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# Father Zorjan celebrates First Mass

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 was one of the happiest days in our Slovenian community in Lemont, Illinois. On this beautiful day we all had one destination, "Marija Pomagaj on the hill," and began arriving there shortly after noon anxious to participate in the First Mass celebration of our young "son of the parish," Peter Zorjan, son of Mari and Kark Zorjan, grandson of Antonia and Frank Markošek. The family has always been dear to all of us and to be witness to what was to be their great day was an exceptional pleasure that we all wanted to share.

By 2 p.m., the Slovenian Catholic Mission chapel whose patron is Blessed Anton Martin Slomšek, was filled to capacity. Those who came just a little later were directed to a large white tent erected near the west entrance on Mary's Hill where they could participate by video and audio connections.

A soft summer breeze kept us comfortable while the sun shone in all its glory. Two majestic "slavoloki" adorned with garlands of greens and white ribbons fluttering, flanked the entrance. The words "Novomašnik bod' pozdravljen" were emblazoned on the banner between them.

As we entered our beloved chapel, we heard the most pleasant sound of music as violinists Milena Zerdin and daughter Claudia and cellists Michael Vidmar and Martin Nyberg played a program of favorite Slovenian Marian hymns. Youngsters Claudia and Martin are amazingly talented 11-year-olds. Lifting up our eyes, we saw the majestic sight of long, green garlands swaying from the highest point of the ceiling down to the corners of our chapel walls; and on the altar were two huge floral pieces each representing a cross of red carnations in a bed of white flowers. It was all so elegant and simply done. How blessed we are that among us in Lemont we have Slavica and Slavko Sovan, Stane Anzelc and a team of church decorator's whose skills and talent bring such beauty and joy to the beholder every Sunday and especially on this day.

Our newly ordained priest, Father Karl Zorjan came to the altar flanked by concelebrants, our Pastor, Fr. Metod Ogorevc, OFM, and Rev. Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland of Peoria, who was also the Homilist. Other concelebrants were the Franciscan Friars of the Holy Cross Commisariat, and priests from the Diocese of Peoria, the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Diocese of Joliet and the Diocese of Rockford. Among them were two sons of our Slovenian Chicago-Lemont community who have preceded Father Peter into the priesthood, namely, Fr. Gregor Gorsic and Fr. Mike Andrejek. Our emotions erupted in applause as they were introduced from the altar.

The words of Martin Hozjan, President of the Slovenian Cultural Center and Slovenian Catholic Mission, spoken before the service began, were heartfelt as he expressed the happiness and pride we were all feeling this day. He pointed out the special love we were witnessing in the faces of Fr. Peter's family and reminded us that it was also evident in the smiles of each and every one present.

From the processional to the concluding hymn, the church choir under the direction of Mojca Magajne Anaya brought out a spirited sound of joy. Sattner's *Missa Seraphica* crowned the musical liturgy, with the addition of *Psalm No. 104* between the Readings and the Plain Latin Chant, *Veni Creator Spiritus* at the Offertory, arranged for the choir by Milica Magajne. Members of the choir are especially grateful to their director and two organists, Milica and Erika Falk for the exceptionally wondrous liturgy selected for this First Mass. The congregation joined the choir for the Communion Meditation hymn, "Hvala večnemu Bogu" and concluding song, "Marija skoz življenje."

Beautifully dressed in Slovenian costumes, and leading the Processional were youngsters Julia Zerdin and Damian Simrayh, also Marija and Stefan Turk who were the official greeters in



Newly Ordained Priest Fr. Peter Zorjan, left, and Director of the Slovenian Catholic Mission, Fr. Metod Ogorevc, OFM, at right.  
(Photo by JOHN VIDMAR)

church and Kristina Sovan and Marko Cepen who participated in the opening by presenting flowers to the celebrant. Following the Slovenian custom of giving specially prepared wine and bread for the consecration at a First Mass, Martin and Ana Hozjan and Terezija Glavač provided these gifts. During the entire event, our Sunday Mass ushers, headed by Nace Rebrica were especially accommodating to the large crowd.

A very long reception line followed when many parishioners and friends could express their personal wishes to our *Novomašnik* and it was much later that Father Peter and his family arrived at the beautifully decorated Slovenian Cultural Center to be greeted by a crowd of over 350 friends. A sumptuous dinner was then served, excellently prepared by Lilijana Cepen and her great staff from Joliet, and as a sweet conclusion, guests enjoyed an abundance of delicious pastries.

As a conclusion to the festivities, a short program ensued. Music poured from his electronic instrument as Fr. Peter's brother-in-law David Meyer, dedicated his performance to the family. The Lipa Folk Dancers then presented a colorful perform-

ance of folkdances and the choir ended the program by leading in the singing of the favorite Slovenian hymn, "Češčenja si, Marija."

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Father Peter Karl Zorjan and his

family and thank God for giving us this blessed and happy day. We add heartfelt wishes to the senior Zorjans on their 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebrated on the day of their son's First Mass.

--Corinne Leskovar

## Vitus Slovenian School Summer Picnic

St. Vitus Slovenian Language School will have its annual summer picnic on Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield,

Ohio. The picnic will begin with a Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Following Mass there will be a pork roast dinner. Tickets for the dinner are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. There will also be a pasta dinner available for the children. Tickets can be purchased on the day of the picnic or from any Slovenian school parent.

In the afternoon, there will be a raffle with many great prizes and children's games. All are invited and welcome.

## Newspaper Schedule

The American Home newspaper will continue to be printed three times each month.

In July, the next two American Home newspapers will be printed on July 19, and 26.

In August, the American Home will be printed on the last three Thursdays of the month, Aug. 9, 16, 23

In September, the American Home will be printed on the first three Thursdays of the month, Sept. 6, 13, and 20.

The remainder of the year the American Home will continue to be printed on the FIRST THREE THURSDAYS of the month (Oct., Nov., Dec.)

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Slovenian Prime Minister Janša, left,  
and Mrs. Janet and Senator George Voinovich

## Senator Voinovich Meets Top Slovenian Officials

LJUBLJANA, May 27 – Ohio Senator of Slovenian descent, George V. Voinovich, met Prime Minister Janez Jansa and Foreign Minister Dr. Dimitrij Rupel and exchanged views on the most current issues in bilateral and international relations during his recent visit to Ljubljana.

The Prime Minister and his guest spent most of the time discussing the situation in the Western Balkans, agreeing that the countries in the region need a clear Euro-Atlantic perspective. Particular attention was also paid to intercultural dialogue, one of the priorities of Slovenian EU presidency in the first half of 2008.

During his stay in Ljubljana Senator Voinovich also met Foreign Minister Dr. Dimitrij Rupel. They discussed the bilateral issues, Kosovo and Slovenia's upcoming EU presidency.

Addressing the press after the meeting, Dr. Rupel stressed the importance of EU-US unity in setting the future status of the province.

Senator Voinovich meanwhile said he wished all the Western Balkan countries would enter NATO and the EU, adding that he would do anything in his power for stability in the region and for improvement of the living standard of people.

--Slovenian Embassy  
Newsletter

## All Invited to St. Vitus Parish Picnic

St. Vitus Parish will have its annual summer parish picnic on Sunday, July 15 at Slovenska Pristava, a recreational facility located in Harpersfield, Ohio, approximately 45 miles east of Cleveland.

The event will begin with a Mass at 12 noon followed by an expertly prepared dinner consisting of pork / chicken with side dishes. Cost is \$12.00 adult, and \$6 for a child 12 years or younger.

Cleveland's own Jerry Suhar will provide cool tropical sounds during dinner followed by the enjoyable Alpine echoing sounds of the

Stan Mejac Orchestra from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Side foods of French fries, hamburgers, klobase (Slovenian sausage), etc., will be provided AFTER the dinner, as well as an assortment of cool refreshments. There is no admission or parking charge that day.

Other activities include open swimming (nominal fee for non-members of Pristava), Chinese raffles, children's games, side display of artwork, and balinca playing.

The theme of this year's summer picnic is celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary completion and dedication of current St. Vitus Church (dedicated Nov., 1932) with its

unique Byzantine Lombard architectural design including the stunning religious artwork in the interior of the church. A display is being prepared for all attendees.

The net proceeds from this year's event will be used to pay-down the outstanding bank loan for the church and parish house roofs and maintenance project. Of the original \$300,000 bank loan, an outstanding balance of \$120,000 remains. The entire project cost \$1.78 million.

Father Joseph Boznar is the sixth pastor of St. Vitus church. The parish has approximately 800 registered households with an estimated 1,500 parishioners.

## Suddenly It's Scenic Slovenia

by Keith Bellows

I had no plans to go to Slovenia. And then I met Rok Kvaternik, who said, simply, "Come to my country and you'll never forget it. The food will astonish you." He should know, considering he published 24 *Finest Flavours of Slovenia*. "You'll see castles and monasteries and limestone caves and Alpine scenery – and who knows what else." That's when I said yes. When it comes to travel, the potential for surprise closes the deal.

Googling the place, I learned that the country's salt is covered by high-end eateries from Manhattan to Tokyo, and that "karst" – the word for limestone, derived from a region here – is one of Slovenia's contributions to the world's vocabulary.

Formerly part of Yugoslavia, a nation the map no longer acknowledges, Slovenia was once the domain of the Habsburgs and part of the Holy Roman Empire. Independent in 1991, it will assume the presidency of the European Union in 2008. But, of course, surprise rewards the least prepared.

An hour after landing at Brnik Airport, and meeting Rok, we were helicoptering at 6,000 feet over this doughnut hole of Europe, which is handily poised between Vienna and Venice. "Slovenia is hardly bigger than an Australian sheep

farm, with two million people," said Rok. We swept over a rumpled rug of peaks (and a valley that is Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*), traveling from Slovenia's Alpine borders with Austria and Italy to its sliver of Adriatic coastline. We banked past 9,400 foot Mount Triglav, which graces Slovenia's flag, zigzagged along Slovenia's border with Croatia, then clattered home as the sun set off the left side of the copter and the moon rose to the right.

We later toured medieval castles in Bled and Ljubljana, and took a walk through Pleterje, a six-centuries-old Catusian monastery whose residents still take a vow of silence. We toured Ljubljana's fog-shrouded market and cobblestone streets. For hours, we explored Postojna cave, an underground limestone labyrinth of eerie silence and chill beauty.

I slept at Alpine retreats, one guarded by a pair of immense Newfoundland dogs, another graced by five ebony Lipizzaner horses, a breed that originated in Slovenia. And from my hotel on Lake Bled, near the retreat of former Yugoslav dictator Marshal Tito, I surveyed the Nation's only island.

And, of course, we ate. Mouthwatering salami, *struklji* (cottage cheese strudel), homemade butter and jams and cheese, fish as I've

never had it prepared, and bread that I still dream about. And I endlessly watched the rhapsody of world-class wine work its liquid magic.

On my last night, we had our farewell dinner with a group that included an adventurer bent on circumnavigating the globe via the Poles and Slovenia's ex prime minister, who jammed on the harmonics with a former world accordion champ.

But that was not my most memorable night in Slovenia. No, that would be the evening we spent at Pikol, which Rok assured me was one of the country's finest restaurants. Over wave upon wave of exquisitely prepared dishes, Rok and I talked. During our trip, our conversations had gone from surface chatter to itineraries to world politics. But on this evening things became deeply personal. Our nationalities didn't matter. Our themes were universal. The relationship of host and visitor slipped away. I recalled my first encounter with Rok, this ebullient man who simply wanted to share his country with me. I didn't know him then, but I think I know him now. Travel engenders intimacy. In five short, spontaneous days I had discovered more than a country, I had made a new friend.

Thanks to Tony Ravnik for this article.

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# This and That from Emilee...



by EMILEE JENKO

Ivanka Matic as the guest? If you know Ivanka, she can be very funny. Her life on the program was very interesting and she is a very active lady. I enjoyed the interview very much. They may rebroadcast it again in the future. Best wishes to Ivanka, a beautiful person and a good friend.

Keep George Knaus in your thoughts and prayers. I did talk with him on the phone and will call him again real soon. In the meantime, wish him well. God bless.

My friend Emma Marczis is now a resident of Slovene Home for the Aged. I visited Friday p.m., and she was enjoying the button box group headed by Joe Zgonc. It was groovy. Her roommate in room 103 on the first floor is a St. Clair resident, Dorothy Morell, also a recent resident. Next door is the one and only Tony Brodnik. What a happy group they make. It is so nice, and the employees are so helpful and caring. John Telich Sr., was also enjoying the button boxers and seated with him was Mary Sterle. They know good entertainment. So group, go, go, go, do your thing.

Heard T.P. (Tony Petkovsek) today 6-29. He's back from his Slovenia trip. His guest was Johnny Koenig (the kid next door). His group was really jumping. Let's hear him again real soon.

(To Be Continued)

## SHA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in the month of July:

- 7-02 - Emily Pinter, age 88, born in Cleveland.
- 7-04 - Eleanor Hausrath, 96, born in Cleveland.
- 7-07 - Domink Janez, 79 - born in Slovenia.
- 7-07 - John Kwasniak, 85, born in Cleveland
- 7-13 - Albert Mason, 75, born in Cleveland
- 7-15 - Jack Zorc, 99, born in Cleveland
- 7-16 - Mary Kubik, 96, born in Cleveland
- 7-17 - Mary Seseck, 89, born in Lorain, Ohio
- 7-19 - Marie Bratush, 86, born in Illinois
- 7-19 - Edith Kincaid, 82, born in Cleveland
- 7-19 - Mary Piks, 86, born in Cleveland
- 7-22 - Jessie Campbell, 78, born in West Virginia
- 7-24 - Maureen Zorko, 58, born in Cleveland
- 7-28 - Stephania Miezina, 87, born in Cleveland
- 7-31 - Mary Kostansek, 93, born in Cleveland.

*Dober dan* (Good Day) as they say in Slovenia.

Dr. Adolph Znidarsic and wife, Madeleine, celebrated 47 years of marriage in June. Also Ray and Lil Novak celebrated 58 years of happy wedded bliss. Lil is secretary of AMLA St. Anne's No. 4 lodge. Congrats and živijo to both couples.

The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday bash for Father Vic Cimperman was held at St. Martin de Porres auditorium. The service was very beautiful with Bishop A. Edward Pevec at the helm and Fr. Joseph Božnar and the birthday "boy" Fr. Vic Cimperman also holding court. The reception was food, food, food. Our parishioners are very generous when the call is made. Linda Plečnik in the kitchen and Stefanie Zamlen also assisted. Louise Strauss, Margie and Stane Kuhar and Danny Reiger did their best to make sure everything was ship-shape, and it certainly was. Thanks to all who contributed food and help. My compliments to whoever made the tarragon potica and the delicious *flancete*. Unbelievable delish.

Surprise. I wrote about the whereabouts of Aggie Flanders and lo and behold I received a call from her home in Yukon, PA. We talked a bit and she sounds good. She misses her friends in Cleveland. I'm sure, as she was always so very active. I'll keep in touch. Thanks for the call. I loved it.

Condolences to the family of James Dodge. He passed away on June 25. Rest in peace.

Belated birthday wishes to Henry Pugel from wife, Lil, and all the family and friends of AMLA.

I missed some very important June birthdays: Betty Grdina, Al Battestelli, our one and only entertainers at the monthly raffle at Slovenian National Home. (He is so cool), and last but not least, Pres. of Slovenian National Home, Bobby Hopkins. Best wishes to all.

Did you catch Patty Sluga's WELW program "Woman of the Year" with



Front row, left to right, Bill Frank, Zory Glazer, Frank Urankar, Toni Urankar, Anne Luzar. Back row, left to right: Ernie Luzar, Gladys Luzar, Kathie Majni (Luzar), Ernest Luzar, Lee Vokas, Jerry Vokas.

## Dolgan available for book talks

Author Bob Dolgan has been giving a lot of talks on both the Frankie Yankovic book and his sports book, "Heroes, Scamps, and Good Guys."

He has addressed senior groups, Rotarians, etc., all over Northern Ohio. He has been as far west as Bay Village, Strongsville and Westlake, and as far east as Munson Township and Chagrin Falls. He even talked to FBI retirees last week.

If anybody wants Bob to give his spiel, they can phone him at (440) 944-7303. He'll also sell and autograph his books.

## All You Really Need Is SLOVENIA

### Joke

Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

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## St. Clair Pensioners Plan Trip to Seneca Allegany

How about another fun-filled trip to Seneca Allegany Casino with the St. Clair Pensioners Club? The date is set for Tuesday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$28.00. Bonus \$20.00 and Food Boucher \$5.00.

The bus will leave the Slovenian National Home at 8:15 a.m., and depart the Orr Arena at 8:30 a.m. Please indicate whether you will board the bus at Slovenian National Home or Orr Arena.

Also bring along a State of Ohio Identification Card with picture or driver's license. Don't forget your Advantage Card or you will not receive your bonus.

If you are going on the trip but have not paid as yet, please make your check payable to St. Clair Pensioners Club and mail **PROMPTLY** to Jeanette Ruminski, 25801 Zeman Avenue, Euclid, OH 44132. Phone 261-1667 or

you can pay for the trip at our upcoming meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup> which is the deadline for the trip.

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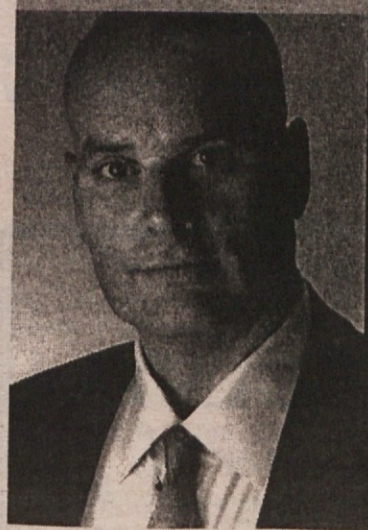
Happy to announce we are planning a forthcoming trip to the Amish country which a lot of our members and friends look forward to. This will take place on Monday, Oct. 15. Cost for trip is \$40.00.

Some of the stops will include Bunker Hill (Heini's Cheese) Millersburg, plus free time for shopping in Berlin, luncheon at the Chateau in the Valley Restaurant, Hillcrest Orchard, Swiss Village Bulk Store and to top off the trip we will also stop at the Winery.

October is a great time of the year to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Amish countryside so please mark your calendar well in advance.

--Sylvia Plymnesser

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## Older Americans Not Working As Late in Life as Previously

WASHINGTON – Americans are living longer, healthier lives than ever before, but they aren't working into their old age nearly as much as seniors did 50 years ago.

A government report recently released shows that only 19% of men 65 and older were part of the labor force in 2003, down from 46% in 1950.

Women are working in much larger numbers earlier in life, but among those 65 and older, their participation in the labor force has remained steady at around 10% since 1950.

"Not too long ago, people, particularly men, worked until they were physically unable to work," said Robert Friedland, director of the Center on an Aging Society at Georgetown University. "Now, people have a period of time to which they are looking forward."

But they can only look forward to retirement if they are financially prepared, said Friedland, who noted that \$1 million in a retirement account isn't that much to live on if you expect to be around another 20 or 30 years.

"If you leave the labor force thinking you have plenty, and then realize you don't, then you're stuck," Friedland said.

The findings have added importance as the first baby boomers near retirement age. The oldest baby boomers turn 60 this year, and the new report suggests that many of them already have left the labor force.

The report attributes the declining work rate among older Americans to the growth in private pensions, Social Security and Medicare benefits. As benefits for older Americans grew in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, fewer saw the need to work beyond age 65.

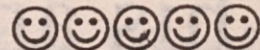
But the biggest benefit programs face problems. Private pension systems have been defaulting at an alarming rate. Many companies are abandoning pension plans that guarantee benefits based on years of service and age at retirement.

Medicare, which just added a prescription drug benefit, faces insolvency in 2020, according to the trust fund that runs it, and Social Security, if left alone, is projected to go broke in 2041.

Americans, meanwhile, are living longer. Life expectancy for men was 74.1 in 2000, up from 68.2 in 1950. Among women, life expectancy was 79.5 years in 2000, up from 71.1 in 1950.

## HAPpy

## News



June is bustin' out all over, and so are the HAPpy people who meet in Holmes Ave. Slovenian Home. Last meeting we enjoyed listening to Euclid Hospital Audiologists Lori Falzone and Sally Roček on causes of hearing loss, and various hearing aids available. They answered many questions; very informative talk. Thank you, ladies! Euclid Hospital Audiology offers FREE hearing screening, and helps with obtaining proper aids. Call: 216-692-8760 for an appointment.

After pledging allegiance, silent prayers were said for members Michael "little Mike" Gorican, and Veronica "Ronnie" Pestotnik. Their sudden loss is felt by everyone. May they rest in God's peace. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

Sunshine Lady Ann Eichler was busy sending cheerful cards to Lillian Bratina, Toni Frydryck, Sylvia Jansa, George Knaus, Alice Ourednik, Lillian Pugel, Vida Sheid, John Spilar, and Nancy Vasilko. Get well fast, everybody! Looking good, Alice, glad you were at the meeting.

Not too crowded this time; 141 "recycled teenagers" were present. Many were probably at Ann Opeka's funeral, to pay respects to a well-known and loved member of Slovenian community. May she also rest in God's peace.

Our honorary list stands at 137, and 13 people are on deck to join. Matt Kajfez collected \$5.50 in badge fines; if I heard right, some of the money was a donation.

We welcomed new members Ivana Mavsar, Ed and Jean Rossa, and Rose Vertovsnik. Sandra Jerkic, Myra's sister, was her guest. Glad to have you with us!

Myra Jerkic, and helper Jeanette Yert ran another successful 50/50 raffle, with many happy winners. Lady Luck and I are not on speaking terms....Ruth and Ed Morel treated

us to barbecued pork sandwiches. Yum! We are blessed with wonderful volunteer crews who take care of everything needed. A big THANK YOU to all!

Eleven members celebrated June birthdays; na zdravje! Happy Anniversary was sung to Vera and Joe Droblich, 54 yrs; Irene and Stan Gulick, 62 yrs; Elsie and Chuck Jacobs, 65 yrs; Vicki and Jim Kozel, 58 yrs; Ruth and Ed Morel, 53 yrs; and Mary and John Penca, 58 yrs. Congratulations, and many more happy years to all! Elsie and Chuck recently

welcomed their first great-grandson, named - you guessed it - Jacob. Best wishes to the happy families.

Fran Kajfez reports all is set for Smoky Mountains - Pigeon Forge trip Sept. 17 - 20. You can still get on the wait list, if interested. She also has a one-day Amish country trip scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007; \$44.00 pp. Waiting list is available for that one, too. We will have a tour guide, lots of interesting stops, and of course, shopping opportunities!

Holmes Ave. Slovenian Home will honor our Man-of-the-Year Adolph "Stash" Kocin at a dinner on Wed. Sep. 26, 2007. Details, and tickets will be available soon.

DON'T FORGET - our HAP Picnic is July 11, 2007, at Eagle's Hall picnic area; 37299 Euclid (Mentor) Ave., just about 1-1/2 mi. east of Rt.91. Can't miss it. There will be good food, pastry sale, liquid refreshments, music by Fred Ziwich, and the HAPpy Jammers, and lots of good company. Fun starts at 12 noon, til 6 pm, or whenever. Tell all your relatives and friends; heck, we'll welcome enemies, too. Free admission, and free parking!

Mila Jera

## Consider What You Edit

Editor,

I'm writing to you about my dad's article (Rudy Flis) in the June 28<sup>th</sup> issue. I often get the opportunity to read his articles before the paper comes out. My dad is a very devout Catholic and a proud American and very often these facts come across in his articles.

In editing this particular article, you edited out the most important point. The school children mentioned had asked their principal if they could put on this production to salute our men and women in our armed forces defending our wonderful country. To our disbelief, the principal refused

them due to the fact that it might offend "someone." Who is "someone?" How could any red blooded American be offended by a play put on by our children based on letters they had written and also received from our soldiers who choose to defend our freedom. I think it's about time that we start thinking again as proud Americans and quit worrying about what others will say. This is our country... we need to take it back.

Please consider what you are removing from an article when you edit.

--Mary Brownfield  
Avon, OH

### One Day Bus Trip to Enon Valley

On Saturday, July 14 a bus will depart from the West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland at 10:45 a.m., to Slovene Fest XVII SNPJ AT Enon Valley, Pa., and return at 10:45 p.m.

Price is \$38.00 includes transportation and admission.

For reservations call Rudy Pivik (216) 433-1941 or Bob Smith (216) 281-9497.

The Happy Timers will perform from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the gostilna.

### Happy Canada Day

- Canada is the second largest country in the world, with 9,971,000 square kilometers of land.
- With only three people per square kilometer, Canada has the fourth lowest population density in the world.
- According to the United Nations Human Development Index, Canada has the highest quality of life in the world.
- Canada is the home of many great inventions, including: basketball, the electric light bulb, the electric range, the electron microscope, standard time, the television, the telephone, and the zipper.
- Canada has the world's highest post-secondary education enrolment.

--Emma Pogacar

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## Ohio KSKJ Day Combines With St. Vitus Parish Picnic

The 56<sup>th</sup> annual Ohio KSKJ Day and the St. Vitus Parish picnic will be held on Sunday, July 15, from noon to 8 p.m. at the Slovenska Pristava Slovenian Recreation Center in Harpersfield, Ohio. The picnic is sponsored by St. Vitus Parish, and the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges will join them this year for its social event for all members, their families and friends.

Everyone is kindly invited to come and join the get-together to renew old acquaintances and enjoy good fellowship.

The festivities will begin with a Mass at 12 noon followed by a dinner. On the menu will be a choice of chicken or pork. Come early to purchase your dinner tickets, which cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. The Stan Mejac Orchestra will furnish music for our listening and dancing pleasure from 3 - 7 p.m.

There will be other food and liquid refreshments available. A bake sale will feature homemade delicacies. It would be appreciated if KSKJ members would donate various pastries for the bake stand. There will be games and contests for children in the afternoon at approximately 5 p.m. The swimming pool will also be open at a cost.

Admission and parking are free.

**Directions:** From Cleveland, take Route I-90 to the Geneva exit, Route 534. Turn right to Route 534 Go south for approximately 2 miles to South River Road. Turn right once more and proceed on Brandt Road (on the right), and proceed to the Slovenska Pristava. You will make a right turn from Brandt Road to enter the picnic area.

--Joe Hocevar  
*Ohio Federation President*



Milan Ribič, left, president of Slovenska Pristava, accepts a congratulatory proclamation from the City of Cleveland from Cleveland Councilmen Mike Polensek (right), and Joe Cimperman on the occasion of a picnic and celebration naming the Lausche Lodge on Sunday, May 27.

(Photo by TONY GRDINA)

## Slovenian Women's Union Scholarships Recipients

The Slovenian Women's Union of America Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce 2007-2008 SWUA Scholarship winners. Scholastic achievement, financial need, civic, community, religious participation and interest in Slovenian culture are criterion used in evaluation by the SWUA Scholarship Committee.

**Amanda Ochsendorf**, Huo, Minnesota, a member of Branch 35, was awarded the \$2,000 Rose Marie Princ Scholarship. Amanda will study business at Loyola University of Chicago.

**Maria Perko**, Pueblo, Colorado, a member of Branch 3 has received the \$2,000 Josef Princ Scholarship. Maria will attend Colorado State University in Pueblo studying environmental biology.

**Danielle Dovnik**, Waukesha, Wisconsin, a member of Branch 43 has received a \$2,000 Slovene Rest Home Association of Fontana Scholarship. Danielle will enter the University of Wisconsin this fall.

**Francis Konkar**, Joliet, Illinois, a member of Branch 20 has received a \$2,000 Slovene Rest Home Association Scholarship. Francis is

currently attending Lewis University where he is majoring in history and education.

**Amanda Blowers**, Joliet, Illinois, a member of Branch 20 was the recipient of the 2007 Frances Barman Scholarship. Amanda will be attending De Paul University, majoring in law.

**Debra Baas**, Cincinnati, Ohio, a member of Branch 30 has received the 2007 Continuing Education Award which was funded by SWUA Wisconsin Regional Members. Debra will be taking an educational leadership class at Wright State University in the fall.

We are very pleased to receive many outstanding applications and regret that more couldn't have been assisted this year. For those of you who continue to support and remember the Slovenian Women's Union Foundation, we and those who receive scholarships each year are eternally grateful. You are those who make this program a success.

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## Old Quiz, New Quiz

by James V. Debevec II

**OLD QUIZ:** : What was the largest naval engagement in history?

**ANSWER:** In the book, "Sea of Thunder," it tells the story of the men who fought the largest naval engagement in history: *The Battle of Leyte Gulf* fought between Oct. 23 and Oct. 26, 1944 between the U.S. Navy and Japanese Navy in WWII. Correct answers were provided by **Rudy Sterk**, manager of St. Vitus Village, **Michael Baznik**, and **Stan Zakelj** of Broadview Heights, Ohio.

**NEW QUIZ:** What is the only planet that rotates clockwise?

Send your answer to [ahp@buckeyeweb.net](mailto:ahp@buckeyeweb.net) or regular mail to: James' Quiz, c/o American Home, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103-1627.

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--Phil Hrvatin

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Including blueberries often in a healthy diet is a convenient way to boost daily amounts of required nutrients. A half-cup serving of blueberries has just 40 calories.

For many more blueberry recipes and information, go to [www.blueberry.org](http://www.blueberry.org). To get a free copy of a leaflet filled with kid-friendly recipes and fun facts, send a SASE to: Welcome Aboard! Leaflet Offer, U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, 2390 E. Bidwell St., #300, Folsom, CA 95630.



Blueberries are so easy to use, kids can make their own snacks, such as this blueberry bubble cone.

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$\frac{1}{2}$  cup prepared tapioca or rice pudding  
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6 ice cream cones

In a medium bowl, stir the pudding to loosen its consistency, if necessary; fold in one cup of the blueberries. Mound the mixture into the cones; dot with remaining blueberries, serve immediately.

**YIELD:** 6 portions.  
**Per portion:** 69 calories; 14 g carbohydrate; 1 g total fat (0.5 g saturated fat); 1 g fiber

## Having Some Pun

1 - I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.  
2 - Police were called to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.  
3 - He drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends.  
4 - Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.  
5 - Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.

6 - A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.  
7 - When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.  
8 - Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a ripe banana.  
9 - To write with a broken pencil is pointless.  
10 - I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

These groans came from Funna Pogacar of Toronto.

# Revolution: War Thru Eyes of a Boy

by FELIX MAVEC

(Continued)

In the camp, we had a roof over our heads. I started school in Spital and had lots of friends. There were many priests, teachers and professors in the camp who organized classes. There was school for all ages, even college and special trades. We also played table tennis in the camp. We had one table for about 100 boys. Twenty boys would run around the table and whoever got three points would drop out. The two left would play a game of ping pong up to 11 points. There was one barrack just for boys where we could go to play games and cards. The girls did not participate, and they did not have their own place to play. I thought that it was because the girls didn't need it, that they were good girls. All of this fun, but I was still hungry.

We played all kinds of sports. I liked playing soccer and racing on foot with the other boys. I liked the one hundred meter dash. I was very fast, no one in my age group could beat me. In a relay race, I was always first or last. My nickname was "motorcycle." During summer vacation I played a lot of soccer. One day after playing for hours, I went home and asked my mom for a piece of bread. She said she didn't have it, and told me to go play more soccer. After two more hours of playing soccer, I was even hungrier. For supper that night, I received a bowl of sauerkraut with some potatoes.

All the boys in the camp received leftover Hitler Youth uniforms. I loved it. It had a brown, short sleeve, button up shirt, with brown buttons running from the top to the bottom. The two front pockets had flaps on them. The shorts were black with pockets in the back. I looked like a Hitler Youth. I was just happy to have nice new clothes.

We also had Boy Scouts and we would go camping in the mountains. We had swimming lessons and would put on theater plays. In the summer, we could go camping with the YMCA. An old ambulance would drive around to pick up the school children and take us to these programs. In the camp we would always sing a Slovenian song, "Mi se imamo radi," around the camp fire. Not everyone was Slovenian, but it was a good song to sing together. It was my brother and my job to deliver hot water for mom when she washed clothes. The water station was located in the middle of the camp, a two block walk. The

whole camp could take a shower there, but I did not want to walk that far for a shower.

While we were in the refugee camp, we were always getting injections to keep us healthy. They would announce the barrack numbers over the loudspeaker, for people to come and get vaccinated. I would take off running when I heard my number. But no injection, no food. One time I received three injections at one time. The nurse injected the needle into my arm, and took the tube off, leaving the needle in my arm. She connected another tube and injected more liquid. She did the same thing for the third liquid. I did not yell, but I could not keep the tears from forming in my eyes. This was how they vaccinated so many people in a short period of time.

In the summer we would go swimming in Lake Milstatt. After the church youth mass one day, a couple of us boys decided to go swimming. We walked over the hill to get to the lake. We walked past the tunnel where the Germans were building a factory for airplane parts. On the way back, we took a different route. We walked past a farm with a big orchard. Sometimes, we would take a couple of apples. The farmer would send his German shepherd after us, but luckily the dog never bit us. The poor man could cuss and yell, "Farfluhte Auslander," meaning "damn you foreigners."

During hot days in the summer, trips were planned for outings to Celovec (Klagenfurt). We would go by train, and then boat around Lake Verbsko Jezero. Hundreds of people would take this trip together. The boat would stop at various interesting places. It was a very enjoyable trip. At one stop, us boys bought some bottles of soda and started shaking them up. We opened them and tried to see who could get the other more wet. We would also take bus rides together around Milstatt Lake.

On Catholic religious holidays, we had processions through the camp, with bells ringing. Our bells were railroad track pieces, cut at different lengths for different sounds.

At Christmas time, the camp was especially clean. Everybody had to clean outside in front of his own window. There were over five thousand people in this camp, and there was no crime of any kind. There were no murders, no theft, boys didn't even fight. We were good, clean people.

Some people called Spital the "displaced persons" camp, but this was a derogatory term for us.

I liked to walk to town to look at the window displays decorated for Christmas. The windows were full of presents I could not buy. There were soccer balls, ice-skates, bicycles, skis, knives, flashlights, and clothes. These were things I was not even dreaming about. Around Christmas time, we went to see Santa Claus in Klagenfurt, about 70 kilometers from camp. I received a present, and met the man in red. I didn't know who he was or anything about him. I had grown up with St. Nicholas at Christmas, but I had no idea about Santa Claus.

In school, I had religion class. The priest that was teaching the class did not care if I knew the material or not. Then we got a different priest as our teacher. The first class he taught, he realized I did not know my religion lesson. He said, "You must know the whole lesson. Come over after school and I will teach you." I studied all afternoon and learned the lesson well. Later, our class had a contest on the whole Catholic catechism. I had to go in front of a panel to answer questions. I pulled three questions from a can, and I knew them all.

I started cabinet making school and learned a lot about working with wood. I went to work in the lumber yard. I only worked two days, but it was for 10 hours in the heat. I also took classes in agriculture. As part of agriculture school, I had to work on the farm. In the morning, a farm tractor with a wagon would pick us up and take us to the farm, to work in the fields.

(To Be Continued)

## DSPB Pilgrimage

The annual memorial pilgrimage to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Frank, Ohio, sponsored by DSPB Vestnik will be held on Sunday, Aug. 26. Memorial holy mass will be held at noon.

Bus will leave from Collinwood Slovenian National Home at 8 a.m., and St. Vitus Village, 6114 Lausche Avenue at 8:30 a.m.

For reservations call Viktor Tominec (216) 531-2728 or Frank Šega at (440) 944-0020.

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## Coming Events

**Thursday, July 12**

St. Vitus Alumni meeting, 7 p.m. in St. Vitus Village.

**Sunday, July 15**

St. Vitus Parish Picnic at Slovenska Pristava. 12 noon Mass followed by dinner, games, and music.

**July 16 - 22**

Camp Pristava

**Saturday, July 21**

Slovenian School students in Melvindale, MI sing and dance at annual Slovenian Day festivities. "Stari Prijatelji" provides the dance music.

**Sunday, July 22**

St. Vitus Slovenian School picnic at Slovenska Pristava. Mass at 12:30. Dinner of pork roast (\$12 for adults and \$6 for children.)

**Saturday, July 28**

Pristava Picnic - Ansambel Najlepsji Cvet from Slovenia.

**Sunday, Aug. 5**

Pristava Pensioners Picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

**Sunday, Aug. 12**

Primorski Club picnic at Slovenska Pristava.

**Sunday, Aug. 19**

St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava, 12:30 Mass followed by chicken and roast beef dinner (\$12), and many activities and dancing to music of Veseli Godci. There will be sweet corn and čevapčič, a bake sale, krofi and food available throughout the day. Main raffle at 7 p.m. Everyone invited.

**Saturday, Aug. 25**

Folklorna Skupina Kres 3:30 picnic at Slovenska Pristava with 6:00 p.m. performance at the Harpersfield, OH picnic grounds. Admission is \$4 for both members and non-Pristava members. Veseli Godci provides the music after the concert.

**Sunday, Aug. 26**

Annual pilgrimage to Sorrowful Mother Shrine, Frank, Ohio, sponsored by DSPB Vestnik. Leaves Collinwood Slov. Home at 8 a.m. and St. Vitus Village at 8:30 a.m. Reservations call (216) 531-2728 or (440) 944-0020.

**Wednesday, Aug. 29**

Fed. of American Slovenian Senior Citizens picnic at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd. Dinner served 1 p.m. by Julia Zalar. Music by Ken Zalar's Captain's Crew from 2:30 - 5:30. Dinner & dancing \$13.00. More info call (216) 481-0163 or (440) 943-3784.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

Annual St. Vitus Altar and Rosary Society benefit dinner in parish auditorium.

**Friday, Sept. 14**

St. Clair Slovenian National Home Annual Social. Tickets \$60 each includes

appetizer, dinner, cocktails. Additional dinners \$20. Doors open 6:15 p.m. For tickets call (216) 361-5115.

**Saturday, Sept. 15**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Slovenian Sausage Festival hosted by the Polka Hall of Fame. Vote for your favorite. Dancing 1 to 9 p.m. SNPJ Farm, 11000 Heath Road, south of Chardon Road (Route 6), 3 miles east of Route 306 in Kirtland.

**Sunday, Sept. 16**

Vinska trgatav (wine festival) at Slovenska Pristava.

**Wednesday, Sept. 26**

Collinwood Slovenian Home honors Adolph "Stash" Kocin with pork chops dinner served from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$9.00.

**Saturday and Sunday,**

**Sept. 29, 30**

Bishop Baraga 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend in Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

**Oct. 5-7**

St. Vitus trip to Washington, D.C. Visit various sites including new WWII Memorial.

**Saturday, Oct. 6**

Fantje na Vasi concert at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10**

Opening Concert of City-Music Cleveland, 32 piece chamber orchestra in St. Vitus Church (evening). Social to follow in auditorium.

**Sunday, Oct. 14**

Val Pawlowski's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Bar Keepers Ball at Croatian Lodge 91 & Lakeshore, Eastlake.

**Sunday, Oct. 14**

Koline - Pristava Pensioners at Slovenska Pristava.

**Sunday, Oct. 14**

Collinwood Slovenian Home Music Fest honoring Paul Yanchar from 1 p.m. until ?

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

Stajerski Club Dinner Dance at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

**Saturday, Oct. 20**

St. Lawrence Reunion Dinner Dance. Mass at St. Lawrence Church, 5:30 p.m. Officiated by Bishop Edward Pevec. Doors at Nash open at 6:30 p.m. Donation \$15. Music by Joe Novak 7:30 . (440) 243-0312 or (216) 341-6135.

**Sunday, Oct. 21**

St. Mary's Alumni 17<sup>th</sup> annual banquet in parish center. Preceded by 12 noon Mass.

**Sunday, Oct. 28**

Annual Clambake of Slovenian (Newburgh) National Home, 3563 E. 80 St. from 2 to 4 p.m. Music, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 by Joe Novak. Donation \$25. Call (216) 341-6136 or (216) 475-7946.

**Sunday, Oct. 28**

Annual Meeting of Slovenian Pristava members

## Death Notices



### MATTHEW F. NOUSAK

Matthew F. Nousak, 86, born on December 18, 1920, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2007.

Dear husband for 49 years of the late Josephine (nee Cukajne), died at his home surrounded by his family.

Matthew is survived by his loving family. Children: Kathy and Andy Merril, Patty and Bud White, Matty and Val Nousak, Laura and Chuck Shantery, Jo Manette Nousak and Phil and Cynth Nousak (NC).

Dearest grandchildren: Christine and Tony Regnier, Cam Merrill, Casey and Donna Merrill, Charlie and Shannon Shantery, Jr., Bryan and Traci Shantery, Matthew P., Michael, Christopher and Samantha Nousak.

Dear great grandchildren: Rebecca, Sarah, Jimmy, Mark, Sean, Bianne, Kaitlyn, Cade, Braden, Mary, Caroline and Jacob.

Also survived by sister-in-law Mary Babic, "Special Daughter" Theresa Marie Vegh and her family, and cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Preceded in death by his parents, Matthew and Mary Nousak and several "Angel Great Grandchildren."

Mr. Nousak was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran.

Mr. Nousak was a member of the St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans.

The family is grateful for the loving care he received from all the ladies of Comfort Keepers and the assistance of Hospice of the Western Reserve in his final days.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Wednesday and Thursday, May 23 and 24 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, May 25 at St. Vitus Church, 6019 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

Family suggests donations to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

### STANNIE J. GORENC

Stannie J. Gorenc (nee Rudolph), beloved wife of the late Edward. Loving mother of Edward J. (Elaine) and Stannie M. (David) Grimes; grandmother of Allison and Adam; sister of Lillian (deceased) (John) Gross and Joseph (Bernadette) Rudolph.

Friends called at the Jakubs-Danaher, a Golden Rule Funeral Home in Eastlake.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, June 29 at St. Mary's Church, Holmes Ave., Cleveland. Burial in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, Ohio.

### Archbishop Alojzij Šuštar dies

Friday, June 29 - Retired Archbishop of Ljubljana Dr. Alojzij Šuštar died today in Zavod Svetega Stanistava in Ljubljana. He was 87 years old.

### In Memory

Thanks to Frank A. Modic of El Cajon, CA who renewed his subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of his parents, Frank and Mary Modic and his beloved wife, Lorna.

### In Memory

Thanks to Anton and Maria Adamic of Kirtland, OH who renewed their subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of Joseph Mertik and Anton and Paula Adamic.

### In Memory

Thanks to Paul and Irene Pecaric of South Haven, MI who sent in a \$25.00 donation in memory of parents Martin and Maria Pecharich, and sister Martina Hintz.

### In Memory

Thanks to Marie Brodnick of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$50.00 donation in memory of her son Frank Brodnick.

### In Memory

Thanks to Jack Lekan of North Olmsted, OH who renewed his subscription, paid for a memorial and added a \$100.00 donation in memory of the deceased members of the Lekan and Jesenko Families.

### In Memory

Thanks to Frances Coberly of Eastlake, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in loving memory of her mother Frances L. Miklich. She writes, "I have enjoyed reading the paper this first year as a subscriber. It has made me appreciate my Slovenian heritage. - Thank you and keep up the good work."

### In Memory

Thanks to Ivica Mavsar of Cleveland, OH who donated \$12.00 in memory of her husband, Frank Mavsar.

### In Memory

Thanks to Frank I. Fende of Richmond Heights, OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of his loving wife, Doris M. Fende whom he will "love forever."

### Donation

Thanks to Hank and Vicki Skarbez of Euclid, OH who renewed their subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. They write, "Thanks for keeping us updated."

### Donation

Thanks to Joseph J. and Nella Jerse of North Royalton, OH who donated \$50.00 to the American Home.

### Donation

Thanks to Carol and Tony Satej of Madison, OH who renewed their subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. They write, "We appreciate all the news brought to us by way of your paper."

### Donation

Thanks to Rezka Zupancic of Euclid, Ohio, who paid for a memorial for Leopold Zupancic and added a \$22.00 donation.

## In Loving Memory



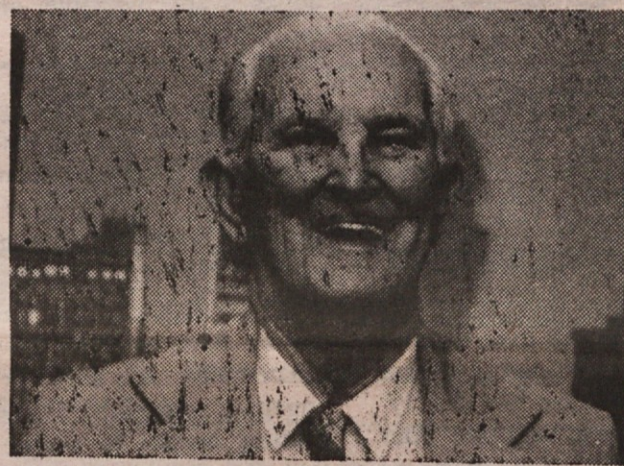
### Bernadette Ilc

Died on  
July 7, 2004

*We hold memories as Treasures  
in our Hearts  
Until the day we can hold you  
in God's presence.*

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Mami - Mihela  
Brother - Todd  
Stara Mama - Cecilia Ilc  
Teti - Cilka (Pavle Kosir)  
Aunts and Uncle, Cousins

## In Fond Remembrance



### John Kovacic

March 19, 1907 - July 10, 1998

Hi, Dad,

Our tears are golden memories  
That fall upon the heart.  
As long as we have these memories,  
We're never far apart.

We love and miss you, dad.

Ed, Pat, Jack,  
Grandchildren, great-grandchildren,  
great-great-grandchildren

## In Loving Memory



**Anne Slapnik**  
Born: Oct. 8, 1907  
Died: Aug. 26, 2003



**James Slapnik**  
Born: July 18, 1908  
Died: July 5, 1956



**Loretta Ann  
Slapnik**

Born June 16, 1931  
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# A Fitting Tribute To Ann Opeka

This tribute to Ann Opeka was delivered by **Anthony Hiti** at the conclusion of her Funeral Mass in St. Vitus Church on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 10 a.m.

I am especially honored to share a few thoughts and memories about Ann Opeka as we bid her a final farewell today.

Ann's life story began in 1914, the daughter of Slovenian immigrant parents, Anton and Anna. She was raised with her sister Sophie here in the St. Clair, Slovenian neighborhood, first on East 64<sup>th</sup> Street and later on East 71<sup>st</sup>. She attended elementary school here at St. Vitus and East Madison and graduated from Each Tech High School. For over 40 years she was a loyal and hardworking buyer at Graphite Bronze - Gould.

In the early 1980s she and Sophie moved from St. Clair to Euclid, where they purchased a home that adjoined my parents' back yard. Over the years, our two families became very close friends, visiting for hours in the backyard, helping each other out when needed and celebrating holidays, birthdays and other milestone events. During those years, our lives became intertwined so much so that we were almost like family. It was great to know Ann and Sophie, and their involvement in our lives brought us so much laughter, joy, love and richness. We were, like many of you, blessed to have them as part of our lives.

If there is one word that best describes Ann, it is the word "doing." It certainly applies to her as a verb. Ann was always doing something. She was very active, always on the go and involved in so many activities and organizations. But for me, the noun form of the word "doing" is what characterizes her most. Ann loved to attend "doings." Whether they were banquets, concerts, fundraisers, picnics, dinners, meetings, lectures, weddings or funerals, Ann had to be there. I'm sure if someone was taking attendance, Ann would certainly be at the top of the list for attending the most Slovenian Community "doings" in a lifetime. Ann truly loved being at the center of action. She loved to see and be seen and talk to as many people as possible. When the "doing" was over, she relished talking about the event, describing who was there, what was on the menu and what the

highlights and failures were. Of course, she never held back on her opinion. Ann easily could have written a "society column" for the *Ameriška Domovina*.

In addition to attending "doings," Ann loved to plan and organize "doings" even more. She was an expert in selecting the cooks, planning menus (there always had to be three meats), designing elegant center pieces and making sure the program was dignified and classy. If there were such a thing back in her day, Ann could have been a professional wedding planner or special event coordinator. I can clearly remember how, a few days after my wife Maryanne and I were engaged, Ann provided us with a list of available dates at the Slovenian National Home and which cooks were available on those days.

Whatever the "doing" was, once the planning was completed and it was the day of the event, Ann took on the role of hostess. She was perfect at greeting people at the door, making them feel welcome and directing them to their designated table. She used her engaging personality to introduce herself to people that she didn't yet know and always made sure that everyone was connected. She used her grace and humor to engage in conversation and talk to as many people as possible. Ann loved to work the crowd. It was not uncommon for Ann and Sophie to be the last to leave a "doing."

Ann's genuine interest in people, to learn about their lives and make contacts with as many as possible resulted in numerous acquaintances and friendships. There is no doubt that this not only enriched her life, but it also gave so many of us joy, insight and meaning.

I'm sure that Ann experienced many difficulties and challenges in her lifetime - things that only she and the Lord knew about. Despite those things, Ann always carried herself with dignity, pride and confidence. She truly was a grand and classy lady.

I know that Ann had a special love for her mother Anna. It was unselfish love that expressed itself in the care that she provided her throughout her life, especially as her mother aged and her health declined. I'm sure that the many

years Ann and her sister, Sophie, ministered to their mother's needs were not without great sacrifice and inconvenience. It is fitting that one of Ann's few directives about her funeral was that a photograph of her mother Anna as a young woman be placed inside her casket.

It's not uncommon for us, at the time of a loved-one's death, to say that they are "now in a better place." It is a way for those of us who are grieving to cope with the loss of a friend or a family member and it provides us with a sense of comfort and understanding about the mystery of death. This is especially true when someone has been ill or was suffering in their final days on earth.

In Ann's passing this is especially true. During one of our last visits with Ann at the hospital, Ann made great effort to engage in conversation and learn about recent events in our family and the Slovenian community despite her obvious discomfort. But no matter what the topic of conversation was, Ann's thoughts and words always drifted back to her dear sister Sophie. It was as if she were prepared and looking forward to being reunited with Sophie in heaven.

I'm sure that now, together with her mother and Sophie, that Ann will be on the planning committee for every heavenly banquet. And there is no doubt that she will be there with St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, welcoming every new arrival to heaven.

Ančka, we bid your earthly body farewell and we celebrate the rich full life that you led. You have touched everyone of us with your humor, genuine interest, engaging kindness and love. You will continue to live in our hearts forever.

## The Joey Tomsick Orchestra: 2007 Schedule

- JULY 2007**  
 THU, July 5: CONCORD TWP GAZEBO. 7:00p - 9:00p. 7229 Ravenna Rd. Concord Twp. (440) 639-4650.  
 SAT, July 7: PRIVATE.  
 SUN, July 8: SNPJ FARM. 3:30p - 7:30p. 10946 Heath Road. Kirtland (216) 732-9231.  
 SAT, July 28: STERLES COUNTRY HOUSE. 8:00p - 12:00a. 1401 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St. Cleveland. (216) 881-4181.  
 SUN, July 29: ST. ROBERTS FESTIVAL. 5:00p - 9:00p. 23802 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid. (216) 731-2606.
- AUGUST 2007**  
 THU, Aug. 2: PRIVATE.  
 SAT, Aug. 4: PATRICIAN PARTY CENTER. 4:30p - 8:30p. 33150 Lakeland Blvd. Eastlake (440) 953-0510.  
 SAT, Aug. 18: ST. CLAIR RIFLE & HUNTING CLUB STEAKROAST. 6:00p - 10:00p. Concord. (216) 261-6353.  
 SUN, Aug. 19: GARFIELD HTS. CONCERT IN PARK. 7:00p - 9:00p. (216) 475-7272.  
 FRI, Aug. 24: REVERSE RAFFLE. St. Clair Slov. Home. 6:00p - 12:00a. 6409 St. Clair Ave. (216) 732-8288.  
 SUN, Aug. 26: PRIVATE.  
 TUE, Aug. 28: MAPLE HTS. CONCERT. 6:30p - 8:30p. Dunham Park, 15005 Shriver Rd. (216) 587-5451
- SEPTEMBER 2007**  
 SUN, Sept. 2: SNPJ FARM. 3:30p - 7:30p. 10946 Heath Road. Kirtland (440) 943-1191.  
 SAT, Sept. 8: PRIVATE.  
 SUN, Sept. 9: PERCHFEST FAIRPORT HARBOR. 12:00p - 2:00p. Lakefront Park, Fairport Harbor (800) 368-5253.  
 SAT, Sept. 15: SAUSAGE FESTIVAL. Polka Hall of Fame! 12:00p - 10:00p. SNPJ FARM Kirtland (216) 261-FAME.  
 SAT, Sept. 22: DAYTON OKTOBERFEST. 4:30p - 8:30p. St. Peter's Parish, Huber Hts. (937) 239-1056.  
 SUN, Sept. 23: GRAPE FESTIVAL SNPJ FARM. 3:30p - 7:30p. 10946 Heath Road. Kirtland (440) 943-1191.  
 FRI./SAT Sept. 28 & 29: SUGARCREEK SWISS FEST. 2 Day Polka Fest! Variety of Bands (330) 852-4112.
- OCTOBER 2007**  
 SAT, Oct. 6: ST. MARY CHARDON OKTOBERFEST. 5:30p - 11:00p. 401 North St (North of Chardon Square) (440) 285-7051. (Dance, Drink & Be Merry ... And wish Joey a happy birthday!)  
 SAT, Oct. 13: REVERSE RAFFLE. St. Clair Slov Home. 6:00p - 12:00a. 6409 St. Clair Ave. (440) 526-3344.  
 SUN, Oct. 14: MUSICIAN OF YEAR - Paul Yanchar. Collinwood Slov. Home 15810 Holmes Ave.

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### Registration Near for D.C. Trip

Just a reminder that deposits are due no later than July 14 in order to reserve a spot for the motorcoach tour to Washington, D.C., Oct. 5-7.

This trip is being sponsored by the St. Vitus Pastoral Council.

Registration forms can be picked up at the St. Vitus rectory, or call (216) 361-1444 to have it mailed to you. Space is still available.

--Louise Strauss

### Kres Plan Picnic, Performance

The members of Folklorna Skupina Kres (dancers) are pleased to announce they will be hosting their annual performance - along with a picnic - at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, Ohio on Saturday, Aug. 25.

The picnic will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by a performance at 6 p.m. As a special treat, Kres has invited various cultural groups from Canada, including Folklorna

Skupina Soca, Pevski Zbor Majolka and St. Gregory the Great's Women's Choir.

Admission is \$4 for both members and non-members of Slovenska Pristava, and free for anyone under the age of 18. After the performance, Veseli Godci will play for your musical enjoyment. Please join Kres and the Slovenian community in making this year's picnic and performance a success.

True happiness is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose. -Helen Keller



# St. Vitus Parish Progress Report

The past few months has seen a number of ongoing tasks in progress or being completed at St. Vitus Parish, the first established American Slovenian Catholic parish in the state of Ohio.

It is the mundane maintenance work that is unnoticed. This includes daily weeding, watering plants and flower beds, in particular the parish house courtyard, parking lot, and other real property under the administration of the parish. Other like work includes sweeping of sidewalks, lawn mowing, cleaning of flower beds, moving around and planting of put away plants (e.g., oleander plants) or new plants such as rose bushes.

Outside windows and screens are cleaned for residents of St. Vitus Village as well as other maintenance work at the village. The most noticeable work completed was removal of the lawn and dead plants in the parish house courtyard. The lawn was replaced with a mixture of four different grass seeds. The soil had to be treated with a mix of manure, compost, and top soil as the condition of the soil was poor.

Church floors have been thoroughly cleaned, mopped and buffed while the main choir floor has been cleaned and buffed with use of a paste wax. This work is and has been accomplished by summer help consisting of high school or college aged individuals. The work is tedious but needs to be accomplished as neglect or indifference of these tasks is the first sign of decay and more often than not requires more maintenance work than needed. *Marija Cugelj* has and continues to be responsible for the care of the interior of the church. She has given many years of faithful service and consistent help as well as a warm smile to greet one and all on a daily basis.

A number of more major tasks were identified, discussed and reviewed prior to making a decision to complete these tasks. The first such task was to completely repair both men's and women's lower church hall restrooms, long in need of repair work. Often an inquiry arises on why one or another type of work was not previously completed. The response is normally twofold: priority with other tasks and a lack of adequate funds or manpower or both to *correctly and completely finish* such a task. For example, the church and parish house roofs needed to be repaired as water was leaking in both buildings; and other major work around all parish build-

ings that had been delayed were finally addressed the past three years. All this work cost approximately \$1.78 million. The parish has completed these major tasks and has been able to pay-down the outstanding bank loan for this work to a manageable level. The parish could now realistically tackle work relating to the church restrooms.

Upon reviewing repairs for the current lower church restrooms, a decision was made that based on current and future parish needs, one "family type" restroom with a commode and wash basin, was a real need to be addressed. Four different areas in the interior of the church were reviewed and examined before deciding that the most practical and cost effective placement of such a restroom would be in the back west side of the church by the stairway going up to the choir loft. The electrical, plumbing and mechanical venting needed to accomplish this task was located in this area. The graceful Italian marble on the wall and detail marble could be removed and then reset on the outside of the new restroom, ensuring that the architectural integrity would remain constant with the rest of the interior of the church.

The Food Bank area received attention as a permanent enclosed wall and new access doors have been installed.

The lower restroom repair work began in earnest after Easter with initial demolition. As concrete was removed the real problem was revealed: the condition of the iron cast piping in both men's and women's restroom had multiple signs of

corrosion that had been occurring and would continue to occur. Eventually this piping would need to be replaced even without other repair work. This work has sufficiently progressed whereby nearly 90% of both restrooms have been completed leaving minor detail work to be finished in conjunction with the new "family style" restroom in the interior of the church.

As of this writing, the parish is awaiting inspection of plumbing and electrical work so that drywall, sound board and other work may proceed. If approval is provided by a city inspector, this work should be concluded within the next three weeks. This work has been under the management of *P. Tom Znidarsic, Znidarsic Bros. Inc.*

In addition, the exit door work by the lower church hall toward East 61<sup>st</sup> Street was finally replaced and repaired through the diligent and competent efforts of *Paul Lavrish, Lavrish Construction*. Other work that began after Easter and has been completed includes a new railing and a stain glass window.

A new railing was installed in the church sanctuary. This fabricated item is actually more than 10 different parts either welded or assembled together with plating and finishing work on the metals used for the railing. The primary concern was that of safety ensuring no one person would fall by these steps while at the same time ensuring architectural integrity with the remainder of the interior of the church. This work was completed by *Tomco Co.*, located off East 55<sup>th</sup> Street.



Restroom in St. Vitus church basement gets much-needed renovation.

The final stain glass window for the main body of the church has been completed. The window is an accurate rendering of St. Bernadette in the Lourdes Grotto, located in the back east side of the church. The artist, *Anna Gerrodette*, also repaired the plaster portion in "cavern" of the grotto.

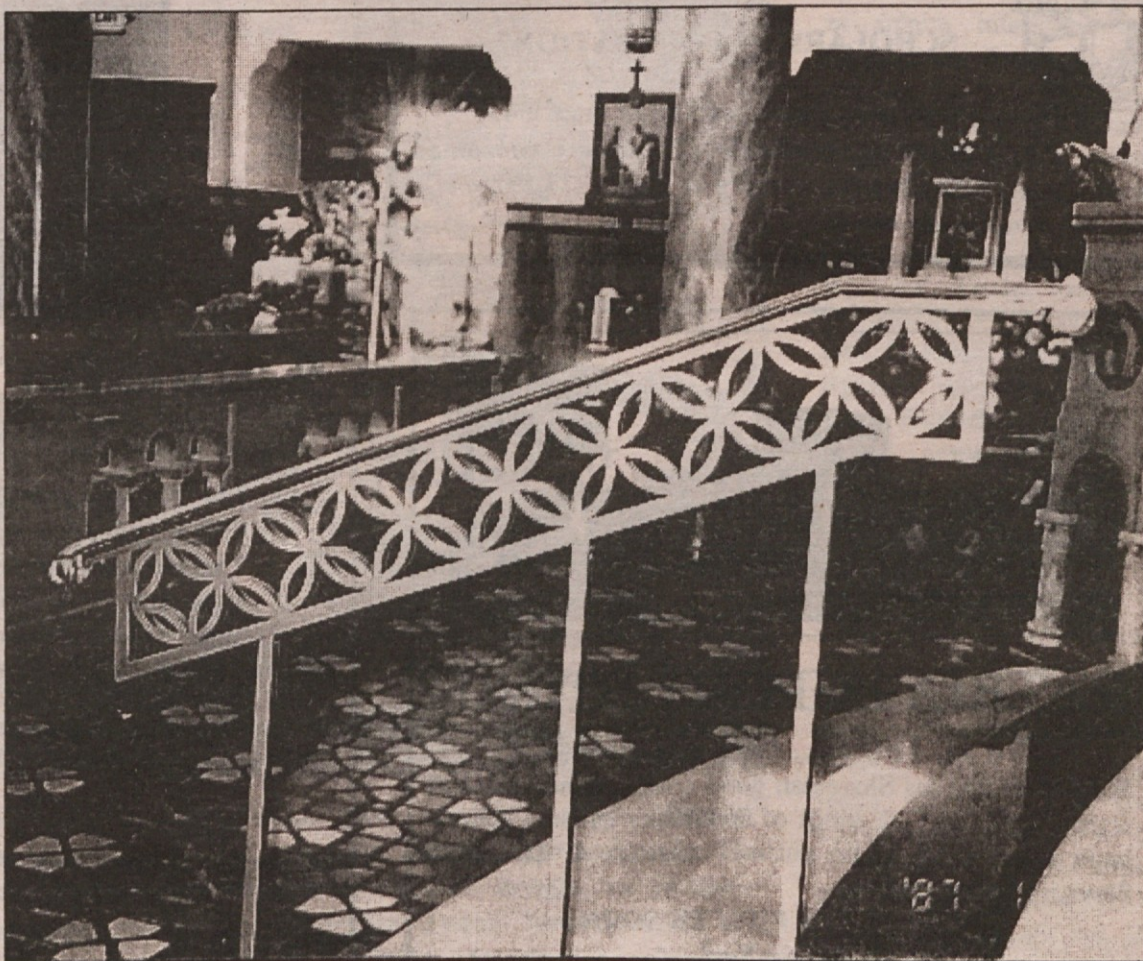
Other work that is in the beginning stages includes

fixing exhausted church bell motors and other damage on parts of the church bells that enable the bells to produce their melodic four note sounds: Three of the current four church bells were installed in 1953. The initial start of this work is to correct certain electrical work. This is being performed in conjunction with the electrical work needed for the new church interior restroom as well as the lower church restrooms.

The two remaining major tasks in review and already written in the parish bulletin include upgrading the church's sound system and a serious review and approach toward repair work for the church's historic *Holtkamp organ*. As this work proceeds ahead, more information will be communicated to the general public.

This parish again thanks all parishioners, friends, and benefactors who have and continue to support the parish that enable the parish to make improvements for the benefits of the parishioners, the local neighborhood, and broader community in north-east Ohio.

--Stane Kuhar,  
Parish Finance Director



## Word Origin

**Yenta.** – Yiddish for a gossipy woman who talks too much, who talks nonstop relentlessly and can't keep a secret. *Yenta* may derive from the name of some unknown blabbermouth called Yenta. The proper name Yenta for a woman probably derives from the Italian *gentile*. A talkative character named Yenta Talabenta in a play by Sholom Aleichem popularized this term.

## Directions to Slovenska Pristava

Take I-90 east to the Geneva Exit (Route 534). Turn right at the exit. You will be going South on Rte. 534. Go for approximately 2 miles until you reach South River Road. Make a right at South River Road and go approximately 1 mile until you reach Brandt Road. Turn right at Brandt Road.

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About ten percent of Americans over 50 live in retirement communities.

## Frank Brodnick remembered as Mr. Euclid Beach

Frank Brodnick, who tried to bring new life to the ghosts of Euclid Beach Park in Cleveland, suffered a fatal heart attack Friday, June 22, 2007 at a benefit concert for Northeast Shores Development Corp., at the Beachland Ballroom.

As the fund-raiser came to a close, the 57-year-old Eastlake resident swapped jokes with other volunteers and staff. At one point, he seemed to be laughing so hard that he could not catch his breath. Friends, who recognized his symptoms, administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation and called paramedics.

Brodnick was pronounced dead at Euclid Hospital.

He headed Euclid Beach Now, formerly known as Euclid Beach Nuts. The group of former employees and devotees of the landmark amusement park, which closed in 1969, adopted the less frivolous name to enhance its ability to secure grants for restoration projects.

Brodnick also served on the board of Northeast Shores, which complements the Euclid Beach efforts by promoting development of Cleveland's North Collinwood area.

"He was such a valuable member of the community out here, trying to keep the spirit of Euclid Beach amusement park alive in whatever way he could," said Beachland owner Cindy Barber. "He and his wife (Elva) would set up displays at local festivals to show the park's history."

Brodnick was instrumental in getting grant money for a feasibility study for reconstruction of the fishing pier that was part of Euclid Beach.

"He was trying to bring the carousel back to the neighborhood and keep the dream of Euclid Beach alive," said Brian Friedman, Northeast Shores executive director.

Within the last couple of weeks, the Euclid Beach Park arch, which had been damaged in a car crash last year, was rededicated.

"It got rebuilt because Frank demanded it be rebuilt and be rebuilt historically," Friedman said.

The Cleveland native, whose father owned a furniture and appliance store, graduated from St. Joseph High School.

As an information technology specialist, Brodnick kept the computer systems

functioning at Sunshine Industries of Cleveland for many years.



His first job was as a bus boy at the Colonade restaurant at Euclid Beach Park. In 1994, Brodnick told the Plain Dealer, "Even now, I must say it was the best job anyone could ever have."

Brodnick's family asks that mourners wear "Euclid Beach" attire to the service on Saturday, (June 30) at Zele Funeral Home, 425 East 152 St., Cleveland.

No ties, button-down shirts, frilly dresses," his wife, Elva, said. "If you don't have Euclid Beach gear, wear a Hawaiian shirt. We're taking Frank for one last cruise around Euclid Beach after the service. Then, we'll turn everybody loose to go to the Beachland Ballroom, 15711 Waterloo Road, Cleveland for the after party."

There will be traditional Euclid Beach fare – Humphrey popcorn balls and kisses, hot dogs and pop.

—Alanka Baranick  
Plain Dealer Reporter

Frank is the son of Frank (deceased) and Marie Brodnick; brother of Carol (Richard) Gundelach.


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and many family and friends



## – Vesti iz Slovenije –

**Na osrednji proslavi ob dnevu državnosti nista bila navzoča ne sedanji in ne prejšnji predsednik neodvisne Slovenije**

Predsednik države dr. Janez Drnovšek se domnevno zaradi ozračja strahu, ki se po njegovem širi po Sloveniji, ni udeležil slavnostne seje parlamenta ali zborovanja na trgu pred palačo državnega zbora 25. junija. V protestu se mu je pridružil tudi nekdanji predsednik Milan Kučan, ki se tudi ni udeležil slavnostne seje parlamenta in ne zborovanja na Trgu republike.

Popolnoma razčiščena še ni tudi afera Sova, ki se je začela sredi junija, ko je nekdanji premier Anton Rop izjavil za TV Slovenija, da je Sova, to je slovenska obveščevalna-varnostna agencija, pred parlamentarnimi volitvami leta 2004 prisluškovala predsedniku SDS-u Janezu Janši in hrvaškemu premierju Ivu Sanaderju glede incidentov v Piranskem zalivu. Za te naj bi se po Ropu omenjena dogovarjala. Janša je Ropove trditve zanimal in ga najprej pozval, naj odstopi kot poslanec, kasneje pa od njega tudi zahteval opravičilo. Sova pri pregledu dokumentarnega gradiva ni našla teh trditvev (Ropovih). Hrvaška pa je na slovensko vlado naslovila diplomatsko noto. Po nekaterih trditvah naj bi Rop za domnevno dejanje izvedel od predsednika Drnovška, ki se je hotel na ta način maščevati Ropu. Rop je koncu rekel le, da upa, da bodo dokumente našli.

**Borut Pahor ne bo predsedniški kandidat – Veliko prednost ima zdaj Lojze Peterle**

Predsednik stranke Socialnih demokratov Borut Pahor se je končno – obotavljal se je namreč polne tri mesece –, da ne bo postal kandidat za predsednika Slovenije na letošnjih volitvah, da bo raje vodil svojo stranko na parlamentarnih volitvah, ki bodo leta 2008, in da je prepričan, da bo na

njih njegova stranka tudi zmagala, vsaj z relativno večino.

Splošno mnenje je, da je Pahor v zadnjih tednih izgubil del podpore javnosti, ki da mu zameri, da se je predolgo obotavljal glede odločitve o svoji kandidaturi. Jasnno je, da bi sam rad kandidiral za predsednika države, da pa se je uklonil volje stranke in sklenil, da se bo potegoval za zmago na parlamentarnih volitvah. Če mu bo to uspelo, je gotovo, da ga bo potem njegova stranka predlagala za premierja nove vlade.

Druga stvar, ki je zelo težavna za Ropa, je, da ima težave s pribežniki iz LDS, v prvi vrsti z Antonom Ropom. Težava je predvsem v tem, da je Rop zelo napadalen do Janeza Janše, kar pa Pahorju iz političnih razlogov ne ustreza.

Pahorjeva odločitev je bila pridobitev za Lojzeta Pahorja, ki že ima podporo vseh treh pomladnih strank. Za njega se je izrekel tudi novi guverner Banke Slovenije, dr. Marko Kranjc. Po dolgih težavah med parlamentom in predsednikom Drnovškom, je slednji končno predlagal Kranjca, ki je v državnem zboru od možnih 90 glasov dobil kar 74.

### LDS ima novo predsednico

Liberalnodemokratska stranka, svojčas in kar dalj časa vodilna v Sloveniji, je še vedno v postopnem razsulu. Vendar je stranka 30. junija imela izreden kongres v Žalcu in na njem izvolila za novo predsednico 34-letna odvetnica Katarina Kresal, ki je politično novinka. O bodočnosti LDS je govorila pozitivno, vendar politični analitiki niso istega mnenja. Izgleda, da je na levi v teku proces, iz katerega se bo slej ali prej izcimil nekakšna osrednja levičarska stranka. V zadnjem času je iz LDS izstopil njen podpredsednik dr. Dušan Keber, ki je bil svojčas tudi minister za zdravje.

## Iz Clevelanda in okolice

### Piknik fare sv. Vida—

To nedeljo bo na Slovenski pristavi letni piknik fare sv. Vida. Pričel se bo s sv. mašo ob 12. uri popoldne. Sledilo bo kosilo s svinjsko ali kokoško pečenko z vsemi prikuhami. Ob 3. pop. dalje bodo v kuhinji na voljo hamburgerji, hrenovke, klobase itd. Za ples in zabavo bo igral orkester Staneta Mejača in Jerry Suhar. Vstop in parkiranje je prosto. Skupaj s tem piknikom bo na Pristavi to tudi letni Ohijski KSKJ dan, 56. po vrsti. S piknikom obhajajo tudi 75. obletnico blagoslovitve takrat nove cerkve sv. Vida. Pridite!

### Letno romanje v Lemont—

Tisti, ki se zanimajo za letno romanje Združenih oltarnih društev v Lemont, ki bo 11. in 12. avgusta, naj za rezervacijo kličejo Ivanko Matič na 216-541-7243. Cena za romanje je \$125.

### Piknik Slov. šole sv. Vida—

V nedeljo, 22. julija, ima Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu svoj letni piknik na Slovenski pristavi. Ob 12.30 bo sv. maša, takoj nato bo servirano kosilo z vsemi prilogami. Kosilo za odrasle bo \$12, za otroke pa \$6. Ob petih pop. bodo pripravljene igre za otroke, nato pa bo srečolov za lepa darila. Vsi lepo vabljeni.

### Važno sporočilo—

V četrtek, 19. julija, ob 5. uri pop. bo v Kenikovi sobi SND na St. Clairju dr. Zvone Žigon govoril o vprašanih povezanih z odškodninami za tiste, ki so bili žrtve povojnih pobojev in političnih zapornikov. Gl. str. 12, posebej če je možno, da spadate v krog tistih ki bi lahko bili upravičeni do odškodnine.

### Lepo priznanje—

Arhitekt Anthony Hiti, ki je zadnjih let predsednik Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, predseduje tudi lokalni podružnici strokovne organizacije American Institute of Architects, kar je lepo priznanje. Čestitamo!

### Redni poročevalec—

Napovedovalec slovenske radijske ure na javni radijski postaji v Clevelandu Tony Ovsenik redno poroča o dogajanjih pri nas za slovenski Radio Ognjišče, kar tudi zasluži čestitke! Njegova oddaja je ob sobotah, v našem listu je njegov oglas.

### Pomoč našemu listu—

G. Stane Kodrin je iz Willoughby Hillsa obnovil naročnino in daroval še \$25 v podporo našemu listu, ob tem pa naslovil tudi lepe besede na naše delo. Carol in Tony Satej iz Madisona, O., sta darovala \$15. Leon J. Ponikvar iz Orwella, O., je daroval \$15, v spomin na Leona in Mary Ponikvar. G. Jack Lekan in N. Olmsteda, O., je ob obnovitvi naročnine daroval kar \$120 našemu listu, to v spomin pokojnih iz družin Lekan in Jesenko. Joseph in Nella Jerse, N. Royalton, O., sta darovala \$50. Hvala vsem za naklonjenost!

## Novi grobovi

### MIRO ODAR

Umrli je 80 let stari Miro Odar, mož Milke, oče Dori in Andyja, 3-krat stari oče, 1-krat prastari oče, brat že pok. Josepha, veteran služenja v ameriški vojski. Pogreb je bil 10. julija v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Družina priporoča darove v pokojnikov spomin St. Vitus Church Building Fund ali Hospice of the Western Reserve.

### Frank J. Brodnick

Dne 22. junija zvečer je po končani prireditvi v Beachland Ballroomu (nekdanji hrvaški narodni dom na Waterloo Rd.) nenadno za srčnim infarktomb umrl 57 let stari Frank J. Brodnick iz Eastlaka, ki je bil izredno aktiven pri ohranjanju spomina na nekdanjem Euclid Beach parku, ki so ga zaprli že leta 1969. Pokojni je bil mož Elve, roj. Fricke, sin Francka (pok.) in Marie Brodnick (lastovala sta veliko let trgovino pohištva) ter brat Carol Gundelach. Pogreb je bil 28. junija v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda, kjer so bili opravljeni tudi pogrebni obredi.

### Stannie J. Gorenc

Umrli je Stannie J. Gorenc, rojena Rudolph, vdova po Edwardu, mati Edwarda J. in Stannie M. Grimes, 2-krat stara mati, sestra Josepha in že pok. Lillian Gross. Pogreb je bil 29. junija s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.



**16. OBLETNICA SLOVENIJE** – Fotografija kaže množico pred glavnim odrom na Trgu republike v Ljubljani, ko je potekalo osrednje praznovanje 16. obletnice proglativne slovenske neodvisnosti. Kakor poročamo drugje, se praznovanja nista udeležila ne sedanji predsednik Slovenije Janez Drnovšek in ne bivši predsednik Milan Kučan. Fotografije in izvlečke iz govora glavnega govornika na prireditvi, premierja Janeza Janše, najdete na str. 13.

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## Važno sporočilo

CLEVELAND, O. – Generalni konzul RSlovenije v Clevelandu dr. Zvone Žigon bo v četrtek, 19. julija, ob 5. uri popoldan, v Kenikovi sobi v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue v tem mestu zainteresiranim pojasnil nekatera vprašanja, povezana z odškodninami za povojne poboje in za prebivanje v begunskih taboriščih oziroma politično zaporništvu, ki jih podeljuje Vlada Republike Slovenije.

## Zanemariti izseljence pomeni zanemariti lasten narod

**Škof dr. Peter Štumpf, v Slovenski škofovski konferenci pristojen za Slovence po svetu**

(Ur. AD: Prva nedelja v juliju je v Sloveniji tradicionalno posvečena Slovincem po svetu. Tako je bilo tudi letos. Iz poročila v Družini z dne 1. julija je spodaj posredovan intervju, ki ga je imel škof dr. Peter Štumpf z g. Bogomirjem Štefaničem pod gornjim naslovom, ločeno pa je posredovana krajša izjava p. Metoda Ogorevca o razmerah v ZDA, tudi iz omenjene Družine.

**B.Š. – Odkar ste bili v Slovenski škofovski konferenci imenovani za škofa, pristojnega za Slovence po svetu, ste se že podali k njim na obiske. Kakšne so prve izkušnje? Kako ste bili sprejeti?**

Škof: Od 24. do 30. maja letos sem obiskal Slovence na Švedskem. Povabil me je izseljenski duhovnik Zvone Podvinski, ki tam deluje. Na grobu sv. Brigite Švedske v Vadsteni smo obhajali 45 let Slovenske katoliške misije na Švedskem. Iz vseh koncev je prišlo okrog 250 rojakov, ki so bili pri sveti maši, v procesiji smo poromali k Slovenski lipi, kjer smo zapeli nekaj slovenskih pesmi, zapeli smo tudi litanije Matere božje.

Sicer pa sem bil še deležen gostoljubje nekaterih družin v Göteborgu in Stockholmu ter v okolici. Povsod so naši rojaki silno prijazni. Tudi Švedi jih spoštujejo, saj

jih poznajo kot pridne in poštene ljudi.

Sicer pa se bom 30. junija s Slovenci po svetu srečal na taboru Slovincem po svetu v Zavodu sv. Stanislava v Šentvidu, potem tudi na Svetih Višarjah, kamor bomo 5. avgusta poromali iz matične domovine, zamejstva in drugih krajev iz tujine.

Dan prej se bom srečal na Pertoči z vsemi iz tujine, ki so doma na počitnicah. 23. septembra se bom udeležil vseslovenskega romanja v Einsiedelnu v Švici, sredi novembra pa bom odpotoval skupaj z duhovnikom mons. Janezom Pucijem in mag. Simonom Onušičem med rojake v Argentino.

**Kakšno sporočilo prinašate rojakom po svetu?**

Naj ohranjajo in negujejo veselje do življenja, poglobljajo svojo vero in negujejo domači jezik in navade. Samo tako bodo lahko obstali, drugače bo tudi zanje asimilacija usodna. Občestva, ki bodo to negovala, bodo še lahko upala, da bo med njimi deloval slovenski duhovnik.

**Kaj trenutno postavljate v središče svojega dela za Slovence po svetu in kakšni so vaši "srednjeročni" načrti za delo na tem področju?**

Kolikor mi bo dopuščal čas, bi rad obiskal čim več skupnosti v zamejstvu in po svetu. Naj čutijo naši rojaki, da jih

## p. Metod Ogorevc (Lemont, ZDA)

Z domovino imamo precej stika, saj je v zadnjih letih za to še več možnosti (internet, cenejši prevozi, bolj številni obiski iz domovine in v domovino). Ljudje tu živijo že dolga leta in so vključeni v življenje Cerkve in družbe tukaj.

Seminarji za učitelje, arhivarje ipd. so dobro sprejeti in veliko pomagajo, da se pripravljene prostovoljci bližje srečajo s Slovenijo in si pridobijo potrebna znanja.

Ozaveščanje ljudi doma o tem, da je veliko narodnega telesa razkropljenega po svetu, je dobrodošlo in nikoli končan izziv.

Slabo je, da se v državnem merilu v zadnjem času kar naprej menjavajo institucije in osebe, ki so zadolžene za izseljenke.

Po cerkveni strani je bil – takrat pomožni – škof Alojz Uran odločen, tudi prej je bila neka kontinuiteta, skrb. Želim si, da bo tako tudi naprej. Ljudje radi vidijo škofa med seboj, on je tudi vez s Cerkvijo doma. Pri drugem si že sami pomagamo, saj je vse na voljo.

Cerkev na Slovenskem spremlja in da so tudi pomembni člani te Cerkve.

Potrebno pa bo tudi v vladnih telesih in v zakonodaji na novo ovrednotiti dušnopastirsko delo naših izseljenskih duhovnikov in versko-kulturna prizadevanja katoliških društev. Pri nas zelo dobro deluje Rafaelova družba in temu bo potrebno dati še večji poudarek.

**Koliko slovenskih duhovnikov dela med Slovenci po svetu in kakšne so možnosti slovenske Cerkve, da bo tudi v prihodnje pošiljala duhovnike mednje?**

O številu duhovnikov nimam podatkov, mogoče jih ima Rafaelova družba. Vedno teže bo duhovnike pošiljati med Slovence po svetu, ker je duhovnikov vse manj. Ko sem že omenil, bodo imela prednost tista občestva, ki bodo življenjsko vitalna in bodo ohranjala versko-moralno in narodnostno zavest.



## † Nadškof dr. Alojzij Šuštar 1920 – 2007

Ljubljana – (Povzeto po Radiu Ognjišču) – Na praznik apostolov Petra in Pavla je v 87-letu življenja skozi vrata večnosti stopil upokojeni ljubljanski nadškof in metropolit dr. Alojzij Šuštar. V svojem duhovno bogatem življenju se je odločno trudil spolnjevati misel, ki si jo je izbral za škofovsko geslo in se glasi *Božjo voljo spolnjevati...*

V sedemnajstih letih škofovske službe se je na njegovo pobudo in prizadevanje marsikaj spremenilo tako v Cerkvi na Slovenskem kot v slovenski družbi. Med njegovo škofovsko službo je leta 1996 Slovenijo prvič obiskal tudi papež Janez Pavel II. Globoka sožalja so izrekli predstavniki Cerkve in države, slednji pa so poudarili nadškofovo pomembno vlogo pri osamosvajanju Slovenije.

Verniki so se od nadškofa lahko v petek, 29. junija, poslovili v kapeli Zavoda svetega Stanislava, kjer je živel zadnjih 10 let. Nato so nadškofa Šuštarja pokropili v ljubljanski stolnici. Tam je bil tudi pokopan. Sv. mašo zadušnico in pogrebni obred, ki je bil v ponedeljek, 2. julija, ob 4h popoldne, je vodil nadškofov naslednik in sedanji kardinal v rimski kuriji dr. Franc Rode.

Mnogi naši bralci so imeli priložnost osebno se srečati z nadškofom Šuštarjem, ko je ne dolgo po prevzemu dolžnosti obiskal rojake v ZDA, med drugim tudi v Clevelandu. Takrat si je ogledal tudi prostore in uredništvo Ameriške Domovine.

**Kakšno je glede skrbi za Slovence po svetu razmerje med državo in Cerkvijo? Ali tukaj govorimo o strogi ločitvi ali vendarle o tvornem sodelovanju za skupno dobro?**

Z državo vse bolj sodeluje Rafaelova družba, pa tudi s strani vladnega urada za Slovence po svetu je vse več dobre volje za pogovore in pripravljenosti za sodelovanje pri nekaterih projektih.

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## Slovenija je v dobri kondiciji

Iz govora predsednika vlade Janeza Janše na osrednji državni počastitvi dneva državnosti

Osrednja proslava 16. obletnice rojstva Republike Slovenije je potekala na Trgu republike v Ljubljani



"S tega zgodovinskega trga, kjer je pred šestnajstimi leti zaplapolala zastava samostojne slovenske države, danes pozdravljamo evropsko Slovenijo ...

Težnja po svobodi je univerzalna, zapisana je v srcu vsakega človeka na tej zemlji. Pred šestnajstimi leti je šlo za našo svobodo. Za svobodo slovenskega naroda in za svobodo nas posameznikov, da si lahko prosti volimo svojo vero in postavo.

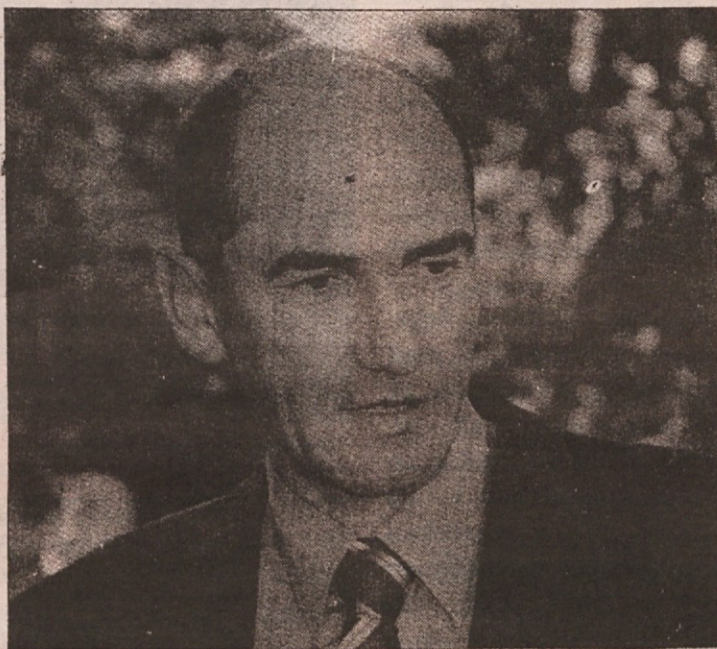
Veliko se je moralo zgoditi, da je težnja po svobodi dozorela in se končno udejanjila. O tem se je v zadnjih šestnajstih letih razmeroma malo govorilo ... Bili smo dejavnik sprememb. Samo zato smo uspeli in samo zato danes Slovenija obstaja kot samostojna država. Samo kot samostojna država se je Slovenija lahko povezala v Evropsko unijo in v zvezo NATO ...

Letos smo praznovali petindvajseto obletnico ustanovitve *Nove revije*, ki je v svoji znameniti 57. številki najbolj dosledno in celovito zastavila program slovenske suverenosti in demokratizacije. Na tem humusu so zrasle alternativne civilnodružbene in politične organizacije, ki so kasneje v okviru Demosa uresničile obe ključni točki programa.

Drugi dogodek, ki zasluži posebno omembo, je ustanovitev slovenske Teritorialne obrambe ... V štirinajstih občinah so se poveljniki, mnogi ob podpori novih lokalnih oblasti in ravno tisti dan oblikovane nove Demosove vlade, razorožitvi uprili. Tvegali so veliko. Toda njihova dejanja so bila odločilna. Pogumna ...

Na tem pogumu so Tone Krkovič in sodelavci lahko organizirali Manevrsko strukturo narodne zaščite ...

Letos je minilo tudi 75 let od rojstva dr. Jožeta Pučnika. Za svoje prepričanje je zastavil lastno



usodo in plačal visoko ceno ...

Jože Pučnik kot eden redkih ni imel iluzij o tako imenovani mehki ločitvi od Beograda. Ko so drugi oklevali, je on vztrajal in bodril vse okoli sebe ...

Bil je velik človek in velik Slovenec.

Žal je kot tak delil in še deli usodo mnogih drugih velikih Slovencev, ki so veliko naredili za skupnost, pa jim tega ne v času njihovega življenja ne po njem nismo bili sposobni priznati. Žal še vedno živimo v prostoru, kjer dobro in uspešno ne odmeva vedno daleč. Prodajajo, berejo in gledajo se strahovi, nesreče, afere, gurujstvo in plehkost ...

Ne verjamem, če se dovolj zavedamo, da s takšnim pristopom napadamo narodovo samozavest ...

Kje smo po enem letu?

V tem enem letu se je Slovenija zelo hitro razvijala. Utrdila je svoj mednarodni položaj. Znižali smo inflacijo in izpolnili pogoje za prevzem evra. Odpravili smo na stotine birokratskih ovir. Posodobili smo pravila za organizacijo gospodarstva. Prvič v zgodovini države smo realno zmanjšali število zaposlenih v administraciji. Učinkovitost javne uprave se je ob tem povečala.

V lanskem letu smo dosegli visoko, 5,2-odstotno gospodarsko rast in zabeležili realno povečanje blaginje. Nobenih zmanjšanj socialnih pravic ni bilo. Plače in pokojnine so realno zrasle. Delež javne porabe v bruto družbenem proizvodu

se je zmanjšal. Povečala se je dodana vrednost.

V začetku tega leta smo kot edina nova članica Evropske unije prevzeli evro. Uveljavljati smo začeli davčno reformo. Prvič v zgodovini Slovenije so se davki občutno znižali, davčni postopki so bili poenostavljeni ...

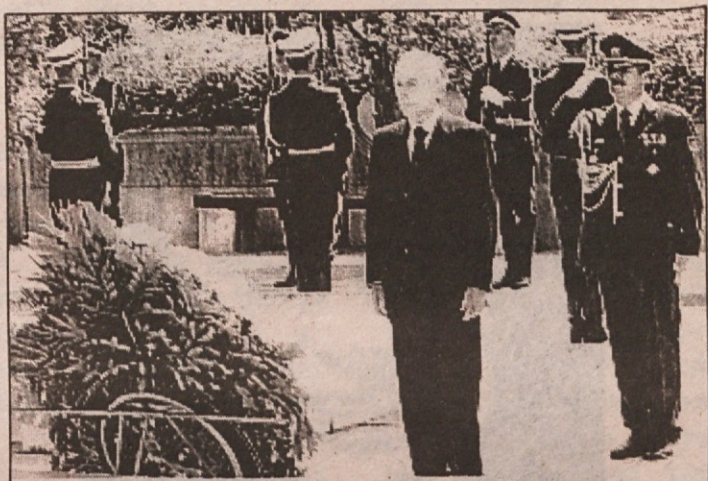
Na začetku tega mandata je vlada obljubila, da bo delala za blaginjo Slovenije. Jasno smo povedali, da je samo gospodarska rast lahko trajna podlaga za blaginjo. Zato smo danes na dobri poti. Ustvarjamo več. Število brezposelnih se zmanjšuje ...

Dejstva so nedvoumna. Rezultati so dobri. Državni zbor je v zadnjih letih dokazal, da je sposoben sprejeti potrebne reformne odločitve. Najpomembnejše, vključno z davčno reformo, so bile prej v veliki meri usklajene v dialogu in znotraj Partnerstva za razvoj. Prav tako je bila usklajena odločitev za spremembo ustave, ki omogoča hitrejšo uvedbo pokrajin ...

Prihajajo nove priložnosti. Slovenija je v dobri kondiciji. Ima veter v jadrih in krmilo, obrnjeno v pravo smer. Dobro posadko. Mednarodno morje je mirno, le v notranjih vodah je nekaj umetnih valov in oblačkov. A kljub tem oblačkom je obzorje narodove prihodnosti jasno kot še nikoli doslej. Pred sedanjo in prihodnjimi generacijami je srečna plovba. Omogočila jo je odločitev pred šestnajstimi leti. Bila je pravilna ..."

(Vzeto iz *Demokracije*, Ljubljana, 24. VI. 2007)

## Slovesnosti ob praznovanju 16. obletnice slovenske države



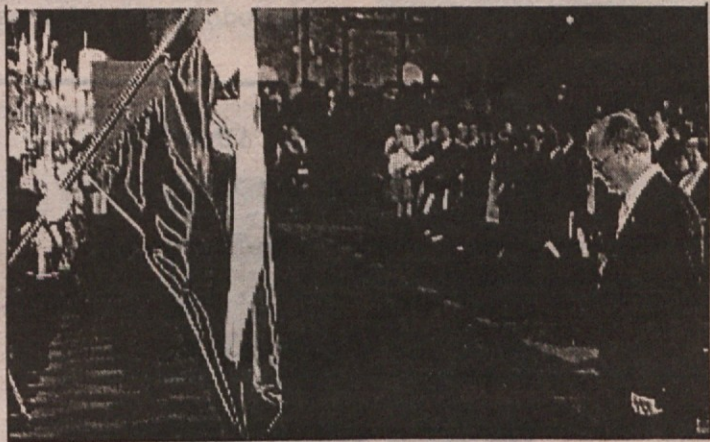
Predsednik Janez Drnovšek je položil venec padlim v vojni za Slovenijo, nato pa je izginil v zasebnost in ga na drugih slovesnostih ni bilo.



V stolni cerkvi sv. Nikolaja v Ljubljani je potekala maša za domovino, daroval jo je nadškof Aljoz Uran, okrog njega se je zbralo še drugih pet slovenskih škofov ordinarijev. Maše so se skupaj z nekaterimi vladni ministri in poslanci udeležili tudi predsedniki vlade (Janez Janša) ter obeh domov parlamenta. Maša za domovino je bila v nedeljo, 24. junija.



Na slavnostni seji Državnega zbora je govoril njegov podpredsednik Sašo Peče, ki je poudaril, da je Dan državnosti praznik vseh Slovencev in Slovenk. Spredaj na levi na fotografiji je finančni minister v vladi Janeza Janše dr. Andrej Bajuk, predsednik NSI.



Na osrednji slovesnosti na Trgu republike je častno četo Slovenske vojske pregledal predsednik DZ Franc Cukjati. To bi moral storiti Janez Drnovšek.

### Piknik fare sv. Vida je to nedeljo!

Na Slovenski pristavi – Začel se bo s sv. mašo ob 12. uri opoldan. Po maši bo kosilo s svinjsko ali kokošjo pečenko z vsemi prikuhami. Kosilo bo \$12 za odrable in \$6 za otroke. Za ples in zabavo bo poskrbel orkester Staneta Mejača, to od 3. do 7. ure zvečer. S piknikom bodo praznovali tudi 75. obletnico zidave in blagoslovitve sedanje cerkve sv. Vida.

30-letnica pisatelja in pesnika Karla Mauserja

## Zemlja sem in večnost



Ljubljana – Nekega dne v začetku osemdesetih let pride k hiši mojster za centralno kurjavo. Nič hudega sluteči šolar se skuša pred neznancom pohvaliti z mizarско večino svojega očeta, ki je umetelno sestavil klop okrog kuhinjske mize. Prešibek je in ne uspe mu pokazati, kako domiselno je napravljena. Prostor pa se je spodletelemu poskusu navkljub v trenutku nabil s prav posebnim tesnobnim ozračjem. Kot takrat, ko so odrasli velikih in ugaslih oči pozaprli okna, sedli krog mize, poslali otroke ven, v zraku pa so brnele pritajene besede Rod, Šentvid, vrnjeni ...

Katastrofe torej ni bilo, bilo pa je dovolj, da so kmalu po tem dogodku fantu zaupali skrivnost, ki jo je klop nosila v svojih skoraj nedostopnih nedrih. Niso bile krogle za bombardno, ni bila marihuana, ni bil Bin Laden. Bile so knjige. Knji-

ge, zavite v papir za šolske zvezke in porinjene v plastično vrečko. Med njimi povest pisatelja Karla Mauserja Ljudje pod bčem: napeta zgodba o ljubezni, prebičani od vojne in povojnega časa. Pristala je na rdečem indeksu prepovedanih knjig.

Tako je bilo z vsemi Mauserjevimi deli, tako je bilo z njim samim. Zdaj je čas drugačen in vsaj spomin nanj naj se približa dostojnosti.

Kdo je bil torej mož, zaradi katerega so stikali po zasebni pošti in po jugoslovanskih mejnih prehodih pregledali tisoče avtomobilov na dan? Le o čem je pisal? Takole pravi sam v pogovoru z Janezom Severjem:

"Povej ljudem, da bi jim rad ustvaril, da bi jim rad naslikal tisti dom, ki so ga imeli doma, da bi vsaj to sliko lahko vzeli s seboj v svet."

O tem je pisal. Bil je najplodovitejši slovenski

pisatelj v izseljenstvu, saj je izdal blizu trideset leposlovnih del. Ob tem pa je praktično na vse slovenske publikacije pošiljal kratke črtice, poslanice in pesmi. S svojo preprosto, a poetično besedo, ki je bila bivanjsko razpeta med prstjo in večnostjo, je imel pred očmi malega človeka, še posebej zamejskega Slovenca in izseljenca.

Čeprav ni imel želje, da bi se vzpenjal med pisateljsko avantgardo, ni bil samo domačijski pisatelj. Njegova dela so bila prevedena tudi v tuje jezike; npr. v Barceloni je njegov Kaplan Klemen izšel v elitni zbirki Gigante, ki prinaša izbor svetovne literature in ga v spremni besedi uvrščajo "v prve vrste evropskih katoliških pisateljev, kjer njegovo ime stoji na posebnem mestu poleg Grahama Greena, Francoisa Maurica in Georgesa Bernanosa".

Karel Mauser se je rodil leta 1918 v Zagorici pri Bledu. Njegova družina se je veliko selila, ker je bil oče orožnik. Maturiral je leta 1939 v Ljubljani, nato pa je študiral teologijo, ki jo je končal, ni pa se dal posvetiti.

Kot bogoslovec, ki je skrbel za ranjence, je septembra 1943 doživel razdejanje turjaškega gradu in pokol, ki so ga partizani z italijansko pomočjo izvedli nad (ranjenimi) vaškimi stražarji.

Nova svoboda ga je decembra leta 1945, že poročenega z ženo Mimi, izgnala iz domovine. Pridružil se je beguncem, najprej v taboriščih Rottenmann, Lienz in Spittal, potem pa se je leta 1950 naselil v ZDA, v Clevelandu.

Skoraj do smrti je srčni boleznij navkljub delal v tovarni, da je lahko preživel šestčlansko družino, noči pa je posvečal pisateljstvu.

Ob dveh poklicih je delal še kot narodni in kulturni buditelj, ki se je zavedal, da mora v slovenski izseljenski skupnosti krepiti slovensko zavest, da mora čuvati resnico o medvojnih dogodkih ter o množici pobitih bratov in da mora za slovensko pomlad negovati idejo svobodne in neodvisne Slovenije.

Slovesnost s sv. mašo in odkritjem njegovega spomenika je bila v po-



Ob odkritju spomenika Karlu Mauserju v Podbrezjah – ženska pred mikrofonom ni identificirana

nedeljek, 25. junija, v Podbrezjah.

Lenart Rihar  
DRUŽINA, 24. VI. 2007

Ur. AD – V naslednji (1. julija) številki Družine je izšlo nadaljnje poročilo o Karlu Mauserju pod istim naslovom, tokrat je podpisan "K.H.":

Na državni praznik, 25. junija, so na pobudo

podbrezjskega župnika Janeza Riharja "ne najbolj poznanemu rojaku in prepovedanemu pisatelju" Karlu Mauserju v parku ob župnijski cerkvi odkrili spomenik.

Šest let je Mauser preživel v Podbrezjah – z družino (oče je bil orožnik) so se priselili leta 1925, ko je bil Karl star (DALJE na str. 15)

## Škof dr. Peter Štumpf o Cerкви in izseljencih

(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 12)

Naj omenim, da je pred kratkim predsednik vlade imenoval mons. Janeza Pucija, koordinatorja za Slovence po svetu pri SŠK, za člana Sveta Vlade RS za Slovence po svetu. Njegova naloga je zastopati v tem svetu Slovence v Evropi.

Ta ustanova je nova in je poleg Sveta Vlade RS za Slovence v zamejstvu eden od členov, ki naj ustrezne željam in zahtevam Slovencev po svetu po večji povezanosti med RS in Slovenci zunaj države Slovenije. Obenem pa je ustanovitev Sveta v smislu uresničevanja Zakona o odnosih RS s Slovenci zunaj njenih meja.

V sinodalnem času je bila iz izseljenstva naslovljena želja, da bi imeli Slovenci v zamejstvu in po svetu svojega škofa ordinarija. Ali to zamisel še živi?

Mislím, da ta misel sedaj ni aktualna. Slovencev po svetu ni toliko, da bi lahko imeli svojega škofa ordinarija. Drugi narodi so mnogo večji, pa ga nimajo. Zaradi finančnih prestrukturiranj jim posamezne škofovske konference celo ukinjajo možnost lastne delegature in jih vključujejo v tamkajšnje krajevne Cerkve.

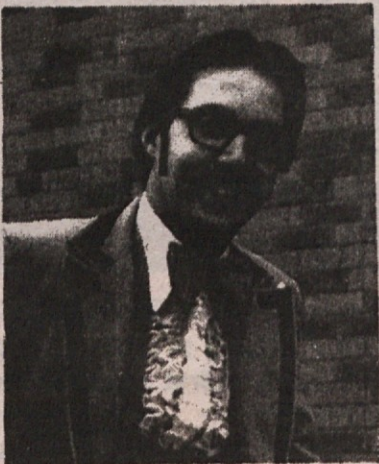
Zaradi kakovostne navzočnosti in dela naših duhovnikov, pa seveda zaradi prizadevanj mons. Janeza Pucija, ki je delegat za Slovence pri nemški SŠK, se to v Nemčiji do sedaj še ni zgodilo. Kakšen je, sodeč po vaših izkušnjah, splošen odnos domovine do izseljenstva?

V matični domovini moramo najprej spremeniti miselnost o izseljenstvu. Izseljenci niso obrobni segment našega naroda, ki bi jih lahko prepustili usodi izumiranja ali asimilacije. Večina ljudi misli, da čez trideset let ne bo več Slovencev po svetu, vendar pa se ne zavedajo, da zanemariti izseljence pomeni zanemariti lastni narod.

Če je matična domovina telo, so izseljenci roke in noge tega telesa, ki v svetu pomenijo prepoznavnost in pomembnost na vseh področjih družbenega življenja. Breznog in rok pa je telo invalidno in se težko giblje ter orientira.

Vemo, da so izseljenci bili zelo dejavni pri mednarodnem priznanju naše države, pa o tem skoraj ni študij. Če bomo Slovenci izginili v tujini, verjemite mi, da se nam doma zelo slabo piše. ■

### V blag in ljubeč spomin



sina VINKO VRNOVNIK

ki nas je za vedno zapustil  
18. julija 2006.

V miru božjem počivaj, dragi in nepozabni sinko.  
V nebesih večno srečo uživaj do svidenja!

Žalujoči oče Vinko, mama Mary,  
sin Jeremy Vince, hčer Mary Erin,  
brata Louis in John ter ostalo sorodstvo

## Janičarjevo slovo

### Admiral Stanislav Brovet

Ljubljana – V nedeljo, 10. junija, je v Beogradu umrl upokojeni admiral nekdanje JLA Stanislav Brovet. Leta 1930 rojeni Brovet je bil v času osamosvajanja Slovenije namestnik zveznega sekretarja za ljudsko obrambo (to funkcijo je tedaj opravljal general Veljko Kadijević).

27. junija 1991, ko se je tudi "uradno" začela vojaška agresija JLA proti samostojni Sloveniji, je Brovet/ na tiskovni konferenci hladnokrvno izrazil upanje, da bo naloga končana še tisti dan.

Njegova "admiralsko hladna drža" je prizadela zlasti tedanjega člana slovenskega predsedstva Cirila Zlobca, za Slovenijo pa je Brovet s svojim delovanjem postal narodni izdajalec.

Kljub temu je 30. junija 1991 popoldne pripotoval v Ljubljano skupaj z jugoslovanskim premierjem Antejem Markovićem, čeprav bi ga morali zadržati že na meji.

Sedmega julija 1991 je sodeloval pri pogajanjih



na Brionih. (Ur. AD: *Temu poročilu sledijo besede Lojzeta Peterleta, ki se je moral kot takratni slovenski premier ukvarjati z Brovetom.*)

Leta 1992 je bil zaradi domnevnih vojaških neuspehov v Sloveniji in na Hrvaškem prisilno upokojen, ozadja razpada Jugoslavije pa ni želel razlagati nikomur, zato je do smrti zavračal stike z mediji.

O admiralu Brovetu je nekdanj krožila govorica, naj bi bil v mladosti, podobno kot Stane Dolanc, član Hitlerjugenda, vendar je sam to govorico zanimal. Znano pa je, da je bil po svoji usmeritvi izrazit "jugoslovenar" in zato tudi nasprotnik osamosvajanja Slovenije.

Poleg tega naj bi bil še kot polkovnik vojaške kontraobveščevalne službe leta 1988 sodeloval pri aretaciji četverice JBTZ. Po nekaterih podatkih je bil tudi zagovornik ideje o vojaškem udaru v Sloveniji in aretaciji slovenskega vodstva.

Skupaj z Miloševićem je zagovarjal enotno Jugoslavijo in pomagal voditi vojaške operacije na Hrvaškem.

Verjetno je njegova kontroverzna drža pripomogla tudi k temu, da se po upokojitvi ni vrnil v Slovenijo, ampak je ostal v Beogradu. G. B.

Demokracija, 21.VI.2007

Ur. AD: Dne 18. junija je sedanji slovenski predsedniški kandidat in leta 1991 slovenski premier Lojze Peterle dal daljši intervju novinarju tednika Demokracije Gašper Blažiču /torej G. B. zgoraj/, med katerim se je beseda nanesla tudi na adm. Stanislava Broveta. Iz intervjuja sledita vprašanje in odgovor:

Nedavno je v Beogradu umrl admiral Stane Brovet. Mnogi pravijo, da je bil na

strani ekstremistov. Kakšne izkušnje ste imeli z njim l. 1991 v času osamosvojitvene vojne?

Z Brovetom sem se srečal samo dvakrat. Najprej, ko sem šel skupaj z Drnovškom prepričevati zveznega sekretarja za ljudsko obrambo Veljka Kadijevića. Brovet je na tem sestanku prevajal.

Kadijević je vztrajal, da moramo pošiljati naborne v JLA, dokler ne bomo razglasili lastne države. Zdel se mi je bolj jasn kot zvezni pre-

mier Ante Marković. Tudi njemu smo povedali, da ima Slovenija po jugoslovanski ustavi pravico do samoodločbe.

Drugič pa je bil Brovet v Ljubljani, ko je prišel skupaj z Markovićem. Vendar je bil moj neposredni sogovornik Marković, zato z Brovetom nisem imel neposrednega opravka. Nikakor ga nisem čutil kot nam naklonjenega.

Demokracija, 28.VI.2007  
str. 19

in odkoder se je leta 1950 odpravil v Ameriko, v Cleveland, kjer si je ustvaril družino.

"Zemlja sem in večnost," so ob letnici rojstva in smrti zapisali na spomenik besede pisatelja, ki je izdal okrog trideset leposlovnih del, v katerih je, kot smo zapisali v prejšnji številki *Družine*, "s svojo preprosto, a poetično besedo, ki je bila bivanjsko razpeta med prstjo in večnostjo, imel pred očmi malega človeka, še posebej zamejskega Slovenca in izseljenca."

## Spomenik Karlu Mauserju

(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 14)

sedem let. Po spominih in pripovedovanju vrstnikov je "v šoli imel težave pri računstvu, zato ga je učiteljica Mara Bežek pogosto zaprla, sicer pa je prebral vse knjige, ki jih je imel župnik Vondrašek na kaplaniji".

V svojih literarnih delih – najbolj znani sta *Ljudje pod bičem* in roman *Kaplan Klemen – Mauser* pogosto opisuje Podbrezje, ali kot je dejal Rihar, so Podbrezje kraj, "ki se je Mauserju posebej vtisnil v spomin".

Da je državni praznik pravi dan za slovesno obhajanje obletnice smrti velikega kulturnika, je že med mašo – somaševali so duhovniki iz krajev, kjer je Karel Mauser živel – poudaril izseljenski duhovnik Janez Pucelj, na spominskem slavlju pred cerkvijo pa je France Vrbinč s Koroške opisal osebna srečanja s pisateljem v vojnih in povojnih časih.

Potem ko sta Anica Moder in Mimi Malenšek, obe sta Mauserja osebno poznali, odkrili spomenik – po mavčnem portretu kiparja Franceta Goršeta je portret ulil livar Janez Kavar iz Tržiča –, so Podbrezjani v sodelovanju z Rafaelovo družbo pripravili recital o življenju in delu "pisatelja in pesnika, varuha slovenske narodne in verske tradicije, prosvetnega delavca, glasnika emigrantske usode in miselnosti, umetnika", ob tem pa k spomeniku prinašali prst iz krajev, koder je Mauserja vodila življenjska pot: z Bleda, kjer se je rodil, iz Gorij, Podbrezj, Kranja in Ljubljane, kjer je z družino preživel otroška in mladostna leta, s Turjaka, kamor se je zatekel in bil od tam odveden v kočevske zapore in nato v samostan Stična, iz Peggetza ali Spittala, kjer je delil usodo begunskih taboriščnikov

## Novi grobovi

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

Bonnie J. Simmons

Dne 5. julija je po krajši bolezni nenadno umrla 57 let stara Bonnie J. Simmons, rojena Godic, mati Christine in Michelle, hčerka Franka J. in Josephine (r. Cimperman) Godic (oba že pok.), sestra Rev. Franka, Clare Miller in Rogerja, teta. Pogreb je bil 9. julija v oskrbi Zak. zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Josephine Gliha

Umrla je 90 let stara Josephine Gliha, rojena Vidmar, vdova po Edwardu, mati Ed-a in Charlesa, sestra že pok. Johna, Louise, Alberta, Johanne, Williama ter še v otroštvu pokojnih Louisa, Alberta, Julije in Mary. Pogreb je bil 7. julija v oskrbi Fortunovega zavoda na Fleet Ave. s sv. mašo v cerkvi Immaculate Heart of Mary in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Z Ameriško Domovino  
počrivamo slovenski svet

## V BLAG SPOMIN

SEDME OBLETNICE  
NAŠEGA DRAGEGA MOŽA  
ATA IN STAREGA ATA



### Poldeta Zupančič

ki je v Gospodu zaspal  
7. julija 2000.

Sedem let je minilo, ko si nas zapustil in Te več med nami ni. Toda ljubeč spomin je na Te, dragi, in ostal boš nam do konca dni.

Žalujoci: žena Rezka  
hčerka Anica, mož Michael Mark  
Gregor z ženo Christine – hčerka Stephanie  
hčerka Rezka, mož Bill  
otroci Tracy, mož Pat, Will in Jason,  
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hčerka Cilka in hčerka Angela ter mož Greg in Gianna  
sin Leo, hčerka Megan in sin Joel  
sin Stanley, žena Carol in sin Ryan

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JOŽE RANT

## Predobjava iz knjige "Slovenski eksodus 1945"

MEDDOBJE

(Buenos Aires, Arg. Letnik XL, šte. 3-4)

Na prošnjo bivšega sošolca na Slovenski begunski gimnaziji v Avstriji, Rudija Kolariča, ki živi v ZDA, sem v zadnjih dveh letih napisal knjigo, namenjeno predvsem potomcem beguncev iz leta 1945, ki ne berejo več slovensko. Zaradi tega je del načrta tudi to, da bi knjiga izšla v španščini in angleščini. Španski prevod je že dokončan, v ZDA pa v grobem zapisu angleški že skoraj v celoti.

Najvažnejši je seveda odgovor na vprašanje, zastavljeno v prvem poglavju, ki ga tukaj z dovoljenjem predobjavljam. Vendar obsega vsebina knjige daljšo in širšo dobo. Da bi bil vsem morebitnim kupcem in bralcem bolj jaseen namen knjige, prilagam tudi Uvod. (Ur. AD: "Uvod bo ponatisnjen v celoti, v nadaljevanjih. Tekst je posredoval g. Rudi Kolarič.")

Knjiga bo verjetno najprej izšla v slovenščini. Imela bo približno 350 strani in številne fotografije.

### Uvod

Prvotni namen te knjige naj bi bil predvsem odgovor na vprašanje mnogih potomcev številnih Slovencev v zdomstvu: zakaj so njihovi predniki leta 1945 zapustili rodno domovino? V njihovem primeru namreč ni šlo za ekonomsko emigracijo, torej ne, kot se pravi slovensko: s trebuhom za kruhom.

Odgovor na zastavljeno vprašanje je sila kratek: rešiti si življenje! Ali jasneje: zaradi prevzema oblasti po komunistični partiji, ki je po napadu nacistične Nemčije na bivšo Sovjetsko zvezo pod krinko tim. narodnoosvobodilne vojne izvajala svojo že pred vojno načrtovano revolucijo.

Seveda je to trditev treba utemeljiti s čim bolj predmetnim (objektivnim) popisom dejstev.

S tako predstavitevjo je mogoče zadostiti še drugemu namenu knjige: možnosti, da bi se tudi člani drugih narodnosti seznanili s tem, kaj se je dogajalo v Sloveniji med 2. svetovno vojno in po njej.

Tema dvema namenoma je treba dodati še tretjega: kaj se je zgodilo s slovenskimi povojnimi begunci; kam se je razpršila glavnina slovenskih povojnih beguncev, kje se je naselila in ustalila, kako so se privajali na življenje v novi domovini; in kako večina nikoli ni pozabila na svojo rojstno domovino.

Zato poročilo zajema kratek popis umika na tuje, vetrinjsko tragedijo,

življenje in delovanje v prvih povojnih letih v begunskih taboriščih, razpršitev po vsem zahodnem svetu in došedanje življenje teh beguncev v njihovem dvojnem svojstvu: v stanju izseljencev in istočasno kot članov politične emigracije, ki je vedno delovala za svobodno Slovenijo, v zadnjih desetletjih pa skoraj soglasno tudi za samostojno državo Slovenijo.

Res imamo sedaj na voljo že veliko znanstvenih del s celotno tematiko in krajših razprav, ki se omejujejo na ožje področje oz. na del celotne tematike. Vendar večina teh del še ni prevedena ne v angleščino ne v španščino, to je pravi, v jezika večine potomcev tistih, ki so se leta 1945 morali umakniti iz domovine.

V tem spisu tudi ne gre za zgodbo posameznih, sedaj še preživelih beguncev, ali predvsem za pripovedi ("oral history") nekaterih izseljencev, kot v pomembni knjigi "Slovenia 1945 - Memories of Death and Survival after World War II", ki sta jo napisala Corsellis-Ferrar.

V pričujočem spisu potemtakem ne gre za dosežke kakega izvirnega raziskovanja po raznih arhivih in knjižnicah in še manj za nova zgodovinska odkritja. Gre samo za sorazmerno zelo kratek zapis, sestavljen na podlagi v virih navedenih del.

Zaradi pravkar povedanega je razumljivo, da je popis neke vrste pov-

zetek najrazličnejših del, in da se zato v popisu more zaslediti odrajanje teh del. Na njih dejansko temelji resničnost in dokazljivost popisa.

Treba pa je poudariti, da skuša knjiga popisati dogodke tako, kot so se dogajali, to se pravi, predmetno (objektivno). To pa nikakor ne pomeni, da bi morala biti nepristranska (imparcialna): resničen in resnicoljuben prikaz dogodkov nujno odraža samo dejstva, ne njihovih najrazličnejših razlag. Zakaj zgodovinska dejstva so enkratna, naj bodo izjave ali dejanja: ni dveh resnic ali več!

Možno pa je več razlag: toda samo ena se približuje resničnosti in s tem resnici!

Iz avtorjev, ki jih uporabljam, naj bi bila razvidna objektivnost popisa: od tim. režimskih zgodovinarjev (Saje, Mikuž, Pleterski, Šnuderl idr.) do "protirevolucionarnih" (Martinc-Debeljak, Kos-Jeločnik, F. Grum-S. Pleško, J. Grum idr.); od strokovnih domovinskih zgodovinarjev (nekateri iz knjige "Temna stran meseca" pa Godeša, Mlakar, Griesser-Pečar, Štrum idr.) do nekdanjih pripadnikov OF oz. KPS (Bajt, Svetina, Vode itn.), katerih je zadnje čase vedno več.

Z upoštevanjem na morebitne bralce ni bila izbrana samo vsebina, am-

pak tudi sestava knjige, predstavljanje posameznih poglavij in ne nazadnje način zapisa.

### 1. VPRAŠANJE... IN ODGOVOR

Vzrok za to knjigo je bilo vprašanje tistih potomcev slovenskih beguncev iz leta 1945, ki iščejo svoje korenine: "Zakaj so moji starši, stari starši ali celo prastarši morali zapustiti svojo rodno Slovenijo leta 1945?"

V tem sorazmerno kratkem poglavju najprej zadržim: če se ne bi bili umaknili, bi bila verjetno večina pomorjena.

### Razlogov za to trditev je veliko:

1. Za milijone oseb, predvsem v delu Srednje Evrope in v vsej Vzhodni Evropi leto 1945 ni pomenilo konca 2. svetovne vojne in zmage nad fašizmom in nacizmom, temveč je bilo začetek novega, še hujšega zasužnjevanja pod komunistično diktaturo in strahovlado.

2. Begunci iz leta 1945 nikakor niso bežali, ker bi bili česa krivi! To je že 11. julija 1945 vzpostavila duhovščina ljubljanske škofije v *Spomenici*, v kateri zatrjuje, da naših beguncev "ni pogнала iz domovine zavest kake resnične krivde".

3. Druga svetovna vojna ni bila v Sloveniji samo žalostno obdobje okupacije, temveč tudi doba velike narodove razdvojenosti in bratomorne vojne. (Slovenska škofovska konferenca - SŠK, Izjava ob 50. obletnici konca vojne)

4. Partija je izrabila osvobodilni boj za izvedbo revolucionarnega prev-

zema oblasti, za kar je zlorabila domoljubje mnogih Slovencev, ki so nasledili njeni prevari. (SŠK, prav tam)

5. Vaške straže in potem Slovensko domobranstvo so se začeli "kot povsem legitimna samoobramba pred poboji civilnega prebivalstva, ki so jih izvajali komunistični revolucionarji. Na začetku vsega (...) stoji torej revolucionarni načrt partije, voden od zunaj, da prevzame oblast in vzpostavi totalitarni komunistični režim (SŠK, prav tam)

6. Domobranci niso bili izdajalci naroda, saj "večina domobrancev ni hotela nič drugega kakor svobodno in demokratično Slovenijo". Do spopada s partizani je prišlo, ker so protikomunisti nasprotovali temu, da bi v Sloveniji zavladal totalitarni komunizem (SŠK, prav tam)

7. Samo tako je mogoče razumeti pretresljivo dejstvo, da je OF pobila že med vojno veliko Slovencev in da je po končani vojni množično in brez vsake obsodbe pomorila ne samo ujete domobrance, temveč mnogo civilistov, ki bi se utegnili upirati novi komunistični oblasti. (SŠK, prav tam)

### Skušajmo na kratko dokazati navedene razloge:

#### 1. Slovenski demokrati so takoj po zasedbi Slovenije ustanovili več odporniških gibanj

Ni mogoče podcenjevati dejstva, da je odpor proti okupatorjem že prve tedne po okupaciji zajel slovenske demokratične stranke in skupine. Glavni namen tega odpora so bili: 1. Slovenci moramo priti iz vojne s čim manjšim številom smrtnih žrtev in s čim manjšo tvarno škodo. 2. Slovenci moramo videti okupacijo kot izziv za odpor in upor: v prvem obdobju civilni odpor najrazličnejših oblik in priprava na oborožen upor; v drugem obdobju oborožen upor in osvoboditev skupaj z zahodnimi zavezniki. 3. Med okupacijo je treba združevati in ne ločevati člane in dele narodnega telesa za skupni cilj Zedinjene Slovenije.

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16. OBLETNICA



ANA JESENKO  
Umrla 31. julija 1991

35. OBLETNICA



JAKOB JESENKO  
Umrl 12. julija 1972

Ódkar sta odšla od nas,

počivata oba v miru

v mehki ameriški zemlji.

Bog Vama daj večni pokoj.

#### Žalujoči ostali:

Ann Lekan - hčer (pok.)

Myron Jesenko - sin (pok.)

Ruth Abbott - hčer

Eugene Abbott - tast

Vnuki, vnukinje, pravnuki in pravnukinje.

