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America's Greatest Slovenian



Frank J. Lausche

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A Tribute to Frank J. Lausche

by James V. Debevec
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America's most well-known Slovenian, Frank J. Lausche, 94, died on Saturday, April 21, 1:30 p.m., at the Slovene Home for the Aged in Cleveland where he was a resident.

He served two full terms as U.S. Senator, was governor of Ohio five times (a record), was elected mayor of Cleveland twice and was Cleveland Municipal judge and Common Pleas judge one term each.

Lausche loved baseball, he played for local teams such as Gornik Clothing Store. He signed a professional contract in 1916 and played with Duluth in the Northern League, hitting .422 for a couple of months. At the urging of his mother, Frances, and the fact the curve ball frustrated him, he studied law and became a lawyer in Cleveland.

Entering the political arena Lausche had two strikes against him.

First, he was the son of immigrant parents and at that time people from humble origins did not have much of a chance in politics. Nevertheless, his tremendous oratory skills won him favorable response from the public. Because of his acceptance and consequently his ability to garner votes, he was elected to public office which eventually opened the door for others of "ethnic" background to enter the professions. Lausche was the leadoff hitter.

Lausche never changed his name. At that time many immigrants had to Anglicize their family name in order to land jobs. But Lausche was proud of his Slovenian heritage and emphasized his nationality rather than hide it, and often told stories about the hard work and struggle his family had to endure to successfully educate the children.

Lausche had a special devotion to his mother, Frances Milavec Lausche who raised the family when, at age 10, his father died. Some of his greatest and most touching speeches which had his audience in tears, were about his mother and how she left her beautiful land of Slovenia and said farewell to her family and friends, and the church where she worshipped, and never returned.

And he was especially close to his wife, Jane Sheal, who died in 1981 after 53 years of marriage. Lausche at that sad time asked me to be one of the pallbearers to carry his beloved wife to her final resting place on this earth.

Strike two for Lausche was his religion. He was a Catholic and at that time Catholics were not "encouraged" to seek high office. But Lausche was somewhat of a maverick and a stubborn Slovenian, and followed his political dreams.

But with two strikes against him, the old baseball player dug in at the plate and hit a home run. He became mayor of Cleveland and during World War II led the homefront drive for the war effort. The people from southern Ohio considered him

a "Papist," another term they used for Catholic, but nevertheless Lausche was elected Governor of Ohio.

Many stories were told about Lausche's ability to mix with everybody. At the popular state fairs, for example, when reporters went looking for him they often found him roaming the grounds talking to everyone he could, asking about their crops, and giving his concern about their problems. In later years, Lausche so endeared himself to the people in middle Ohio, they named a large building on the fairgrounds after him.

Eventually, on October 28, 1978 a new state office building in downtown Cleveland was dedicated and it was named the Frank J. Lausche building. Lausche hit a grand-slam when he was elected to the U.S. Senate. There was even talk of him running for vice-president of the country. His political acceptance by the populace paved the way for the first Catholic President, John F. Kennedy.

At Lausche's 90th birthday party at the Slovenian National Home in Cleveland in November, 1985, sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, Cleveland Mayor George Voinovich called Lausche "Mr. Integrity," saying other political figures could do well to emulate him.

Lausche went from ballplayer to "manager" when he lost his third bid for the U.S. Senate in 1968. He stayed in the Washington, D.C. area, playing golf regularly, even into his 90th year. He kept his hands in politics, keeping in contact with his many friends in the Senate.

Senator Lausche was named a Knight of St. John of Malta, by the pope, the highest civilian honor that can be bestowed by the Catholic Church. The group has their origins in the 10th century during the Crusades.

He was a patriot, having served in the U.S. Army during WWI and was staunchly in favor of a strong America. He was a member of the St. Vitus Catholic War Vets Post 1655 and an honorary member of the Euclid Vets Club. Lausche marched every Memorial Day in the city of Euclid parade, one of the largest in the state. When he couldn't walk that distance any more, he became the Honorary Chairman.

Not many people realized this, but he was a very close friend of General MacArthur. In 1985 I read a book "American Caesar" by William Manchester; it was a biography of General Douglas MacArthur. I noted there were many similarities between Lausche and MacArthur so in November of that year I wrote an article titled "Two Patriots - Gen. MacArthur and Sen. Lausche."

A week later, Lausche walked into our office and asked to see me. I wondered if it was good news or bad. He sat down and talked an hour about his friendship with Douglas MacArthur, which I didn't know and had never



Frank J. Lausche

read about. My comparing the two was a shot in the dark, and here I had hit the target right on the nose. I sat in stunned admiration of Lausche as he related stories about MacArthur which were not generally known to the public. Lausche said he and MacArthur agreed on a number of issues and when MacArthur was rumored to be a candidate for the highest job in America, the presidency, he had confidently asked Lausche to be on the ticket with him. I could see the two great men respected each other's honesty and integrity.

A book was written about Lausche by Prof. Edward Gobetz titled, "Ohio's Lincoln," which gives details about Lausche as well as articles from various people who knew him. The comprehensive volume is available at Tony's Polka Village.

Frank J. Lausche was the pathfinder for all of us American-Slovenians who can now seek any position in America that hard work and education can earn.

Senator Lausche believed in democracy. He was unwavering in his belief in a free America and freedom for the peoples of Slovenia and other parts of Yugoslavia including the Croats and Serbians. There were many huge floral pieces at his wake from the Serbian people of America. Antonia Lausche remarked, "We're sorry he didn't live long enough to see Slovenia become an independent country." Lausche would have loved that because he loved liberty and fought for it with his every breath.

Senator Lausche is gone from this earth now but his works will forever be a part of America.

He is deeply missed by all persons of "ethnic" origins and his fellow Americans of any background. He is saluted for his undaunted bravery in releasing us from the framework of limited opportunity. Consequently he is now perma-

Lausche Extra Edition

In the near future the American Home newspaper will print a special eight page section dedicated entirely to Senator Frank J. Lausche.

We will print highlights from some of the articles we used in past concerning Lausche. Those who wish to send in additional or new comments or stories about the great man are welcome to do so as soon as possible, please.

The new Lausche section will contain no ads and will be printed on heavier paper so it will last a few years.

The editor reserves the right to edit all material for clarity and shorten as he sees fit and as space will permit. Please be brief.

nently enshrined in the "Hall of Fame" in the hearts of all those who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a special friend of Madeline and

I and the American Home newspaper. We sincerely miss him and deeply mourn his passing. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to his family.



Frank J. Lausche and Madeline and James Debevec.



Lausche looks at the Slovenian connection to the Declaration of Independence plaque which sits in front of Cleveland City Hall.



Frank Lausche on Oct. 18, 1985 at the St. Vitus school dedication ceremonies for the new Frank J. Lausche Computer Room.

A Great American - A Great Slovenian

We of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation are delighted to have the opportunity to sponsor the gala 90th birthday celebration for Frank J. Lausche to take place this Sunday afternoon and evening, beginning with a Solemn High Mass at 1:15 p.m. at St. Vitus Church and concluding with a banquet and cultural program at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. And the SAHF is pleased to have sponsored this special edition of the American Home-Ameriška Domovina newspaper, in which in addition to articles and photographs, you will find many tributes from individuals and organizations to the Hon. Frank J. Lausche.

Definitions of greatness vary infinitely. There is no objective standard. The person who uses the word "great" to describe a person is obligated to explain why the word is applicable and in what context. It is not enough merely to say that Frank J. Lausche is a great American and a great Slovenian. Why does he deserve such a compliment, especially since there can be no doubt that a number of readers of these lines, Slovenian Americans and others, would not so describe him?

Why a great American? Throughout his life and career Frank Lausche has remained unswerving in his devotion to the principles of democratic government on which our society is based. An eloquent expression of that commitment can be found in the article prepared for this Special Edition by Eleanor Prech, for many years the Nationalities writer for *The Cleveland Press*. To Frank Lausche's eternal credit, he applied that commitment to democratic principles to the country of his parents and ancestors, Slovenia, in the years after World War II. This stand brought him much criticism from that part of the Slovenian American community which either actively or at least passively accepted the kind of government that was established in Slovenia and Yugoslavia after the war. Such criticism did not deter Frank Lausche, just as he was not deterred by other kinds of pressure to which he was subjected throughout his long and distinguished career of public service. Many persons did not agree with some of his specific stands on various domestic and foreign policy issues. Frank Lausche did it his way — and he did it publicly, openly, honestly. Frank Lausche was never one who had to defend himself by pleading, as former President Richard Nixon had to do on one pathetic occasion: "I am not a crook!" You could disagree with Frank Lausche, but you could never in good conscience question his ethics, his basic honesty.

Why a great Slovenian? It is fashionable in some Slovenian American circles to argue that Frank Lausche forgot about his Slovenian origins while he was riding high in part on the backs of those Slovenian and other ethnic voters. It is nonsense. We all know, those of us who are native-born Americans of Slovenian origin — as is this writer — that we really are "Americans", that we can do without the ethnic trappings and affiliations and make our way in the general American culture and society. Indeed, most Americans of Slovene ancestry for all practical purposes are doing without that active affiliation, and the same no doubt applies to all the other European ethnic groups. Frank Lausche could have done without that affiliation many, many decades ago, had he so chosen. Instead, he chose to remain a "card carrying" Slovenian, to continue his interest in Slovenian and Slovenian American matters, to be an active participant in our Slovenian American community. He maintains that interest and that commitment to the present day and no doubt will do so until he draws his last breath.

A great deal has already been written about Frank Lausche, but a thorough, documented study of his life and career remains lacking, a study based on primary research and not purely on laudatory or, for that matter, critical opinions by various individuals, however distinguished in their various professions they may be. Such "puff pieces" have their place — this Special Edition doubtless falls into that category — but we must keep them in their proper perspective. Frank Lausche's place in history is secure, of that there can be no doubt. He secured it by being the kind of man he was, the kind of public servant he was, the kind of American and the kind of Slovenian he was and remains.

Rudolph M. Susel



Ohio Governor Richard Celeste congratulates Frank Lausche on his 90th birthday.

The St. Vitus Connection

by Stane J. Kuhar

(Footnote: The following article is an update written four years ago by Stane J. Kuhar regarding Senator Frank J. Lausche in the book, "Ohio's Lincoln, Frank J. Lausche," edited by Edward Gobetz, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, Kent State University, and published by the Slovenian Research Center of America Inc., Copyright 1985, Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: 85-61958.)

"Sorrow has always been with me in the knowledge that the Slovenes are so little known to the people of the United States and the world in the face of the richness of their individual and national character."

This statement was made by Senator Frank J. Lausche in the book, "Ohio's Lincoln" as part of the many speeches and thoughts written by Senator Lausche in this book.

Senator Frank J. Lausche passed away from this world, and into the other on April 21, 1990 in the city that gave both birth and baptism to this son of Slovenian immigrants; and paved the way for his fellow Slovenes and Slavic brethren into various positions in public office.

Ninety-four years of living can say many things about a person. A list of accomplishments and disappointments. Many memories. And unfortunately, many long gone friends.

In the case of Senator Frank J. Lausche he and ninety-four years of living have come and gone, and each year greeted him with old and new experiences.

Senator Lausche saw more change in his lifetime than most people ever have, and probably, ever will. He saw the transition from horse-drawn buggies on the dirt roads of what are now solid neighborhoods in the cities of Cleveland and Euclid to the ever faster automobiles and to the landing of a man on the moon.

But who was Senator Lausche? A Person? Public servant? A creation of the media? An elderly statesman whose time was past? Or perhaps just another politician living on the platitudes of yesteryear?

I believe those of us fortunate to know him personally, or who have at least read of him, understand he was much more. He was a good role model for younger Americans in general and Slovenian Americans in particular.

Since the early 1930's, Frank J. Lausche held many positions of power and influence. He had essentially two choices: direct that power and influence for the benefit of himself and a few people, or use them for many people.

History shows that Senator Lausche chose the latter path. Such a choice indicates a person who had integrity and lived by a set of values and standings that directed his choices.

These values and standards did not appear in a dream. Nor were they acquired within a short period of time. Rather, they came from learning. From the first teachings and actual experiences, a child learns from his parents, friends, and peers. From ex-

periences, the shortcomings of mankind, Senator Lausche saw many shortcomings in his life from the early loss of a sibling to that of a father.

For Senator Lausche and many of those first children of Slovenian immigrants in America, life was a harsh and often unpleasant experience. All the mushy talk of a melting pot did not appear in the every day life of these many immigrants and their offspring. Yet many of these sons and daughters of our forefathers accomplished and achieved much despite unfamiliar and uninviting circumstances.

For the younger generation I believe that Senator Lausche would tell us the following: Live by your convictions. Show courage when your values and morals are questioned. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself. Be honest with your choices. Arise above your own interests and help your fellow man.

These were the ideals that Senator Lausche lived by, whether or not they were in season or fashion.

Senator Lausche was never ashamed of his heritage or nationality background. He understood the importance of cultural identity.

Others will no doubt have more to write about Senator Lausche. What few know, however, about Senator Lausche was his continued support for the place that formed his overall outlook in life: St. Vitus parish.

Senator Lausche made a substantial donation to St. Vitus, as well as the other Slovenian parishes in Greater

Cleveland, in the 1980s. There were no guidelines on how to use the donation. After much discussion with other people, it was suggested to Senator Lausche that St. Vitus would use his donation, then made anonymously, as a motivating factor to build a computer laboratory in St. Vitus School.

Through Senator Lausche's donation others were also made. Finally in September 1985 the computer laboratory was completed and named in honor of Senator Lausche. I remember his face glowing in warmth by being recognized in this manner and knowing such a facility would help many children at St. Vitus School. You could see Senator Lausche was touched by the school children as he then realized he saw the face of himself and many other children over 80 years ago.

The only other occasion Senator Lausche was moved so deeply was when he was recognized by his peers and friends as the first inductee into the St. Vitus Hall of Fame. Despite his advanced years he was moved by those who had not forgotten nor ignored what he stood for: integrity with a face of compassion and hope.

Senator Lausche will already have been buried by the time these words are printed. We salute you Senator Lausche for your many years of integrity and service for others, and for giving us the challenge to live our values and convictions. *Čestitamo velikemu slovenskemu sinu, Francetu Lovše.*

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"Search for the truth is the noblest occupation of man; its publication is a duty"

6-Monday, April 23, 1990

Frank J. Lausche

Frank J. Lausche was more than an outstanding mayor of Cleveland, governor of Ohio and United States senator.

He was a great American, a man totally committed to the ideals of democracy and to honesty and decency in government.

Of all the fine men and women who have served in the Senate, it can be argued with conviction that the two who represented the highest standards of personal conduct and integrity were both Ohioans — Frank J. Lausche, Democrat, and Robert A. Taft, Republican.

Lausche served in several other public offices, including state representative, state Senate and Cleveland Municipal Court judge. In all of them he adhered to the same high ethical standards.

He was known as something of a maverick, because Lausche judged office holders and candidates on their merit rather than on their political party affiliation. Thus the top-ranking Democrat at times let it be known that he preferred Republicans over members of his own party. That did not endear him to his party's hierarchy, a circumstance that did not disturb Lausche.

A half-dozen Cleveland mayors have boasted strong ethnic backgrounds. Lausche, a Slovenian, was the first, paving the way for others, with names like Perk, Celebrezze, Locher, Kucinich and Voinovich.

The second oldest of 10 children of Yugoslav immigrants, Lausche was beloved by the large Slovenian community of greater Cleveland. Late in life, he admitted his days in the Senate were not always pleasant because of the losing battle he constantly spent against the big spenders.

In death, at age 94, he will be remembered as one whose ideals were clear and whose honesty was unquestioned.

— Recent Deaths —

FRANK J. LAUSCHE

Frank J. Lausche, former United States Senator, and Ohio Governor, 94, died Saturday afternoon, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Slovene Home for the Aged.

He was the beloved husband of the late Jane S. (nee Sheal), dearest brother of the following deceased: Dr. William J. Lausche (wife, Alice), Charles J. Lausche (wife, Frances), Frances Lausche Urankar (husband, Dr. A. A. Urankar, deceased) and Harold J. Lausche (wife Antonia M.); brother of Josephine Lausche Welf; beloved cousin of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kramer and Jean Kramer, uncle of four nieces.

He was a member of the Knights of St. John of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, AMLA Lodge No. 1, AFU St. John the Baptist Lodge No. 37, St. Vitus Catholic War Vets Post 1655, and an honorary member of the Euclid Vets Club.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 25 from the Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave., and Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vitus Church, 6109 Glass Ave., Cleveland.

Friends were received at the Slovenian National Home Monday and Tuesday, April 23 and 24 from 2 to 9. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Grdina-Cosic Funeral Homes.

Contributions may be made in his name to the charity of choice.

SOPHIE VOLCANSEK

Sophie Volcansek, 78, wife of the late Rudy, sister of Mary Cizel, John, Margaret Tucker, Stephany Mlac, and the late Frances Jerman and Albert; aunt and great-aunt.

Sophie was a retired dispatcher for the Cleveland Police Dept., and a member of St. Mary Magdalene Lodge No. 162 KSKJ.

Funeral Mass was Monday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Vitus Church. Interment is in All Souls Cemetery.

Family received friends at the Grdina-Cosic Funeral Home, 1053 E. 62 St.

PETER ZUPAN

Peter Zupan of Canon City, Colorado died at home Wednesday, April 4 at the age of 88.

He was born Jan. 8, 1902 in Yugoslavia to John and Ursula Geb (Markic) Zupan.

Mr. Zupan was a retired maintenance man. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

He was married June 25, 1960 in Canon City to Anna A. Gerbach, who preceded him in death July 1, 1982.

Mr. Zupan is survived by two sisters, Antonia and Anna, both of Yugoslavia; cousins, Fred and Marie Jesberger, Tempe, Ariz., Annette Tyler, Phoenix, Ariz., Cathy Malone, Mesa, Ariz., Helen Hud, Sunland, Calif; sister-in-law Rose Opeka, Barberton, O.; close friends Roger and Janet Oberhelman and children, Canon City; and numerous friends and neighbors whom Mr. Zupan considered family.

Mass of the Resurrection was Saturday, April 7 at Holy Cross Abbey Chapel. The Rev. Michael Murray, OSB, officiating. Interment, Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Abbey or the Knights of Columbus.

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Jim's Journal

James V. Debevec

I'm going to vote for the Gateway Project of building a new stadium and arena complex in the old world market section of downtown Cleveland.

Ideally, I think the stadium should have a roof over it. In Cleveland it can get very cold in the early spring and late fall and a domed stadium is the logical step. However, the proposed stadium will be open air and allow the game to be played on natural turf. Also, it will be smaller enabling the fans to be closer to the action. I like that.

As we grow older we realize that in order to survive without ending up in the mental hospital, life is full of compromises. There are trade-offs where the lesser desires must be put on hold in order for the greater good to prevail.

Two weeks ago Madeline and I were in the Tower City (stores in the bottom of the terminal tower landmark on public square) and were very impressed with the quality and quantity of the stores which have opened for business. We understand many other stores would be opened in the near future. It was good to be downtown again and see some excitement.

We feel that a stadium in the general vicinity will add to the adventure and allure of downtown Cleveland which is necessary if we are to attract new business and keep what we have. Business means money, and money means jobs.

Anyone who has not been downtown in the last five years will be amazed at all the new buildings completed and the hustle and bustle of people at work and leisure. It is good for the city. Being a business owner on the pathway or gateway to downtown, I believe the stadium and arena project will be a definite plus for all of us in the county.

Besides that, like Bernie Kosar, I am a hockey fan and would love to see a professional hockey team in downtown Cleveland.

The present plan is to have the complex paid for mostly through the so-called "sin tax" that is added tax to cigarettes and alcohol purchased in Cuyahoga County. Years ago there was a greater number of smokers and

drinkers, but with the new wave of a healthful America, they are are becoming a dwindling few and it's a shame they were targeted to bear the brunt of the cost of the downtown project.

But, what the heck, let's build a new stadium and go down and watch some Major League action in a major league city. We can always hope that the movie "Major League" will prove prophetic.

Let's continue what former mayor George Voinovich started, and keep Cleveland growing.

St. Vitus Mothers Club Meets

The monthly meeting of the St. Vitus Mothers' Club will be held on Wednesday, May 2.

The meeting will begin with the May Crowning and the Mothers' Club Corporate Communion. They will meet at St. Vitus Church at 6:15 p.m. and the ceremonies will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Following the ceremonies our meeting will be held in the St. Vitus auditorium. The speaker will be Jim Hickey from the Lions Club.

Art Sale

The annual Artcraft Building Studio Sale and Open House will be held on Sunday, May 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Artcraft Building, 2570 Superior Ave., 6th floor, Cleveland.

Our nationally recognized Slovenian artist Dan Postotnik will have pottery and tile works for sale. Hint: His works are the first and fastest to be sold.

Polensek Honored

The Collinwood Slovenian Home has chosen Cleveland Ward 11 Councilman Michael Polensek as its "1990 Man of the Year." Polensek will accept the honor in the names of his grandparents, Andy and Christine Krist and Fran and Antonia Polensek at a dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Home, 15810 Holmes Ave.

A \$12 ticket includes dinner and music by the Sumrada Brothers.

For information or tickets call Mary Podlogar at 851-5761 or Gus Petelinkar 481-6882.

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF OUR LOVING HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, AND FATHER-IN-LAW



John J. Urbancich
Died April 29, 1975

Fifteen years have passed since that sad day. The one we loved was called away.

God took him home - it was His will -

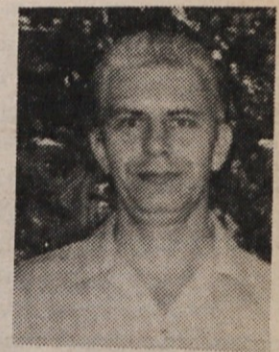
But in our hearts he liveth still.

Sadly missed by:

- Wife, Dorothy,
- Daughter Madeline Debevec,
- Son John M.
- Son-in-law James V. Debevec,
- Daughter-in-law Candy Urbancich
- Grandsons James V. Debevec II,
- Mathew John Urbancich,
- Granddaughter Carey Jane Urbancich



In Loving Memory



William H. Plymesser

Fourth Anniversary
April 28, 1986

We'll meet again someday, I know

Beyond the distant blue
But until then, my dearest one,

I'll always think of you... and
So I live with thoughts of you...

And all you meant to me... and

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Added Importance to Marija Pomagaj Observances

The honoring of Marija Pomagaj, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, of Brezje, Slovenia by Catholics throughout the country in May of this year takes on added special significance. It will be the first time in over a half a century that the basilica in Slovenia will be located in a democracy rather than under Communist rule.

The results of the Sunday, April 8 elections in Slovenia moved the power of government to the DEMOS (Democratic) majority with 55% of the seats in Slovenia's regional legislature. DEMOS will form the first non-Communist government in any of Yugoslavia's six republics in 45 years.

Our Lady of Brezje is special to the Slovenian people. She is the patroness of Slovenia and she is also patroness of the Slovenian people throughout the world. She is the symbol of goodness, motherhood, and the family. Whenever there is sorrow, or difficulties within the Slovenian families, prayers are said to Mary and petitions for favorable solutions are requested. Mary's intercession is sought.

Last year on May 27, the church of Marija Pomagaj in Brezje was declared a "basilica" by the Pope. It is a distinctive honor for the Slovenians throughout the world.

A year ago we took our first trip to Slovenia and the one place I wanted to see the most was the basilica of Marija Pomagaj. My entire lifetime I have heard people talking about the place. We had visited the shrine in Lemont, IL where the Franciscan Fathers are doing a remarkable job of keeping the homage to Mary viable in America. But to see the original was my dream.

When we entered the church grounds last year, incidentally exactly one month after it was dedicated a basilica by Archbishop Šušter, my heart almost jumped out of my chest, I was so excited. Here I was, after a lifetime of hearing the legend, right in front of the most famous Slovenian church in the world.

We stood for a long time in front, taking in the beauty of

the building. Then my wife, Madeline, and I and our two guides walked in. We saw the beautiful main altar and said a few short prayers there.

But the side altar on the right is what really caught our eyes. There hangs the famous painting of Our Lady of Brezje. It was awesome to see it and take in the beauty of our religious heritage.

Then we walked around the side altar and noticed hundreds of letters and pictures taped to the walls. People who had been helped by Mary wrote letters of *Thanksgiving*.

While we were admiring the grace and charm of the place, the front door opened and a man walked in. He came down the main aisle and stopped and stared at us. We stared back; our two guides looked at each other with no expression on their faces. Finally, after a few minutes, the man abruptly turned, and walked out. We didn't speak about it, but it was understood that he was there as a "representative of the state" to see what we were doing in the "museum" as they might call it.

Later, in the sacristy we spoke with Fr. Mirko Silvester, O.F.M., who sent his best regards to all his friends in the U.S. and Canada and particularly Fr. Fortunat Zorman and the other Franciscans in Lemont, where he had served a number of years, and to other Franciscans throughout the country.

As we give our thoughts to Mary of Perpetual Help this year, it may be significant to also direct our thoughts across the ocean to the land of our heritage. We take going to church in America as a matter of routine which is guaranteed by our Constitution. Now maybe for the first time in 45

years, the people of Slovenia will have the same privilege. Then our prayers to Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will indeed be answered and the Slovenians *everywhere* will be free to worship as they so choose without fear of government reprisal. A next logical step then, is *thanksgiving* for petitions granted.

— James V. Debevec

Pilgrimage

The Altar Societies of St. Mary and St. Vitus churches will have a pilgrimage to Carey, Ohio on Wednesday, May 16. Cost for the bus fare is \$12.00 per person. For reservations, please contact Rose Bavec at 531-6167 or Father Kumse at the rectory 761-7740.

Speedy Recovery

Get Well Quick wishes are sent to Helen Levstick of 18016 Hiller Ave., Cleveland, OH 44119.

She has recently been released from Meridia Euclid Hospital. Fondest wishes are sent her way from her many friends and entire staff of American Home.

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Editor:

My friend Robert J. Boyle, Democrat, is running for the Ohio Senate, 25th Senate District in Ohio.

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Last year Boyle began the "DARE" program in Richmond Heights and encouraged the "SALTWORKS" program in the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School System. Both programs educate students at a very young age against drug and alcohol abuse.

Mrs. Harold (Antonia) Lausche

Bravo, Glasbena!

On Saturday, March 31, the Glasbena Matica Chorus presented their annual Spring Concert - Dinner program entitled, "Come to the Cabaret" at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue.

The program was preceded with a delicious dinner prepared by Steffie Smolic and her excellent staff. The service was prompt with a few delays, but considering the near capacity crowd of about 420 persons and some guests blocking the aisles, the waitresses did a fine job of serving.

The program featured several Slovenian songs and to this listener a couple of Stephen Foster numbers he had not heard before. The chorus did

an outstanding rendition of a medley from "Fiddler on the Roof" and the audience responded with a sustained round of applause and were rewarded with a peppy encore from the Bartered Bride.

The entire program was performed in true Glasbena style with attention to detail in mood and tempo and the special attention to their fine director, Marya Ashamalla, and accompanist, Reginald Resnik.

Anxiously anticipating your upcoming 50th Anniversary tribute to Mr. Anton Schubel's arrival as director of the chorus. BRAVA, BRAVO, BRAVI...

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Frank J. Lausche Funeral

The Honorable Frank J. Lausche died at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, April 21 from heart failure at the Slovene Home for the Aged in Cleveland, Ohio.

He lie in state at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave on Monday and Tuesday, April 23 and 24 from 2 to 9 p.m. The funeral was Wednesday, April 25 from the Slovenian National Home beginning at 9:30 a.m., and at Mass at St. Vitus Church at 10:30 a.m.

On Monday evening there was a farewell salute given by the combined forces of the Euclid Veterans Club and the St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655. Glasbena Matica Chorus sang in tribute to Lausche.

On Tuesday evening Korotan Chorus sang some of Lausche's favorite somber songs in Slovenian. There were eulogies in tribute to Lausche by Dr. Cyril Mejac of Washington, D.C., Joseph Melaher who gave a stirring speech in Slovenian and English about Lausche's unwaivering help to the Slovenian refugees. Dr. Mate Roesmann added his words of recognition.

On Wednesday morning Ohio Governor Richard Celeste, former Governor James Rhodes and Cleveland Mayor Michael White gave stirring speeches about Lausche's staunch and unblemished character and strong leadership. Stan Zihel, president of AMLA, spoke of Lausche's support of fraternalism.

Also in attendance were U.S. Congressman Dennis Eckart, former Congressman Michael Feighan who flew in from Washington, D.C. and his son who came in from Arizona. Also in the first rows were former Cleveland mayors George Voinovich, Dennis Kucinich, Ralph Perk, Ralph Locher, Anthony Celebrezze, former Euclid mayors Tony Giunta and Tony Sustarsic. There were many other dignitaries in attendance, among them Judge August Pryatel and his nephew, State Representative Ronald Suster, and Stane Sustarsic of the Voice of America in Washington, D.C.; Virginia Wells and her husband, Philip, of Virginia, and many, many others.

St. Clair Avenue was completely blocked off for the motorcade procession to St. Vitus Church with over 60 cars in line.

St. Vitus was completely filled for the Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Pevec with Cleveland Bishop Anthony Pilla in the sanctuary as well as Fr. William Jerse. St. Vitus pastor, Rev. Joseph Bozner and all Slovenian priests in Greater Cleveland also participated in the Mass.

Pallbearers were Tony Petkovsek, Jr., Tony Grdina, Dr. Edward Gobetz, Dr. Ray Loushin, Edward Kennick, Ed Oshabin, Bill Tomsick, Stan Erzen, and James Debevec.

The Honorable Frank J. Lausche was laid to rest in the Lausche family plot in Calvary Cemetery with a full military 21-gun salute and taps.

The entire funeral was most capably handled by Dan Cosic of the Grdina-Cosic Funeral Homes.

—James V. Debevec

Slovenian Day in Southern California

Dear Slovenian friends!

Faithful to our tradition for 39 years, Slovenian priests in Southern California are cordially inviting you once again to our Annual Slovenian May Devotion on the third Sunday in May, May 20, beginning with Mass at 1 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Etiwanda. The main celebrant and speaker this year will be a well known Slovenian priest, Very Rev. Joseph Mavsar, Vicar General for the Diocese of Helena, Montana. We all will be happy to see him again.

After the church services you are invited to the parish hall where the ladies of this area will serve us a delicious lunch and we all will have an opportunity to visit with our friends whom you may only see once a year.

As every year, all the proceeds, offering in the church and from lunch, are going to the Bishop Baraga and Bishop Anton Martin Slomšek Cause. If you write a check, make it out to my name, Fr. Joseph Snój.

We would like to welcome to this devotion all the people with Slovenian family roots or all our friends whom we know would like to come, but we do not have their address.

Slovenian priests in Southern California

Note: Take San Bernardino Freeway (No. 10), get off to Freeway 15 (toward Barstow), get off on Foothill Blvd., and you are in front of the church.



Coming Events

Saturday, April 28

Zarja Singing Society presents American vaudeville style concert with dinner and dance to Johnny Vadnal beginning at 5 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, Euclid. For tickets at \$15 call 481-7512 or members.

Saturday, April 28

Collinwood Slovenian Home Spring Dinner Dance honoring Mike Polensek, Man of the Year. For more information call Mary Podlogar at 851-5761.

Sunday, April 29

Friends of Slovenian National Home Spring Brunch in the St. Clair Slovenian Home. Call 361-5115 for details.

Sunday, April 29

United Altar Society meets at St. Christine Church at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Branch 25 of the Slovenian Women's Union will have a Mother of the Year celebration honoring Josephine Ambrosic with a dinner at Sterle's Slovenian Country House. Please RSVP by April 28 to Josie Mohorcic at 361-0334.

Saturday, May 5

St. Cyril's Parish of New York City presents its annual Slovenian Festival at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope auditorium, Middle Village, Queens. Performers include Fantje na Vasi, The Alpine Sextet, soloist Ann Zaic, and the Slovenian Church choir of St. Cyril's Church. Dance and social. For further information call Ivan Kamin (718) 424-2711.

Sunday, May 6

St. Clair Pensioners Club Annual Dinner and Social in the lower hall of the St. Clair Slovenian National Home. Serving from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Social until 5 p.m.

Friday, May 18

Annual membership meeting of the Slovene Home for the Aged, 7 p.m. at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd.

Saturday, May 19

Korotan Concert at St. Vitus Auditorium, 7 p.m. Alpine Sextet plays dance music.

Sunday, May 20

West Park Button Box, 1st Annual Button Box Bash, with many out of town bands, 12 noon to 9 p.m. at Recher Hall, Euclid. Tickets \$4.00.

Wednesday, May 23

Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges sponsors Our Lady of Brezje observance of prayer and meditation at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Euclid Ave., Euclid at 7 p.m. Bishop Pevec will lead. All invited.

Sunday, June 3

Opening Day at Slovenska Pristava

Sunday, June 24

Annual Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges Super Sunday picnic at Slovenska Pristava Slovenian Recreation Center in Harpersfield, Ohio. Free admission. Music, food, athletic contests, recreation facilities. Everyone invited!

Sunday, July 8

Slovenian Day at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 5

Senior Citizens Day at Slovenska Pristava.

Dr. Karl Bonutti, Rudolph Susel Return to "Alliance" Board

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alliance of Slovenian Americans, held April 23, 1990 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, in Cleveland, the trustees present acted on a motion adopted at the general meeting of the founders of the organization, held April 7, 1990, and declined to accept the resignations from the Board of Trustees of Dr. Karl B. Bonutti and Dr. Rudolph M. Susel. Dr. Bonutti presented a letter indicating his willingness to return to the Board and Dr. Susel stated he withdrew his resignation, since it had been based on the circumstances of Dr. Bonutti's resignation.

The only other action taken by the Board was to act on the authority granted it at the April 7 meeting to expand the Board of Trustees' representation in both geographical and organizational terms.

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(Ta teden je bil na obisku v Clevelandu Bernard Nežmah, bivši urednik ljubljanskega tednika »Mladina« in pisec članka v le-tej »Goli Tito«, ki sem ga v tem listu ponatisnil 1. feb. letos. Dvakrat se je ustavil v našem uredništvu in sem ga naprosil, če bi bil pripravljen napisati krajši članek o tem, zakaj so Slovenci izvolili za svojega predsednika Milana Kučana, komunista torej, in je bil takoj za to. Med bivanjem v Clevelandu je imel priliko, predvsem po zaslugi dr. Karla Bonuttija, se srečati z mnogimi našimi rojaki in je tako dobil boljši vpogled v naše razmere. Morda bo o teh pisal po vrtnitvi v Slovenijo. Ur.

Zdi se nemara povsem neverjetno, da je Slovenija edina izmed propadlih komunističnih dežel, ki je na svobodnih volitvah resda množično glasovala proti komunistični partiji, toda za predsednika je izvolila komunisto.

Argument, da so Slovenci izvolili Kučana zato, ker bi se bali vojske, nima posebno

trdne osnove. Kučan je v svoji predvolilni strategiji dejansko namigoval Slovence, da le on lahko zagotovi miren prehod v večstrankarsko parlamentarno demokracijo, toda po vseh anketah, ki so bile narejene pred zadnjimi predvolilnimi spopadi, je beležil Kučan največjo stopnjo popularnosti. Ta dejstva govore v prid domnevi, da obstajajo realni razlogi za Kučanovo popularnost.

V čem je torej Kučanova priljubljenost? V tem, da je komunist gotovo ne. Kučan je v očeh Slovencev politik, ki je vodil mehko linijo znotraj partije, ki se je odrekla svojih nekdanjih boljševo kot so bili Franc Popit, Andrej Marinc in Ivan Maček, in korak za korakom izpuščala iz rok represivno oblast.

Tu je potrebno poudariti, da v spremembe ni šel Kučan po svoji volji, ampak ga je v to prisilila slovenska medijska opozicija, nato pa še politična opozicija.

Ako bi Kučan storil le to, bi gotovo ne bil izvoljen. To nam navsezadnje dokazujejo volitve na Madžarskem, kjer so reformirani komunisti gladko izgubili. Kučanova glavna zasluga v očeh Slovencev, je njegovo zavzemanje za samostojnejši položaj Slovenije v Jugoslaviji. Kučan je tisti, ki je v maratonsko dolgih političnih spopadih z jugoslovansko partijo izbral novo slovensko ustavo, ki daje že takšna, kot je sedaj, Slovencev pravno osnovo za razglasitev neodvisnosti in s tem odcepitev od Jugoslavije. Po drugi strani pa je z izstopom slovenskih komunistov iz jugoslovanske partije v bistvu izvršil eno izmed oblik slovenske odcepitve.

Če so Slovenci volili za Kučana, so volili dobesedno Kučana kot Kučana, ne pa Kučana kot komunisto.

Bernard Nežmah

Dr. Ciril Mejač iz Washingtona, D.C., je imel ta govor ob krsti sen. Franka J. Lauscheta v torek, 24. aprila, zvečer v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue.

»Ko sem bil sodnik, ko sem bil župan, ko sem bil guverner«, je na slovenskem večeru v Washingtonu izjavil gospod senator, »si nisem nikoli pomišljal poudariti, da znam slovensko in da je slovenščina moj materni jezik.« S temi besedami je naš dragi gospod senator menil in naslovil predvsem mladi rod Slovencev, ki jim slovenščina ne teče dovolj gladko ali pa se je celo izogibljejo.

Tisti, ki smo senatorja poznali, vemo, da je bil tudi v tej svoji izjavi dosledno iskren, da mu je bilo mnogo na tem, da bi se jezik, ki ga je podedoval od svoje matere, ohranil kot svojstvena lastnina naših bodočih rodov, ki naj v tej veličastni zemlji, kjer se stikajo različni narodi in rase in mnogotera plemena, najde tudi v bodoče svoje mesto, mesto, ki ga kot sestavni del Amerike zasluži.

Politična arena in delo za javnost je, seveda, bil njegov poklic. Kot politik je potreboval čut, na osnovi katerega je iskal stičišče, ki se naj z njim približa vsakokratni javnosti, javnosti, s katero — in naj uporabim njegove lastne besede — naj govori v njenem lastnem jeziku. To tudi nam Slovencev. Reči pa smemo, da nam je govoril samo to, kar je čutil globoko v srcu, in to, v kar je verjel. To smo vsi čutili ob vsakem njegovem nastopu in zato smo ga imeli radi. To so prav tako čutili vsi oni, ki se jim je približal kot politični aspirant in so mu verjeli ter ga zato imeli radi. V svoji neomejeni odkritosti je bila njegova moč, ki je z njo osvojil mase in je z njo osvajal mase in je z njo osvajal tudi nas, ki se — morda osiroteli ali obogateni z njegovim naukom in zgledom — klanjamo njegovemu spomenu.

Bil sem prisoten, ko ob zemeljskem slovesu vidca in veli-

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kana nihče ni niti poskušal naštetih ter opisati vrlin in kreposti umrlega, a smo v zameno samo prisegli, da bomo — kot Mojzesu — sledili njegovemu zgledu in, če potrebno in kjerkoli potrebno, postali tudi vojščaki v borbi za njegove ideale. Tudi danes, tukaj ob krsti našega dragega pokojnika — tako mi narekuje vest — ne bomo mogli obseči niti drobca vseobsegajočih korakov in započeti ter vrlin gospoda senatorja in prav zato, in v zameno zato, obljubimo, obljubimo slovesno in iskreno, da bomo sledili, vsak po svojih močeh, zgledu, ki smo ga imeli — kot Izraelci v Mojzesu — v pokojnem senatorju Lauschetu.

Slediti mu v velikem gotovo presega naše moči in zmožnosti, a gospod senator je bil velik, duhovni velikan, ne zato, ker je vse življenje zastavljal moči v velikopotezne načrte in podvige — in teh ni manjkalo — pač pa mnogo bolj zato, ker je hotel, da vsaka podrobnost v vseh malenkostih služi celoti. Če je rad prebiral Prešerna, ga ni le zato, ker se je Prešeren ovekovečil kot prerok krščanstva s svojim »Krstom pri Savici«, pač pa morda veliko bolj, ker je napisal skorajda neopazno pesmico »Nezakonska mati«, pesmico, ki jo je Lausche deklamiral v pesniško dovršenem slogu pred sodiščem zbrani poroti ter z njo z lahkoto dosegal, da je porota dala prav in se izrekla v prid njemu, njegovi varovanki, nezakonski materi, ki bi se ji si-

cer zgodila še večja krivica.

Gospod Lausche je bil, med drugim, tudi odvetnik, a se je v svojem zrelem življenju v manjši meri srečaval s člani tega poklica, enak z enakimi, ali bolje, neenak z enakimi. Na vprašanje, kaj in katero delo mu je bilo v največje zadoščenje, je brez pomisleka poudaril, da mora priznati: to je bilo mesto sodnika. Ne vem in ne verjamem, da je imel sodnike v največjih čisljih; zavedal pa se je, da je kot sodnik neposredno posegal v življenje ljudi in tako bil posredno vodnik.

Razmere, ki mi v njih živimo danes, so v mnogočem potisnile ob stran ali celo v pozabo eno najlepših človeških lastnosti, ki oplemeni naš značaj in ki nagradi primerno urejanje medsebojnih človeških odnosov. Neodgovorjeno pa ostane vprašanje, smo li sposobni gojiti čut hvaležnosti v nas samih. In s kolikšno občutenostjo hvaležnosti je gospod senator govoril o onih, ki jim je bil zadolžen za vse, veliko in malo, za dobro in plemenito, za krščansko navdihnjenje in krščanski prijem in krščansko vodilo v življenju. Zlasti trem. Fari in farni šoli pri Sv. Vidu, najprej in predvsem pa svoji materi, ki se je od nje naučil vsega lepega in katere plemenitosti in vrline je opisal z eno samo besedo: Slovenka. Vse od njene smrti pa do svoje je vsako leto 4. julija naročil sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida za njen in tudi za očetov dušni blagor.

Enako je ostal neskončno hvaležen prijatelju, mentorju in pesniku Ivanu Zormanu, ki se je od njega naučil, enako kot od svoje matere, slovenske skromnosti. Janez Svetokriški je v enem svojih govorov ožigosal človeško nagnjenost k prevzetnosti, ki lahko presega vsako mejo stvarnosti, ko se nenehno hvališamo že, če smo spravili s poti čisto navadnega slepca. Ne tako pok. senator.

V kolikor si jaz — in morda tudi mnogi izmed nas — ustvarimo predstavo, kako si zamišljamo zveznega senatorja, vsaj meni bi bil model Frank Lausche. On sam pa je ta, skrajno zavidljiv dosežek zastiral z meglino tenčico in, če je kdaj govoril o svojem naslovu senatorja, je želel povedati le to, da je kot senator prisostvoval molitvam, ki so jih nekateri senatorji, prav za prav maloštevilni izmed njih, opravljali vsako sredo dopoldne.

Frank J. Lausche, športnik, vzgojitelj, odvetnik in sodnik, župan, guverner in senator,

(Dalje na str. 10)



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Meseca aprila, to je 21., ko se narava prebuja, poteka 25. let, odkar nas je zapustil naš mož, oče, stari oče in prastari oče,

MICHAEL ARKO.

Spominjamo se ga vsak dan; ne zaide sonce, da nam ne bi stopil v spomin.

Hvaležni smo mu za vse, kar je za nas storil v življenju ter upamo, da se zopet združimo z njim v večni domovini.

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Cleveland, O., 26. aprila 1990.

Mohorjeva družba v Celovcu:

Ob smrti senatorja Franka Lauscheta

V sam vrh bleščečih primerov slovenskega doprinosa svetu sodi sin preprostih slovenskih priseljencev v Ameriki, »Lincoln iz Ohio«, Frank Lausche. In ko ga je dal naš narod svetu, ga ni izgubil za slovenstvo. Nasprotno, z njim in njegovim delom je pridobil naš narod na svojem ugledu in moralni moči v vodilni Ameriki. Ostal je vse do svoje visoke starosti zvest član naše narodne skupnosti, katere usodo in v zadnjem času pot v demokratizacijo je opazoval z budnim očesom. Tako nam je kar po telefonu ves navdušen čestital skupaj z avtorjem Cirilom Žebotom ob izidu knjige »Neminljiva Slovenija«.

»Mohorjeva v Celovcu - najstarejša slovenska založba, narodna učiteljica in buditeljica krščanske vere, si šteje v čast, da lahko čestita velikemu sinu slovenske matere, senatorju Združenih držav Amerike g. Francetu Lovšetu ob 90-letnici njegovega bogatega življenja. Zvestemu slovenskemu narodnjaku in zvestemu ameriškemu državljanu in političnemu reprezentantu, na čigar policah so poleg velikih del ameriške misli in lepe besede tudi celovške mohorjevke, želimo vsi mohorjani srečno, izpolnjeno in blagoslovljeno življenje v teh spoštljivih letih, ko človek gleda na vse prestano in doživeto«, je zapisal ob senatorjevi 90-letnici naš rajni ravnatelj prelat dr. Janez Hornböck.

Tem mislim se pridružujemo tudi Hornböckovi nasledniki, ki želimo obdržati zamisel Družbe sv. Mohorja tudi bodočim rodovom, zamisel povezovanja rojakov preko vseh geografskih in političnih meja, kar je bila tudi velika skrb rajnega rojaka senatorja Lauscheta, čigar smrt nas je pretresla, nas tukaj v Celovcu, ki poznamo trud, prizadevnost in požrtvovalnost ameriških Slovencev za skupni narodni blagor.

Božja milost je omogočila rajnemu, da je še mogel doživeti velike spremembe v matični domovini, odpiranje demokraciji in povrnitev k humanističnim idealom, ki so mu vse življenje toliko pomenili.

Iskreno sožalje izrekamo žalujočim sorodnikom, rojakom in prijateljem rajnega, ki ga bomo uvrstili v vrsto odličnih sinov našega naroda.

dipl. inž. Franc Kattnig
vodja založbe

Dr. Anton Koren
ravnatelj

Mimogrede iz Milwaukeeja

Op. ur. — Naš dopisnik g. LG je na kuverto po pomoti dal malce napačen naslov, na pošti pa niso bili dovolj brihtni oz. se niso zanimali, da bi pismo prišlo do nas, čeprav bi lahko. Tako je dopis romal nekaj časa po poštnih ovinkih, končno pa bil vrnjen g. LG, ki nam ga je moral zopet poslati. Dopis objavljamo, čeprav so nekatere vesti že malce zastarele.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Vreme v prejšnjem mesecu, v marcu, je bilo še dokaj lepo in znosno. Na sam prvi spomladanski dan, 20. marca, je posijalo sonce in toplo vreme je doseglo do 50 stopinj. Zadnje dneve pa je bilo bolj hladno, tako da je mesec april na nedeljo 1. aprila nastopil svoje 30-dnevno življenje v letošnjem letu. Mesec april je bil v starih časih posvečen Veneri, ki so jo v Italiji častili kot boginjo ljubezni in pomladi, zaščitnico vrtov in vseh, ki so se ukvarjali z zemljo: vrtnarjev, vinogradnikov in kmetov!

Za prve tri mesece v letu zahtevajo vremenarji, naj bodo mrzli in suhi, za april, po naše mali traven, pa predpisujejo obilo dežja. Če je april moker, bo kmet veliko pridelkov dobil. — Če se vreme aprila smeje, se bo kisalo pozneje. — Če v dežju drevo cvete, nikdar sadja ne daje. — April sedemkrat na dan kmete s polja spodi. — Kolikor dni so žabe pred Jurijem ali Markom (25. april) reglale, toliko dni bodo potem molčale. — Če je Jurija deževno in na Petrovo suša, se raduje kmetova duša. — Kdor spomladi ne seje, tudi jeseni žel ne bo. — Spomladi, še star kol upa, da bo ozelenel.

Naj nam vsem, bo mali traven s slabim vremenom — prizanesljiv. Vsem onim pa, ki so rojeni v tem mesecu, in godovnikom — prijateljske čestitke. In zavedajmo se, da pohvalo potrebuje vsak, še najbolj pa tisti, ki ne verjame vase!

Pozdrav Veliki noči

V tem mesecu je največji krščanski praznik Velika noč — Vstajenje Kristusovo. Na cvetno nedeljo se začenja veliki teden, in se na Velikonočno nedeljo z veličastnim Vstajenjem in z večno lepo Alelujo — prazniki za to leto končajo.

Naš Ivan Cankar je napisal: Brez velikega petka, brez Kristusovega trpljenja in smrti, ne bi bilo Vstajenja. Na veliki petek v temačnih cerkvah ni slišati zvonov, niti ministrantovega zvončka, samo mrmrajoča molitev vernikov prtajeno doni v tihi cerkvi. Na Golgoti se je na ta dan stemnilo, zem-

lja se je stresla v presilni grozi. In v tej grozoti je radi Kristusove smrti in zmagoslavnega Vstajenja, posijalo sonce, svetlejša sonce, ki je prineslo odrešenje vsem narodom in ljudem na svetu.

Velikega petka je bilo treba za Veliko noč. Smrt Boga samega je bilo treba, da je zazvonilo in zapelo vsemu človeštvu veličastno Alelujo.

Naj nam vsem Velika noč nakloni srčni mir, ljubezen in prijetno razpoloženje. Z ženo Frances voščiva vsem vesele Velikonočne praznike!

Triglav park že zeleni

Upravnik parka Franjo Mejač s svojimi pomočniki, že pregledujejo po triglavskem zemljišču, okrog hišic in drevju, škodo, ki jo je napravila letošnja zima. Pridna članica Antonija Butinar tudi že s svojim možem Jožefom rahljata in pripravljata zemljo okrog kapele in po skalnatem obrežju

OB KRSTI

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dobrotnik — znan in še bolj nepoznan, posrednik — uspešno je posredoval ohranitev slovenskih oddaj na Glasu Amerike, otvoritvi ameriškega centra v Ljubljani in Baragove znamke na poštni upravi, zagovornik — tudi zagovornik nas samih, posebno ko so nns krivično sodili zaradi našega političnega prepričanja, Frank J. Lausche, ljubitelj lepe besede, slovenskih in krščanskih tradicij, steber naše moči in ponos naših slovenskih korenin, Slovenec, modrijan, mož, ki je vedno znal prisluhniti, govoriti pa le, kadar je bilo potrebno.

V enem svojih govorov — in bil je govornik, ki mu ni bilo para, klen, duhovit, klasičen, bogat, tudi z dovtipi bogat — v enem svojih govorov, ko je hotel poudariti bogatost jezika, ki se ga je naučil od svoje matere in ki mu je vedno bolj in bolj prihajal v ospredje v letih dokončne zrelosti, je dal primero, da noben jezik ne pozna besede, ki bi bila enakovredna slovenski besedi »možak«. Možak je človek, ki spoštuje starše, živi v skladu s krščanskim pojmovanjem življenja, skrbi za družino in mu je mar dobro svojega bližnjega, plačuje skrbno dolgove in ne štedi svojih moči, ki naj jih zastavi pri delu za svoj narod, svoj dom in svojo domovino. Če kdo zasluži to največje priznanje, ki ga po mnenju gospoda senatorja uteleša slovenski jezik, priznanje, da je in je bil možak, je gospod senator Frank J. Lausche. On je bil zares možak.

za nasaditev spomladanskih rož in zelenja.

Že v zadnjem delu aprila ali v začetku maja — odvisno od vremena — so oz. bodo pridni člani in članice pod vodstvom upravnika in njegovega pomočnika Stankota Yakliča, zagrabili za lopate in grablje in očistili triglavsko zemljišče od zimske navlake. V mesecu maju, ko bo društvo Triglav na materinski dan počastilo svoje članice-mamice, posebno pa še na »Spominski dan« v ponedeljek, 28. maja, ko se bo društvo Triglav z vsem spoštovanjem pri sv. maši spomnilo umrlih članov in članic in vseh antikomunističnih padlih borcev, takrat bo ta »slovenska oaza« sredi Amerike zablestela v vsem spomladanskem razkošju, vabeč vse dobromisleče rojake in rojakinje na naše društvene prireditve in zabave: Dobrodošli!

SKD Triglav pošilja svojemu članstvu, vsem rojakom in rojakinjam ter prijateljem lep slovenski Velikonočni pozdrav!

Lep uspeh

V četrtek, 29. marca, nam je v polno zasedenem gledališču Pabst, koreografinja in plesalka Isabella Kralj s svojim »Dance Theatre Milwaukee« nudila lep umetniški užitek, sodobno izvajanje Igor Stravinskega »The Soldier's Tale«. Naj sicer na kratko omenim različico med sodobnim plesom in starim, klasičnim baletom. Slednja zahteva, da morajo plesalci izvajati točno določene gibe, gre se za lepoto, nežnost in eleganco. Moderni plesi poudarjajo predvsem svobodne in neskončne možnosti v izražanju gibanja rok, nog in telesa v poskočnem ritmu sodobne glasbe, v katerem lahko ustvarjalec-koreograf izpove svojo umetniško domišljijo. Pri uspehu so važni različni kostumi, scenarija, razsvetljava ipd.

Vse to nam je nudila Isabella Kralj, ki je s svojimi odličnimi soplesalci in igralci ustvarila to plesno pripovedko na lepi umetniški višini. Vsi so plesali in tudi govorili ter nam tako razložili, da je vojak prodal svojo dušo vragu, da si je pridobil denar, večno mladost in oblast.

K temu lepemu uspehu je seveda veliko pripomogla glasba Stravinskega. Mali orkester, pod vodstvom energičnega dirigenta Kevina Stalheima, je bil odličen, posebej se je izkazal violinist Eric Segnitz.

Že po prvem dejanju in posebno na koncu so nastopajoči prejeli dolg, navdušen aplavz. In moram reči: zaslužili so ga!

Naši rojakinji Isabelli Kralj k umetniškemu uspehu iskrene čestitke in korajžno naprej!

L.G.

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J.H. Pestalozzi



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V miru božjem zdaj počivaj, dragi, nepozabni nam, v nebesih večno srečo uživaj, do svidenja na vekomaj.



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