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Vadal Quartet of Cleveland. This alone should be enough inducement to draw a big crowd. Bro. William Pongratz, representative of Lodge 484, New Philadelphia, O., donated several prizes which will be awarded at the dance. Tickets are 30c, and this will entitle you to special privileges at the dance.

MAX KOTNIK, Secretary

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Lodge 590

SNPJ CAVALIERS TO SPONSOR TWO LODGE AFFAIRS

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.—The Cavaliers haven't been so very active the past year, so I might as well begin the new year right by writing my article to the Prosleta and let various lodges know about our doings.

Now that the cold weather has set in perhaps more members will pick out a cozy place to sit by the fireplace and write to the paper. That's the one advantage of cold weather, but there is a disadvantage likewise. Will the cold weather prevent you from attending the meetings?

Our last meeting of 1939, held Sunday, Dec. 9, was considered the best attended of the year. Don't think for a second that we weren't glad to see so many new faces at our meetings. Two newcomers were initiated at this meeting, namely, Kathryn Monkun and Mary Mikula. We'd glad to have you girls in our Lodge and we hope to see you at many meetings yet to come.

The results of the elections of the officers were: President, Tony Karosec; vice-president, Tony Jeram; treasurer, Kathryn Mosakum; recorder, Helen Hribar. Auditors: John Leskovich, Hilda Louder, and Frances Firbez.

The Cavaliers have also selected Jan. 27 and April 18 as dates for their dances. Since the Bergant Sisters have made such a hit in this vicinity in the past they have been engaged to play for our dance on Jan. 27. The Cavaliers hold their anniversary dance yearly in April and usually choose their date several months ahead, so that our dance won't conflict with that of other lodges. You will hear more about these dances, so keep your eyes open.

Another date I wish all SNPJ lodges and friends would observe as Burgettstown Day is January 13, when the Slovene Girls' Club will have the pleasure of presenting the ever-popular Martin Serro and his orchestra to play for our dance. Do you remember our last dance? Oh, what a grand time everybody had and I can assure you this will be the same.

We only hope the weather will be favorable to see many of you from Herminie, Yukon and Alquippa. Nobody from these places ever comes to our town. Come once and you will come again, I'm sure.

A MEMBER, 741.

Ramblers to Install Officers January 10

OAKMONT, PA.—The Dec. meeting of SNPJ lodge 713 was very well attended (we will be looking for such attendances at our 1940 meetings). At this meeting we elected the following officers to lead the Ramblers in 1940: Tony Kaus, pres.; Wilbur Bergine, vice-pres.; John Kaus, treas.; Carl Komatz, fin. sec'y; Ann Kaus, rec. sec'y; sergeant-at-arms will be appointed at each meeting. The auditors are: Joe Langus, chairman; Helen Langus, and Dorothy Feryan. The sick committee are: Mary Halick, and Wilbur Bergine.

The monthly meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. There will be a softball meeting on the 2nd Thursday of January at Bergine's at 7 o'clock sharp.

We wish Victoria Lusek, a Rambler who underwent a recent operation, a speedy recovery. We would like to see all of you Ramblers visit her at her home where she is convalescing.

John Kaus, our treasurer, has announced his engagement to Mary Arayay. William Kaus has taken his transfer to the Verona Lodge. William is considered a great loss to the Ramblers. The Ramblers loss of a long-time member who helped our lodge out considerably, will be the Veronian's gain.

On Dec. 10, some of the Ramblers attended a 25th anniversary surprise party which was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lousche of Hawick.

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Manor Cadets to Mark Anniversary

IRWIN, PA.—SNPJ lodge 749 held its regular and annual meeting on Dec. 17. The meeting date for 1940 has been changed from the third-Sunday to the first Thursday evening of the month at 7 o'clock.

We have planned a bank night for each meeting; so, attend these meetings. You may be the lucky one. Please, see that your assessments are paid by the end of the month. Don't depend on our Secretary to pay it for you; you may be disappointed when you can least afford to.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, John Terbotz; Vice President, Thomas Solomen; Secretary, E. Roscher; Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Mary Bohine. Auditors: Samuel Bohine, Caroline Kukovich and Frances Ma-

rosto, one becomes a bowling addict. More power to you, Buckeye bowlers!

Beginning this month, members are to pay their dues to Secretary Mary Apchak of 432 N. W. Fourth St. Easy to find—especially since Mary's new neighbors are trailer dwellers, an Indian medicine man and his family. Sounds interesting and exciting, eh?

In their little way, the Buckeyes handed out some cheer of their own when they held their party for the kiddies, their parents and all the members Dec. 21.

The kids were all thrilled by Santa Claus and the gifts he gave them.

There was candy, fruit and toys for each child; hankies for the ladies and

cigars for the men. The menu of sandwiches, coffee, coco, cookies, ice cream and cake was a treat for all.

Not only were the kids having fun!

In the kitchen of the hall were Steve, Mary, Fran Mesek, Nelle, Mary Zadel, Toni M. Beres and this dept., and oh, what a time we all had trying to prepare the eats and keep out of each other's way. Even this group got a kick out of Santa and no wonder.

That jolly old character was none other than young Mr. Beres, our new president. While Mary Apchak acted as caller in the kiddies' bingo games, others were entertaining the older folks. Agnes Troha was operating the radio; Frank Tomasic was refusing a second helping of ice cream and cake; Joe Mesek was dispensing the spirits; Theresa Sonoff was conversing with the guests; Molly Opeka was, too. All in all 'twas a nice Christmas party and we do hope the kids and everyone enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed giving it.

It has been nice to receive compliments, criticisms, ribbing and even downright insults from friends about these pieces; it has been a pleasure to meet readers and contributors to this page; it was fun to bandy words with other scribes, and it's with a thought of all this that I sincerely wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Perhaps we'll meet again in these pages in the future.

MARY BOHINC,
Rec. Secretary.

3rd Anniversary Dance

This is the Manor Cadets' third anniversary year. We will celebrate it with a dance, which is to be held at Pleasant Valley Hall on Jan. 27, 1940. A well-known orchestra will furnish the music. So all dance-lovers don't forget to keep Jan. 27 open and spend it with the Manor Cadets.

TO SHOW SNPJ FILM IN 'Frisco Jan. 21.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—On January 21, the SNPJ Federation of Northern California will show the pictures of Yugoslavia in San Francisco at the Progressive Home, 2101 Mariposa Street. Owing to the showing of these films Lodge 594 will hold its monthly meeting for the month of January on the second Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 14.

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My Week

By Louis Beniger

I think that if the saying, "Life begins at forty," is true, then the first of the 40's, ushered in a few days ago, will show plenty of life, action and vigor right from the start, its rather cold beginning notwithstanding. It is hoped that the energy expended will result in many social, economic, cooperative and cultural improvements, bringing our collective endeavors to desired realization.

With the dawn of the new year come the inevitable though short-lived resolutions. But I can't see why anyone should wait for the new year. Any day of the year is just as good to discard some of our detrimental habits or to resolve to turn a new leaf. The minute one realizes that something should or should not be done, one ought to be able to act accordingly. Which, of course, we don't, because we are human, and to err is human . . .

The last 1939 issue of the Daily Pros veta of Dec. 29 carries interesting statistics concerning our people in the Americas along with other important material. It shows that in 1939 in North and South America there were 970 deaths, or 139 more than in 1938. Heart failure tops the list of deaths. In 1939 there were 459 weddings; 80 silver weddings, seven 30th anniversary weddings and eight golden weddings. These figures, of course, are incomplete as many deaths and weddings have not been reported. Records show that last year 469 members and non-members visited the SNPJ Main Office; in 1938 there were 327 visitors.

Last week, two old-timers, Valentim Šunk and his wife, Slovens farmers from Sheldon, Wis., visited the Main Office. The couple settled at Sheldon 27 years ago, having previously lived at Herminie, Pa. It is interesting to know that Valentim is a third cousin of Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg (Šunk), ciero-fascist chancellor of former Austria and now a prisoner of Adolf Hitler. When Valentim settled at Sheldon, he found nothing but wilderness there, but through his hard work he succeeded in developing a fine farm.

Holiday Odds and Ends: The joy of receiving cards from old friends and new (our thanks to each and all).

Seeing the Russian ballet at the Auditorium, and thinking of our Christmas pantomime; enjoying "Ghost Town" and "Igrouchi" most of all, and also the dancing of Miss Slavenska, a Jugoslav; noting the many Jews in the audience, and remembering that this is generally true at concerts, plays and lectures.

Helping to untriv the Christmas tree which glittered so proudly for a few days and is now so bedraggled and forlorn. It is good that the holidays are over and we can settle once more into the everyday tasks.

Fraternitites to

Meet on Jan. 11th

NEWARK, N. J.—The SNPJ Anniversary Dance which was held Nov. 11, 1939, turned out to be a big success. Friends and members from Eastern Penna as well as from New York and New Jersey lodges had a very enjoyable evening. We wish to thank every one that helped to make it a success. Thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. Kavcic for letting Committee use their home as a meeting place.

The Fraternitites' Committee have something up their sleeve and are due to break the news soon. I'm sure that every Fraternite will be right with them working hard to make whatever it is go-over big.

Remember our meeting date is Thursday, Jan. 11, 1940, at 8 p. m. at the Bohemian Hall, corner of 19th ave. and 17th st. Start the new year off right, and let's see a lot of new faces.

Our bowling team has been coming along very nicely with Bernie and Leo as our managers. After all the talk how bad Carl's Forest City team were going to beat us seemed to ring true the first two games, but later the Fraternite team took over the show. Better luck next time.

ANTHONY KARSHINA,
Sec'y, Lodge 256.

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Juvenile Circles

"Jolly Kansans" First '40 Meet Sunday, Jan. 6, at Breezy Hill

GIRARD, KANSAS.—This is Circle No. 11, calling all members to attend the first 1940 Circle meeting Sunday, Jan. 7, at Breezy Hill Hall. Make it your new year's resolution to attend all meetings. Let's all come Sunday and be a happy group of boys and girls. Immediately after our business meeting, the usual merriment will begin. Start the new year out-right! (More news next week.)

OLGA MARIE KNAPICH,
Adviser.

Circle 13 to Meet January 5; Hold Successful Yule Party

CLEVELAND, O.—Circle 13 held its Christmas Party on Dec. 22 at the Slovens National Home on St. Clair Ave. We exchanged gifts which cost 10 cents or more. To our surprise most of the girl members got handkerchiefs and most of the boy members got neckties.

For the rats we had popcorn balls, ice cream, candy and cookies. During the party three contests were held, a written test, game of skill and a quiz bee. Adviser Mrs. Medvesek asked us ten questions which we answered on pieces of paper. President Milton Laurencic won the prize, a necklace holder. In the second contest, game of skill, every member had a turn to drop pencils into a milk bottle while kneeling on a chair. A girl (I don't remember her name) won this contest, a pencil holder, shaped like a "wiener dog"; to open it one had to unscrew the head. Five of us participated in "quiz bee," and again Presy Milton Laurencic won the prize, a large candy cane.

The party broke up at 10 p. m. and by that time all the members had their share of popcorn, ice cream and candy. For the members who weren't present at the last meeting and don't know the date of the next meeting: It is on Jan. 6, 1940, at 7:30 p. m. Be sure to come.

VALENTINE PAKIS,
Vice Pres., Circle 13.

Circle 22 to Hold 1st 1940 Meet Jan 26; Plan Bingo Party

MIDWAY, PA.—The "Voice of Youth" Circle is sponsoring another penny-bingo party, Saturday, Jan. 13, at the local Slovens Home. Bring along all your friends, and after an enjoyable evening with us you'll return home with some nice awards.

All members of Circle 22 are invited to attend the next meeting, Friday, Jan. 26. Let's see all at the first meeting of the new year, and let all the members try to do their very best for the circle activities this year.

WILMA KOSEM, President.

"All Star Koffee Klutch" Tells of Past Circle Affairs

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Our activities seem to be getting ever more numerous. Our Dec. meeting had a large attendance. The main business at the meeting was the election of officers for the following year. Bob Gradisher was elected president; Stanley Starich, vice pres.; Sylvia Polenik, treasurer; Fanny Radelj, secretary. The publicity committee consists of Bill Ambrosch, Frank Udvovich and Mary and John Poklar. The Junior All Stars basketball team was voted five dollars from the "All Star" treasury, for basketball suits. The rest of the money will come from the Federation and from the boys.

On Dec. 16, the Junior All Stars held their annual Christmas party, together with the Violet Rays. The crowd was so great that the people could just about move. Many children were there to receive gifts from Santa. The program consisted of songs and dances by members of the two circles. The hit of the whole program was the appearance of our two most popular juveniles, Louis and Dolores Ivancich. They tap-danced four dances, but the applause was so great that they kept coming back to dance. One of the nicest things that almost everybody saw, was, later, on the dance floor, when the music had started. Louis and Dolores started to dance a waltz. They danced so nicely, that some of the people started to applaud.

The circle "Violet Rays" put on a

cracking and eating nuts?—The boys will have to overcome their fear of dancing because a play is being planned to be given in conjunction with our Spring Concert. Both boys and girls will dance polkas and waltzes in the play.

The suits for the basketball team have been ordered. The boys have finally decided to have blue and white uniforms. The suits are very snappy and the boys are sure to go to town as soon as they receive them. The boys have thus far split even in the two games they have played.

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FRANK UDOVICH JR., Circle 4.

Waukegan "Jolly Juveniles" Report December Activities

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The 30th anniversary banquet of SNPJ Lodge 119, Moška Enakopravnost, Saturday, Dec. 16, was a big success. A delicious dinner was served by the ladies and the program which included the speeches, delivered by the founders and the Supreme Secretary, was well received.

The highlight of the program was again our own Juvenile Circle which at this time sang a number of Slovens and English songs. The girls wore beautiful costumes, while the boys were satisfied with ordinary Sunday suits. We repeated the same program on Sunday, Dec. 24, for the Co-Op Christmas party.

On Dec. 22, our Circle held its yearly meeting. We discussed the Dec. 28 party and many other things. The report submitted by the Treasurer shows that we still have \$20 in our treasury. A picture of our Circle was taken and published in the local newspaper. We wish to thank the SNPJ for the pencils we received at the meeting.

Nothing was said at the meeting about a baseball league as suggested by a member in the Pros veta.—And now I am wishing all the members of SNPJ much success in the new year, and to the SNPJ twice as many members and Juvenile Circles!

ROBERT LUDVIGER, Circle 24.

Do You Want Democracy?

Those subtle enemies of democracy are putting up their appeal to the workers of the country in this way: "What is important is not liberty, but security. We must have security at any cost, and it will not make any difference to the second generation if they lose liberty. They will go on in same contentment without being conscious of any loss."

We have heard this argument repeated over and over again in one guise or another during the last few years. Mussolini has said as much. Communist representatives in this country have said as much. Well-intentioned social-minded citizens have said as much. And so we think it is time to state the issue.

There are two points in this appeal to be noticed. In the first place, the citizens of the totalitarian countries do not have security. There is not as much well-being, contentment, so good a standard of living in Russia, Italy, or Germany, as we have in the United States. Hitler has moved against the working people of Germany and steadily cut down their standard of life. He cuts a big slice of consumers' income everywhere to devote to armaments. He makes the people pay for his mad policies. Stalin follows a similar course of action. In the second place, people never grow unconscious of a loss of liberty. There is plenty of evidence that there is great restlessness in Germany and Russia. The frequent blood purges by Stalin and Hitler are accurate indication that these despots are fearful of an uprising of the people.

We are not much afraid that American workers will fall for the blandishments and specious arguments of the totalitarians. We believe that, bred to the American people is a lusty and indestructible loyalty to freedom and liberty. However, there is danger that American citizens in their pursuit of social reform may give this point or that point in an effort to get reforms, and before they know it, they may find certain totalitarian devices fastened upon them. This we would deplore. Nobody is going to decide this issue except American workers. If they have the stamina and intelligence to resist false doctrines, they will get social reform and retain democracy. If they are indifferent; if they are without intelligence; they will get the despotic government that they deserve. As in all generations and epochs of history, if American workers want democracy, they will have to fight for it.

Electrical Workers' Journal.

HOME HINTS

Lettuce may be refreshed in a bowl of ice water to which a tablespoon of vinegar has been added. Let it stand about 30 minutes.

Nuts are a tasty addition to candied sweet potatoes and to stewed dried fruits.

To give pie crust a rich brown glaze mix one egg yolk with one tablespoon of cold water. Brush over top of crust just before putting pie in oven.

Make your own coloring for icings and candy by using best juices for pink, orange juice or egg yolks for yellow, spinach juice for green and blackberry juice for lavender.

Raisins can be stored in half the time if they are soaked in hot water for a short time. Dates, citron, etc., will cut more easily if thoroughly heated beforehand.

Wax candles placed in the refrigerator and thoroughly chilled before they are used burn slowly and last longer.

If a salad fork is provided, it is used for eating the salad and is left on the salad plate when the salad is finished. If the salad is eaten with the dinner fork the fork is never left on the salad plate.

Add a dash of cinnamon and a little brown sugar to the whipped cream topping of your pumpkin pie. Another good topping is made with half a cup of white cream cheese to two cups of whipped cream.

Boiled ham is better when not boiled, but simmered in water just below the boiling point until it is tender and then chilled rapidly in the broth, according to recent research.

Cranberry sauce. One pound cranberries, 2 cups water, 1½ cups sugar. Pick over and wash cranberries, drain. Mix water and sugar in saucepan, bring to boil. Add cranberries and allow them to cook until they stop popping.

Diced potatoes and yellow turnips. Cook 1 quart diced yellow turnips in boiling salted water for ten minutes; add an equal amount of diced potatoes and more water if necessary. Boil until tender. Drain and season with salt, pepper and butter.

I hold this to be the rule of life: "Too much of anything is bad."

TERENCE.

Cognac and puppy seeds are higher because of the war, and vacations in the south of France are barred by the neutrality act.

The average worker will have to be satisfied with beer and plain rolls. And a trip to Florida this winter.

There was almost a crisis in Toledo, O., where the unemployed starved slowly, but the city's financial officers managed to avert disaster.

They found a way to pay interest to municipal bondholders as usual.

Benefits of the WPA

Big business, through its numerous mouthpieces, has been the loudest critic of WPA expenditures. Little business has played the role of Little Echo for big business, and the average American not on relief or a government project has wailed just as lustily. But none of these critics of the WPA appears to be disposed to see beyond the "waste" of money for labor costs.

They overlook the fact that during the past four years more than a billion dollars—WPA money—has been spent for materials, tools, machinery, rentals and what not. WPA workers have neither tools nor materials to rent or sell to the government. Big business and little business have plenty to sell as well as rent.

During the past four years the government bought in the open markets goods, materials and tools to the value of one billion, seven hundred million dollars. It paid \$378,000,000 for stone, glass and clay products; \$100,000,000 for cement; \$75,000,000 for sand and gravel; \$65,000,000 for crushed stone; \$50,000,000 for concrete products and \$50,000,000 for brick and tile.

The iron and steel industry got about \$200,000,000; the lumber industry's share amounted to more than \$100,000,000; road surfacing concerns took about \$90,000,000; makers of machinery for sewing and clothing projects received \$45,000,000, and the textile industry's take was \$70,000,000. Owners-of-machinery and equipment got more than \$600,000,000 in rentals alone.

These figures are taken from government reports. They should be authentic. They should indicate, in some measure, that those on relief through no fault of their own were not the only ones who received the benefits of WPA "wastage."

—Minn. Union Advocate.

Liberal Federal Judiciary

The Philadelphia federal court reversed the lower court's ruling, which, if upheld, would have put a powerful weapon against organized labor in the hands of anti-labor employers.

It held that the anti-trust laws are not to be used to smash labor unions, and sent the plaintiffs to the state courts with their claims of damages. The other decision was handed down by Federal Judge William H. Holly of Chicago, who sustained the constitutionality of the wages and hours law and ordered an alleged violator to conform with provisions of the law.

This ruling which received relatively little notice in the newspapers, was the first decision to consider the validity of the important wages and hours law.

Judge Holly's statement from the bench is in refreshing contrast to some of the language that used to come from the federal courts in years past. He said:

"There can be no doubt, that at present the people of our country are convinced that the payment of wages below a level which will permit decent living conditions is anti-social and an evil which affects not only the particular wage earners but the community as a whole."

"The slums of our great cities are, in a large part, the fruits of low wages. Vice, crime and disease breed in these districts."

So the story goes. President Roosevelt and the liberals in congress were unable to have enacted a program of legislation that would have liberalized, by reorganization, the high federal judiciary.

But the fight that was made on this issue had a profound effect. In addition, resignations and deaths have enabled the president to make a number of new appointments, which have been excellent.

—The Progressive.

Justice First

Friend—So you fined Miss Sweeny \$5 for speeding... Is she appealing?

Magistrate—Oh, very. But we could not let that affect our decision, you know!

More Economy

An Aberronian went to the dentist to get a tooth extracted. He got gas, and when he came to he discovered that all his teeth were out.

"Whit wot did ye dae that?" he asked.

"Oh," replied the dentist. "I gave ye over much gas and didn't like to waste it."

Finesse

"How do you make such a hit in society?"

"Well, you see, I mistake all the debutantes for society leaders, and all the society leaders for debutantes."

The deaf wife whose hubby talks in his sleep is indeed unlucky.

A New Version

A small girl burst out crying at dinner.

"Why, Betty," said her mother, "what's the matter?"

"Oh," sobbed Betty, "my teeth stopped on my tongue!"

It Might

Mathematics teacher—Robert, can you tell me what is meant by a polygon?

Robert—I guess it means a parrot that's died, doesn't it?

Economy in the Wrong Place

We are told that the forthcoming session of Congress is almost certain to slash the appropriation asked for by the Wage-Hour Division of the Department of Labor. The Division is asking for sufficient funds to enable it to fully enforce the provisions of the Wage-Hour Law. But Congress, we understand, plans to lop off a fourth of the amount asked, in line with the economy program started this year. Incidentally, the full appropriation asked for by the Division is very modest in comparison with appropriations granted for other and less important purposes.

It is a matter of record that the Wage-Hour Law has never been fully enforced—not because of any dereliction in duty on the part of those entrusted with its administration—but solely because there has never been adequate funds for this purpose. Even now the Division is able to check up on only a portion of the thousands of complaints it receives from underpaid and overworked wage-earners, the people it is intended to aid. Complaints also come from fair employers, those who have consistently complied with the law, and are satisfied that it is a good law. These employers point out that they are at a disadvantage in competing with the sweat-shop-type of employer, who scoffs at the law and in most instances is able to get away with it.

The Wage-Hour Law has been under constant attack from the time it was first proposed in Congress. Like the Labor Act, it has never received the full support of Industry and its opponents' proposed amendments are even now pending in Congress. It was expected that, with adequate funds at the disposal of the enforcement agency this coming year, all complaints could be investigated, all violators prosecuted. Industry and wage-earners alike given the full protection and benefits embodied in its provisions, and its critics hushed once and for all. It will be just too bad, for all concerned, if this is not done during the coming year.

—The Brewery Worker.

Juvenile Circles

(Continued from page 7) nice performance. Bevsek's orchestra was another hit of the whole dance. They played pieces to suit both young and old. Our male quartet surprised us all by singing one Slovene and one English piece. Because of the large crowd, at first dancing was difficult, but later everybody settled down.

On behalf of both the senior and junior committees of our dance, we wish to thank all the grownups; children and many Milwaukee lodges, which were present.

Since many of you helped by coming, this has helped us in more ways than one. For one thing, since this dance was such a success, we are now going on with our plans for a Spring Concert. Already songs are being printed so that we can practice them.

This concert, we hope, will be the biggest affair we have ever put on.

At our next meeting, Jan. 6, 1940, we will make plans for the concert, so I hope that more of our members will be present.

One of our members, John Poklar Jr., won second prize (\$5) in the Mladinski List contest. He attends the Boys' Technical High School in Milwaukee, and on Dec. 28, 1939, he won the scholarship award of \$300 for the year 1940. Congratulations, Johnny. Five boys received an award of \$300 a piece.

I hope to see more of our members at our next meeting.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
Circle J. A. S.

DAD WAS JUST TELLING ME YOU WERE WARNED TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION OF "THE LABOR NEWS!"

ON HOUR HAS LAPSED SINCE OUR LAST SCENE—
MAY THOMAS, JERRY'S FIANCÉE, ENTERS THE OFFICE OF "THE LABOR NEWS" VERY MUCH OUT OF BREATH...

SO SMASHING THE WINDOW AND THREATENING THEM WITH A WARNING NOTE DIDN'T PHASE JERRY SMITH AND GIX GIBSON?

NOT A BIT, MR. BLOTZ!

YOU SAY YOU WANT INFORMATION ON THE FINANCIAL SETUP OF THE LABOR NEWS?

WELL, I TELL YOU, S. BILICAN-- JERRY SMITH AND GIX GIBSON HAVE VERY LITTLE MONEY BEHIND THEM, AND ARE STARTING THEIR PUBLICATION ON PRACTICALLY A SHOES-STRING!

HMM-MMM, HOW INTERESTING-- HOW VERY INTERESTING!

CHALUNCEY, YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT-- I CERTAINLY AM AN OLD BATTLE-AX!!

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The Upper Crust



"What would you say if I told you I was going to give you a \$10 raise?"

"I'd say you'd gone nuts."

Knowing the Truth

Lawbreakers Attack Labor Statutes

A couple of months ago, in the ordinary run of things, one of our Sisters came to pay dues. "But," she said, "I'm only going to pay for my sister, because I don't intend to keep the lodge any longer." Our reply was that she ought to know best what is good for her and explained that every individual should be a member of at least one good fraternal lodge, because good lodges generally perform services never rendered by old line insurance companies.

For instance, the SNPJ Pioneers send flowers to the sick, give child-birth benefits, floral wreaths to the deceased, pallbearers, pallbearers' cars, and any number of other similar things. Besides, we hold our meetings—and give our people a chance to become acquainted and that, too, helps them out in many other ways. In addition, every member with ability has an opportunity to show his wares in one field or another with a lodge. Some of our people become proficient in bowling. Many basketballers will recollect the days in which the Pioneers had some good teams. And the numerous social affairs certainly cultivate the very best of friendships.

That statement doesn't happen to be true. For the six years, 1933-38, inclusive, the Labor Department reports 15,249 strikes. For the six years from 1916 to 1921, inclusive, the same authority reports 21,018 strikes. The periods are fairly comparable, because both were marked by extremely abnormal conditions.

If the statement were true, it would not prove that the nation's labor policy—which, by the way, has been sustained almost 100 per cent by the Supreme Court—imposed unwarranted hardships on any class.

A majority of the strikes during the last six years have been caused by the refusal of employers to obey a law which guarantees to the workers the right to organize free unions. That's practically all there is to the Wagner Act. Having failed in the courts, the lawbreakers now ask Congress to hamstring the law.—Labor.

The radio, like the baby, performs best after the company has left.

Doesn't Matter

Sandy (attending Highland funeral)—Here's health to the bride and bridegroom.

Donald—Hush, man, this is no wedding.

Sandy—I dinna care what it is—it's a huge success.

pay her lodge assessment. No insurance company has ever done that.

Believe it or not, our Sister returned a few days after the receipt of this letter, paid up her dues and decided to remain with us. She is a full-pledged Pioneer now!

—From the Nov. issue of the Pioneer Bulletin.

Democracy in Industry

Two codes of rules and regulations affect the workers; the law upon the statute books, and the rules within industry.

The first determines their relationship as citizens to all other citizens and to property.

The second largely determines the relationship of employer and employee, the terms of employment, the conditions of labor, and the rules and regulations affecting the workers as employees.

The first is secured through the application of the methods of democracy in the enactment of legislation, and is based upon the principle that the laws which govern a free people should exist only with their consent.

The second, except where effective trade unionism exists, is established by the arbitrary or autocratic whim, desire or opinion of the employer and is based upon the principle that industry and commerce can not be successfully conducted unless the employer exercises the unquestioned right to establish such rules, regulations and provisions affecting the employees as self-interest prompts.

Both forms of law vitally affect the workers' opportunities in life and determine their standard of living. The rules, regulations and conditions within industry in many instances affect them more than legislative enactments. It is, therefore, essential that the workers should have a voice in determining the legislative enactments which shall govern them.

It is inconceivable that the workers' free citizens should remain under autocratically made law within industry and commerce as it is that the nation could remain a democracy while certain individuals or groups exercise autocratic powers.

It is therefore, essential that the workers everywhere should insist upon their right to organize into unions, and that effective legislation should be enacted which would make it a criminal offense for any employer to interfere with or hamper the exercise of this right or to interfere with the legitimate activities of trade unions.

Bakers' Journal

Marxist Antics

In their latest, one of the Marx brothers browbeats a midget. Any resemblance to any living nation is entirely coincidental.—Omaha W. H.

HELP WANTED IN FINDING ILLEGAL PRACTITIONER

The prosecuting attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial District of Indiana requests the help of the medical profession in apprehending a man wanted on charges of abortion and illegal practice of medicine. Under the name of Ferdinand Werner, this man has maintained an office in Richmond, Ind., as a pathologist and bacteriologist and has practiced medicine without a license.