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Rusi bombardirajo predmestja Stettina!

Ameriške čete čistijo Kolin, četrtu največje nemško mesto. Nemci razdejali most Hohenzollern na reki Reni v osrčju mesta. Zaveznički ubili in ujeli 100,000 sovražnikov v ofenzivi ob Reni.—Rusi okupirali Stargard, trdnjavsko mesto pred Stettinom, in čez 150 naselbin v Pomeraniji ter potisnili v past nemško silo okrog 200,000 mož. Sovjetske sile uničujejo ostanke nemških divizij.—Čez 215,000 Japonec padlo v bitkah z Američani na Leytu in Luzonu. Pomorščaki kontrolirajo štiri petine otoka Iwa

MOSKVA, 6. marca.—Topniki oddelki prve ruske armade, katere poveljnik je maršal Gregorij K. Žukov, bruhajo izstrelke na predmestju Stettina, nemške mornarische base ob ustju reke Oder. Oklopne kolone te armade se bližajo Stettinu z dveh strani in izgleda, da bo kmalu obkrožen.

Pariz, 6. marca.—Oklopne in pehotne kolone prve ameriške armade so udire v Kolin, četrtu največje nemško mesto, s severne, južne in zapadne strani. Pričakuje se, da bo Kolin kmalu v ameriških rokah.

Poročila trdijo, da Nemci beže čez reko Reno. Razdejali so most Hohenzollern na tej reki v osrčju mesta. Nemška vojaška posadka okrog tisoč mož. se je umaknila v star del Kolina, ki obsega le 25 kvadratnih milij. Kolin je zavit v dimu masnega topniškega bombardiranja.

Tri divizije prve ameriške armade čistijo Kolin. Odpor s strani Nemcev je neznaten, kar dokazuje, da ne izpolnjuje Hitlerjevega povelja o obrambi mesta do zadnjega moža. Kolin je ipel v normalnih časih 768,000 prebivalcev. V mestu je veliko število tovarn, ki so nekdaj izdelovalo orožje za nacijsko vojno mašino. Zdaj se civilisti skravajo v kleteh ali pa beže v kraje, katere drže ameriške čete noseliči s seboj osebno imetje.

Nemci so razbili eden most pri Duesseldorfu in tri pri Duisburgu, kjer je v ofenzivi deveta ameriška armada. Kolone te armade so okupirale Homberg, kjer so oljne tovarne, in invadile Rheinberg. Nemci so razdelili tudi mostove med Bonnom in holandsko mejo z izjemo enega pri Weselu in tem zapečatali usodo čez 50,000 vojakov, ki se še nahajajo na zapadni strani Rene.

Prva kanadska armada je zasedla mostišče pri Reesu, enajst milij severozapadno od Wesela, mesta v Porurju, deveta ameriška armada pa Orsov, pet milij severno od Homberga. Ostanki nemške sile so stisnjeni v deset milij dolgem in šest milij širokem pasu ozemlja. Ameriške in kanadske čete kontrolirajo 90 milij dolgo linijo ob reki Reni med Kolinom in holandsko mejo.

Zaveznički stan sodi, da so Nemci izgubili najmanj 100,000 vojakov v bitkah ob reki Reni. Vprašanje je, ali bodo sploh mogli preprečiti prehod zavezniškim silam na vzhodno stran tedne.

Kolone prve ameriške armade so udire v Kolin po okupaciji Weidena, Widdersdorfa in Lünenberga. Na južnem koncu fronte so Američani zasedli Euskirchen, omrežje osmih cest in teh železnic, in Schwarzmaar, pet milij zapadno od Bonna.

London, 6. marca.—Rusi so okupirali Stargard, trdnjavsko mesto pred Stettinom, in čez 150 naselbin v kotu Pomeranije na vzhodni strani Stettinskega zaliva ter potisnili v past nemško silo okrog 200,000 mož.

Rusi topovi že bruhajo šrapnelne na Stettin, ki leži 67 milij severozahodno od Berlina. Oklopne kolone se bližajo Alt-

General Roatta pobegnil iz ječe

Zaveznički vojaki in policija ga isčejo

Rim, 6. marca.—General Mario Roatta, bivši šef italijanskega generalnega štaba pod Mussolinijem fašističnim režimom, je pobegnil iz vojaške bolnišnice jetnišnice Regini Coeli, v kateri se je nahajal v teku obravnavne. On je obtožen vojnih zločinov.

Zaveznički vojaki in italijanska policija isčejo ubeglega generala v vseh krajih osvobojenih Italije. Premier Ivanoe Bonomi je sklical izredno sejo članov svojega kabinta, na kateri so razpravljali o begu generala

Mnenje prevladuje, da so generali omogočili beg iz bolnišnice visok vojaški častniki, policija in prominentni politiki.

Policija je arretirala Ines Manino, ženo ubeglega generala, ki je bila v bolnišnici, ko je Roatta izginil. Italijanski notranji minister je razpisal nagrado milijon lir (okrog \$10,000) za prijetje generala.

Obravnavna proti generalu se nadaljuje v njegovih odsotnosti. Prosektor zahteva dosmrtno ječo za generala. Roatta je prej pred sodiščem zanikal otožbo, da je fašist in trdil, da ni prejet s predsodki.

Stettinius pojasnil volilno formulo

Priprave za konferenco v San Franciscu

Mexico City, 6. marca.—Ameriški državni tajnik Edward R. Stettinius je potolazio reprezentante latinskih republik, ko jima je pojasnil volilno formulo in načrte glede ustanovitve mednarodne organizacije za vzdrževanje in zaščito miru po zaključenju sedanje vojne. Ti načrti in volilna formula so bili osvojeni na konferenci med Rooseveltom, Churchillom in Jalti v stalni nevarnosti.

"Klerikalci in krčanski socialisti v Avstriji so imeli priliko za demonstriranje svojih sposobnosti v preobrazbi Schuschniggom," pravi Manchester Guardian. Ustvarili niso ničesar let. K vojakom je šel februarja 1942 in preko morja januarja 1944.

Nov grob v New Yorku

New York. — V bolnišnici na Welfare Islandu je umrla radi vedenica Evgenija Flaskan, sestrica Ignaca Hudeta, urednika Glasu Naroda, ki je tudi v bolnišnici že tri tedne. Doma je bila iz Bele Krajine, odkoder je prišla v New York pred 30 leti. Stara je bila 54 let. Započa sina (v vojni v Italiji), tukaj pa dve stoti.

Nov grob v Ohiu

Madison, O. — Tukaj je umrla Jennie Zakršek, stara 70 let, doma iz fare Rob pri Velikih Lačah. Započa moža, tri sinove in dve hčeri.

In Milwaukee

Milwaukee. — V West Allisu je 21. februar umrl Joseph Gorskin, star 65 let. Poleg žene započa hčer in sina (v vojni na Pacifik). — Poročila sta se Arnold Love in Elizabeth Veranich. — Vile rojenice so se oglasile pri družinah Edward F. Lesnik, kjer so pustile sinčka, in pri Albertu Trebu, kjer so pustile hčerkico.

Is Cleveland

V bolnišnici Glenville se nahaja Mary Belaj, žena trgovca Franka Belaja. — Mary Unetic iz Euclida je prejela obvestilo, da je bil njen mož Pvt. Frank J. Unetic ubit na zapadni fronti 1. februarja. Prvotno poročilo se je glasilo, da je pogrešan. Star je bil 35 let, pri vojakih od avgusta 1943 in preko morja od lanskega februarja. Poleg žene započa starše, dva brata (enega na Long Islandu, N. Y., drugega pri morjanicah na Pacifiku) in dve sestri.

Pri družini Romeo-Gregorie v Collinwoodu so se oglastile vile rojenice in pustile sinčka.

Katoliški nadškop se zavzel za Poljake

London, 6. marca.—Katoliški nadškop Bernard Griffin se je zavzel za Poljake in obdolžil sovjetsko Rusijo, da jim je storila veliko krivico. Na Poljake je apeliral, naj dajo sovjetom priliko za popravitev krivice. Griffin je dejal, da vidi možnost razkola med Rusijo in zapadnimi demokracijami. Če pride do razkola, bodo vse žrtve v petletni vojni zamen.

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Izjava rev. Černeta po svojem povratku v Ameriko
(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

na površje partizanstvo, ki je združilo vse odporne sile v Osvobodilni fronti. Stevilo borcev je narastlo skokoma, ko se je napravila zveza z oddelki partizanov po južnih delih Jugoslavije. Mihajlovićeva zvezda je začela in Tito je stopil na njegovem mestu.

Vsek gorenjski kmetič ve dares, da je edina rešitev naroda danes v večji in močnejši Jugoslaviji, ki naj bo enakopravnata, federativna država vseh balkanskih Slovanov. Tudi to ve vsak, ki ima le kolikčaj soli v glavi, da je tako majhnemu narodu kot smo Slovenci, nemogoče dosegati tisočletno stremljenje brez ruske pomoči. Na cepljenje las, na ideologijo in strahove se naš kmet ne ozira. Krvava realnost je tukaj in treba je z njo računati. Zato on pravi na vsak ugovor: "Vsek lahko zabavlja in podira, zida pa le oni, ki je velik in močan. Da si priborimo 'staro pravdo', bo treba težke roke, ki bo vezala nas magari če treba s silo, dala zaslombu v bodočnosti, in udarjala po prstih zemlje lačne sosedje. Tako roko ima pa danes na svetu le en človek, namreč 'stric Joža'."

Tako modruje danes naš gorenjski kmet. Jaz sem, na mnoga vprašanja, samo posnel njegove misli in besede in jih danes ponavljam v podnik in izrazbam svojemu narodu v Ameriki.

Rev. James Černe.

RAD BI IZVEDEL

za moje prijatelje in znance. Sedaj sem se naseli tukaj za stalno in kdor želi me lahko obišče. Po domačem sem France Pavlič, doma od Novega Mesta, na Dolenjskem. Moj naslov je: Frank Pavlič, 25231 Euclid Ave., Euclid, 17, Ohio.

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I. SEJA

15. februarja dopoldne

Br. predsednik Vincent Cinkar prisne sejo ob deveti uri s pozivom na smotreno zborovanje, zlasti ker se vrši v konvenčnem letu in predložene bodo važne zadave tikajoče se konvencije.

Po prečitaju imenika gl. odbora je ugotovljeno, da so odsotni naslednji člani gl. odbora: Lawrence Gradišek, tajnik bolniškega oddelka, Camil Zarnik, II. gl. podpredsednik, Joseph Culkar, podpredsednik I. okrožja, Jakob Zupan, član gospodarskega odseka, in gl. zdravnik dr. John J. Zavrtnik.

Br. predsednik pojasni, da je prejel pismeno obvestilo od br. Josepha Culkarja, da ne more biti dopuštena s svojega delodajalca, valed česar se zborovanja ne more udeležiti; posial je svoje poročilo, ki bo predloženo zborovanju; br. Jakob Zupan istotake ne more biti dopušten, da bi se župan izkoristil zborovanja, v sledi tega bo prisostvoval sejam, v kolikor mu bo mogoče.

Br. gl. tajnik pojasni, da je br. Gradišek zbolel; br. Zarnik je posial brzjavno obvestilo, da se udeleži zborovanja, toda zadržek ima na potovanju, v sledi česar se je zakasnili; br. gl. zdravnik je izredno zaposlen, v sledi česar se zborovanje ne more udeležiti; udeležil se bo toliko, da predloži svoje poročilo v sklopu zeljena pojasnila.

Soglasno odobreno, da se gl. odbornike, ki se v sledi zaposlosti ne morejo udeležiti, oprosti, in člano br. Gradiška, ki je bolan.

Br. gl. predsednik predloži naslednji dnevni red:

- 1.—Otvoritev seje.
- 2.—Čitanje imen odbornikov.
- 3.—Določanje časa za zborovanje.
- 4.—Nujni predlogi.
- 5.—Poročilo gl. odbornikov.
- 6.—Razprave in sklepanje o poročilih.
- 7.—Nedokončana opravila.
- 8.—Splošna opravila.
- 9.—Razno.
- 10.—Zaključek seje.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se predloženi dnevi red odobri. Soglasno odobreno, da se zboruje od 9. do 12. ure dopoldne, od 1. do 5. ure popoldne, z desetminutnim odmorom dopoldne in popoldne.

Poročilo gl. predsednika

Bratje in sestre:

Dolžnosti glavnega predsednika so predvsem nadzorovanje dela in aktivnosti v jednoti, in na to se mora v glavnem narašati tudi njegovo poročilo oziroma glavnega odbora. Poskušali sem torej pripraviti to poročilo tako, da bi obsegalo vse faze našega poslovanja ter vam podat jasno sliko o celih stvari, zlasti pa podati pravo sliko o doseženih uspehih in razultati, kolikor je to pač v izčrpnu poročilo mogoče.

Naše aktivnosti

Ziviljenska sila vsake organizacije se najbolj določno izraža v njeni aktivnosti. Kot vselej, smo tudi v pretečnem letu poskušali z raznimi aktivnostmi, kot so slavnosti in druge prireditve, kampanja za nove člane, atletika in tako dalje. Zavedali smo se seveda, da vojni časi niso najbolj udobjni za to in da bomo naleteli na razne ovire; toda ustrashili se nismo, pač pa šli pogumno naprej z delom in vztrajali, da izvedemo in dosežemo vse, kar se v danih razmerah izvesti in dosegusi.

In nismo se trudili zaman.

40-letni jubilej

Kot veste, smo lansko leto slavili 40-letnico jednote. To je bila vužna občinitna. Veliko delo, ki ga je naša organizacija vršila skozi toliko leta svoje obstoja, pač zasluzi, da se ga častno spominjamo v tem primereno lepo proslavimo. Kot tem že prej omenil, smo morali računati tudi na vojne razmere in neizogibne potekajoče, toda našemu pozivu se je odzvalo lepo število društev in federacij in proslavljeni smo uspešno klub-temu. Govornikov nismo pošljali toliko kot bi jih v normalnih časih, jubilje slavnosti so se morale iz potrebe vrstiti bolj skromno, toda bilo jih je mnogo in moralni uspeh je dober.

Razne prireditve

Poleg obhajanih 40-letnic pa je bilo tudi precej društvenih občinit in drugih prireditiv v pretečnem letu. Preeci naših društav je imelo prireditve tudi vseh društav tudi za pomočno akcijo, nekatere društva so opustila veselje vprid svoje blagajne obstoja, pač zasluzi, da se ga častno spominjamo v tem primereno lepo proslavimo. Kot tem že prej omenil, smo morali računati tudi na vojne razmere in neizogibne potekajoče, toda našemu pozivu se je odzvalo lepo število društev in federacij in proslavljeni smo uspešno klub-temu. Govornikov nismo pošljali toliko kot bi jih v normalnih časih, jubilje slavnosti so se morale iz potrebe vrstiti bolj skromno, toda bilo jih je mnogo in moralni uspeh je dober.

Pridobivanje novih članov

V zvezi z jubilejem smo imeli pretečeno leto tudi kampanjo za nove člane. Pogon za novimi člani je vselej važna pomena in potreba stvar za bodocnost organizacije, pa je bilo torej toliko bolj na mestu, da smo jo razpisali za slavnost tako važne občinitne. Saj menda ni nič bolj primerne ali bolj učinkovitega sredstva za poveljanje slavnosti kot če ob takih prilikah razvijemo posebno agitacijo in pomagamo svoje vrste z lepim številom novih članov. Bolj podrobno o poteku in končnem uspehu kampanje bo poročil br. mladinski tajnik, jaz tu omenim na kratko le, da se nam je ta reč klub vojni in neugodnim razmeram dobro obnesla. Kampanjili so istočasno tudi drugi, toda mi smo v pretečnem letu več pridobili na članstvu kot marsikater druge veliko večje organizacije ter take, ki imajo veliko bolj ugodno agitatorično polje.

Razmere v gl. uradu

Kot vam je znano, je na polletnem zborovanju bila načrta vami proračna, da za nekaj časa daro dopusti gl. blagajniku, da zamore več svoj čas posvetiti delu na Slovenskem narodnem svetu, pri katerega razpravljal in dognali, da je to predvsem vnos gl. izvršnega odseka ter sklenili, da naj načrta vnos dovoli dopust, ako je mogoče. V tem delu je bil dovoljen tudi začetek, da načrta vnos dovoli moči v blagajniški poslo tako izvrševali, da jednotno ne bo trpelja. Kmalu zatem se je vnos konvenčije SANS, ki je br. Kuhel izvolačen tajnikom, stvari pri omenjeni organizaciji načrte zadele tako razvijati, da je bilo neobhodno posredovati da jim Kuhel posveti vse svoj čas. Gl. tajnik tukaj je uvidel, da je za uspešno posredovanje akcijo za star kraj, katero SNPJ je vselej podpira, momentalno neobhodno potrebuje da izkoristi čas v tem delu.

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Letno zborovanje glavnega odbora SNPJ

v glavnem stanu SNPJ v Chicagu, Ill., od 15. do 17. februarja 1945

(Nadaljevanje s 3. strani)

gledno poročilo o našem poslovanju v preteklem letu, katero je bilo jubilejno in obenem posvečeno kampanji v pridobivanju novega članstva, katera se je dobro obnesla, četrvano se ni 40-letni jubilej priznavašo s tako številnimi lokalnimi priredbami, kot na primer podobne obletnice prejšnjih let.

Spoštni pregled o našem delu preteklega leta—s tem mislim delo vseh marljivih in aktivnih članov—izkazuje popolnoma zadovoljiv rezultat, bodoši v porastu članstva ali gospodarskem oziru. V članstvu te pot bilježi posebno dober uspeh mlašinski oddelka, do katerega je poleg aktivnih agitatorjev tudi pripomogel rapidni naraščaj otrok v teku te vojne dñe. Razumljivo kajpa je, da bi se za kampanjo, včas dobri priliki, ne bili zavzeli jednoti lojalnih članov, bi vseeno ne biležili tako sijajnega napredka kot je bil dosežen, zato zaslužijo od strani jednote vse priznanje za njih trudopalo delo.

Dalj naj bo omenjeno, da na podlagi številnih poročil od strani lokalnih društev se da soditi, da je poslednje čase vedno težje dobiti člane v društvene odbore in da so bili v nekaterih slučajih stari odborniki prisiljeni ostati v odborih, ker družega izhodišča ni bilo. Glavni vzrok temu je, ker mnogi člani delajo dolge ure v vojnih industrijih, nekateri, kakor so sami poročali, celo sedem dni v tednu, kateri so naravno potreben počitki mesta izrednega tajniškega posla. Na prošnje iz glavnega urada so se da tudi tisti, ki so bili trdno odločeni pustiti tajniške posle, povoroviti, za kar smo jih seveda hvaljeni. Težavnejše je z mladino, katero večina je v vojni, kar jo je še ostalo doma, je tudi zaposlena ali pa premilada za odgovorne društvene odbore.

Največ vselej navedenega problema se je nekateri krajji razvile močna agitacija za zdržanje vseh SNPJ društva naselbine ali okraja, v eno društvo, če, da bi se da s tako konsolidacijo rešiti vprašanje društvenih odborov, katere je danes, kot že omenjeno, posebno pri nekaterih društvenih težko dobiti. Ta ideja je mogče dobra v nekaterih krajih ali naselbinah, ni pa za jednotno v splošnem koristna. Koder se hočejo zdržati manjša slovenska poslušača društva v naselbinah, v kateri se ne more pricakovati posebne bodočnosti, tam bi bilo tako zdržanje koristno. Ni pa priporočljivo—vsa—saj za enkrat še ne—zdržanje slovensko in angleško poslušajočih društiev. Kateri koli jezik poslovanja bi si tako zdrženo društvo osvojilo, bi brez dvoma omejilo zanimanje za društvo pri onih članih, ki niso dovolj večji poslovne društvenega jezika. To je eno! Drugo je, da angleško poslušajoč društvo naj poslujejo vsaj toliko casa samostojno, da se vrnejo naši člani vojaki in če se ti za društvo ne bodo zanimali, se bo tako zdržanje še vedno lahko izvrnilo.

V naslednjem podajam detajlirano poročilo o članstvu:

ODDELEK ODRASLIL

Število članov dne 30. maja 1944. 47,555

Novoprstolih 465

Prestolih iz mladinskega oddelka. 513

Skupaj 48,533

Umrlo 297

Črtnih in odstopilih 127 424

Število članov dne 31. decembra 1944. 48,109

MLADINSKI ODDELEK

Število članov dne 30. junija 1944. 16,671

Novoprstolih 1,948

Skupaj 18,619

Umrlo 7

Prestolih v oddelki odraslih 513

Črtnih in odstopilih 136 656

Število članov dne 31. decembra 1944. 17,963

Napredek obeh oddelkov 1,928

Skupaj 18,891

Glede odškodninskega sklada naj bo omenjeno toliko, da je bilo v zadnjem letu 51 operacijskih slučajev manj kot v letu 1943, izplačila pa nižja za \$5,290.00. Odškodnina je bila pa le ena manj kot v letu prej.

Ker ta sklad redno izkazuje dober letni finančni pribitek, je moje priporočilo vam, kakor tudi konvenči—če se v tem zgodimo—nekači vaših olajšanj v pravilih za člane glede operacij, kateri ne bodo preveč obremenile sklada, resno bolnim članom bo pa precej pomagano.

Sledi detajlirano poročilo o operacijah in oddelkih:

IZKAZ OPERACIJ IN ODŠKODNIN

v letu 1944

Operacije Slučajev Izplačano

Vnetje slepiča 195 \$15,925.00

Kila 106 8,830.00

Razne trebušne operacije 97 8,110.00

Krtovaste žile 73 3,085.00

Zlate žile 64 3,350.00

Vnetje žolčnega mehurja 52 4,785.00

Na ženskih spolovilih 48 3,905.00

Na moških spolovilih 27 2,240.00

Golja 23 1,905.00

Vezanje in ploščanje kosti 19 670.00

Cezarske operacije 17 1,355.00

Izrezanje očesnih mren 13 1,025.00

Gnojenje v večjih kosteh 12 455.00

Rak 11 820.00

Na hrbitenici 8 640.00

Vnetje jetre 7 630.00

Vodenica v modniku 6 200.00

Vnetje ušesnih kosti 5 400.00

Izrezanje reber 5 300.00

Odrezanje prs 5 400.00

Na možnih 3 225.00

Zelodčna uljesa 2 160.00

Nosečnost izven maternice 2 160.00

Utrganje v modniku 2 70.00

Vnetje nosnih kosti 1 25.00

Skupaj operacije 803 \$59,600.00

Odškodnine Slučajev Izplačano

Izguba prstov 17 \$ 525.00

Izguba očes-vida 10 3,250.00

Izguba nog 10 3,300.00

Popolna osleplost 3 2,100.00

Izguba rok 2 600.00

Izguba obeh nog 1 600.00

Izguba roke in noge 1 300.00

Skupaj odškodnine 44 \$10,675.00

Št. operacije in odškodnine 847 \$70,275.00

Ker med nekaterimi člani postoji bojanjen, da premalo poznamo o naših izgubah na bojnih poljih, naj bo omenjeno, da je njihova čeujnost mogoče dobra, toda nepotrebna. V uradu dobro poznamo, kaj se v jednoti godi, kakšno je gospodarsko stanje organizacije, itd., kar od časa do časa stanje tudi poročamo. Upam, da nihče ne

mislí na reklame v tem oziru, ampak le izrekamo svojcem prizadevati našo globoko sožalje.

Vsaški šest mesecov poročamo o naših izgubah v tej vojni in tako poročam tudi to pot. V zadnjem letu je naša organizacija izgubila 71 članovojakov, prejšnje izgube so znašale 27 članov, tako da ob koncu zadnjega leta znašajo skupne vojne izgube 98 članov. Skupna zavarovalnina na bojnem polju padlih članovojakov je znašala \$62,450.00, ali \$637.24 na povprečnega člana. Naj temu dodam, da dosedanje vojne izgube še ne ogrožajo solventnosti smrtninskega sklada in da je sedaj bolj resno vprašanje naglo padanje obrestne mere naših investicij, čemur se pa pomagati ne da. Vsekakor bo treba na prihodnji krovnjici razvajati, na podlagi kakšne obrestne mere bomo usmerili naše novo in bodoče poslovanje, ker nobenega izgleda ni, da bi se v kratki dobi v tem oziru kaj spremeni, namešči, da bi se obrestna mera investicij zvišala.

Naslednje je detajlirano poročilo smrtnih slučajev v letu 1944:

PREGLED SMRTNIH SLUČAJEV

št.	Zavarovalnina
Števnik	slučajev
Srčna hiba	\$ 82,500.00
Raki	57,100.00
Padli v vojni	44,900.00
Krvotok na možgane	34,400.00
Srčna kap	26,650.00
Pljučnica	18,400.00
Razne ponesrečbe	15,458.00
Jetika	14,800.00
Mrtvoud	10,769.00
Silicosa	12,450.00
Ponesrečbe v rudnikih	11,000.00
Vnetje trebušne mrene	10,200.00
Vnetje jetre	7,600.00
Samomori	7,450.00
Sladkorna boleznen	7,450.00
Vnetje žolčnega mehurja	3,750.00
Zelodčna uljesa	3,700.00
Kap na možganih	3,700.00
Naduha	3,100.00
Opiekline	1,700.00
Zapeka	2,500.00
Leukemia	2,100.00
Krvni pritisk	1,600.00
Zastrpljenje krvi	779.50
Ustropiljenje	1,500.00
Prisad	1,600.00
Alikohol	250.00
Meningitis	500.00
Spolna boleznen	1,000.00
Zmrznen	600.00
Skupaj	551 \$387,506.50

Kakor je razvidno iz finančnega poročila v zadnjem polovici preteklega leta, organizacija zoperi zabeleži znaten finančni napredok, posebno v nekaterih skladih, izjema je le upravni, in katerega se je v smislu zaključka glavnega odbora na zadnjem polletni seji preneslo vsto \$15,469.40 v konvenčni sklad. Ako bi ne bila izvršena ta transakcija, bi tudi upravni sklad biležil dober finančni pribitek zadnjega polletta.

Sklad oddelki odraslih članov bileži \$271,578.31

pribitek v tku šestih mesecov in mladinski sklad \$19,129.80, skupni pribitek torej znaša \$290,707.91. Skupno premoženje jednot, vključivši Tiskarno in Prospekt, pa znaša dne 31. decembra 1944 \$1,591,835.84.

Detaljirano finančno poročilo je za vas glavne obrovnike in tudi članstvo kot običajno pripravljeno in če bo kateri že kakšen ožigek pojasišči, se mu bo skušalo ugrediti.

FINANČNO POREČILO

za dobo od 1. julija do 31. decembra 1944

ODDELEK ODRASLIM

Smrtninski sklad

Dohodki	Izdatki
Bilanca 30. junija 1944. \$9,279,726.61	
Neplačane smrtnine 30. junija 1944. 77,103.97	
Asessment 277,920.42	
Čisti dohodki od investicij 132,405.26	
Smrtnine \$ 186,468.51	
Prenos v upravni sklad 12,983.83	
Odpornvine 733.71	
Neplačane smrtnine 31. decembra 1944. 95,039.05	
Bilanca 31. dec. 1944. 9,471,931.16	
\$9,767,156.26 \$ 9,767,156.26	

Odsikodninski sklad

Bilanca 30. junija 1944. \$ 197,198.36	\$ 197,198.36

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Need for Socialized Medicine

According to official reports submitted at the annual supreme board meeting, a total of 551 members of our Society died last year. Records show that the greatest number of deaths, or 114, resulted from heart disease, with cancer a close second, or 78, while tuberculosis, once the chief killer, is now in seventh place.

Various chronic diseases are taking a toll of almost 1,000,000 lives a year in the United States. More than 25 million Americans are suffering from chronic ailments. The alarming increase in these diseases, and the grim prospect for the future, as long as medical care remains in private hands, is a thing which concerns the entire nation.

Rheumatism heads the list of chronic diseases, with about 7,000,000 known cases a year. Heart diseases, high blood pressure and allergies account for another 10,000,000. Nervous and mental ailments, cancer and tuberculosis afflict some 4,000,000 others. And last year's studies indicated that 3,000,000 persons suffered from syphilis and 9,000,000 had gonorrhoea. Fortunately, however, thanks to penicillin, these two diseases will soon be completely wiped out.

In mortality, heart disease is the greatest killer—responsible for more than 300,000 deaths annually. Next in importance comes cancer, which kills more than 150,000 a year. In our Society, too, as shown above, these two diseases predominate as causes of death.

Chronic disease is usually considered to be a problem of old age, but the U.S. Public Service surveys disclose that more than half of all persons with known chronic diseases are less than 45 and 16 per cent of them are less than 25.

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The same survey reveals that men are more frequently killed by these diseases than are women. In the last 30 years, the ulcer death rate has almost tripled for men, but has been cut by one-third for women.

In the same period, cancer deaths were more frequent among women until recent years; today the mortality rate is 20 per cent higher among men. Twenty years ago, men and women died at almost the same rate from heart diseases—now the male rate is 37 per cent higher than for women.

But, while mortality rates are higher among men, chronic diseases are significantly more prevalent among women. Thus we find that women workers have more disability than do men workers, while housewives have a much higher rate than women workers. These differences are found at every age, both for acute and chronic diseases.

Of course, the standard of living has a close relationship to the occurrence of disease. Both acute and chronic diseases occur more often, and have a longer duration, in families with an inadequate income and unsatisfactory environment. Even though three out of every four hospital patients have chronic physical or mental diseases, medical services still fall short of meeting the needs of these patients. About 20 per cent of the patients with these diseases receive no medical service.

In mortality, the first five diseases are heart ailments, cancer, high blood pressure, kidney trouble and tuberculosis.

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Thus we see that, measured in any terms, the chronic diseases are a staggering national burden—a major cause of insecurity and a challenge to society for action.

Chronic diseases are a major national problem which will increase in magnitude, unless something is done about it. Thus far, organized services for the control of these diseases have been largely limited to tuberculosis and venereal disease. Full-time cancer-control programs have been established in 15 states. Although industrial hygiene programs have been somewhat expanded as the result of large-scale employment of women, older workers and minors in war industries, this falls far short of meeting the actual needs.

How best to cope with the situation?

The only effective answer—is national medical service. Both current and post-war planning should include exploration of the most effective uses and application of medical science in prevention and treatment of chronic as well as other ailments—for all.

Socialized medicine is the only positive answer. It is a national problem, the same as old age annuities and unemployment and social security, and should be treated that way!

Washington, D. C., Aids Jugoslav War Relief

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Here and in nearby Maryland we are trying our best to help the Jugoslav War Relief; however, in many cases our pleas fall on deaf ears. There are many young Slovenes here from all parts of the country, but only a few respond to our invitation to help our common cause. It is my opinion that if parents would inform their sons and daughters about the urgent need of our people in Jugoslavia, the response would be more favorable.

As I look through the telephone directory I notice such Slovene names as Virant, Skubitz, Seliskar, Prosen, etc., also many Croatian and Serbian names; the latter, however, are still sticking to the Fotich line. If you ask them if they are Jugoslavs, they say they are Serbians. Therefore, it is advisable that their parents instruct them properly of their Jugoslav origin, too. We Jugoslavs are now well known and we needn't be ashamed of our nationality, be it Slovene, Croat or Serb, as we are all Jugoslavs, known for our honesty, our diligence and our bravery.

Palm Sunday will mark the 4th anniversary of the brutal killing of our brothers and sisters in Jugoslavia by Hitler's hordes. We will observe this date, which is at the same time the anniversary of Jugoslav resistance, by sponsoring a benefit affair. It is our goal to collect \$500 for Jugoslav War Relief this year. We now have \$150. In addition,

Anton Arsh gave \$21, B. Miletic \$20, Ivan Franges \$10, Joso Tomasevic \$4 and Frances Cerv \$3.50. We thank them most sincerely and appeal to others to do likewise. You are all invited to the above-mentioned anniversary observance on March 25.

MARY SUGLICK, 760.

Waukegan Will Stage Benefit Performance

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The Waukegan-North Chicago chapter of the Jugoslav War Relief Committee has shipped an additional 1022 lbs of clothing and miscellaneous supplies to the New York War Relief center where it is being prepared for shipment to war-torn Jugoslavia. A total of 7,136 lbs of supplies has been shipped to date to the New York depot according to report submitted by Joseph Zore, secretary of the local group. The ladies who have been assisting in the collection work and repairing of clothes were led by Mrs. Mary Celarec.

In order to secure further funds for other necessary relief supplies for Jugoslavia, the local committee has arranged with a group of Chicago Jugoslavs to present a benefit performance on Sunday, April 1, in the Slovene National Home at 10th and McAlister. All proceeds of this program are to be turned over to the Jugoslav War Relief fund and Dr. Andrew Furlan, president of the committee, requests the cooperation of all local Jugoslavs to help make a success of this event.

JOSEPH ZORE, Sec'y.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—This week we pay tribute to one of our hardest working girls in the lodge, none other than Sister Marie Ermenc. She is in charge of our service letter-writing campaign and is off to a grand start. On top of that she is the champion blood donor among the Badgers. To date she has donated her eighth pint of blood. We salute you, Marie, and may you keep up the good work.

Members in Service

Two Badger boys in the service have been honored recently. Sgt. Edward Evanich has been awarded the Air Medal on the European battle area, and Sgt. Adolph Dolensiek has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for 300 hours of operational flight in transport aircraft over India-China air routes from March 24, 1944 to Dec. 22, 1944. Adolph is an aerial engineer. Congratulations to you boys and we wish you continued good health and hope to see you both in the near future.

Tony Obluck calls to tell us that he received long letters from Cpl. Stanley (Slim) Sedmak and Sgt. Henry Cukjati. Slim wants to be remembered to all his friends. Slim also stresses the fact that letters from home are real "pickeruppers" and would like to hear from some of his friends. Hank wants to pay his respects to the boys who held the weekly jam sessions in somebody's basement. He just can't wait to get back and sit in some of the friendly sessions and what he would give to be there right now. We are with you all the way, Hank, and hope that is not far distant when you will be back in good old Milwaukee.

So, my friends, you can see the importance of keeping our members in the service informed of all our doings at home. So start writing today and keep on writing. The addresses for this week are: Albert Kosrof, A.M.M. 2/c Hedron Fleet Air Wing Two, c/o FPO San Francisco, Calif.—Cpl. John J. Pohkar, 16094019—Co. D-2677—Reg. OSS (Prov), APO 534, c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.

Bowling Taps

The boys and gals who strut their stuff in the Remic Mixed league had another tough week. Top man was Rudie Pugel who hit a creditable 558 followed by Joey Glavan who smacked them for a 546 total.

As you all know our dance is to be held on May 5 and an orchestra has at last been booked—Joe Fabretti's band. Sounds good. The place, 13th and Arsenal sts.

Are all of you getting busy for the SNPJ telegraphic tourney? Come on all SNPJers, let's go. Notify our committee at once and they will be glad to advise and help you.

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SALTY, 584.

News from SNPJ

Lodge No. 540

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Lodge 540 held its regular meetings on Jan. 14 and Feb. 11. Both were fairly attended and we are looking forward to see more new faces at future meetings. We want to welcome Henry Kolar Jr. to the adult department; he transferred from the juvenile department recently.

A sum of \$81 was sent in for SAN and Jugoslav Relief. Thanks go to all members who donated. Some members are still to be heard from. Let's try to reach the goal of \$100. By the way, there is a lot of clothing for Jugoslav Relief in fin. secretary's cellar that should be sent to the distributing center.

Personals: Best wishes and congratulations to the following: On Jan. 28, Joseph Cipoth Jr. was married to Josephine Pogorzelski. On Feb. 18, Margaret (Honey) Skarl was married to Edward Sawicki of U.S.N. A shower was given in her honor Feb. 25. On Feb. 18, Michael Bratnik became engaged to Helen Cvetkovich. A shower was given in her honor Feb. 24.

Service News: John Bratnik, Louis Bettas, George Cerne, Frank Skarl, in European area; Theodore Cipoth, Pacific area; Frank Pasarich, radar school, Hawaii; Joseph Pasarich has become a staff sergeant and is in the Marianas; John Pasarich, West Coast; Tony Skarl still missing; now a sergeant; Paul Pustover of the Merchant Marines who has also been upped to ensign; John and Anne Ruzich on the tenth anniversary.

Very interesting was the letter sent home by Young American John Cedilnik. It seems John and another Slovene boy from Cleveland were enjoying themselves in a USO up in Fairbanks, Alaska. They were singing Slovene songs when who should walk up but a sergeant and introduced himself as a Wolverine, none other than "Boss" Obad.

The next important meeting will be Sunday, March 11, at 2 p.m. All are urged to attend without fail. Please pay your dues promptly every month.

MARY PEZDIRC.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—March will be a busy month for us all, for I'm sure we are all trying to do all we can towards the plans for our dance in May as well as for our meeting Friday, March 9. Let's all turn out for this meeting as we have some very important problems to discuss and other business which must be transacted this month.

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Wolverine News

DETROIT, MICH.—The Wolverines have chosen Saturday, March 17, as the day for their bingo to be held at the Dom on John R to swell up the servicemen's fund. Members who wish are asked to donate a prize toward this bingo in order to assure the returning boys and girls a bang up time. Berchie Naprudnik and Larry Bernick are in charge. Any donations can be left at the Club on John R, our secretary's home, or, better still, bring it yourselves to the bingo.

New members to the Wolverines lodge are Elsie Journey and Cheryl Steffler.

Sick members are: John Puhek, Edith Tomick, Rose Cunich, and Siemonne Martinsek. Wolverines are asked to visit these ailing members and cheer them up a little.

Congratulations to Helen Zagar and Sgt. Bill Penoza on their engagement; Elwood Blake and John Crimmins on their marvelous bowling in the state tournament; Leo Bernick somewhere in Belgium who is now a sergeant; Paul Pustover of the Merchant Marines who has also been upped to ensign; John and Anne Ruzich on the tenth anniversary.

The last trip across was the smoothest of all of the trips that Leo Vider has made since he is in the service. Being on a hospital ship he has, naturally, made a lot of trips and our November mail has just caught up with him. He has docked at Charleston, S.C., but wishes that he was in New York.

Richard Werwick now has a new APO number out of New York. Robert Teek acknowledges receipt of the Pioneer parcel thru his wife who is in Grand Rapids, Mich. The parcel was late in arriving for Joe Supancic also, who is now in the Philippines but it came in handy just the same, according to his recent letter. He hopes the new Xmas will be better than the last. The weather is very ideal, he writes but they have plenty of rain.

In the past few days, we had with us a number of Pioneers from out of town including Frank Sodnik, who is still stationed at Clearfield, Utah, and who tells us that he wouldn't mind the set-up if the work was for civilian use and he could have his family with him.

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Christmas checks were sent to all members in the service. Up to date Secretary Rudy Bernick reports all but fifteen checks have been received. Letters keep coming every week.

All of our sympathy goes to the John Kraintz family who were recently notified of the death of their son, Lt. John Kraintz, in the South Pacific.

Wolverine members home on furlough have been John Strousberger, Paul Fokker, John Kipila, Vic Stroman and Paul Pustover. Word comes from England of the safe arrival of Lt. Pearl Cowling. Sgt. Ray Travnik was home before leaving for overseas. Parties were held at the club for John Smaltz who left for the army. Best of luck, Ray and John.

Joe Golia of the Young Americans and Larry Bernick of the Wolverines are in charge of the Detroit end of the SNPJ Telegraphic Bowling tournament. The Slovene leaguers continue their bowling every Sunday at the Palmer Park alleys.

Any news of members anywhere we will be at the club on John R as we will try to keep our readers informed of our doings.

Don't forget the Wolverines' bingo March 17. Dancing afterward. Music by Rudy Masser. Everybody come and bring your friends.

MILLY BERNICK, 677.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Everything went off well for the Pioneer Invitational Handicap Doubles tournament. Two full squads rolled on Arbanas' Southwest Alleys. All twenty alleys were used and some good scores were gotten. From advance information, we learned that the Victorians carried first prize, the Skubic-Rozy combination totaling well over 1200. John Alic and Eddie Hudale did a fine job in handling the details. Besides five of the Chicago's lodges, Waukegan and Milwaukee were well represented and a fine spirit prevailed. After bowling, plate luncheons were prepared and served by John and Ida Simon with the help of Sophie Svoboda and Agnes Krakowski and a social followed at the SNPJ hall. Fred Svoboda and John Collins were the main bartenders. Frances Rak and Mae Cerkoney handled the chips. Everybody had a good time.

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Our Front

By Louis Beniger

President Roosevelt's address to Congress and the nation on the Crimea Conference last week impressed me as being one of his best.

"We propose," he said "to substitute for all these (unilateral action and alliances) a universal organization in which all peace-loving nations will finally have a chance to join." Thus, a world league is in the making, and let's hope that it will not be merely another League of Nations, but an organization with plenty of strong teeth.

As for Germany, unconditional surrender will be in effect because this will be the only effective means of putting an end to German militarism and its war-making tendencies. This does not mean the destruction or enslavement of the German people, but it does mean the end of Nazism, complete disarmament, punishment of war criminals and reparations in kind for Germany's victims.

The President also called on the German people to surrender and thus end their agony and the agony of millions of others.

On the Polish question, the President was equally clear, that is, the Curzon line will be adhered to by all major powers.

Roosevelt said that the Polish decision was a compromise which will benefit Poland. "It is well known," he said "that the people east of the Curzon line are predominantly White Russian and Ukrainian; and that the people west of the line are predominantly Polish."

I think that the agreement on Poland is really the most hopeful agreement possible, fair and just, under the circumstances.

This is as it should be. However, the inclusion of territories to the west and north in the new Polish state will very likely present an altogether different problem.

Universal Comets

Comets' News

UNIVERSAL, PA.—Dates to remember: April 8—Duckpin tournament and dance by the E. S. Federation of W. Pa. at Sygan Hall; April 21—Dance by Lodge Comets 715 at the Slovene Hall, Universal; April 29—Tenpin tournament of the E. S. Federation of W. Pa. in conjunction with the national SNPJ telegraphic tournament.

Comets' News

Lodge members are now bowling every Friday night at Verona. Last week 17 members turned out, and we have facilities for more bowlers. Those desiring to bowl should inquire either Mary Kumer, Max G. Kumer, or Andy Prijatel. The same persons are making arrangements for the federation duckpin tournament scheduled in Sygan, Pa., on April 8. Those desiring to bowl in the tournament must make their intentions known to this committee.

Lodge 141 of Universal has joined the drive of the American Committee for Jugoslav Relief, and our lodge members are asked to support it with cash and new and used clothing. Turn your cash donations over to Martin Kumer, Peter Bergant, or Paul Kokal Sr. Make your clothing contribution at the Universal firehouse now. The clothing which you consider out of fashion or no longer useful will be immensely helpful to the heroic Jugoslavs. Give today and give liberally. The American interest in Jugoslav relief is best illustrated by the recent banquet sponsored by the American Committee in New York. Outstanding business, political, fraternal, industrial, and professional leaders were present, and over \$500,000 was collected and pledged.

Federation Pin Tourney

The Athletic Committee of the E. S. Federation of W. Pa. met to continue plans for the duckpin and tenpin tournaments scheduled in April. The Duckpin tournament is scheduled for April 8 at the SNPJ Hall, Sygan, Pa., and the Tenpin tournament is scheduled for April 29 at the SNPJ Hall, Strabane, Pa. The latter affair will be in conjunction with the National SNPJ Telegraphic tournament scheduled for April 28 and 29. A dance will follow each tournament.

While the various lodges are awaiting complete information on the tournament through these columns and by letter, we urge that they begin immediately to organize teams of men, women, and juveniles and forward them to the Athletic Committee just as quickly as the entry blanks are received by the lodge secretaries. A decision must also be made as to the time that the teams desire to bowl so that there will be no delay in beginning the tournaments nor in starting the various events, thus being a convenience to the committee and the bowlers.

News and Views

The farewell party held at the Slovene Labor Center, Chicago, on Feb. 17, in honor of Anne brought out an attendance far greater than my greatest expectations. It was a

Juvenile Circles**of the SNPJ**

Juvenile Circle 47 Is Planning Birthday Program

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 47 held a few activities in January and February. We had a skating party. Our dance was very successful, for which our Rhythm Makers played, namely, Stanley Skidle and Emil Cilicinski.

Our Circle is quite busy. Mrs. Culkar is helping the girls to sew, and she gives us questions and for the correct answers we receive awards. Mr. Gremping, a Scoutmaster, comes up and shows us juveniles how to play games. We are trying to get a song for our Circle. Manager Ann Bricey will give a prize of 30¢ to the winner.

The officers of the Circle are: Andrew Black, president; Wilma Ladig, secretary; Elsie Marine, sgt.-at-arms. We are planning to have an anniversary program. Of course, our members are "all out" to win a sweater. I would certainly feel proud to wear one. Some of us have received certificates of attendance and we all appreciate them.

JOHN KOPLIN.

Voice of Youth Circle Planning Party Saturday

MIDWAY, PA.—The Voice of Youth Circle No. 15 held its regular monthly meeting on Feb. 27, and I was pleased to see that more of the members attended. But I hope I shall see still more of them at the March meeting which will be held on the last Friday of the month, March 30.

Our last bingo party was such a success that we decided to have another one this Saturday, March 10.

I want to thank all of you who helped us make the bingo a success and hope I shall see all again at this one.

So don't forget the date, Saturday, March 10, at 8 p. m.

Mrs. IRENE LUKAN, Mgr.

Perfect Circle No. 26 Will Meet Saturday, March 10

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Natural History Museum is again featuring the spring session of motion pictures for children, and this special group features an excellent variety of films.

Circle members will have to select their preferences, as we cannot attend all sessions due to previously planned activities. These movies are given by the James Nelson & Anna Louise Raymond Foundation, and are unequalled for child education, as they combine learning and fun, a combination hard to beat where children are concerned.

To many readers, it will be interesting to relate that Theresa Kerze of New York, of Slovene parents and the daughter of Frank Kerze, was the chief nurse to this doctor. She is undoubtedly now in Jugoslavia. We would enjoy hearing from her in these columns.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO.—Approximately sixty doubles participated in the Pioneer invitational bowling tourney last Sunday. Waukegan was well represented and Milwaukee was here, too. Emil Hrast, a participant, came from Washington, D. C., and Theresa Speer of St. Louis was a spectator. John Alic and Edward Hudele had complete charge of the bowling and did a fine job. To this writer's knowledge there were two mother and daughter teams, namely Erma Vertnik and Imogene Shears, Antonia Zaverink and Ditta Westphal. Waukegan had two sisters on a team, Eva Simcic and Millie Simcic Kozdecar. Some very good scores were bowled by both men and women.

After the bowling was over we went to SNPJ hall for our supper and social. Ida Simon, Sophie Svoboda, Mae Cerkoney and Agnes Krakowski handled the kitchen, while Fred Svoboda and John Collins handled the bar. Mayme Cerkoney and this writer took charge of chips. The Mozingo Sisters furnished the swell music for dancing. A happy spirit prevailed all evening.

Perfect Circle.—March 10 at 10:30 a. m. Perfect Circle will hold another one of their regular meetings. There is going to be more ping pong and more recordings for the wee folks. Try to keep up that good attendance, children.

Sava Women.—Sava women will have another social on March 13 at Slovene Labor Center. Anne Beniger has another fine entertainment lined up. We've been so pleased with our other two socials thus far. By the way, Frances Vider helped the treasury along since our last social.

Anton Putz.—It was shocking news to learn that Anton Putz of nearby Cicero passed away last week. He was always a willing worker at SNPJ lodge affairs,

Branch 1 JSF and a good booster for Slovene Center Social Club, Putz had a good sense of humor, and always enjoyed himself among his many friends. He will be missed by all who knew him. Fitting remarks at the funeral were made by Philip Godina, Anton Slabe and D. J. Lotrich. To his family and relatives our heartfelt sympathies.

Servicemen.—Tragic news reached us last week that Adolph Malovich was killed in the Burma theater of war. Adolph was the second Pioneer to have made the supreme sacrifice. Our sincere sympathies to the family. This week's mail was heavier than usual. We heard from Frank Groser from somewhere in Germany; Ernie Drescher from England who sent us the Yank which we enjoyed, and Hank Rak from somewhere on the Siegfried line. Wally Pirok, a Navy man, is recovering from an operation at a navy hospital in California. The Anton Vitigoy family of West Newton, Pa., is anxiously awaiting the arrival of their only son, Anton Jr., for a furlough very soon. Recently he surprised his parents with long distance call from New York, telling them the good news. Tony will have many tales to tell as he's been overseas almost three years and was in Burma, Egypt and Africa. We hope you have a nice furlough.

All-a-Round.—A good clean-up job at the Social Center Club was performed by Leonard Alpern of Milwaukee. Helen Tisu, an SNPJ employee, was suddenly taken ill last week and was rushed to the hospital for an appendicitis operation. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Helen. Waukegan, too, has a prominent sick girl, none other than Circle's 24's manager, Dorothy Gabroski, whose sickness was diagnosed as scarlet fever. Naturally we were sorry to hear about it and hope that Dot will soon be well again. We're hoping Mike Prazak's fall wasn't serious at Sunday's tourney; he couldn't complete his bowling. It was nice seeing the Waukegans again; besides the Simcic sisters, we met with Chris Stritar, and Marcella Shapack from Milwaukee. Neither is great

SNPJ SPORTS**SNPJ****SPORTS****News From the Bowling Fronts****Groser's Letter From Germany**

SOMEWHERE in Germany Dec. 31. (Delivered Feb. 28)—Here it is New Year's eve and I have a little time so I thought I'd write a few lines to Prosveska. I don't know just when it will be mailed as it has been some time since we've received any mail or sent any out. I am feeling as good as could be expected and at present enjoying a slight snowfall which really has made the countryside beautiful; of course, this is also better news to us because it ended the rain and mud that we've been having.

I was fortunate enough to get two of the October issues of Prosveska and what little time I had enjoyed reading them very much. I was glad to see the splendid results of the past membership drive, realizing the obstacles that had to be overcome in securing members in wartime conditions.

I received a letter from Arley Boznicki the other day; he's also somewhere in Germany and he writes a typical Arley letter, just as he used to write back home as a civilian. So this war isn't changing all of us. At present we are going over the old stamping grounds of Arley's outfit. Of course there's been a change in scenery besides just the weather. My hopes are that the boys are okay.

In yesterday's Stars & Stripes I read where Montgomery Ward of Chicago is in dutch with Uncle Sam again. The story wasn't in very much detail, but to me it was the same old story. The biggest joke of the story was that jerk Avery's statement that his employees always were well paid. He sure is a swell guy as far as his fat profits are concerned.

I also read with interest where some politician made the statement that the 30-day furloughs back to the states were not popular with the soldiers. That in itself is quite a joke. You can imagine anyone so far from home refusing a chance to get there, regardless how patriotic he may say he is. Although I myself am not eligible for one, I hope guys like him will not deprive well deserving GI's of the opportunity of getting home.

A bit of good news from the home front was on the sport pages where the "I-got-a-drag" 4-F's are going to be reclassified. One of the worst things to read about is the news of 4-F boxers, football, baseball and other athletes making All-American and cleaning up while physical wrecks are carrying on over here. It sure is a pity to see some of the boys who have to continue to fight.

We here don't envy any 4-F or anyone who is not in the army, but those that are not physically fit to be here and really fight, something should be done. Of course, it isn't the individual's fault but rather of someone in a responsible position. Hope the matter is straightened out as we can use some of those All-Americans over here.

It's getting dark, so will have to close, wishing all of you a happy 1945.

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(Nadaljevanje s 5. strani)

SNPJ, kakor tudi od drugih naprednih slovenskih elementov v Ameriki, bi tega dela ne mogel vršiti. Za vse to vam gre moja iskrena zahvala.

Skusal bom prisostvovati vsem sejam tega zborovanja in biti na razpolago vsakemu za morebitna pojasnila in informacije o vseh fazah moga dela. MIRKO G. KUHEL, gl. blagajnik.

Soglasno odobreno, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. gl. tajnik prečita poročilo br. tajnika bolniškega oddelka.

Poročilo tajnika bolniškega oddelka

STANJE BOLNIŠKIH SKLADOV

od 1. julija do 31. decembra 1944

Dohodki:	Razred \$1
Julij	\$ 20,687.45
Avust	20,466.00
September	19,324.05
Oktobar	21,312.20
November	20,225.50
December	19,306.35
Skupaj redni asesment	\$ 121,311.55
Izredni asesment	408.00
Vrnjena podpora	40.00
Obresti	5,998.98
Skupni dohodki	\$ 127,758.53

Indatki:	\$ 15,571.38
Julij	\$ 17,434.50
Avust	16,358.00
September	15,004.00
Oktobar	17,425.00
November	15,819.50
December	\$ 97,612.38

Sestmesečni prebitek	\$ 30,146.15
Preostanek 30. junija	419,976.39

Bilanca 31. decembra	\$ 450,122.54
Dohodki:	Razred \$2

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Julij	\$ 12,271.80
Avust	11,995.80
September	11,227.80
Oktobar	12,414.30
November	11,737.80
December	11,275.80
Skupaj redni asesment	\$ 70,923.30
Izredni asesment	450.00
Vrnjena podpora	52.00
Obresti	1,293.89
Skupni dohodki	\$ 72,719.19

Indatki:	\$ 8,445.50
Julij	\$ 11,632.00
Avust	10,340.00
September	9,430.50
Oktobar	11,923.50
November	10,487.21
December	\$ 62,158.71

Sestmesečni prebitek	\$ 10,560.48
Preostanek 30. junija	90,747.35

Bilanca 31. decembra	\$ 101,307.83
Dohodki:	Razred \$3

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Julij	\$ 1,683.30
Avust	1,618.20
September	1,460.10
Oktobar	1,655.40
November	1,612.00
December	1,463.20
Skupni dohodki	\$ 9,492.20
Izredni asesment	18.00
Vrnjena podpora	42.00
Obresti	161.72
Skupni dohodki	\$ 9,713.92

Indatki:	\$ 1,258.50
Julij	\$ 1,306.00
Avust	760.50
September	668.00
Oktobar	867.00
November	1,140.50
December	\$ 6,000.50

Sestmesečni prebitek	\$ 3,713.42
Preostanek 30. junija	11,755.35

Bilanca 31. decembra	\$ 15,468.77
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Bilanca 31. decembra	\$ 15,468.77
Dohodki:	Razred \$6

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