

Od tedna do tedna

MUSSOLINI V TRSTU

Preteklo nedeljo je Mussolini prišel v Trst, kjer je imel govor, v katerem je javno zagotovil Hitlerja, da v zadevi nemške manjšine na Češkem stoji na njegovi strani. Gobeždal je tudi o plebiscitu in samoodločevanju, češ, da izključno na tej podlagi je Hitler upravičen zahtevati sudetske Nemce za tretji rajh.

Zakaj je Hitler izbra ravno Trst za gobeždanje o samoodločevanju, si je nemogoče razlagati, razen ako je bil njegov namen, da se namenoma in zlobno roga slovenski manjšini v Primorju in nemški manjšini na Tirolskem, katerih ni nihče vprašal, kam želijo spadati, ko se jih je vtaknilo v laški jarem.

Ko smo pri tem vprašanju, je vredno opozoriti, da medtem ko je 600.000 naših ljudi in okrog 250.000 Nemcev v Italiji oropanih vseh narodnih in kulturnih pravic, pa je imela nemška manjšina na Češkem od vsega začetka polno priliko uveljavljati se do skrajnih meja svojih sposobnosti. Sudetski Nemci so imeli svoje poslance v parlamentu, svoje šole, kate, kate je država vzdrževala zanje, svoje časopise, gledališča in sploh vse, kar potrebuje ali more zahtevati kak narod. Zadnji poslanec, ki je zastopal Slovence, je bil že davno izgnan iz italijanskega parlamenta, njihov narodni domovi porušeni, njihov kulturne organizacije strte in razbite. In Nemcem na južnem Tirolskem se ni godilo in se tudi danes ne godi nič bolje.

In potem pride Mussolini in govori o "samoodločevanju". Ako bi se šlo samo za slovensko manjšino, bi bilo še nekam razumljivo, kajti glede Slovencev zavzema italijanski fašizem enostavno stališče, da bi kot pripadniki "barbarskega naroda" morali biti veseli, da se je slavna "dvatisočletna italijanska kultura" ponižala do njih. Ampak Mussolini se enako roga nemški manjšini.

Pa Hitler doslej še ni protestiral in tudi ne bo. Njegovi krvni bratje — nekdanji Avstrijci, kot je on sam — se mu prav nič ne smilijo, celemu svetu pa grozi z ognjem in mečem, ako se mu ne dovoli "osvoboditi" Nemcev na Češkem, ki v primeri z Mussolinijevimi nemškimi podaniki živijo v pravem rajju.

Iz tega se zrcali vsa ogromna lumparija in brezmejna hinvaviščina, ki karakterizira politiko fašizma, bodisi nemškega ali italijanskega kova. Dokler se take politike ne iztrebi kot kugo, ne bo varen noben narod pod solncem. Tragedija našega časa le je, ker ljudje na odgovornih mestih, ki bi to kugo iz njihokot zatrli, predno bo prepozno, tega ne vidijo ali pa nočejo videti.

REAKCIJA TRIUMFIRA

Prošli teden so se vršile primarne volitve v Georgiji in Marylandu in obeh državah so zmagali reakcionarni demokraci. Boj, katerega je napovedal predsednik Roosevelt senatorja Georgera in Tydingsa, se je izjalovil. Zdač čaka odločitve edinele še slučaj kongresnika O'Connora v New Yorku, ki se je za pomoč proti New Dealu zatekel k republikancem.

PREDSEDNIKOV SIN BOLAN

Predsednikov najstarejši sin James se je moral podvreči težki operaciji, ki je bila izvršena v kliniki Mayo kliniki v Rochesteru, Minn. Izrezani so mu bili

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Zgodovina črnega tedna v Evropi

Anglija in Francija pustili Čehe na cedilu. Češkoslovaška je obupana nad izdajo; se še ni odločila, kaj napravi.

Na evropski politični pozornici se zadnje dni odigravajo skro neverjetne reči. Velika Britanija in Francija sta na čel črti kapitulirati pred Hitlerjem, pustili Češkoslovaško na cedilu ter zahtevata od nje, da "v interesu miru" prepusti one sudetske kraje, v katerih tvorijo Nemci večino, brezpogojno Nemcijo, glede ostalih kjer je prebivalstvo mešano, pa da naj odločuje plebiscit. Dalje, da Češkoslovaška svoje gospodarstvo "ko-ordinira" z nacijsko ekonomijo in da prelomi zavezništvo z Rusijo in Malo antanto ter se v splošnem podredi nacistični zunanji politiki. Z drugimi besedami, da Češkoslovaška republika, kolikor bi je še ostalo, preneha biti samostojna država ter da postane ponižna vazalka Berlina.

Prošli teden se po pravici lahko imenuje "črni teden" Evrope, kajti dogodki minulih dni predstavljajo tako sramotno podajo takozvanih zapadnih demokracij pred fašizmom, da človek skoro že več ne more reči, kje je pravi sedež fašistične kuge — v Londonu, ali v Berlinu in Rimu. Da je premijer Chamberlain kot titularni vođa zapadnih ljudovlad prodal ne le interese demokracije, temveč v končni analizi tudi bodočnost angleškega imperija samega, o tem ne more biti najmanjšega dvoma.

Kaj stori od vsega sveta zapuščena Češka?

Kaj se bo zgodilo v prihodnjih usodnih dni, ne ve nihče, ampak znamenja kažejo, da se bo uboga, od vsega sveta zapuščena Češkoslovaška republika uklonila pred neizogibnim ter pristala, da Hitler razširi svojo oblast nad njenim ozemljem. Zoperstaviti se ogromni premoči nacijske vojne mašine bi bila skoro blaznost, kajti ako bi se Čehi sami postavili v bran proti Nemcem, bi to ne moglo pomeniti nič drugega kot popolno razdejavanje republike in dejansko masakriranje njenega prebivalstva.

Vendar Praga končnega odgovora še ni podala in kaj bo v strašnem položaju, v katerega jo je pahnil Chamberlain, storila, še ni definitivno znano. Neko poročilo pravi, da utegne predsednik Beneš odstopiti in da bo republika prišla pod vojaško diktaturo, ampak med silno poplavo poročil in ugibanj, ki se širijo v svetovnem tisku, je sploh nemogoče razbrati kaj jasnega ali določnega.

Potem ko so bili Čehi v Londonu in Parizu prodani, je Praga apelirala na Sovjetsko Rusijo, ki je odgovorila, da vpričo dejstva, da je Francija — to očitvidno

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pod pritiskom — zapadla Chamberlainovi politiki, tudi ona v smislu tozadevne pogodbe ni obvezana braniti Češkoslovaške.

Rusija ne upa v konflikt brez Francije

Stališče Rusije je razumljivo, ako pomislimo, da nima direktne meje s češko, in da je Romunija, ki je poprej izjavila, da je pripravljena odpreti svoj teritorij za prevoz ruskih čet, po izdajstvu v Londonu naznanila, da ostane nevtralna. Razen tega ni dvoma, da bi Japonska v slučaju, da bi se Rusija zapletla v vojno na zapadu, porabila priliko za napad v Sibiriji. In končno, kdo more garantirati po vsem tem, kar se je zgodilo zadnje dni, da ne bi Anglija v konfliktu, ki bi se razvil, stopila na stran Nemčije?

Za petami hujskajočega govora, s katerim je Hitler zaključil nacijski kongres v Nurembergu, so v sudetskih krajevih izbruhli divji izgrezi, ki so dobivali značaj civilne vojne. V obmejnem Egru in po nekaterih drugih mestih, kjer so Nemci v večini, so naciji divjali po ulicah, razbijali češke in židovske trgovine in pretepali Čeha, žide in Nemce socialističnega ali komunističnega prepričanja. Ponekod so navallili na policijske in orožniške postaje, ubili več policistov in orožnikov, nekatere pa odvedli preko meje kot talce. Predno je dospelo vojaštvo in naredilo red, je bilo ubitih, na ducate oseb.

Chamberlain v vlogi Hitlerjevega hlapca

Angleški premijer Neville Chamberlain je z aeroplanom odletel v Nemčijo ter imel v Berchtesgadenu tri ure trajajoč pogovor s Hitlerjem, ki se je seveda vpričo take hlapčevske ponižnosti od strani predstavnika nekdanjega ponosnega angleškega imperija čutil močnejšega kot kdaj poprej.

Praga je sedaj kot zadnje sredstvo proglasila nujnostno stanje nad vso deželo, ukazala razpust nacijske stranke ter suspendirala ustavo. Ko se je Chamberlain vrnil v London, sta bila tja poklicana francoski premijer Daladier in zunanji minister Bonnet. Sledila je konferenca in v ponedeljek je svet zvedel, kaj so mešetarji sklenili — da Češkoslovaško prepustijo njeni usodi, da se ukloni Hitlerjevi volji ali pa da se sama zoperstavi nemški oboroženi sil.

Zgodba izdajstev radi "ljubega miru"

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državniki zapadnih demokracij so prodali Manžurijo "zaradi ljubega miru" in posledica je "nenapovedana vojna" japonskih imperijalistov — zaveznikov Hitlerja in Mussolinija v Orijentu — proti Kitajski, ki divja že nad leto dni, prinaša joč kitajskemu ljudstvu nezasišne gorje in brezmejno opustošenje. Prepustili so Abesinijo pohlepu italijanskega fašizma, da se "reši" mir, in za plačilo sta Mussolini in Hitler v Španiji zakurila civilno vojno, ki je vso nesrečno deželo spreminila v eno samo bojišče. Ampak tudi sedaj se modri državnik v Londonu in Parizu niso zganili; že nad dve let umira špansko ljudstvo na bojiščih vojne, katero je povzročil impotirani fašizem, ampak radi "ljubega miru" se mu mora pustiti svobodno pot.

Potem je prišla vrsta na ubogo Avstrijo, katere je bila seveda istotako žrtvovana, da se "ohrani mir". No, in sedaj mora izginiti iz površja Češkoslovaška, edini otok demokracije in civilizacije v centralni Evropi, sredi naraščajočega morja fašističnega barbarstva. Zakaj mora izginiti? Zato, da se — "ohrani mir!"

Kaj je razlaga Chamberlainove politike?

Kje in kakšna je razlaga za to skrajno negativno, porazno in na čel črti pogubno politiko, za katero so bolj kot kdo drugi odgovorni angleški toriji, ki so na krmilu vlade Velike Britanije? Mar ne vidijo, da greben fašizma z vsako kapitulacijo bolj raste, da Hitler tudi z zdobljenjem Češkoslovaške ne bo zadovoljen, temveč da se s tem njegov apetit še poveča, in da ne bo dolgo, ko bo tudi angleški imperij direktno ogrožen, da pa bo poizkus, da se Hitlerja ustavi toliko težji in toliko bolj krvav, kolikor dalj se čaka in dopušča, da z osvajanjem novih teritorijev in ljudstev poveča svojo gospodarsko in vojaško moč?

Ako pa vse to vidijo, pa navzlic temu ravnajo na tak način, ali ni upravičen sum, da so toriji v Londonu in Parizu pripravljani prodati ne le demokracijo, temveč celo svoje narode, v upanju, da s tem ohranijo interese svojega razreda? In ali ni upravičena sumnja, da je ost tje skoro nepojmljive politike prav za prav naperjena proti Sovjetski uniji, v katere bogatih narodnih kapitalizem nič manj kot fašizem edini teritorij na svetu, ki bi se ga dalo izrabiti za velikopotezno eksploatacijo sebi v prid?

Branilci "miru" se boje ljudstva

Ko je angleški kabinet koncem prošlega tedna konferiral o usodi Češkoslovaške, pove poročilo, da je bil okrog premijerjeve rezidence v Downing Streetu postavljen močan kordon poli-

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POZICIJA ZED. DRŽAV

Prošlo soboto je senator Pittman, ki je predsednik senatnega odseka za zunanje zadeve imel po vsej deželi oddajan radio govor, v katerem je izjavil, da so narodi, ki so bili odgovorni za rojstvo Češkoslovaške, moralno odgovorni, da ogroženi demokracijski republik v sedanjih stiski priskočijo na pomoč. Naglasil pa je, da govori le v svojem imenu, in ne v imenu predsednika Roosevelta ali administracije.

Iz državnega departamenta v Washingtonu ni bila v zadnjih kritičnih dnevih dana v javnost nobena izjava, iz katere bi se moglo sklepati, kakšno vlogo, ako sploh katero, igra ameriška diplomacija na evropski politični ozornici. Edino, kar je znano, je to, da ameriška vlada z največjo napetostjo zasleduje razplet dogodkov in da je v stalni telefonski in kabelski zvezi s svojimi predstavniki v Evropi. Senator Pittman je rekel, da ako velike demokracije zapustijo Češkoslovaško, tedaj ostalim malim državam ne bo preostajalo drugega kot da se brez odpora uklonijo ter sprejmejo suženjstvo pod vojaškimi diktatorji.

MUSSOLINI NA JUGOSLOVANSKI MEJI

Po govoru, ki ga je imel Mussolini prošle nedelje v Trstu, je odpoval do jugoslovanske meje. Pri Rakeku je peš prestopil mejo ter izmenjal pozdrave z jugoslovanskimi obmejnimi oblastmi. V govoru, ki ga je imel v Gorici, je rekel, da je Italija pripravljena na "dramo", t. j. vojno, ako do iste pride. Cije, da je držala nazaj maso ljudstva, ki je prišlo demonstrirati za obrambo Čehov. To je značilno. Vlada, ki bi se res borila za mir, bi gotovo ne potrebovala policijske protekcije. Pomembno je tudi poročilo iz Zagreba, kjer so ljudske množice razbile šipe nacijskega turističnega urada ter klicale: "Dol s Hitlerjem! Dol s fašizmom!"

Položaj v Evropi s stališča demokracije in svobode za ljudske mase je danes tako temen, da bolj biti ne more, toda taki incidenti kot sta gornja dva, dajo človeku misliti, da morda la še ni vse izgubljeno. Morda pride razčiščenje prej pa tudi čisto drugače kot se je stvar zamisljala do sedaj. Kaj ko bi zagrmela mase v deželah, v katerih se prijatelji in zavezniki fašizma odevajo v plašč miru?

ZAPISNIK POLLETNE SEJE GLAVNEGA ODBORA SSPZ

vršee se dne 31. avgusta in 1. in 2. septembra, 1938, v Bridgeville, Penna.

(Nadaljevanje iz zadnje izdaje)

V zvezi z atletskim zborom se bo vršila na Delavski praznik mladinska oziroma angleško-govoreča konferenca, na katero ste vsi iskreno vabljeni. Na tej konferenci se bo razmotrivalo vprašanja, ki se tičejo atletičnih aktivnosti v prihodnjem letu. Tu sledi finančno poročilo atletike od 31. decembra, 1937 do 30. junija, 1938.

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Vse investicije, katere so bile izvedene med 31. decembrom, 1937 in 30. junijem, 1938, so bile po moji najboljši vednosti v smislu določb naših pravil. Glede prenosa gotovih vrednostnih papirjev Zveze na listo nepriznane imovine, sem pristal na to le vsled tega, ker sem bil prepričan, da nam to utegne pomagati pri dobavi poslovnice v Pennsylvaniji, toda ako bi se poslovnice ne dobilo, je moje priporočilo, da se gotovi višje ocenjeni vrednostni papirji vrnejo med priznane imovino, ali pa da se jih proda, ako tržne cene upravičujejo tak korak.

S tem se moje poročilo zaključuje. Vse sugestije poleg tega, kar sem podal v svojem poročilu, bom predložil tekom rednega reševanja zadev na tej seji.

Michael Vrhovnik, ravnatelj mladinskih in angleško poslujočih društev.

Poročilo br. Vrhovnika je vzeto na znanje.

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K računskemu poročilu naj še dodam, da ima Zveza že 11 posestev na rokah, katera se oskrbuje iz gl. urada, in kakor vse kaže dobimo še enega v Clevelandu, Ohio. To je posestvo na E. 67 cesti, kjer imamo posojilo, znano kot št. 63. V Clevelandu imamo že dva posestva, katera oskrbuje jaz s pomočjo brata Pucelja. Najjemenjimo pobiram jaz sam, a zadnje čase je potreba napraviti po dva do tri poti, predno dobim celo vsoto skupaj. Seveda, stranke ne delajo redne, vsled tega pa tudi redno ne plačujejo. Vsaj tak izgovor meni dajejo. Posestvo, katero smo dobili v last meseca decembra, je bilo v slabem stanju in popravila so nas stala

\$413.75, predno je bila hiša spravljena v lepo stanje. Posestva, katera lastuje Zveza, se obrestuje okrog 3%, tako da ravno izgube ne delamo. Neplačane hipoteke znašajo vsoto \$5,342.00, obresti pa \$495.97 do 30. junija, 1938. V tem času je bilo odplačano na hipoteke \$5,087.17 v gotovini na glavnice, za obresti pa \$2,446.36. Obresti od certifikatnih posojil so znašale \$973.57. Za oglase v glasilu smo prejeli zadnjih šest mesecev \$146.75, katera vsota pa še ni vključena v računih, ker je bila prejeta šele po zaključku računov. Poština za uradno glasilu je stala \$123.16, tisk in vsi drugi stroški pa \$1855.82, ne vključivši mesec junij, ki je bil plačan šele meseca julija.

To so na kratko podatki poleg računov, ki sta jih slišali preje. O investicijah vam je poročal brat gl. blagajnik, in ravno tako glede odpisa gotovih bondov, kateri imajo za nas še vedno gotovo vrednost, niso pa všteti v računih kot popolni del imovine.

S tem zaključujem svoje poročilo in se zahvaljujem vsem skupaj za kooperacijo, posebno pa še članom upravnega odbora.

William Candon, predsednik nadzornega odbora. Poročilo br. Candona se vzame na znanje.

POROČILO PRVEGA NADZORNIKA Prvi nadzornik Joseph H. Grills izjavlja, da se strinja s poročilom, katero je podal predsednik nadzornega odbora. Dalje izjavlja, da je aktiven pri svojem društvu in se splošno zanima za napredek organizacije. Njegovo društvo je sicer eno izmed starih društev v Zvezi, toda danes je pri njem mnogo mladine in torej posluje v angleškem jeziku. Poročilo br. Grillsa se vzame na znanje.

POROČILO DRUGEGA NADZORNIKA Drugi nadzornik John Maren izjavlja, da se strinja s poročilom, katerega je podal predsednik nadzornega odbora. Poročilo o prvem narodnem kegljarskem turnirju, ki se je vršil v Milwaukee ter da je isti tako moralno kot gmotno dobro izpadel. Za to gre kredit tudi članom gl. odbora, ki so sodelovali pri prireditvi. Vrtec v Milwaukee polagoma, toda sigurno napreduje. Sodeloval je tudi pri prvem kulturnem festivalu v Chicagu ter želi, da se z akcijo za slične mladinske festivale nadaljuje. Poročilo drugega nadzornika se vzame na znanje.

POROČILO PREDSEDNIKA POROTNEGA ODBORA Predsednik porotnega odbora br. Frank Pucel poroča: V pretekli polovici leta je celotni glavni porotni odbor rešil dve pritožbi; te so bile od društva št. 176 v Harwicku, Pa., tika-joča se odpravine, in od društva št. 139 v Burgettstownu, Pa., kjer je bil vzrok prepir. Dobil sem še nekaj drugih pritožb različnih vsebin, kritiziranje poslovanje itd., nekateri pa mislijo, da se jim godi krivica pri bolniški podpori in operacijski podpori. Odgovoril sem vsem, jim razložil pomen pravil in našega bratskega poslovanja. Večina mojih priporočil je bila upoštevana in tako se je napravil sporazum in izostala so nadaljna nepotrebna oporekanja. Vsem tistim, ki so upoštevali moja priporočila, hvaleh, ki ker so prihranili temu odboru veliko dela, sebi in Zvezi pa ugled, kar šteje veliko. Največ kritiziranja in nesporazuma pride, ker člani ne preglejajo pravil in tako seveda ne vedo, kaj ista previdevajo, potem si pa mislijo, da imajo edino oni prav, ne da bi pravila poznali in jih upoštevali. Ampak pravila so za to, da se jih upošteva brez ozira, koga se tičejo. Če se bomo držali tega in želeli sobratu rajši dobro ko slabo (ko imaš misel komu škodovati, vprašaj sam sebe, kako ti tebi prijalo, kar drugemu želiš), potem bodo izostale pritožbe in pri Slovenski svobodomiselni podporni zvezi bo resnično bratstvo in namen, za katerega je bila Zveza ustanovljena, bo prišel do polne veljave. Posestva, ki jih Zveza lastuje v Clevelandu, so zdaj v dobrem stanju in ista prinašajo stalne dohodke (rent). Sporazumno z bratom Candonom se je hiša na 168. cesti popravila, tako znotraj kot zunaj, ker je bil skrajni čas, tako da v splošnem sedaj odgovarja in se ne dela škoda in stranke so zadovoljne. Za Zvezo sem deloval in bil aktiven, kolikor so mi razmere dopuščale. Zveza v Clevelandu poveljuje napreduje. Posebno aktivna sta Vrta št. 5 in 11, kakor tudi oba angleško poslujoča društva skrbita, da se Zveza v polni meri oglašuje. V zadnji kampanji je bil Vrtec št. 11 na drugem mestu v pridobivanju članstva in če rečem, da so bili razočarani in da še zmirom vlada nekakšna nejevolja, ne pretiravam, ko za svoj trud niso bili ničesar deležni. Ako je na kakršni koli način mogoče, bi seji gl. odbora priporočal, da nekaj ukrene za te male Zvezine bojevnike. Imam še nekaj drugih priporočil, katera bom podal, kadar pridejo na dnevni red. V upanju, da se bo na tej seji veliko dobrega ukrenilo v zadovoljstvo splošnega članstva vas bratsko pozdravljam. Frank Pucel, predsednik porotnega odbora. Poročilo br. Pucelja se vzame na znanje.

POROČILO PRVEGA POROTNIKA Prvi porotnik br. Frank Medved izjavlja, da se strinja s poročilom predsednika porotnega odbora. K temu dostavlja, da je po njegovem naročilu osebno preiskal zadevo, ki je nastala pri društvu št. 139 ter storil vse, kar je smatral potrebnim, da se pride do pravičnega zaključka. Poročilo br. Medveda se vzame na znanje.

POROČILO DRUGEGA POROTNIKA Drugi porotnik br. Vincent Pugel izjavlja, da je vršil dolžnosti svojega urada. Se strinja s poročilom ostalih dveh odbornikov. Poročilo br. Pugelja se vzame na znanje.

POROČILO UREDNIKA-UPRAVNIKA Br. Vatro J. Grill, urednik in upravnik glasila "Napredek" poroča: Izza zadnje polletne seje glavnega odbora se ni v mojem poslu zgodilo ničesar takega, kar bi zahtevalo obširnejšega poročanja ali komentiranja. Vršil sem svoje dolžnosti po svoji najboljši sposobnosti ter se vdeleževal tudi dela pri lokalnih Zvezinih društvih. Po naročilu gl. tajnika sem bil na pikniku novega Vrta v Girardu, Ohio. Govoril sem s starejšimi in mlajšimi člani in našel pri vseh dobro razpoloženje napram organizaciji. V omenjeni naselbini se obeta razviti mladinsko gibanje, ki nadomesti angleško poslujoče društvo Trojans, ki je pred nekaj leti razpadlo. Menda je na mestu, ako omenim zelo uspešno izdajo mladinske priloge Vrtec v mesecu juniju. Prepričan sem, da so bili do datni dolarji, potrošeni za dotično izdajo, dobro investirani, kajti naši Vrtec so najboljše, kar v organizaciji sploh imamo. Tu imamo priliko, da nadomestimo to, kar smo zamudili pri angleško-poslujočih društvih; to se pravi, da zasiguramo obstanek angleško poslujočega društva v slehernem kraju, kjer ima Zveza svoje postojanko. Tudi sestanki kulturnega značaja, katerih prvi

se je vršil preteklega maja v Chicagu, se mi vidijo važni, in naj bi se torej nadaljevali. Sploh, denar, ki ga potrošimo za doraščajočo mladino, je naša najboljša investicija.

Ni moj namen posegati v posle organizacije kot take, ampak zdi se mi, da bodo bratske organizacije morale zopet poseči v večji meri v akcijo za pomoč v slučaju bolezni in poškodbe. Starostna pokojnina, katero je uvedla vlada, v neki meri konkurira z moderno bratsko zavarovalninsko prakso, toda kot izgleda vlada še ne bo tako kmalu nudila pomoči v bolezni. Pojav takozvanih Cooperative Health Associations in sličnih grup je nekaj značilnega za naš čas. O tem nimem nikakega specifičnega načrta, tudi se zavedam, da je to zelo trd oreh, toda zdi se mi važno, da bi o tem razmišljali. Vsem glavnim odbornikom, društvenim uradnikom in članstvu v splošnem se tem potom zahvaljujem za njihovo sodelovanje pri mojem poslu. V slučaju, da kateri izmed navzočih odbornikov želi kako pojasnilo glede zadev, ki se tičejo mojega posla, bom isto z veseljem podal. Vatro J. Grill, urednik-upravnik glasila. Poročilo br. Grilla se vzeto na znanje.

POROČILO GLAVNEGA ZDRAVNIKA Glavni zdravnik dr. F. J. Arch izjavlja, da je vršil svoje dolžnosti kot mu jih nalagajo pravila. Pripominja, da se mu ne zdi umestno, da bi on pregledoval prošnje za vstop mladinskih članov, ki niso zdravniško preiskani. O tem bi seja lahko napravila definitivni sklep. Poročilo glavnega zdravnika dr. Archa se vzeto na znanje.

RAZPRAVA O POROČILIH GL. ODBORNIKOV Preide se na razpravo poročil glavnih odbornikov in navzoči se zedinijo, da se najprej vzame v pretres akcijo za pospešnje mladinskega oddelka. Br. Lisch izjavlja, da je naš mladinski oddelek najvažnejša panoga naše organizacije. Dejstvo je dalje, da upravitelji in upraviteljice Vrtec zelo trdo delajo, ampak plačila ne dobijo za to praktično nič. V tem pogledu bi se moralo nekaj ukreniti. Br. Vrhovnik izjavlja, da se je o tem že govorilo med člani upravnega odbora in da je on na podano sugestijo sestavil nekakšen provizoričen načrt za odškodovanje administratorjev mladinskih Vrtec. Nato poda več sugestij ter obenem prečita svoj provizorični načrt, ki se glasi: Zveza odškoduje upravitelje Vrtec v soglasju z naslednjimi določbami, pod pogojem, da je Vrtec res aktiven v vsakem smislu besede, to se pravi, da obdržava redne seje in prireja družabne ali kulturne priredbe in da njegovo število ne pade pod 15 članov: 15 članov \$ 6.00 20 članov 8.00 25 članov 10.00 in od tega števila naprej po 25c na leto od vsakega nadaljnjega člana, dokler vsota na doseže \$50.00. (Članstvo bi se računalo na podlagi povprečnega števila za celo leto.) Nadaljne vsote bi se mogle izplačati kot odškodnino po uvidevnosti glavnega upravnega pododseka na priporočilo ravnatelja mladinskega oddelka, onim upraviteljem, katerih delo bi se najbolj odlikovalo tekom leta, pri čemur bi se jemalo v poštev število in uspešnost družabnih priredb, kulturnih zabav in programov, literarnega zanimanja, atletičnih aktivnosti in vdeležbe na seji. Plačila naj bi se napravila direktno upravitelju na koncu leta. V svrhu tega, da bo glavni urad boljše poučen o napredku aktivnih Vrtec, se od vsakega upravitelja zahteva, da na posebni karti poroča upravitelju mladinskega oddelka vsake tri mesece, kakšna je bila vdeležba na sejah, kakšne aktivnosti so se vršile, kateri člani Vrta so najbolj marljivi itd. Uprvni odbor ima moč odkloniti izplačilo nagrad, ako aktivnost Vrta ne upravičuje takega izplačila. O tem načrtu, ki je predložen po br. Vrhovniku, se razvije obširna razprava, v katero posežejo vsi glavni odborniki. Br. Kvartich izjavlja, da s tem vprašanjem ni treba hiteti, kajti je skrajno važno; ako bi se administratorji ne zanimali, bi nam kmalu vsi Vrta izhiral. Br. Lisch se strinja z načrtom, toda bi rad vedel, ako bi bili v stani izplačevati nagrade, ki jih predvideva načrt. Pojasnjeno je, da v tem pogledu ni zavire, kajti mladinski sklad je 260% solventen. Br. Candon izjavlja, da je načrt dober, ampak če se ga izvede, naj bi administratorji tudi skrbeli za kolekcijo assessmentov. Br. Lisch pravi, da naj bi se okolišine vsakega Vrta samostojno upoštevalo. Res je tudi, da nekateri administratorji dobijo dosti pomoči od zunaj, t. j. od članov starejših društev. Br. Rus pravi, da vprašanje je, ali bomo dajali nagrade upraviteljem ali naj bi morda skušali nuditi več ugodnosti in privlačnosti za člane Vrtec, kakor stem, da se jim odpusti assessment, pomaga prirejati božičnice itd. Pomniti tudi treba, da če se enkrat nekaj da, potem je težko vzeti. Br. Zaitz izjavlja, da administratorji naj dobijo nekaj gotovega, nekako plačo, najbolj aktivne pa naj bi se še posebej nagradilo. Br. Pucel izjavlja, da je to težak problem. Vrtec št. 11 ima nenavadno dobrega administratorja, toda na roke mu gre tudi tajnik društva. Če se bo dalo nagrade administratorju, nič pa tajniku, ki pobira assessment, ne bo šlo. Br. Vrhovnik izjavlja, da naj bi se določilo gotovo vsoto. Ako tajnik starejšega društva pobira assessment mladinskih članov, naj dobi 2c od člana. Br. Pugel izjavlja, da je treba računati na konkurenco drugih organizacij. Kateri krožek je bolj aktiven, tam bo mladina. Br. Pucel stavi predlag, da se načrt, katerega je predložil br. Vrhovnik, osvoji v celoti. Predlog gre na glasovanje in je soglasno sprejet. Sklenjeno je dalje, da načrt stopi v veljavo 1. januarja, 1939. Ker je ura opoldne, predsednik Kvartich zaključi sejo ter navzoče pozove, da se vrnejo na svoja mesta točno ob 1. uri popoldne. DRUGA SEJA Predsednik Kvartich otvori drugo sejo ob 1. uri in nadaljuje se z dnevnim redom. Br. Lisch pravi, da bi se moralo razmišljati o metodah, kako doseči čim večje število oseb, o katerih obstoji možnost, da bi postali člani organizacije. Primerna metoda bi se brez dvoma izkazala uspešna v večjih naselbinah oziroma mestih. Sugestira razpošiljanje oglaševalnih pisem, ki je zelo razširjeno v ameriški javnosti. O tem se razvije kratka razprava. Mnenje navzočih je, da je ideja dobra in da je vredno o nji razmišljati, toda ker nima nihče definitivnega načrta, je sklenjeno, da o tem vprašanju še nadalje razmotriva glavni upravni pododsek. (Dalje prihodnjic)

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

VTISI Z OBISKA V BRIDGEVILLU

Power Point, O. — Naj nekoliko opišem naše potovanje iz Clevelanda v Bridgeville, Pa. na 4. septembra. Vse je bilo pripravljeno že ob 7. uri zjutraj za odhod na proslavo 30-letnice ustanovitve SSPZ in ko je prišel odhod smo z veseljem zasedli bus. Člani našega Vrta št. 126 kot tudi člani društva št. 181 smo se v polnem številu vdeležili proslave in olimpijade. Vožnja je bila vesela in zabavna in ko je bila ura 9., smo bili že na našem cilju. Presto parku. Bili pa smo malo presenečeni, ker na prostoru, kjer je bilo živo duše, le kaka dva ducata sodčkov je stalo okrog barov in pa priprava za točenje piva, ampak sami si seveda nismo mogli pomagati. Tedaj se prikazuje iz grmovja neki pečlar in ko ga vprašamo, če ima kaj, s čemer bi se pokrepčali, je odgovoril, da nam on ne more postrežiti, ker on da je tu le na straži. Potem smo ga vprašali, kje je društvena dvorana in rekel nam je, da je samo kakih pet minut hoda od pikniškega prostora. Na pa smo se odpravili proti dvorani, v kateri so bili dvorani. Ampak tistih pet minut se je zelo vlekle. Hoditi smo že najmanj po ure, o društveni dvorani pa še vedno ni bilo ne duha ne sluha. Ustavimo se na post office in vprašamo, kako daleč je še od dvorane. Uradnik nam pojasni, da še pol milje. (Jaz in moja prijateljica sva tistemu pečlarju obljubili dober "dance," ako ga najdeva, le njegova sreča je bila, da ga ni bilo več tam, ko sva se vrnili v Vento park.) No, končno smo vendar prišli do dvorane, kjer smo se okrepčali in si malo odpohčili naše utrujene noge, da so bile pripravljene za popoldne vesele poskocičnice. Ampak nazaj si nisimo upali iti peš. Prišel nas je bus iskat in nas pripeljal na mesto, ko je bilo že vse veselo okrog točilnic. Tam smo se pomešali v družbo in kmalu smo se seznanili z raznimi člani glavnega odbora, ki so se prijazno pomenovali z nami. Naši mladi člani seveda pa so se vsul okrog br. Vrhovnika, ki je bil zelo prijazen z njimi, kot pastir med ovčami. To je lepo, da se naša organizacija tako zanima za svoje mlade člane in da jim nudi tako priliko za medsebojno spoznanje. Še sedaj jih slišim, ko so se pogovarjali med seboj: "O br. Vrhovnik, I certainly had a good time at Bridgeville. I saw Michael and he took our pictures!" Da, on je vzel na svoji kameri tudi sliko mene in moje ga moža, pa ne vem, kaj bo napravil z njo. Tako nam je hitro mineval čas. Prepričan sem, da se je vsakdo dobro zabaval, ki se je vdeležil olimpijade in proslave. Slišali smo tudi pevsko zbor, ki so zapeli lepe slovenske pesmi, ki so nam v srcu obujale spomin na tiste čase, ko smo jih mi peli v stari domovini. Skoda, da se je dan tako hitro nagibal, tako smo se morali tudi mi posloviti od prijateljev in znancev, katerih nekaterih od nas nismo videli že 15 let ali več. Upam, da bo prihodnjega snidenja ne bo treba čakati tako dolgo kot sedaj. Med tem pa ne pozabimo na našo dobro prijateljico SSPZ, ki nam je v pomoč v stiski, boleznih in smrti in navajamo mladino, da se bo družila pod njenim okriljem ter tako nadaljevala ze delom, ki smo ga mi začeli. Slovo iz Bridgevilla je bilo težko. Ampak rog je zatobil in treba je bilo na pot proti domu. — Sestrski pozdrav! Mary Bogataj, tajnica in administratorica.

More Articles From Our Vrtec Members

The Outlookers Corner

(Continued from Vrtec Section)
OUTLOOKERS' RECIPE COLUMN

What hogs from St. Clair grabbed all of Josephine Kovic's super-creamed, melts-in-your-mouth fudge?

Whose rotten, musy, squashy, bananas were being "flung" from Outlookers to Spartan Jrs. on the bus?

Some noive our mascots got, leaving a precious package of food to reach a state of decadence in the bus, so that when cousin Andrew walked bravely into the aforementioned vehicle three days later he prit'neer collapsed from the "odeur" issuing forth.

The Outlookers must have bought more banana splits in three days at Bridgeville than they sold previously in twenty years.

The Bridgeville flour mills will be kept busy day and night with a tripled staff for several years trying to make up for the bread supply which was exhausted by our half-starved cannibals.

You should have seen "Chef Boy-Ar-Dee" Andy Artel rolling his spaghetti like a genuine foreigner.

Shake well and keep till next month when we'll be back.

Aunt Mejina and her merry Mixer.

A FAREWELL TO FRANKIE

During the next month, the SSPZ Vrtec loses a fine member. Although he has chosen Indianapolis as his home, his name is recognized by "Napredok" readers throughout the United States. He has filled our Vrtec page with stories that have made our hearts feel lighter. He has, although not an actual member of the baseball team, stood by them through victory and defeat, with encouragement and praise. He has been the leader of a group of boys, who earned an enviable reputation in Bridgeville, that of being fine sports.

Our friend this year rises above us to join the ranks of the seniors. Hoping that he will continue his splendid writing, especially that in the lighter vein to which we have become accustomed, we, the Collinwood Outlookers, extend a farewell and best wishes for future success to the pioneer president of the Indianapolis Jugoslavs, FRANKIE MVEEC.

CLEVELAND CELEBRATES!

October 9 marks an important date on the Cleveland SSPZ calendar. In celebration of the lodge's thirtieth year of existence, the combined Cleveland

units will hold an affair on this day in the Slovene National Home.

Although I have receive no advance information on the plans of our other four lodges, I can safely say that as far as the Outlookers are concerned, they certainly have planned something unique and very original to offer you. Meet Ursa and hubby (hic! hic!), Percy and Lulubelle with their — (no, I'm afraid I can't tell), weinies, and weinie buns, comedy and "tragedy", in a playlet packed with products of the imagination and originality of our youth run wild. Just to be sure that the entire audience will receive the highest degree of enjoyment out of the performance, the play has been written in part Slovene, part English. We're having loads of fun putting it together, and we're sure you'll do the same when you see it.

Rumor has it that our Brother Vrhovnik will be present to show movies taken at the Athletic Meet. No one who was there will want to miss seeing them, and those of you who had the misfortune to be unable to attend, really ought to come down and see shots of the fun we had there.

Watch for the time and program in future issues of the "Napredok" but mark the date on your calendar "Reserved", so that you won't forget about it.

P.S. If you can't bring the kiddies along with you, be sure to leave them in the hands of a trustworthy chaperon, for after our performance of "When the Cat's Away, the Mice Will Play" you won't feel safe unless you did so.

Valeria Artel, Sec'y.

OUTLOOKERS, PLEASE NOTE!

Please be present at our meeting, Friday, October 7th, at 7 p.m. SHARP. At this time we will hold our final play rehearsal and all Vrtec 11 members are needed in the supporting cast.

Bail Me Out Quick

By Frank Mivec

I just know I'm putting a bad influence on this paper telling about my sorrowful and sometimes shameful experiences, but I must tell you once more what evil misfortune has befallen me. Hereafter I shall be more careful and not write about myself in the Vrtec section again.

I would not have written this time, but I must defend myself somehow, or what will my friends think of me. Especially

now when I am in the right. I may have strayed in the past, but let me tell you . . .

"Whooppee-e!! Let's sing another one boys. I feel good to-night."

"You drank enough Zaitz!" "There's plenty left. Now what will it be?"

"How about the one about the Ford machine?"

"O. K. all together now . . ."

Bought myself a Ford machine, Filled her up with gasoline, And turned the crank to make her go.

Wouldn't wait for me to get in,

Now I own a pile of tin, But every month I step right up and pay.

"Hey, Mutt how about getting in tune for once . . ."

What's that? I'll 'konfnota' you one if you insult me like that again. I'll hit you so hard you'll think it's two o'clock instead of one —

One o'clock! Hey man!! What my dad don't do to me! I have to get home from this party. Hey Prap! Prap! Where in the sam hill is he? Hey Tony, where's Prap— He's playing post-office— I don't care what he's doing. I don't know where he is."

I had a time dragging Prap out of that room. Looked like all the girls were in there kissing him, but I wanted to get his advice. But he not only didn't help me, he talked so much about his gals I couldn't think either.

Dropping Prap off, I walked the half block to my home. Not daring to go in I sat down on the curb thinking . . . thinking . . . thinking until I finally remembered my window was open. Now if I had the luck of other people nothing more would have happened, but alas and alac, just as I was halfway through the window the long arm of the law grabbed me by the seat of my trousers, and with a jerk that shook me speechless, he roughly set me on the ground. And without a word he carted me off in the general direction of the police station.

Not until we came to the station could I make him understand that I was trying to enter my own home. Since I had a record they would have to summon my father before I could be released.

There I was again. I won't describe it for I certainly do not like it that well, but never again, "Never Again."

News From "Hiawathans"

NOKOMIS, Ill. — With our heads bowed in sincere silence of true Indian fashion we greet all our fellow braves and maidens, the children of old Nokomis and all our brothers of SSPZ. Here we are again like an Indian rubber ball we always return. In checking up we find that we missed last month, but everyone needs a vacation and curiosity prompts one to look into life in the city. I found in the five weeks I spent in Springfield, (Ill.) that it offered one a very nice time and thanks to all who made my vacation a pleasant one especially for those letters from you Hiawathians.

We are having a very early fall here and our Weiner Roast on August 29th was just the thing. With a very nice fire, (thanks to Chick, he is a very efficient fireman), weiners, marshmallows and laughs in abundance everyone had a very nice time. The "Second Light" on the "Hill" is a very good place and we really sympathize with those who do not have such conveniences for such an outdoor activity.

Looking back over the month

of August we find many things of importance (to us and we hope to you) have happened.

Almost every Hiawathian left on some sort of vacation trip and a majority of the members visited the Illinois State Fair. It was the best Fair we've seen and all plan on going again next year. Then on August 13th very early in the morning a very good pal of ours Ann G. attired in a beautiful outfit took her life partner to help paddle her canoe of life. Congratulations Ann! and my happiness be yours.

For those of you who may have seen my last article in our most prominent paper and my name on the "Literary Honor Roll" (a fact of which I am very proud for it came to me as a great surprise) and have wondered what my last name is it is Kmet; just a small four-lettered word that makes me a one Florence Frances Kmet, but enough for that.

Hark! bells— yes, they are familiar to me—they're old yet sweet, to my younger sister they're new, thrilling; we have not heard them for sometime but look, there, across the street, Miss Teacher, my very first instructor, yes, that's it, they're school bells and we Hiawathians wish all of you students "Good Luck" in your school-work of '38 and '39.

The attendance at our last meeting was 100%. Can't we keep that up and make it a record worthy of space in Ripley's column? We found it necessary to elect a new treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Sister Justine Hauptman. The honorary position was given to Brother Henry (Chick) Rak. Congratulations "Chick."

Here is more of our Hiawathian personality:

What's Your Answer?

Why did you choose "brown and gold" as our Hiawathian colors?

Chick Rak: All I have to furnish is the gold; my sun-tan will serve as the brown.

Amy Hauptman: I'm practical and have two good slogans for them: Brown—We won't go down; Gold—We won't be sold.

Betty Blazich: They're nature's favorite colors. Ann Strazar: The truth is he has golden colored hair and a sun-tan that is gorgeous brown.

Horat Lesnik: I like the gold part—it represents my future (rich, I hope).

Elbin Blazich: We're as good as gold and brown is a harmonizing color.

Virginia Kmet: Hiawatha liked the brown-eyed suseon and thus we represent his likeness in one more respect.

Frank Lesnik: I didn't want brown and gold. Navy blue and gold are so much better.

Florence Kmet: Gold represents the best and we Hiawathians try to be the best.

Florence

Sygan Brings Home The Junior Championship

SYGAN, Pa. — The Sixth National Athletic Meet still lingers in our thoughts but memories of our Sygan Juniors winning the championship will always be in our memories. We hope that at every meet the boys will bring home the cup.

I hope that no one is still in doubt about it being luck that we did win. The boys sure did play fair and square, and really deserve it.

Our boys put in a great fight defeating the Outlookers, Spartans and Jugoslavs. Keep it up, boys!

Frankie managing our team to

victory was swell. Julie and I sure did our part to cheer our boys to victory.

We are certainly glad in meeting the people from Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, etc.

Well, we hope to see more writing in the future from other Vrtec members, and also hope to meet again.

What was Johnny, manager of the Challenger Jrs. doing at the Sygan Vrtec's games. It sure wasn't the games, was it the girls, Johnny?

Margaret Erzen, Vrtec 72 Treasurer

The Girard Vrtec Named "Budgets"

GIRARD, O. — At our last meeting, held on Sept. 2, we finally decided on our name—"Budgets." The dollar prize will be divided among our members for ice cream and cake after our meeting on Oct. 7, 1938. Now all you members keep the date in

Impressions Of My Trip Out West

(Continued from Vrtec Section)

at last the railroads, automobile highways and air mail. stomachs satisfied with a good supper, we drove on and then slept in a tourist camp ten miles out of Omaha, Neb. During the night it started raining about 9 o'clock, but in the morning the sky was bright and blue again another vista of level fertile plains opened before our eyes. We drove on till 8 a.m. when we came to the beautiful city of Lincoln the capital of Nebraska. This city has wide paved streets and some fine buildings. The States Capitol looks new and is a very large building.

We went on for several hundred miles across Nebraska's plains, with rich abundant crops. Like a straight white line runs the fine oiled road. There were many threshing crews to be seen and many towns of different sizes and at Hollridge we turned south into Kansas. While going through Kansas we saw some desert country, the scene dust storms caused by the dry prairies. In places nothing but sagebrush grows. We happened to hit one of these storms, then came a rain of short duration which killed the dust. In the afternoon we left Kansas and crossed into Colorado.

While driving along we were amazed at the queer decorations of the highway "furnished" by the dead rabbits. The cars must kill untold numbers of them everyday. Also, grasshoppers were so thick they made driving difficult as whole swarms were smashed on the windshield. We arrived in Pueblo, Colorado late in the evening, about 9:30 o'clock. Some of our relatives live there so we were received very cordially and we too were very glad to see them after so many years. Among them were some I met for the first time.

Pueblo is the second largest city in the state, its altitude is 4,635 feet above sea level and is located in southeastern part of the state near great coal fields, mineral mines, forests, and extensive agricultural area.

Let me tell you briefly something about its history. In the days of '49 and earlier the present site of Pueblo was a camping place for Indians, Mexicans and white trappers, and an important trading point for the great Southwest. General Pike pitched his tent here in 1806 when he discovered the massive peak 45 miles to the north which now bears his name. Later came general Fremont, then the gold-seekers and

your mind and come. We are going to have some important things to discuss.

The vacation is over and back to school we go. You can give attention for just a few hours out of every month to our Vrtec. Members, it's up to you to come to the meetings and tell your plans. That will help us build our Vrtec big and strong. We want our Vrtec to be the leading one.

I had a nice vacation this summer, now I am ready to start for some real business. Our Vrtec has been growing little by little, we had a new member every month but the last few since we are active. Now don't forget October 7 at 7 o'clock at our usual meeting place and have some fun after the meeting.

I would like to hear from other Vrtec members and will gladly answer all letters. I am twelve years old and in the 7th grade.

Irene Rován
62 Smithsonian Ave.
Girard, Ohio

Alka-Seltzer; Monument Valley Park, Seven Falls, a one way road winds through scenic North Cheyene Canon 7000 feet up to the Cave of the Winds. The Cave of the Winds ranks as one of the most unusual geological phenomena in the world. A guide leads the way far into the interior of the mountain's beautiful caverns with transparent rocks called stalactite hanging from the ceiling having different forms representing animals, flowers, chandeliers.

The famous Pike's Peak you can reach either by rail called the cog-road or drive on that winding road to the top of the mountain which is 14,109 feet high. The view from the peak is most wonderful. Will Roger's Shrine of the Sun, a beautiful monument is located near here. It was built out of one solid rock.

The largest and also the capital city of Colorado is Denver. The capitol building with its gilded dome glistening in the sun, surrounded with shade trees from all over the world planted over the spacious ground is a beautiful sight. Denver, built on the great plains bordering on the high hills and mountains, is a clean, beautiful city a mile high above the sea level. Meeting again our good friends, they treated us really wonderfully. Our limited time there was spent in visiting many interesting places. Our wish was fulfilled and our visit thus came to a close.

On the trip home we took a different, more northern route and we came back home in just two days, happy that it all ended luckily; satisfied and still thinking, wondering, about all we saw on our trip.

I still ponder now what made the most and the deepest impression upon me — the great plains or the first sight of the high mountains.

The Pa-Ute Indian song I've heard, a brave beating the drum and singing in his weird Indian tongue in the Garden of Gods of which I only copied one line is still ringing in my ears:

Homa nina, nura, pona,
Heya Heya Heya Heya-a-a-a!

KAKOR VOLKOVI

Glasom zadnjih vesti, so prišli k Hitlerju na posvetočvanje predstavnik Poljske in Madjarske, ki sta sedaj, ko je Češka od vsega sveta zapuščenca, dobili pogum ter zahtevata "odrešitev svojih bratov izpod češkega jarma". Poljska manjšina, ki je naseljena v tešinskem distriktu, znaša 80,000, dočim Madžari trdijo, da njih manjšina šteje pol milijona oseb.

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Important Decisions Of The Supreme Board

The first NATIONAL VRTEC CULTURAL FESTIVAL shall be held in Cleveland in 1940, during the week of the 10th Regular Convention. A committee of three Supreme Board members, brothers Kuhel, Zaitz and Vrhovnik, were appointed to study its possibilities and to make a report of their findings at the next Board meeting.

A new remuneration plan for Administrators, providing pay on a graduated scale and taking the average membership and activity as a basis, will go into effect as of January 1, 1939. The plan calls for payment of \$6.00 per year for an average membership of 15 per month, \$8.00 for 20 members, \$10.00 for 25 members and, thereafter, 25 cents for each additional member over 25 until a maximum of \$50.00 is reached. This plan will have no effect on the present remuneration of two cents per assessment collected.

The publication of a book composed of the best contributions to the 1938 Junior Literary Contest has been postponed for a year. Instead of containing the best of one year's writings, it will contain the best in four years, 1936-37-38-39 . . . An appropriation of \$100.00 was made towards the 1939 Literary Contest and an additional \$25.00 for, either, a snapshot or drawing contest.

One month's assessment (November's) shall be returned to all Vrtec Units for Christmas parties and programs.

EXTRA—The delegates to the YOUTH CONFERENCE at Bridgeville, Pa., decided to hold the 1939 National Athletic Meet at Indianapolis . . . Vrtec competition shall be limited to district representatives, whose right to participate in the National Meet shall be decided in local elimination series . . . The two game and out elimination method shall be used at Indianapolis.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,

Director of E.-S. and juvenile lodges

"Hail To The Conquerors"

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. Homes in Indianapolis are still resounding with merriment, while reminiscing the three perfect days, spent in the town of "many surprises" Bridgeville, Pa. It has been indeed a pleasure and an honor for us to be participants in the Sixth Annual SSPZ National Softball Tournament. With the "never say die" spirit we trudge to the 'battlegrounds' where we were vanquished by men better than we. As we have already expressed our congratulations, personally, we, therefore, take this opportunity to greet the new Champions of 1938, namely: The Utopians of Ohio and the Sygans of Pennsylvania, winners of the senior and junior titles respectively. To them we have but this one true and sincere salute: "Hail to the Conquerors."

It is a known fact that on many occasions the code of Good Sportsmanship is often disregarded, and in this way causing many a bad feeling among the competing teams. If, in any way, we were responsible for such actions, we, hereby, offer our most humble apologies.

At this opportune time, we, both the Senior and Junior teams wish to express our deepest appreciation to the people of Bridgeville, Pa., who were so hospitable and sociable; to those, who made arrangements necessary to entertain us; to those who gave us our lodgings and who served us in any way thus making our stay pleasant and memorable; and especially to all the supreme officials of the SSPZ organization who were instrumental in sponsoring this annual occasion.

May all the future athletic and social activities presented

Evening Stars

WHITE VALLEY, — Well folks, the Evening Stars entertainment committee put over another big affair. As you know September 11 marked the 9th anniversary which we celebrated with a dance that turned out to be a great success both socially and financially. We had a very nice attendance, including the Bridgeville Progressors who talked of nothing else but softball games. Then we had another group from the Challengers lodge, and I'm sure Ham Sirca and John Pellam deserve a lot of thanks for their services as stewards behind the bar and I must say they were sober all evening. What a surprise. Here is another — Ernest Kvartich wasn't seen around the bar either. What seemed to be the trouble Ernie? Surely you did n't quit again, did you, or was the nite to nice for that? We shall see you at Bridgeville or Strabane soon. Now the Committee wishes to express its thanks to all who turned out and helped make a success of the dance. We shall see you soon. Committee

THAT INCIDENT IN CHINA

The Japanese Association of Tokyo recently held a grand mass meeting to commemorate the outbreak of the China Incident last year and to further the friendship between Japan and China. —From an article appearing in *The Japanese American*, reprinted in *The Chicago Daily News*.

by the SSPZ be as great and successful as was the National Softball Tournament held in Bridgeville. We know that by activities such as these, this organization will, undoubtedly be the leading Slovene fraternal organization in the years to come.

John Pesut,

Hoosier Pals Lodge 238

Ductless Glands

By F. J. Arch M. D.
Supreme Medical Examiner
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Glands function in one of two ways. Some glands have ducts or openings and thus discharge their secretions through these channels. An example of this type of gland is the salivary gland which secretes saliva thru a duct into the mouth. Another type, known as the ductless gland, is in intimate contact with many small blood vessels and it pours its secretion directly into the blood stream without the agency of ducts.

The ductless glands are also known as the endocrine glands, which means a gland of internal secretion because it secretes a substance directly into the blood stream. This secreted substance is called a hormone, the word hormone coming from the Greek meaning "to excite." Actually, the hormone can either stimulate or depress bodily functions so that in a broader sense the true meaning of the word hormone has outgrown its earlier limited implication.

Each ductless gland represents a minute but highly complex laboratory from which numerous hormones are sent out to alter, direct and control most of our bodily functions. The glands that are now known to produce hormones which cause many changes in our body are the pituitary gland situated at the base of the brain; the thyroid gland which is located at the lower part of the neck; the adrenal glands which cap both kidneys; the parathyroid glands which consist of four or more small glands situated just behind the thyroid gland; the pancreas, stomach and intestines; the male and female sex glands, and the thymus gland just beneath the breast-plate.

Interest in the activities of the ductless glands has received great stimulation due to pioneer work of scientists in both this country and in Europe. These scientists have been able to identify and produce the female sex hormones. As a result of this impetus in the interest of these glands, various laboratories in the world have occupied much of their attention with the activities of these very important chemical regulators of the body. The various glands determine the sex of the unborn child. They control growth and development during childhood. They are extremely important in the management of body weight and in the development of the contour of our bodies. Consequently, what we are mentally, emotionally and physically is due in a great measure to the activity of our endocrine or so-called ductless glands.

WHY (ITALIAN) BOYS LEAVE HOME

Italy's new shipments of troops to Spain were defended today on the ground that they were to replace casualties and were not reinforcements.

For this reason, it was argued, the action was not in violation of the spirit of the British-Italian friendship treaty under which Italy undertook to cooperate with other nations in the withdrawal of troops. —U. P. dispatch from Rome printed in *The New York Post*.

SLOVENE PROVERBS

The spider does not spin the web for a single fly.

First get the barn, then the cow.

HOOSIER PALS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — At our first meeting held after that eventful trip to Bridgeville, Pa., we were very glad to see a good turnout of our members, both old and new.

During the meeting Sister Sophie Turk was selected to represent the Hoosier Pals on the National Athletic board. A date was set for a play to be given by the Vrtec No. 9 on November 19th. Sister Anna Turk, our president Sophie Krapes and Bro. August Powell will serve as a committee to see that everything will be in readiness. A dance will follow the play.

Forming the bowling teams was the next next discussion and there will be two five-man teams or if possible three teams to represent the Hoosier Pals at the next bowling tournament to be held in Cleveland.

Before and after the meeting snapshots taken at the Softball meet in Bridgeville were shown by various members. There was many a laugh in them.

Our next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 3, 1938 at 7:00 p.m. at National Home. Please try to attend in full numbers.

This and That in Hoosier Land

Home again and here is the latest news.

On the drug store corner, in beer taverns, on trolleys, almost everywhere can be found the Hoosier Pals, all in a huddle telling one another of his or her experiences and good time, recently had in Bridgeville. Have we got others interested I'll say.

Sister Sophie Krapes, our congenial president has finally recovered from that touch of laryngitis as did Adolph Madley and Vic Koeffel. Hey! "Chuck Koman", is that quarrel between the "Four Roses" and "Seagrams" settled yet?

Adolph (Hitler) Madley gave an impersonation of Sally Rand, Gypsy Rose Lee, Theda Bora, all combined. Boy did the Minsky Bros. miss something then. So great was the acclaim that he was chosen over all others as "The King of Burlesque from the Middle West."

Are there any Philo Vances, Dan Dunns or Sherlock Holmes in the crowd. We seem to have a mystery shrouding the illustrious "Muggsy" Coffin, ace pitcher of the Hoosier Pals. Perhaps some one in Cleveland, Chicago or Bridgeville or in our own fair city can give clues so as to solve the "Riddle of the red smudge on the victim's necktie."

The most perfect gentleman in the Hoosier crowd was none other than "Skeeter" Stonich. It so happens that he is a staunch believer in that "Early to bed and early to rise." He said he had a grand time even though he cut his nights short. I wonder if he is getting old and is watching out for himself. I knew you when "Skeeter", and am I surprised.

Grumpy Krefel — "Deception" Both "Muggsy" Coffin and our own Adolph "Hitler" Madley were the main reason why the Hoosier Pals enjoyed the stay in Bridgeville. Lest we forget "Ajax" Todor and "Ducky" Turk, the Mutt and Jeff on the Hoosier team. These six can cause more headaches, than all the beer and whiskey drank in Penn. Well so long see you next week will continue on the other Pals. A member.

News Notes

Two of the most prominent members of the SSPZ will be joined in marriage this coming Thursday, September 22, at Bridgeville, Pa., Miss Christine Kvartich, daughter of Mr. John Kvartich, Supreme President of the SSPZ, becomes the bride of Mr. Rudolph Lisch of Cleveland, Ohio, Vice-President of the SSPZ. A reception given by Mr. and Mrs. John Kvartich will be held in the Slovene Hall, Bridgeville, Pa., at 8 p.m. The couple will spend their honeymoon at Bermuda and Havana, whereupon they will return to Cleveland where they will make their home.

The Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association (Slovenska Dobrodela Zveza), an Ohio fraternal organization, is now holding its 9th regular convention in the Slovene National Home in Cleveland. Krist Stokel, prominent Cleveland member of the SSPZ, was elected convention chairman, while Frank Pucel, president of the SSPZ Supreme Trial Board, is acting as the chairman of the by-law committee. The convention began on September 12 and is expected to adjourn by the middle of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hovevar, Spartan members, report the birth of a baby-boy, Joseph Junior, weighing 8¼ pounds, who was born one year and one day from the date of birth of their first-born daughter Rose Marie.

Preparations for the 30th Anniversary of the SSPZ to held on October 9 by the United SSPZ Lodges of Cleveland, Ohio, are in full swing. The arrangements committee will meet Friday, September 23, at SDD on Waterloo Rd. Rehearsals for all groups participating in the program will take place on the following Fridays, September 30 and October 7. The first rehearsal for the Spartan group takes place on Thursday of this week at the SND, 8 o'clock sharp.

Mrs. Ann Skully, a Spartan member, gave birth on August 9th to a baby-boy weighing nine pounds.

Saturday, September 17, Henry F. Zorman, active Utopian member, and Miss Stella M. Zadel were joined in holy wedlock. A reception was held in the evening at the Slovene Hall on Holmes Ave. which was attended by a large group of SSPZ members.

Accommodating

The ardent young suitor drew his girl's young brother aside.

"Jimmy," he said, "how would you like to earn some pocket money for yourself?"

"Love to," came from the youth. "What do you want me to do?"

"Well," said the lover, lowering his voice, "I'll give you a quarter if you can get me a lock of your sister's hair."

"Easy," replied Jimmy. "And if you gimme a dollar I'll got you the wig."

SLOVENE PROVERBS

The world is the home of all the people.

Brains are better than velvet.

THE SLOVENES AN OUTLINE OF A SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE SLOVENES

(FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO 1910)

By
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TRANSLATED FROM THE SLOVENE

By
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AUTHORIZED TRANSLATION

(Continuation)

V.

German colonization did much more harm to the Slovenes territorily, and even more so nationally at the periphery. In the nucleus, colonization and Germanization were not so strong. It is for this reason, too, that the legal and social order of the Middle Ages, that is, feudalism, ruined the Slovenes socially, as well as nationally. It is necessary to note here that there were class differences among the Slovenes before. I dare say that the democracy of the old Slavs is an idealization. The original Slovenian nobility was disappearing with increasing rapidity. Much of it had fallen in the wars, the rest of it gradually estranged itself from its people. Assimilation with the foreign-born element brought the nobility economic security and, with this, social prestige. The free Slovenian proprietor began to sink into subjection and slavery. All those who submitted to foreign domination only after they were forced to do so by means of the sword lost their liberty according to martial law, and their land passed into possession of the conquerors. Prisoners of war and rebels became slaves or were treated like live stock which could be given away, traded or sold in the market as working power. The manorial lord had absolute right to annul marriages among the slaves. Later, Pope Hadrian IV (1154-1159) decreed that married slaves could not be divorced. From then on the children of slaves were recognized as legitimate. From the years 1177 and 1178 there have been preserved in the archives of the town of Stein, Lower Austria (in addition to another similar one) two tariff bills in which Slovenian girls are mentioned as export-goods ("wendisch-slavische Mädchen"). The Crusades quickened the flourishing trade on the Danube between the Germans and the East. The name Slav meant "slave" to the Germans and Italians. Slavery was, however, being rapidly mitigated, and it became possible for slaves to buy their freedom. However, there are to be found various instances of slavery up to the most recent times (1781 and 1848).

The German kings, in their effort to get the imperial crown from Rome, had first of all to assure themselves of a free road over the Alps into Italy. This road went through Slovenian territory. We therefore see these kings granting many of their possessions to the clergy, because it seemed to them that they were more liable to support their efforts to get the imperial crown. If the clergy in the war between Church and State allied themselves with the enemies of the State, the German kings tried to wrest these land grants out of the hands of the clergy and put them in charge of nobles.

These estates of the clergy and nobility lay between the free Slovenian possessions. The ecclesiastical and secular lords tried to round off their possessions with these lands by combining small homesteads with theirs into large estates. They could easily do this because they had a legal right over their territory. But this increase of their possessions also occurred by means of acquisition and exchange. The church thus multiplied its wealth, particularly because pilgrims and crusaders bequeathed, sold, or lost their possessions to it through gambling. Nobles or other wealthy men often willed their property to the Church and monasteries at their death, either out of good intention or so that they could make amends through expensive gifts to the Church because of their sinful life. Secular lords increased their power particularly as defenders or advocates (*adocatus*) of the Church. Churches and monasteries asked secular princes to protect their rights and possessions by means of military service. Such protectors of the Church often became oppressors, who acquired their power through church possessions at the expense of their wards.

In exactly the same way, and to a still greater degree, free proprietors were losing their freedom under the pressure of the severe military laws of the Middle Ages. Whoever had a freehold had to go to war whenever and as many times as the king called for him. All the while he had to supply his own food and clothing. And now consider the countless and protracted wars of those times, particularly in the South! The small proprietors became impoverished under such circumstances. They therefore submitted themselves to the protection of the secular lords, and more particularly to the lords spiritual, and voluntarily left them their possessions, so that they instead of themselves could take over their military duties. In this way the free proprietors freed themselves from their military burdens, but at the same time lost their freedom because they had to pay taxes on their property and were bound to the soil. The number of bound Slovenian, and German peasants, rapidly increased. However, the relationship between master and subject was very clear. In some places the vassal could leave his descendants the estate as a land-fall, or he could sell it. In other places he could not sell his estate. In still other places—this was usually the case in Lower Styria, Carinthia, and Carniola—he did not even have the right of inheritance. In addition to this the vassal had to pay sundry taxes and do service in soccage.*

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(To be continued)