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MERIČANI NA KITAJSKEM
Vlada Zedinjenih držav je
kovala vse Američane, bivajo-
na Kitajskem, posebno tiste,
bivajo v bližini sedanjih voj-
operacij, da zapustijo ne-
zame kraje. Na razpolago so
parni, da jih odpeljejo na
vino. V zadnjem pozivu na
vlada, da kdo ostane tam,
ostal na lastno odgovornost
ne more računati na protest
Zedinjenih držav. Skupina
ameriških trgovcev, ki dela de-
ja na Kitajskem, je proti te-
protestirala. Vlada pa vz-
pri svojem odloku, ker ve,
ameriško ljudstvo ne mara-
z Japonsko zaradi oseb-
nih dobičkov nekaterih posa-
tnikov, ki so se podali v i-
zmenstvo na svojo odgovor-

STOPETDESETLETNICA
Letos 17. septembra bo usta-
Zedinjenih držav obhajala
150-letnico. Od zastopni-
milade republike je bila
reprezentativna in je stopila
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Z DUHOM ČASA

Na drugem mestu v današnji izdaji Nove Dobe so navedeni nekateri podatki o ustavi Zedinjenih držav, ki je bila podpisana pred 150 leti. Ustava ali konstitucija je temeljna postava, na kateri je zgrajena ena ali druga ustanova. V ustavi Zedinjenih držav je posebno važna ista točka, ki omogoča ljudstvu Zedinjenih držav po predpisanim načinu sprejemati dodatke ali amendmente k ustavi. Zastopniki originalnih držav naše republike, ki so sprejeli ustavo, so se zavedali, da bodo izpremenjene razmere bodočnosti zahtevale gotove izpremembe z ozirom na razvoj in koristi dežele. Tako je bila v ustavo vključena točka, ki dovoljuje in omogoča potrebne izpremembe.

Ko je bila sprejeta izvirna ustava Zedinjenih držav, je to republiko tvorilo trinajst držav s približno štirimi milijoni prebivalstva. Dežela je bila po veliki večini poljedelska in je imela slabe prometne zveze. Danes šteje ta republika 48 držav, se razteza od Atlantika do Pacifika in ima približno 130 milijonov prebivalcev. Deželo preprezajo železniške proge, dobre ceste, letalske črte ter telegrafske, telefonske in radijske zveze. Dandanes zaposlujeta industrija in trgovina več prebivalstva kot poljedelstvo. Da je mogel razvoj dežele iti z duhom časa, kakor pravimo, je bilo treba originalno ustavo v marsikakam oziru izpopolniti. To se je izvršilo potom dodatkov ali amendmentov, katerih imamo doslej 21.

V naši republiki velja od vsega začetka pravilo, da izhaja vsa oblast iz ljudstva in da večina državljanov odloča, kakšna naj bo vlada in kakšne naj bodo postave. Ako nimamo v tej deželi v vseh ozirih takih postav, ki bi bile po volji in v korist večini ljudstva, je vzrok v tem, ker se večina državljanov ni pobrigala, da bi bila take postave izsili. Večkrat so bile sprejete postave, ki so bile v korist manjšini in v škodo večini, toda tega niso krivili temeljni zakoni dežele. Kriva je bila nezavedna ali brezbrizna večina, ki je dovolila dobro organizirani manjšini prostot pot. Tako bo tudi v bodočem. Ako se večina ne bo brigala za svoje ustavne pravice, ji bo vladala manjšina. Imamo pa iz vseh časov naše republike, posebno pa še iz zadnjih let, dokaze, da večina ljudstva res odloča, kadar zna in hoče pravilno nastopiti.

Razume se, da 130 milijonov ljudi ne more biti v vseh ozirih enakih misli in nazorov. Dalje vemo vsi, da smo ljudje zmotljivi in da delamo napake. Tako je tudi dežela delala napake. Toda iz napak se učimo in jih polagoma popravljamo. Duh časa zahteva marsikako izpremembo, ki se je že in se še bo uveljavila klub odporni tradiciji.

Tudi naša J. S. K. Jednota, obenem z drugimi sličnimi organizacijami, ima svojo ustavo, katero izpopolnjujejo pravila. Tudi pri nas izhaja vsa oblast iz članstva. Članstvo sestavlja in sprejema po svojih prosti izvoljenih zastopnikih taka pravila, kakršna večina članstva želi, pod pogojem, da so v skladu z določbami federalnih in državnih postav.

Pred približno 40 leti, ko je bila naša Jednota ustavljena, so bile splošne razmere v tej deželi mnogo drugačne kot so danes. Zato je bilo treba naša pravila izpreminjati v soglasju z duhom časa. Čim bolj smo ta pravila prilagodili duhu časa, tem bolje je bilo za organizacijo oziroma za članstvo v splošnem.

Problema mladine pri naši organizaciji pred 30 ali 40 leti nismo poznavali. Naše mladine takrat skoraj še ni bilo in, če je bila, se nam ni zdalo vredno nanjo ozirati. Naši ljudje so takrat trumoma prihajali iz starega kraja in je bilo na razpolago dovolj "rekrutov" za novo članstvo. Dandanes je stvar obratna. Naseljevanje je ustavljeno in tu je dorasla in doraščajoča mladina. Sila razmer nas je primorala, da smo se začeli zanimati za to našo mladino. In priznati je treba, da smo se, dasi nekoli pozno, resno lotili pridobivanja mladine v naše vrste. Danes smo vsi preprčani, da je bodočnost naše organizacije odvisna od mladine, in smo temu primerno prikrojili naš sistem in poslovanje.

Nadaljni vzrok za velike izpremembe v naših pravilih je vedno strožja državna kontrola nad bratskimi podpornimi organizacijami. Ta kontrola je včasih nekoli sitna in neprjetna, toda v splošnem je organizacija koristna, ker zahteva tako gospodarstvo, da so člani zasigurane podpore, ki so jim bile obljudljene.

Z duhom časa iti včasih ni lahko, toda je zdravo in pametno. In glede J. S. K. Jednote se lahko reče, da vedno koraka v prvih vrstah z duhom časa.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V South Dakoti je neka bivša učiteljica vrnila državni blagajni ček mesečne podpore in je obenem zapisala, da se ji te vrste podpora popolnoma ustavi. Kot vzrok je navedla, da ne mara denarja, ki prihaja od legalnih davkov na opojne pijače. Če bi izhaljal iz glob butlegarjev, bi bilo morda vse v redu. Vsekakor, prav posebno potrebna podpora priletala punca najbrž ni bila.

Hvala za bolj ali manj blagotone lekcije in nasveti od govorov nepoklicane stranke, toda prijeli se nas ne bodo, oziroma je to zelo dvomljivo. Članstvo J.S.K. Jednote je doslej še vedno samo znalo urejevati notranje zadeve svoje organizacije in to delalo tudi v bodoče. Nismo nezmotljivi, toda doslej smo v splošnem še vselej znali najti pravo pot brez zunanjih vodnikov in prerokov, kar najbolje dokazuje krasen vsestranski napredki organizacije.

Neki odvetnik v Washingtonu, katerega odvetniški posli so se povoljno izplačevali, si je s prihranki kupil malo farmo zunaj mesta in jo je polagoma izboljševal v enem in drugem oziru. Po dveh letih pa se je mož prepričal, da farma, katero je z velikimi stroški izboljševal, ni njegova. Farma, katero je bil kupil, je v idealni zaraščnosti ležala nekoliko niže ob cesti. To dokazuje, da tudi učeni odvetniki niso nezmotljivi.

Milijoni Kitajcev so še do nedavnega časa verovali, da ob priliku sončnega mrka hoče veliki nebeski pes požreti sonce, pa so ga skušali pregnati z raketa, vpitjem in bobnjenjem. Danes pa bili veseli, če bi japonsko sonce požrli kitajski zmaj. Simbol Japonske je namreč vzhajajoče sonce, simbol Kitajske pa zmaj.

Kitajci so bili tisti, ki so iznali smodnik, in zdaj imajo vraga. Prav za prav bi lahko rekli, da imajo vraga in pol, če bi vedeli, da se tega črnega gentlemana servira tudi v komadih.

Štirinajsti rojstni dan kralja Petra so dne 6. septembra v Beogradu proslavili z veliko vojaško parado. Za dotični dan pa so v Beogradu zaprli več odiščnih Srbov in Slovencev, da ne bi prišlo do demonstracij. (Hrvati so bili menda toliko pametni, da so ostali doma na Hrvatskem.) Tozadnevo poročilo pošiljal United Press. Iz navednega bi se dalo sklepati, da so Jugoslovani praznovali rojstni dan svojega mladega kralja z zelo mešanimi občutki.

Neka pariška prerokinja prekuje, da bo konec sveta 20. septembra 1937 popoldne. Upajmo, da bo lepo vreme.

Japonci prav gotovo ne verujejo v prerokovanja o koncu sveta, sicer ne bi tako hiteli s pobijanjem Kitajcev.

Mladi Američani se radi že njo ob prilikah raznih praznikov, upajoči, da jim bo živilje en sam velik praznik ever after. Toda neki pesimist pravi v zvezi s to navado: Kdor se oženi na Spominski dan, se bo z žalostjo spominjal izgubljene svobode; kdor se ženi na Dan neodvisnosti, zafrečka svojo neodvisnost; kdor se ženi na Delavski dan, bo pronašel, da je poročil s trdim delom za vse živiljenje; kdor se ženi na Zahvalni dan, naj zahvali usodo, če bo še kdaj v živiljenje imel sreča na njihovo stran. Zdi se, da je Kitajska v odporu proti Japoncem bolj zdržana kot kdaj prej in da je tudi bolje oborožena kot so si Japonci predstavljali.

če mu ženitev ni prinesla oboje-
ga.

S pikniki smo za letos priljčno omlatili in zdaj se bodo razpasle surprise parties. Kakor je splošno znano, je surprise party zabava, ki najbolj prizadetim žrtvam na napovedana, ampak se kar začne. Glavni surprise parties — imate zdaj Španija in Kitajska.

A.J.T.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN
INOZEMSTVA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

RAZSTAVA V CLEVELANDU Velikojezerska razstava v Clevelandu, ki bi po prvotnem načrtu morala biti zaključena 6. septembra, je podaljšana do 26. septembra. Od otvoritve v maju do srede preteklega tedna je imela razstava tri milijone posetnikov.

VELIKA SONČNA ROŽA Na vrtu Freda Boltona, 440 E. 109 St., v Clevelandu, O., je to poletje zrasla sončna roža, ki meri 12 četrtjev od tal do vrha. Zasejala se je sama in se je razvila do take višine brez posebne nege. Razstava velikih v nenevadnih cvetličnih in zelenjav se bo vrnila 18. in 19. septembra popoldne v Wade parku, in sicer v poslopju, imenovanem Cleveland Garden Center.

NACIJI V AMERIKI

Chicaški list "Chicago Times" je pretukli teden priobčil članek, v katerem se trdi, da je v Zedinjenih državah organizirala 20,000 nacijs, ki prejemajo povelje iz Nemčije in ki čakajo, da se polastijo vlade v tej deželi. Ko so Fritz Kuhna, načelnika organiziranih nacijs v tej deželi, opozorili na omenjeno članek, je izjavil, da organiziranih nacijs v Zedinjenih državah ni samo 20 tisoč, ampak 200 tisoč, da pa so patrioci in pripravljeni braniti to deželo in da ne prejemajo nikakih navodil iz Berlina. Pripravljen pa da so za boj in sicer na boj proti židom, komunistom in J. L. Lewisu.

Osmi amendment določa, da se od obtožencev ne sme zahtevati pretirano visokih varščin in da naložene kazni ne smejo biti okrutne in nenavadne.

Deveti amendment poudarja, da se navedba v ustavi gotovih pravic državljanov ne sme razlagati tako kot da bi ljudstvo ne imelo še drugih pravic.

Deseti amendment določa, da pravice, ki v ustavi niso dane Zedinjenim državam in ki tudi v isti niso odtegnjene posameznim državam, pripadajo državam ali pa ljudstvu.

Enajsti amendment določa, da državljan ene zveznih držav ne more tožiti druge, istotako ne morejo posameznih zveznih držav tožiti inozemci.

Dvanajsti amendment določa način volitev predsednika in podpredsednika Zedinjenih držav potom elektorjev.

Trinajsti amendment preprečuje suženstvo in prisilno delo, da se nobenemu državljanu ne sme uvažati opojnih pijač v države in teritorije Zedinjenih držav, ki imajo lastne prohibicije postavne.

Štirinajsti amendment določa, da vse osebe, ki so bile rojene ali naturalizirane v Zedinjenih državah, so državljanji Zedinjenih držav in obenem državne tožilnike. Za fante in mlade može iz velikih industrijskih mest je bilo delo v neposrednem stiku z naravo velikega pomenu na telesno okrepitev in v mnogih primerih najbrž tudi za boljše duševno uravnoteženje. Pa tudi farmerski fantje so se naučili marsikaj, česar se doma ne bi mogli. Sploh se je ustanova CCC armade izkazala za eno najbolj posrečenih med vsemi zasilonimi ustanovami tekom velike depresije, tako dobra, da jo hoče ameriško ljudstvo ohraniti kot trajno organizacijo.

Sestajnajsti amendment je dal kongresu pravico vpeljati dohodinske davke.

Sedemnajsti amendment določa volitev zveznih senatorjev potom direktnih volitev državljanov; prej so jih volile državne legistature.

POVZETEK NA KITAJSKEM Po vseh, ki prihajajo iz Orienta, je možno sklepati, da sedanja vojna med Kitajci in Japonci ne bo tako hitro končana. Ves svet, posebno pa že Japonce, preseneča trdovraten odpor Kitajcev. Klub izvežbeni in moderno opremljeni japonski vojski in klub velikim izgubam na obeh straneh, Japonci še zadnje čase pravijo, da se je začela obračati vojna na sreča na njihovo stran. Zdi se, da je Kitajska v odporu proti Japoncem bolj zdržana kot kdaj prej in da je tudi bolje oborožena kot so si Japonci predstavljali.

Devetnajsti amendment je dal ženskam volilno pravico.

Dvajseti amendment določa inavguracijo predsednika na 20. januarja v letu, ki sledi izvolitvi; prej so jih datum inavguracije 4. marca. Istočasno dolgoča, da se kongres vsako leto snide 3. januarja. Enaindvajseti amendment je v nekaterih državah že znesek

ZATIRANJE PIRATSTVA

V Sredozemskem morju je bilo zadnje čase okrog 20 tovornih parnikov napadenih in nekaj tudi potopljenih po neznanih podmornicah. Napadeni so bili španski, angleški, francoski, ruski in drugi parniki, da ne bi privačili kakršnega koli materiala španski ustavnimi vladami. Ker imajo španski rebeli samo eno podmornico, se splošno sodi, da napadajo in potapljamajo parnike italijanske podmornice in skušajo s tem pomagati španskim rebelim. Anglija in Francija sta vsled tega sklical konferenco velesil, ki naj bi ta problem mirnim potom rešila. Ruska vladpa da je med tem naslovila dve ostri noti na Italijo, katero je naranost obdolžila, da so njene podmornice potopile dva russka parnike, ter je zahtevala povrnitev škod in kaznovanje krivev. Italija je obe noti ignorirala, češ, da se nje ne tičejo, ker da piratstva ne izvajajo italijanske podmornice.

Doplji državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih državah. Jednota je zastopana skoraj v vseh večjih slovenskih naseljih v Ameriki. Način na katerem poteri njen član, način na katerem je zavaruje zavarovalne in boliški spravljene, nezvratne. Doploski državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih državah in plačuje način na katerem poteri njen član, način na katerem je zavaruje zavarovalne in boliški spravljene, nezvratne. Doploski državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih državah in plačuje način na katerem poteri njen član, način na katerem je zavaruje zavarovalne in boliški spravljene, nezvratne. Doploski državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih državah in plačuje način na katerem poteri njen član, način na katerem je zavaruje zavarovalne in boliški spravljene, nezvratne. Doploski državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih državah in plačuje način na katerem poteri njen član, način na katerem je zavaruje zavarovalne in boliški spravljene, nezvratne. Doploski državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih državah in plačuje način na katerem poteri njen član, način na katerem je zavaruje zavarovalne in boliški spravljene, nezvratne. Doploski državni naziv, oglasi, narodna nedelja in izpremena na slovenščini. Jugoslovanska Katoliška Jednota v Ameriki je najbolj jugoslovanska podmornica v Zedinjenih

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Current Thought

Call For Copy

For the past five months the English section of Nova Doba has been woefully lacking in contributing articles from the English-speaking members. Little Stan, director of the SSCU national juvenile publicity committee, is the one big exception.

Now and then an article or two dribbles in. An article usually announcing a dance, picnic or some other activity sponsored by the local lodge. Or perhaps a perfunctory article notifying the members that they are being heard with their assessments.

It must be painfully admitted, although the truth does sometimes hurt, that our juvenile members always show more interest in the SSCU than English-speaking members belonging to our senior units.

The editor realizes the unpleasant task confronting the aspiring writer. Not so much for the lack of an idea, the means for expression of that idea. And perhaps so much of a task to express the idea in words, as the unpleasant thought of sitting down at the table and pen and paper in hand.

Each lodge, in order to be active and full of life, must have a publicity committee consisting of one, two, three members, who shall see to it that the activities and this committee need not consist of the literary wonders in the community, for, if necessary, the editor will be only correct, but add the necessary phrases to the article, if the contributors will but simply state the facts.

The Nova Doba is published weekly for the special benefit of its members. In order to utilize our official organ to the best advantage, it is necessary for all the members to see to it that their lodge, if not their community, is given some mention now and then. However, the editor must have someone from the community or lodge, interested enough to write something about the lodge or community, mail a contributing article now and then.

A lamentable fact is noted in the interest lost by our writers when they transfer to the adult department. Perhaps they no longer wish to relate about their experiences in school, at home, etc., but it would not be far fetched to have them write on their transfer, as they feel since they became a full fledged member of the adult department. And then, if they attend meetings, they could publicize the lodge's plans for the future, keep before the public eye the lodge's dance, which advertising in order to attract a large crowd.

Therefore, you English-speaking members, get busy and start reporting on your lodge and settlement. If necessary, simply jot down a few interesting notes on a piece of paper, and forward it to the Nova Doba, 6233 Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. The editor will elaborate on the incidents, if necessary.

At this time all members are requested to keep in mind the following points when submitting an article for publication in the Nova Doba:

1. Sign your name to the article. The signature must be in the person's own handwriting. A typewritten name is insufficient.

2. Avoid mention of religion or politics in your writings. The by-laws strictly prohibit discussion of religion or politics at the meetings; also publication of any matter in the official organ, since our SSCU is a non-political, non-sectarian fraternal.

3. Type your articles, if possible; if not, use ink, and write on one side of the paper only. Pencil notes are easily blurred, and the editor sometimes is at a loss to decipher some of the writings. Especially is it important that the editor be able to read correctly names of persons, as a mispelling in proper names is a most glaring error.

4. Forward your articles on time to reach the Nova Doba office not later than Monday of each week, if the contribution is to be included in the same week's issue. Monday of each week is the deadline, and all articles received later than Monday of each week are deferred until the following week.

ATTRACTIVE REWARDS

Cash awards! That's what our SSCU offers to active members who enroll successful prospects for membership. The following cash awards are payable after the new member has paid three assessments:

Cash Award	Amount of Insurance
\$1.25	\$ 250.00
2.00	500.00
4.00	1000.00
5.00	1500.00
6.00	2000.00
8.00	3000.00

The amount of insurance refers to the death benefit certificate taken out for any of the three plans, "A", "B" or "C". Fifty cents is awarded for each new juvenile member enrolled.

S. S. C. U. Bowling League to Meet Sept. 26th

On Sunday, September 26, the Cleveland SSCU Bowling League will hold an informal get-together at Dan's Alleys, where plans for the 1937-1938 bowling season will be formulated and discussed.

John P. Lunka, chairman of the circuit, is calling the meeting together, which is scheduled to start at 2:00 p. m. All SSCU members interested in bowling and in joining the league are requested to be present at the alleys which are located at E. 118th St. and Superior Ave.

Those interested in the kegging circuit but who are unable to be on hand September 26, are requested to get in touch with either John P. Lunka or Frank "Lefty" Jaklich.

Washingtons to Dance Nov. 13th

Cleveland, O. — The George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU decided to get a good start for the winter season of social activities. At the August meeting it was decreed that the G. W.'s would hold a dance, the time to be determined by the administrative board who would look after the details and all arrangements.

Therefore, I am very happy to announce that on November 13, 1937, the G. W.'s will hold a dance at Twilight Ballroom. As usual, an outstanding and excellent band shall have been procured for the occasion.

While the profit motive is one of the reasons for holding a dance, since funds must be secured to cover lodge expenses arising through regular operation, we must also keep in mind that a get-together always works to the advantage of all those interested enough to come and join an evening of entertainment.

True enough, the summer months have been more or less dormant for our lodge activities, what with hot summer months inviting us mortals to an irresistible glass of beer and other refreshments. Now that cooler weather is with us again, indoor forms of entertainment find popular favor. Hence, the dance. By the way, a word of advice to those who have stayed away from our meetings recently: Even in the hot summer months a nice group attended our meetings, and stayed for the after-meeting entertainment. The business is cut short; no elaborate and unnecessary speeches—in fact, the policy has been to dwell only on the essential facts, much to the satisfaction of all concerned; that is, those in attendance.

Yes, you George Washington members, who preferred to stay away from the meetings, you are missing something by not coming to the regular monthly assembly. Why? Come around and find out. You're in for a surprise.

J. F. Kardell, Pres.

Neighbor—What's the new baby at your house, Jimmie, a boy or a girl?

Jimmie (disgustedly)—Aw, it's a girl. I saw 'em putting powder on it.

BRIEFS

Two popular members of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU of Cleveland will become man and wife on September 25th. Miss Betty Stucin, former recording secretary, and Mr. Frank "Lefty" Jaklich, who has served as vice president, trustee and on various other committees of the George Washington Lodge are the two who will say "I do." A host of friends and relatives attended a surprise shower held on the bride-to-be last Wednesday, September 8th. May the two find everlasting happiness in the sea of matrimony. Miss Stucin originally came from Cumberland, Maryland, her hometown.

On November 13th, George Washington Lodge, SSCU No. 180, of Cleveland will hold a dance in the Twilight Ballroom. An excellent orchestra has been contacted to furnish music for the occasion. A more detailed report on the dance will follow in subsequent editions of Nova Doba.

"Narodni Adresar", the work of G. Ivan Mladineo, will be released on November 20, 1937. It is now in the hands of the printers. "Narodni Adresar" is in nature a compendium of facts relating to fraternal benefit societies. Covering some 1,000 sheets Mladineo's "Adresar" will include under each city the name of the local lodges, and the name of the supreme officers. Further, it will include the merchants, professional men and such, along with their addresses and telephone numbers. The cost of the "Adresar" will be \$3.50 if the order is placed before November 20, 1937. Later, the cost will be \$5.00 per copy. Orders can be mailed to "Narodni Adresar", 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Cardinals Lodge, No. 229, SSCU of Struthers, O., will hold a dance on Saturday, September 25, in the Croatian Hall situated on Lowellville Rd.

Doris Birtic, national prize winner of a Mediterranean cruise, sent a postcard from Napoli, Italy, where evidently her boat made one of the stops en route. Doris writes: "Do you want a real vacation? Well, come out on the Mediterranean and enjoy life to the fullest. It's grand. Too busy to write. Will write from notes once I get home." Doris is a member of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU of Cleveland, O.

Better late than never. Inadvertently the editor forgot to mention in the columns of last week's Nova Doba that Walter Guzik, member of George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU of Cleveland, won first prize in a garden contest conducted recently by The Cleveland Press. The contest was under the supervision of Donald Gray, landscape consultant, who writes a daily column for The Press. Walter came first in the third district; he also won a third prize.

In trying to cross the busy St. Clair Ave., in Cleveland, 13-year-old Michael Staresinic of 1392 E. 49th Street, was struck down and injured fatally by an automobile. Safety Director Ness ordered the city cycle squad to be increased 100 per cent.

Second National Juvenile Convention

By LITTLE STAN, Juvenile Convention Campaign Director

(Fourth Installment)

Ely, Minn.—Winding up a sunny Saturday afternoon of carefree capering around the town, the Juvenile delegates settled back at the hotel to prepare for the grand juvenile convention ball, an idea which originated in the minds of Bro. Matt Anzelc, supreme trustee; and Bro. F. J. Arch, supreme medical examiner, both of whom were on the social activities' committee.

Little Stan had just returned from that lake sightseeing tour with other delegates, had gone home to chow, and was back in town getting ready for the evening. The night was young—and everyone looked so beautiful—like that song they sing. As Little Stan walked towards the Forest Hotel he chanced upon some delegates, and because there was so much time, he decided to stroll along with them . . . to help them pick out some souvenirs, and to show them the swans in Ely Park, picturesque and beautiful. The gals Little Stan met were Vickie Kumse, Dorothy Gruden, Isabelle Erzen, and Amelia Korosec, all sister delegates.

Up Ely's big hill on main street . . . Passersby smiled and a lot of kidding followed . . . The gals counted the number of remarks made by brother gentlemen of Ely's main street . . . and the figure mounted to about 14 or 15.

Into a five and ten, and the hunt for souvenirs was underway. Mrs. Anton Gaber, her daughter, Miss Mildred, and several other visitors to the convention were in the store, and in a little while Little Stan was a very much surprised owner of a sporty pipe—a gift from Mrs. Gaber. He will think of Salida, Colorado every time he puffs on it!

Little Stan was doing some nosing around himself and in one corner he spied a Big Chief Tom Tom drum . . . A quick conference of the gals was called. It resulted in the purchase of this drum, and gave birth to an idea which was destined to be one of the hits of the show.

Down the hill towards the park . . . It was quiet and serene and suddenly Vickie Kumse pipes up and asks Little Stan where the swans are. Little Stan is momentarily stumped for an answer but thinking fast he tells her that the beautiful birds are

cent in an effort to counteract the many accidents that occur because of drunken and careless drivers. The total traffic death toll for 1937 so far is 159, or 30 more than at the same time last year.

"Constitution Week," celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States, is being observed this week. President Roosevelt issued a proclamation designating the period from Sept. 17, 1937 to April 30, 1938 as one of commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing and ratification of the Constitution and of the inauguration of the first

locked up in the barns for the night . . . The answer apparently is satisfactory! Heh! Heh! Later on, however, Little Stan was given a good comeback on this joke he had played! Har, Har! He'll tell you all about that, too.

Anyway, back up to town . . . The girls were all enthused over the idea—and to Wilderness Outfitters. They were introduced to Buck Sletten, a forest guide and woodsman. An Indian statuette was borrowed . . . Into a couple of meat stores, in search of feathers. But the chickens had been killed that morning, and the feathers were gone. What to do! Into a dime store, and luckily, an assortment of colored feathers were for sale.

Everything almost ready. The girls were in their room in the hotel, preparing the head-dress and the make-up. Little Stan was downstairs. No one even sensed what was in the wind. Bro. Janko Rogelj was taken into confidence. He had experience with stage shows before, and was a big help. Downstairs in the lobby, the convention orchestra, featuring Anthony Princ, Albert Poklar, Eddie Zalar, and Frankie Dolekar was in full swing. Young couples danced.

Upstairs, in room 315, the thespians were putting the finishing touches to the Indian make-up. Little Stan had his head-gear all ready. The group wrapped themselves up in blankets . . . their faces were painted up, and they were the true image of the wild Indian.

All set! Big Chief Little Stan started the beat of the tom-tom. In rapid fire beats, the tribe kept in step with the beat. The door opened, into the hallway. All along the three flights of steps down to the lobby, young delegates and people stared in wonderment.

Looking stoically ahead as real Indians do, the tribe rattled down into the lobby, and with war-whoops hopped their way completely around. Others joined in the pow-wow, and around and around they went.

Little Stan then edged into a circle, squatted Indian fashion, and continued the rapid fire beat on the drums . . . Perspiration flowed freely.

The beat of the drums stopped. Stoically Big Chief Stan arose, and approached the social functions committee. A short address and a flowery presentation of the drum to the committee chairman and the Indians had finished their tribal fan-fare. To the applause of the people, the Indians made their way back to their rooms to recuperate.

The orchestra took over the helm of entertainment again, and to the strains of popular and polka music had everybody dancing. Even Little Stan, towering in his six-foot frame, could not resist the pretty advances of little Jennie Simenc of Chicago, and the two stepped lively to the strains of a fast polka!

The evening was waning . . . and Dr. Arch and Bro. Matt Anzelc called everyone into the dining room where a delicious morsel of ice-cream and cake was served . . . Delicious. Then the wind-up, as happy delegates

went their ways to their rooms to get rest for the big picnic day on the morrow!

Little Stan will tell you all about that in the final installment of the convention story which will appear in next week's issue of Nova Doba.

Looking over his files, Little Stan sees that he is far behind schedule, and must go some to really catch up.

Some of the things he has to do, and which you must look forward too are: Must resume the "Our Supreme Officers" series; must finish the convention story; must tell you of some of the "after" convention bits; must tell you of his Labor Day trip to Milwaukee . . . completed last week; and most important—MUST START THE JUVENILE CONVENTION PUBLICITY COMMITTEE ON ITS WAY!

A lot of things to do, so in the next few weeks, just keep your eyes peeled for excitement, adventure and fun. Even took a trip 1,500 feet underground in the Pioneer mine last week . . . another adventure to tell you about.

So just keep your eyes peeled on this column!

To Milwaukee and Muskegon "fans"—Just wait until next week for the big story about "satchel" . . . Nine-Pin . . . and H Two S . . . Har Har!

Value Must Work Well For Service

If a steam, vacuum, or hot-water heating plant is to give a maximum of efficiency, free-breathing air valves are necessary. To insure the best performance of a heating system, inefficient valves should be replaced as soon as they do not function properly.

When an air valve does not work freely, the retarded action will slow down the venting of the air and the radiator will heat too slowly. When the valve is clogged no amount of fuel will heat the radiator.

If the valve is a float type and is sticking, it should be cleaned.

Damp Cellars Cured By Sloping Ground

Damp cellars are sometimes caused by the fact that the surrounding ground is flat or slopes toward the foundation of the house. Grading to form a smooth sharp downward slope away from the walls is an effective remedy in many such instances. Water on the surface must drain away from the cellar walls.

Dumb—Did you ever study a blotter?

Dumber—Don't believe I have.

Dumb—it's a very absorbing thing.

Shieky Al—I like kisses with a smack to them.

Careful Sal—Yes, and that's just what you will get if you try to kiss.

Podsnap—How'd you get that pretty little round mouth, honey?

Miss Sharp—From saying "No" to other boys, darling.

But It Won't Pay the Bills

"Molly says she's wildly in love with her new motor-car." man is displaced by machinery."

Joliet Ladies of SSCU

Joliet, Ill. — An interesting entertainment greeted the Ladies of SSCU on Thursday, Aug. 26 at the home of Miss Jeanette Kosick.

The short business meeting was followed by an informal party at which time Miss Celia Jevitz, who became the bride of Mr. Louis Skul on Labor Day, was presented a wedding gift from the club.

We were honored at this time with the presence of Miss Vida Kumse of Lorain, O., who was a visitor in Joliet.

Airplane Bunco was played at quartet tables and prizes were awarded the Misses Anne Jevitz, Helen Kozlka and Lucille J. Jevitz.

Refreshments were then served at a long lace covered table centered with a large bouquet of cut flowers; lighted blue tapers were at both ends of the table. The hostess carried out a color scheme of pink and blue, the chosen colors of the bride-elect.

Our next hostess will be Miss Elizabeth Jevitz who will entertain on Sept. 29 at her home, 1403 No. Center St.

Lucille M. Jevitz

Free Community Hospital Service

The volume of Community Fund hospital service in Cleveland, which decreased in depression years, is now greater than rendered in 1929, the previous peak year. This is reported by C. W. Middleton, financial secretary, Cleveland Welfare Federation, who has just completed a study of comparative figures of 15 Community Fund hospitals. These hospitals are members of the Welfare Federation and of the Cleveland Hospital Council.

"The number of patients served by these hospitals last year is 7.7 percent more than in 1929," states Mr. Middleton in a report to the Federation's Central Budget and Policy Committee.

"The volume of free service last year was much greater than in 1929. Total free days' care given was 11.2 per cent higher, while clinic visits were 24.8 per cent higher."

Total service to hospital patients was about the same in 1936 as in 1929, although during this time the population of Greater Cleveland has increased about 5 per cent, according to Mr. Middleton.

Last year fewer people were able to pay hospital service than in 1929, care for which payment was made being 4.8 per cent less in 1936. In addition, last year patients stayed an average of 10.7 days each in the hospital, compared with 11.6 day each in 1929.

Hospital earnings were 1.3 per cent greater last year than in 1929, but endowment income was 9.8 per cent less. Food expense was 16.2 per cent less.

Two Community Fund hospitals, Evangelical Deaconess and St. Ann's, were omitted from the study, since changes in methods of recording at these institutions made their figures incomparable. Those hospitals included in the study were: Babies and Children's, Fairview Park, Glenville, Grace, Huron Road, Lutheran, Lakeside, McDonald House (Maternity Hospital), Mt. Sinai, Rainbow, St. Alexis, St. John's, St. Luke's, St. Vincent's Charity, Woman's.

Forgetful

"Have you your uncle's death certificates?"

"No, I think the poor man forgot to get one."

"The March of Fraternalism"

From an address by C. F. Savoie, Secretary, Societe l'Assomption, before Canadian Fraternal Ass'n, London, Ont.

Reprinted from Fraternal Monitor

With the adoption of level rates and the creation of reserves, fraternal societies adopted various forms of certificates adapted to the needs and wants of the public. With the adoption of standard tables of rates, reserves were created based on standard tables of mortality. In the early days of fraternal societies, it was thought that the excess over the current cost of protection constituted a surplus, while we now know that such additional amounts go to make up the reserve which is calculated on very specific and definite rules. There is no surplus until reserve requirements have been satisfied. In other words, no surplus is possible until the contingent liabilities of the future have been provided for, and the amount in excess of these reserve requirements making a society over 100 per cent actuarially solvent is known as surplus. It is the reserve basis of the operation of fraternal societies that has given them the right and the opportunity to issue different forms of insurance contracts more adapted to the needs of the public and to add to their certificates all the outstanding insurance features. It is the surplus, on the other hand, that enables societies to waive one or more monthly payment. The surplus determines the share of these payments (dividends) which can be returned to each member eligible to participate in the acquired surplus.

In support of what I have said and to further elucidate certain aspects of fraternal insurance, I shall deal briefly with two important aspects of the question: "Withdrawal equities" and "Waiver of Assessments or Dividends." Some people still believe that fraternal societies should confine themselves to whole life insurance with payment of contributions throughout life. Others believe that no withdrawal equities should be granted. To those, I shall put up the following question: "What difference is there in the protection afforded by a whole life certificate, a limited payment certificate or one paid up at age 60, 65 or 70? The answer is that there is no difference in the protection given by any of these; the difference is in the method of making contributions, for they are all based on the same principle, that of the reserve. One plan is just as good for protection as the other.

The fact that fraternal societies have reached the reserve plan, they are no doubt entitled to grant to their members all the advantages of the accumulation of reserves. Whether it be the simplest form of insurance—whole life insurance, a 20 payment or a 10 payment life, the principle remains the same; the only difference is that the payment of premiums is either distributed equally throughout life or confined to a limited period of 10, 15 or 20 years.

Should Grant Withdrawal Equities

Our rates or contributions include mortality, reserve and loading. We are required by law to maintain a reserve under the table used. This reserve belongs to no one else but the member. One of the truths that we, as fraternalists must face, is that under a reserve plan a member pays more than the true cost of his protection during the younger years. A reserve necessarily is accumulated to meet the increase in cost in older years, and if the member wishes to withdraw and drop his insurance he is, in justice,

History of the Great Seal

Inasmuch as "Constitution Week" is in effect this week, readers might be interested to learn something about the history of the Great Seal of the United States.

The seal, with slight modification is the same as that adopted originally in 1782. The reverse of the seal is never used and has not, indeed ever been cut. On July 4, 1776, the day of the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress appointed a committee consisting of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson to devise a seal of the new nation. The committee reported a design on August 20, but of that plan nothing was ever used except the motto. Another committee offered a new sketch in 1780, which included a shield with red and white stripes and the constellation in a cloud.

In 1782 William Barton, a private citizen of Philadelphia, submitted designs to another committee. Of these the reverse was adopted; but the obverse was considered further by Charles Tomson, the Secretary of the Continental Congress. He made an eagle with expanded wings as the central figure and borrowed other elements from earlier reports. On June 20, 1782, Congress adopted the seal thus devised and the obverse was cut and put in use. The new government under the National Constitution took over the seal, by act of September 15, 1789, and placed it in the custody of the Secretary of State, where it has remained. In 1841 the Secretary, without authority, had a new die of the seal cut, which made changes that were contrary to the design as prescribed by the original law.

This die, called the "illegal seal," remained in use until the act of July 7, 1884, authorized a new one in close adherence to the original form. A further seal was cut in 1903. Its use is restricted to papers bearing the signature of the President, different seals being used for other purposes, and also for several minor papers which have the presidential signature. Though the reverse is never used as a seal, both the obverse and reverse appear on the new one dollar bill.

entitled to part of the reserve accumulated on his policy. Whether he selects the paid-up policy, the cash surrender value or extended insurance, matters very little, for either option is only part of the accumulated reserve, thus overcoming the effects of adverse selection.

Another truth that we must face is that unless we grant the same form of withdrawal equities as commercial companies, we cannot expect the public to go to fraternal societies for their insurance needs. Since our rates include reserve, the member is entitled to it, if he so desires, for it belongs to him. True it is that withdrawal equities, unless done rightly, do more harm than good, since they are detrimental to the interests of beneficiaries and we, as fraternalists, should discourage it in every possible way. Nevertheless, the insured is the judge in the matter and of that reserve or part of it belongs to him, he is, in equity, fully entitled to it.

(To be continued)

A Horse on Him

"How do you like that new mare of yours?"

"Oh, fairly well. But I wish I had bought a horse. She's always stopping to look at herself in the puddles."

Kablegram

Dance In Center

Center, Pa. — Now that summer is just about over, we forget about picnics and our thoughts turn to the autumn season and, naturally, the Haloween Dance.

It has been the custom of our lodge in the past to make this dance the big event of the year, and it usually has been. But this year we expect to do even better. The committee has spent much time and has put forth a great deal of effort in planning this affair.

We have selected Smith's Ballroom in Center for this occasion.

Jimmy Sabula and his orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music for this gala affair which will take place on Saturday, October 30th.

We request all neighboring lodges to please keep this date open.

William Erzen
Chairman of Committee

Western Stars

Rock Springs, Wyo. — All members of Western Stars lodge, No. 202, SSCU are requested to kindly attend the meeting on Tuesday, September 21, starting at 7:30 p. m., to take place at the Dom. Some special business is to be discussed.

The melting pot will be four dollars; so, you better attend for you may receive the award.

Fannie Jenko, Sec'y

Professor—Very well, but I still say your answer is about as clear as mud.

Freshman — Anyway, that covers the ground, doesn't it, Prof.?

Elsie—Fulton, dear, I wish I could feel perfectly certain that I am the only girl you've ever loved.

Fulton—So do I, darling.

She—The fashion editors say women's dresses are becoming shorter.

He—Yes, much more becoming.

Mrs. Popplestone—Oh, did I tell you my husband bought me a new car?

Mrs. Tyndale—But, my dear, I didn't know you could drive.

Mrs. Popplestone—Well, I drove him into buying it.

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Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle

By IVAN MATICIC

From the Slovene by

VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

only some wormy underwear found and that they will be sent to the Division for Aye, many are the times when valiant commanders and gallant soldiers go ambling so gaily in Zeleznaya Valley in their luxuriously barracks and caverns and grottoes.

In this manner we live free day. On Christmas Eve the company goes to a fir tree to the post. The wine and rum is allowed us and ten "ogrsklih" apiece. Christmas carols and they sing from the trenches like those catacombs by the early stars sing us a selection from when he finishes we press him more.

Sometimes during the night I scramble out of the pain fills my heart to suffocate. I have missed for long. Both the and our batteries refrain from fire. I stare into this dark sombre thoughts slowly then take flight into the days. Wrapped in these we forget myself and light a cigarette. Then I go very earnestly to work by lying down on the spot and stretching out for a comfortable nap. In a quarter of an hour I call up Droll and report my findings somewhat as follows: "Gosp. Lieutenant, there was something on the wire just as you said. Far over in the middle of a field the wire trailed along the ground for some distance and at one point it was held in the teeth of a corpse. No doubt it was this scoundrel biting on it that was spoiling the circuit. So I kicked him and he loosened up mighty quick."

"Aha, what did I tell you. I knew there was something there. Now I can hear first rate."

I hear him with a wry face and thumbing my nose at the instrument salute him in a very unilitary fashion. And in this way I cheat him times without number for this man finds it sadistically to his pleasure to force men into the fire while he clings to the safety of a dugout. Oftentimes we deceive him into belief that a storm is brewing and that all the wires must be severed at once for fear of the lightning. He is very simple and accepts our stories at full value. So for awhile we are spared his persistent nagging.

Then again we may frighten him into quiescence by the warning that no one must utter a word into the tapped wires have been discovered.

His ravings, for that is what they are, reach their greatest intensity in the afternoon when the firing is fiercest. At these moments he can not bear to see men safe in the trenches but they must cut into the thick of it. The more recalcitrant ones he invariably threatens with his own menaces—court-martial. After a time this form of exacting instant obedience even becomes silly in the eyes of Colonel Matricic and one day when it is thundering and slashing most, he orders Droll out into the inferno. And now our hardy hero trembles and begs outside the kaverna entrance. By one of those stupid turns that occur all too frequently in all walks of life this wretch's presence outside the kaverna is construed by a not too comprehensive superior officer as an act of bravery voluntarily performed and he is later awarded the officer's medal for exceptional heroism under fire.

Behind us the sun is strong in the heavens at noon. This constitutes a slight advantage for the Italians and they do not choose to waste it. The slightest movement along our lines is signal enough for a blazing fusilade. We sling a deceased rooster up on the sandbag parapet and see it shot to bits.

As evening approaches our 1st Lieutenant Pajtler invariably mounts his Maxim gun on the emplacements and he so vigorously peppers the Italiens who are at mess that they are bound to exclaim, "Bog plati!" Then satisfied he dismounts his gun and tucking his pipe into his mouth walks tranquilly away.

This evening a 28. crashes into the staff quarters of the 10th Company and many men are wounded by the flying debris. Two men who have been close to the bursting point are torn to quick eternity. This development later results in a batch of disagreeable questions.

The Command issues orders for an inquest to be held into their death to determine whether they have really suffered the mishap or whether corpses lying at hand have been foisted on the authorities to cover the desertion of the two.

We answer that this not only is improbable but untrue as well and that the limbs we have taken from the ruins must necessarily be theirs. This reply is disregarded and the next demand is even more insistent and unfair: that we collect all the fragments and examine them thoroughly so that not the slightest doubt of their authenticity will be to the officers' taste.

And so pass the long nights and even they may be for a few moments the same as before. He has a slight interest in the task of joining us.

Finally an old daddy who is a veteran ventures out to the spot wires a number of grenades to him. The whirling dust and earth hide him momentarily and we all inwardly view and we all inwardly care for him to shreds. Fancy him emerging out of the hole and crawling rapidly on all fours. He has miraculously survived but for a few moments the same as before. He has a slight interest in the task of joining us.

The captain steps out of the hole and but for a few moments the same as before. He repeats, "Come on, it's a one man's boy!"

The men glance at one another and scratch their ears.</

Iz urada gl. tajnika

POSOJILA NA CLANSKE CERTIFIKATE ZA MESEC AVGUST 1937
Loans on membership Certificates for August 1937

Dr. St.

Lodge No.

Cert. St.

Cert. No.

Vsoča

Amount

\$141.94

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33403

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34307

309.47

Skupaj — Total

\$4,573.75

Anton Zbašnik, glavni tajnik — Supreme Secretary

ODMEVI IZ RODNIH KRAJEV

Nadaljevanje z 2. strani.

Narodni Adresar je v tisku

G. Ivan Mladineo poroča, da se njegovo delo "Narodni Adresar" nahaja sedaj v tisku in da bo gotovo za razpečevanje dne 20. novembra t. l.

Narodni Adresar bo obsežna knjiga približno 1,000 strani, v kateri bo navedenih kakih 1000 naših kolonij širok Združenih držav in Kanade, abecedno razporejenih po državah oziroma provincijah. Pod imenom vsakega mesta nahaja se popoln opis vseh naših tamošnjih društiev in ustavov z imeni njihovih glavnih odbornikov in z adreso organizacije. Potem popis trgovcev, profesionalcev in oddelnicnih ljudi v koloniji z njihovo adreso in telefonsko številko, uvrščenih pod rubriko njihovih odnosnih poklicev in poslov.

"Uvod" knjige vsebuje kratko zgodovino našega priseljeništva in njegovih delovanj in uspehov v Novem Svetu skupaj s tabelo stanja naših centralnih podprtih organizacij dne 30. junija 1937. V Adresaru so navedene tudi vse naše centralne organizacije vseh vrst s popolnim imenikom odbornikov, kakor tudi vsi časopisi, cerkve, šole, narodni domovi itd. Itd. Imena vseh, ki je sedela pri oknu, če vidi kje kak napis zdravnika. Ko je tudi priatelj Kužniki omenil, da tu ni jemu slabo prihaja, sta ženski hitro pogruntali, kakšnih zdravil potrebujeva, pa sta šoferji naročili, da ustavi pri vrem prostoru, kjer se prodaja pivo. Lepa hiša, nekaj avtomobilov okoli, nekaj picev notri, toda pivo je bilo le podobno pivu, brez pravega okusa. Priatelj Kužniki in meni se je zdelo, da sva po tistih medicinah še bolj bolana kot sva bila prej, pa sva sklenila, da se ne ustaviva prej kot v Slovenskem domu v Moon Runu. Mracilo se je, ko smo dospeli tja, pa nismo imeli sreče, ker je bilo vse temno in zaprto. Kazalo ni torej drugega kot nadaljevanje pot proti Braddocku in East Pittsburghu. Ob 10. uri zvečer smo dospeli v East Pittsburgh, kjer smo se pozdravili in sicer brez zdravnika.

To prvo delo te vrste v Ameriki je sad neumornega dela in prizadevanja skozi dobo pol druga leta. Isto bo nam dale — privikrat — mnogo jasnejši vpogled v intenzivno življeno v kolektivno zavednost našega naroda v zlici njegovih velikih raztresnosti širok vrednognali Severne Amerike. Radi tega to delo zasušuje, da naj bo v rokah vsakogar, zlasti pa v arhivih vsakega našega društva, narodnega doma, knjižnice in drugih organizacij in ustavov.

Ker se ta knjiga tiska v omejenem številu izdaj, priporoča se vsakomur, da takoj pošlje svoje naročilo in si s tem zasigura svoj primerek. Cena knjige v pred-naročilu (za naročila, ki bodo vposljana pred dnevnim 20. novembrom 1937) je \$3.50. Po tem dnevu bo cena znašala \$5.00. Knjiga bo trdo vezana. Vsa naročila pošljite na "Narodni Adresar", 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Predno začakujočim, naj še omenim, da sva v nedeljo, ko sva bila v Clevelandu, z ženico obiskala tudi piknik na Pintarjevi farmi. Na pikniku smo se srečali z večimi Pennsylvančani, tudi z mladim Previcem iz Centra. Piknik je bil prav dobro obiskan, dasi je bilo vreme nekoliko hladno. Kolikor sem mogel videti,

Braddock, Pa. — Nekaj besede glede obiska v Clevelandu. Večkrat sem že slišal, da tisti ameriški Slovenec, ki ni videl Clevelandu, ni videl Amerike. Temu izrekmu pritrdim. Cleveland je zanimivo mesto, le žal, da vselej, kadar ga posetim, mičasa za ogledovanje primanjkuje. Obljubil sem tudi moji ženi, da jo enkrat popeljem tja, in obljula je bila vzeta na znanje. Datum seveda ni bil določen.

Dne prvega septembra pa žena pošla mladino na Export in Kužnikovim po drobne kumarike za konservirati. Otroci so se vrnili v Poljski dvorani v Central City in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer. Na razpolago bodo primerna okrepila, za plesalce pa bo gotovo v zadovoljstvu igral Martin Sero in njegov trio iz Greensburga, Pa. Na veslico so prijazno vabljeni vsi člani in članice našega društva, člani in članice drugih bratskih društiev in sploh vsi rojaki in rojakinje v tej okolici. Čim več nas bo, tem boljša bo zabava. Torej, na svidenje na večer 18. septembra v Poljski dvorani v Central City! — Za društvo Ilirija, št. 145 JSKJ:

Martin Hudale.

Braddock, Pa. — Društvo Ilirija, št. 145 JSKJ je sklenilo, da priredi plesno veselico v soboto 18. sept., in sicer v kristoljubljajočem blagajni. Veselica se bo vršila v Poljski dvorani v Central City in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer. Na razpolago bodo primerna okrepila, za plesalce pa bo gotovo v zadovoljstvu igral Martin Sero in njegov trio iz Greensburga, Pa. Na veslico so prijazno vabljeni vsi člani in članice našega društva, člani in članice drugih bratskih društiev in sploh vsi rojaki in rojakinje v tej okolici. Čim več nas bo, tem boljša bo zabava. Torej, na svidenje na večer 18. septembra v Poljski dvorani v Central City! — Za društvo Ilirija, št. 145 JSKJ:

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St. Michael, Pa. — Društvo Sinovi Slave, št. 185 JSKJ bo priredilo plesno veselico v soboto 2. oktobra v proslavo desetletnice društvene ustanovitve. Veselica se bo vršila v St. Michael ali Cruickshank's hotelu in se bo pričela ob 7. uri zvečer. Za okrepilo bodo na razpolago fine kranjske klobase in razne druge dobre. Vsi člani in članice našega društva, člani in članice drugih bratskih društiev in sploh vsi rojaki in rojakinje v tej okolici. Čim več nas bo, tem boljša bo zabava. Torej, na svidenje na večer 18. septembra v Poljski dvorani v Central City! — Za društvo Ilirija, št. 145 JSKJ:

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Gilbert, Minn. — Na redni seji društva sv. Anje, št. 133 JSKJ, ki se je vršila 23. avgusta, je bilo sklenjeno, da se razpiše za mesec september majhna društvena naklada v svrhu pokritja društvenih stroškov ob koncu leta. Ta društvena naklada znaša 25 centov na članično in se plača z asesmentom za mesec september. Lahko bi počakale s to naklado do decembra, toda ker je navadno pozivane na tiste, kar sploh vse z gubijo v velikostnem prometu. Sin Edvard mi je pred odrhom dejal, da naj le skrbim, da pripeljem mamo nazaj. To sem upošteval in privedel sem jo zdravo nazaj, samo nekakega mačka, ki je imela v grlu, to menda zato, ker najnovejša moda zahteva, da se v "beer parlorju" kadijo cigarete. Pa mislim, da je dolj na tem, če nečem, da se jih nanele kot berač mira.

V Clevelandu sem bil tri dni in veliko bi lahko napisal o tem. Vsem pa, da vse, katere sem objektival, ne bodo tega čitali, torej nima pomena navajati njihova imena. Naj bo vsem skupaj izrečena lepa hvala vso prijaznosti. Tako po prihodu v Cleveland smo se videli s sestrom A. J. Terbovecem, potem pa nič več; isto velja glede sestre A. J. Roglja. Še toliko prilike ni bilo, da bi bili skupaj poleg vseh eno čašo tistega Clevelandskega piva, ki itak nima vse vrst poskočnice v zalogi. Torej, na svidenje! — Za društvo Sinovi Slave, št. 185 JSKJ:

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Frances Lopp, tajnik.

Detroit, Mich. — Mesto Detroit se pologoma prebuja in trdnjava odprtih delaynic pologoma prehajajo v uniju. Da se bo nadaljevalo, pa se potrebuje še precej pionirskega dela. Samo ob sebi je umevno, da prvi naseljenci, ki so prišli sem, niso našli ne domov ne cest; vse to so morali sami zgraditi. Pripravljati poti in obenem vršiti pionirske delo je dolžnost nas vseh Slovencev.

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KNUT HAMSEN:

BLAGOSLOV ZEMLJE

(Prevedel Rudolf Kresal)

Pri kovačevih so kosili, vsa družina je bila zbrana, ponudili so tudi Sivertu, toda on je bil že kosil in se je zahvalil. Saj so vedeli, da bo prišel ta čas, pa bi bili lahko še nekaj časa nanj počakali, na Seljanu bi se bilo to zgodilo, tu se pa ni. — Ah kaj, ti si pač vajen boljšega, je dejala kovačica. — Ali si v cerkvi kaj novega zvedel? je vprašal kovač, čeprav je bil sam v cerkvi.

Ko sta Jenzina in mala Rebeka sedeli na vozu, je kovačica dejala hčeri: Da, da, Jenzina, le nikar preveč ne zavlačuj, pa pride domov. — To se da razumeti na dva načina, je mislil Sivert, a se v stvar ni vmesal. Če bi bila malo bolj jasno govorila, tedaj bi bil nemara dal odgovor. Nagubal je čelo in čakal, — ne, nič več.

Vozili so se domov in mala Rebeka je bila edina, ki je imela kaj kramljati. Bila je polna doživetja, cerkev, duhovnik v čremnem talarju s srebrnim križem, soj luči in donenje orgel. Čez dolgo časa je dejala Jenzina: Tisto z Barbro je sramota! — Kaj pa je tvoja mati menila, ko je dejala, da pridi kmalu zopet domov? je vprašal Sivert. — Kaj je menila? — Kaj nas misliš zapustiti? — Pa nekoč bom vendar morala spet domov, je dejala. — E! je vzkliknil Sivert in ustavljal konja. Ali naj takoj zdaj obrnem s teboj? je vprašal. — Jenzina se je ozrla vanj, bil je bled kakor smrt. — Ne, je odvrnila in je takoj nato pričela jokati. Mala Rebeka je začučeno gledala zdaj enega zdaj drugrega. Ah, mala Rebeka je bila na taki-le vožnji zelo koristna, potegnila je z Jenzino, božala jo je in jo je pripravila spet do smeha. In ko je mala Rebeka grozila bratu, da bo skočila z voza in šibo poiskala zanj, tedaj se je moral nasmehniti tudi Sivert. — Za zdaj te moram vprašati, kaj si misliš? je dejala Jenzina. — Sivert je brez premisleka odgovoril: Misli sem, da bi morali, če bi nas zapustila, pač gledati, da bo opravili brez tebe. — Čez dolgo je Jenzina dejala: Kajpada, saj Leopoldina je zdaj že odrasla in bi lahko opravljala moje delo.

Bila je žalostna vožnja domov.

Cez puščobo gori je šel mož. Vihar je divjal in dež je lili, jensko deževje se je bilo pričelo, ali za to se ta mož ni zmenil, vesel je bil videti in je tudi bil. Aksel Strom je bil, od zasišanja je prihajal, kjer je bil oproščen. In bil je vesel: prvič, ker sta mu doli v pristanu stala kobilni stroj in plug za oranje ledine, in drugič, ker je bil oproščen. On ni pomagal umoriti otroka. Tako se utegne zgoditi!

Toda kako težke ure je moral prestati! Ko je stal pred sodniki in pričal, je imel ta od dnevnega dela zdelani mož pred seboj najtežje delo svojega življenja. On bi ne bil imel nikake koristi, če bi bil Barbrino krivdo povečal, zato se je pazil, da bi ja ne rekel kaj preveč, da, niti vsega tistega, kar je vedel, ni povedal, vsako besedo so morali izvleči iz njega in večinoma je odgovarjal samo z da in ne. Kaj to ni bilo dovolj? Kaj naj bi bil zadevoše večjo napravil, kakor je že itak bila? Ah, precejkrat je kazalo, kakor da se zdaj začne zares; visoka gospoda je bila tako hudo črno oblečena in nevarna, z malo besedami bi bila vse lahko sprevrgla v najhujše in bi bila nemara utegnila še njega oboščiti. A bili so prijazni ljudje, njegovega propada niso hoteli. In razen tega se je pripelitoše to, da so bile za Barbrino rešitev močne sile na delu in to je bilo tudi njemu v korist.

Kaj za ves svet pa bi se mu bilo še utegnilo pripeliti?

Barbri sami pač ni moglo priti na misel, da bi kaj izpovedala, kar bi bilo obremenilo njenega bivšega gospodarja in dragega; on je vedel vse preveč strašnih reči o njej, tako to kakor njen prejšnjo zadevo z otrokom, tako neuma Barbro ni bila. O, in prekanjena je bila dovolj, hvalila je Aksela in dejala, da niti najmanj vedel za porod tako dolgo, dokler ni bil vse v kraju. On da je precej samsvoj in da se nista razumela, a da je tih mož in izvrsten človek. Ne, da je izkopal nov grob in položil vanj truplo, to se je zgodilo veliko pozneje, in sicer le zato, ker je menil, da prvi grob ni bil dovolj suh; in tako je tudi bilo, samo Aksel je prav preveč samsvoj.

Kaj se je torej utegnilo Akselu pripeliti, če je tako Barbro vso krivdo vzela nase? In za Barbro samo so bile na delu zelo močne sile; gospa pristava Hayerdahla je bila na delu.

Šla je od najnižjega do najvišjega in ni štela stopinj. Zahtevala je, da jo zasišijo kot pričo, in je pred sodiščem imela veliki govor. Ko je prišla na vrsto, je stala pred ograjo in je bila res parvata odlična dama, vprašanje detomora je zgrabilo v vsej njegovi širini in je sodišču vprav predaval, človek bi bil misil, da si je bila dovoljenje za to že vnaprej izposlovala. O gospoj pristavki so drugače lahko misili, kar so hoteli, toda govoriti je znala, to pa, in učena je bila v politiki v vseh socijalnih vprašanjih. Bil je le čudež, odkod je vzela vse tiste besede. Zdaj pa zdaj se je zdelo, kakor bi jo bil predsednik poskušal opozoriti, da bi govorila bolj o stvari, toda očvidno ni imel dovolj šrafa, da bi jo bil prekinil, in je pustil, da je govorila dalje. In nazadnje je spravila na dan nekaj uporabljivih misli in stavila sodišču pozornost vzbujajoč predlog.

Brez ozira na pravnotehnične dolgoveznosti, se je stvar vršila, kakor sledi:

Me žene, je dejala gospa pristavka, me smo nesrečna in zatirana polovica človeštva. Može delajo zakone, me žene nimamo pri tem nikakega vpliva. Toda, kaj se more mož uživeti v to, kaj je za ženo, roditi otroka? Ali je kdaj občutil njen strah, ali je čutil neizrekljive bolečine in kaj je on kdaj vpljal od porodnih bolečin?

V današnjem primeru imamo služkinjo, ki je rodila otroka. Ona je neporočena, zato je moral ves čas nosečnosti skrивati svoje stanje. Zakaj ga je moral skrivati? Zaradi predskodke človeške družbe. Ta družba zaničuje neporočeno ženo, ki pod srcem nosi otroka. Ona ne samo da je ne varuje, ona jo preganja še z zasramovanjem in prezirom. Ali to ni, da bi se človeku ježili lasje? Kajpada, in vsakega človeka s srcem v prsi mora to navditi z uporom! Dekle ne samo da mora roditi otroka, kar je že samo ob sebi dovolj hudo, ne, zato naj bo še osramočena kakor zločinka. Jaz morem reči samo to, za to-le dekle na teje-le zatožni klopi je bila še sreča, da je prišel njen otrok zaradi nesrečnega naključja v potoku na svet in se je moral takoj zadušiti. Tako dolgo, dokler bo družba taka, kakršna je zdaj, bi moral biti vsaka neporočena mati oproščena, pa čeprav namenoma umori svojega otroka.

Tedaj je predsednik lahko zamrmral.

Ali vsekakor bi jo smeli le neznavno kaznovati, je dejala gospa pristavka. Seveda smo vsi složni v tem, da je treba otroka ohraniti pri življenju, je dejala, toda kaj bi od vseh zakonov človeštva ne smel ne eden veljati tudi za nesrečno mater? Predstavite si vendar, kaj vse je morala prestati za časa nosečnosti, kakšne muke je moralna preterpi, da je zadrila svoje stanje, in ko ni vedela nobene druge poti več niti zase niti za otroka. V to se sploh noben človek ne more uživeti, je dejala. Otrok umre vsaj dobrohotne smrti. Mati ne želi niti sebi niti temu ljubemu otroku kaj tako hudega, da bi živel, sramoto ji je težko nositi in ta čas dozori v njej načrt, otroka umoriti. Tako rodni naskrivaj in štiri v dvajset ur dolgo je tako iz uma, da ne ve, kaj dela. Ona takoreč sploh ne stori tega, tako je iz uma. Otrača mora pokončati že tedaj, ko je od poroda boli še vsaka mišica, še vsaka kost v telesu, — le predstavite si vso tisto silo volje, ki je za to delo potrebna. A seveda želimo vse, da ostanejo otroci živi, in vsega obžalovanja je vredno, da se nekaterim upilne luč življenja. Toda vsega je kriva edino-človeška družba, klevetniška, besno preganjaška, zlobna družba, ki je vedno na straži, da bi nezakonsko mater z vsemi sredstvi zadušila.

A celo po takem početju družbe se tako tepe matere še lahko dvignejo. Velikokrat začno prav ta dekleta po svojem družabnem pregrešku razvijati svoje najplemenitejše lastnosti. Saj se sodiščje lahko prepriča pri predstojnicah zavetis, v katera sprejemajo matere in otroke, ali ni to res! In izkušnje so dokazale, da so vprav one dekle, ki — da, ki jih je družba prisilila, da umore svojega otroka, da postanejo vprav te dekle izvrstne pestunje. To je snov za slehernega, da jo premisli.

Druga stran stvari pa je: Zakaj naj bi mož ostal nekaznovan? Mati, ki stori detomor, je mučena in pahnjena v ječo, on pa, oče otrokov, zapeljivec, njemu se ne zgodi nič. Ampak tako dolgo, dokler je on povzročitelj otroka, je pri umoru tudi on soudelezen in sicer v največji meri, brez njega bi se nesreča sploh ne bila zgodila. Zakaj se lepo izmuže, docela prost? Ker možje pišejo zakone, to je odgovor. Proti tem možem bi bilo treba poklicati nebo na pomoč! In to prej ne bo bolje, dokler ne pridemo me žene do besede pri volitvah in v zakonodajnih zbornicah.

Ali, je dejala gospa pristavka, če grozni zakon zadene krivo — ali bolj ali manj krivo — nezakonsko mater, ki zagreši detomor, kaj naj porečemo potem o nedolžni, ki je umora samo osumljena in ga sploh ni zagrešila? Kakšno zadoščenje nudi družba tem svojim žrtvam? Nikakega, zadoščenja! Jaz potrjujem, da to-le dekle, ki tukaj sedi, poznam še od otroka; bilo je v moji službi, njen oče je uradni sluga mojega moža. Me žene si dovoljujem misliti in čutiti vprav nasprotov kakor možje s svojimi obožbami in preganjanji, mi se dovoljujem, imeti o stvarih svoje mnenje. Dekle tukaj je zaproto in oropano svobode, osumljeno, da je prvič rodilo skrivaj, drugič pa da je svojega otroka umorilo. — Ona ni — o tem ne dvomim — storila ne prvega ne drugega. Sodiščje bo samo prislo do tegu kakor solnce jasnega sklepa. Na skrivaj? Pri temelju dnevu je rodila. Lahko da je bila sama, pa kdo bi naj bil pri njej? Bivala je daleč gori v puščobi, edini človek razen nje, ki je bil pri roki, ta je bil mož; kaj naj bi bila tega v takem trenutku klicala na pomoč? Me žene se upiram temu že ob sami misli, polne sramu pobesimo oči. — In potem, da bi naj bila otroka pokončala? Rodil se je v potoku, dekle je ležalo tam v ledenumrzli vodi, ko je porajalo. Kako je prišla v potok? Ona je služkinja, torej sužnja, opravljati mora svoje dnevne dolžnosti, hotela je v gozd po brinje, da bi očistila vedra za mleko. Ko je brodila čez potok, ji je izpodrsnilo in je padla. Obležala je, rodil se je otrok in se zadušil v vodi.

Gospa pristavka se je ustavila. Na sodnikih in poslušalcih je lahko opazila, da je govorila čudovito dobro, v dvorani je bilo tiko, da bi se bila slišala miš, in samo Barbro si je zdaj pa zdaj od ginjenosti obrisala oči. Potem je gospa pristavka zaključila: Me žene imamo srce: Jaz sem svoje lastne otroke zupala tujim rokom zaradi potovanja semkaj, da bi pričala za to nesrečno dekle, ki sedi tam. Moški zakoni ženi ne morejo ubraniti, da bi ne mislila: Jaz mislim, da je dekle tukaj že dovolj kaznovano za tisto, da sploh ni storilo nič zlega. Oprostite oboženku, potem jo vzamem jaz domov in postala bo najbolj izvrstna pestunja, kar sem jih kdaj imela.

Gospa pristavka je končala.

Predsednik je priporabil: Da, toda, kaj bi ne bile po gorovu gospo pristavke najbolj izvrstne pestunje potem takem detomilke? O, ampak predsednik z gospo pristavko Hayerdahlovu ni bil navzkriz, povsem nasprotno, tudi on je čutil človeško, prav svečenisko. Ko je potem državni tožilec naslovil na gospo pristavko še nekaj besed, je predsednik mirno sedel na svojem stolju in pisal pripombe.

Vse skupaj ni bilo več kot nekaka dopoldanska razprava, ker je bilo treba zasliti le malo prič in je bila stvar vendar povsem jasna. Tam je sedel Aksel Strom in upal najboljše, v tem pa sta se, kakor se je zdelo, državni tožilec in gospa pristavka naenkrat sporazumela, da bi spravila njega v neprilike, ker je otroško truplo pokopal, namesto, da bi bil smrt javil. Pričeli so ga strogo zasljevit, in nemara da te točke ne bi bil tako dobro pojasil, da ni v dvorani opazil Geisslerja. Povsem res, tam je sedel Geissler! To je bilo Akselu v nekako oporo; proti gosposki, ki mu je hotela do živega, se ni čutil nič več osamljenega; Geissler mu je pokimal.

Seveda, Geissler je prišel v mesto. Sicer se ni bil prijavil kot priča, toda bil je vseeno na mestu. Pred pričetkom razprave je tudi uporabil nekaj dni v to, da je v primer zadobil vpogled in da si je zapisal še tisto, kar mu je bil povedal Aksel na Maanelandu. Večina predloženih dokumentov je bila v Geisslerjevih očeh zgorj čečkarja; ta pristavka Hayerdahl je bil silo omejen človek, pri preiskavi je takoj od početka gledal na to, da bi Aksela očrnil kot sokrivca detomora. Ta osel, ta bedak, niti pojma ni imel o življenju v puščobi, ni videl, da je bil prav otrok vez, ki naj bi bila na Akselovo posestvo navezala žensko silo.

Geissler je govoril z državnim tožilcem, toda dobil je vtip, da tega sploh ne bi bilo treba: Akselu je hotel pomagati, da bi se spet vrnil v puščobo na svoje posestvo, toda Aksel ni potreboval prav nikake pomoči. Ne, saj se je celo Barbro obiljubljalo te dobro, in če bo oproščena ona, bi Akselova skrivida odpadla sama od sebe. Zaviselo je le še samo od tega, kaj bodo izpovedale priče.

(Dalje prihodnji)

Fran Miličinski:

Par besedi o smrti

Ne vem, zakaj ne bi smel baš o svoji smrti povedati kake besede.

Kadar pričenem, holaj, ko mislio, da me morajo tolaziti in da ne bom umrl.

Toda sem se odločil, da bom.

Ne morebiti baš ta dan ali ta, to leto ali bližnje, nego bom umrl kadarkoli. Toda, da bom, sem se odločil trdno.

Star sem!

In se vprašujem, ko niti potresu več nisem kos, čemu sploh še živim.

Mar samo zato, da se ukvarjam z gumbi?

Zlasti z gumbom spred pri ovratniku?

Nikdar nisem niti ne bom tajil silne in nepremostljive razlike med človeštvtom in živiljo, kar se tiče duhovnega življenja in kulture in civilizacije in sploh. In tudi kar se tiče komparativnega jezikoslovia. V teh pogledih je žival resnično vredna polnila.

Kdor je mlad in zdrav, vsakeri namerava živeti vočno. Oziroma nima povoda za dvome v misli, da utegne biti drugače. Mladi ljudje so pač lahkomisleni in nepreudarni.

Čim se pa postaraš, nenadno postaneš moder in preudaren. Pa se odločiš, da boš slej ali prej umrl. Umrl boš sicer, naj se odločiš ali ne. Toda ustreza vzzinemetu tvojemu stališču, ako nisi tako rekoč jagnje na paši, nego imaš razum in disciplino in preudarje in preudarje. Star je res v zgodnjem mahu možato sklenil: "Zdjale si boš obleko zmocil in posvinjal." In si jo je res seveda. Ker pa si jo je zmocil in posvinjal po sklepku županove, je stroške pri krojaču trpela občina.

Je bil n. pr. župan, pa je zvezcer z bry padel v mlako. Pa je še v zadnjem mahu možato sklenil: "Zdjale si boš obleko zmocil in posvinjal." In si jo je res seveda. Ker pa si jo je zmocil in posvinjal po sklepku županove, je stroške pri krojaču trpela občina.

Tako previdno je torej in korigisti, če človek v pravi čas odloči in ne čaka, da stvar nenašoma pride nadenj in brez njeve odločitve.

Odočil sem torej. Pa sedaj premisljam, mar sem bil tudi jaz oni, ki se je odločil, da postari. Bojim se, da bi bilo hvaleredna.

Ko si star, ne ločiš več, ali je moderna glasba lepa ali ni. Zdi se ti, da nikakor ni. Trobijo pa, da je. In trobijo zelo na glas. In si star, pa se bojiš, da boš tezen, in jim verjamēš in pritrdiš. In potem sploh več ne veš, kaj je lepo.

Zastran literature pa je prav tako.

Pa si ne upaš več med ljudi, ker te je sram tvojih nazovov in da si star.

Pa ni to zastran glasbe in literature edina in najhujša posledica starosti. Nego, tudi v grobu je.

N. pr. je bilo v nedeljo ob koncu južine in smo dospeli do poti.

Oziroma jaz ne in moja starost. Midva sva dospela zgorj do špinache in suhih češpalj. Potecne ne marava več. Oziroma jaz bi jih maral, toda jih odklanja zdravnik. Pa jih ne odklanja za svojo osebo, nikakor ne, nego jih odklanja le zame, j