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VELIKO NAS JE!

Včasih je dobro, če si poklicemo v spomin, da predstavljamo člani bratskih podpornih organizacij v Ameriki zelo impozantno armado. V Zedinjenih državah s prišteveto Kanado je bilo 1. januarja letos pri raznih bratskih podpornih organizacijah zavarovanih 7,854,717 oseb. Le nekaj manj kot osem milijonov. Na Canado odpade zaradi njenega maloštevilnega prebivalstva le majhen del tega števila, torej lahko trdimo, da nas je najmanj sedem in pol milijona v vrstah raznih bratskih podpornih organizacij samo v Zedinjenih državah. In to je število, s katerim morajo, radi ali neradi, računati tudi na najvišjih mestih.

Razveseljivo dejstvo pri tem je, da skoro vse te bratske podporne organizacije zadnjih par let povoljno rastejo, kljub temu, da jim zavarovalinske družbe delajo hudo konkurenco, in kljub temu, da gospodarske razmere v deželi niso posebno ugodne. Armade bratskih organizacij se množijo, ideje bratstva si pridobivajo tla v vedno širših krogih.

Ameriški Slovenci smo, svojemu številu primerno, zelo častno zastopani na polju bratskega zavarovanja. Gotovo je, da tako imenovani "stari" Američani niso nisi od daleč v tako visokem odstotku zavarovani pri bratskih podpornih organizacijah kot smo Slovenci. Invomljivo je, da bi nas v tem oziru dosegala katera kolikor skupina drugonarodnih priseljencev. Ako se stejemo članstvo vseh slovenskih podpornih organizacij v Zedinjenih državah skupaj, bo znašalo okrog 100,000, četudi upoštevamo dejstvo, da je več rojakov zavarovanih pri dveh ali več organizacijah. Vseh Slovencov v Zedinjenih državah pa nas je kvečemu 200 ali 250 tisoč. To dokazuje, da Slovenci imamo zaupanje v naše podporne organizacije, in te organizacije so tudi tega zaupanja vredne.

Mesečnik Fraternal Monitor, ki je izključno posvečen samo bratskim podpornim organizacijam, prima v svoji majski številki nekaj zelo zanimivih podatkov. Tam je označeno, da so bratske podporne organizacije v tej deželi izplačale od svojih pričetkov pa do danes nad pet tisoč milijonov dolarjev raznih podpor. Samo v lanskem letu so izplačale nad 121 milijonov dolarjev v takih podporah. Prenoženje teh organizacij je znašalo konci lanskega leta nad 1231 milijonov dolarjev in se je samo v preteklem letu pomnožilo za 30 milijonov. Novih članov so te organizacije lani vpisale nad 800,000 in čisti prirastek odraslega članstva je znašal nad 500. Naša J. S. K. Jednota jih izkazuje 580.

Najbolj pa se je J. S. K. Jednota lani postavila s prirastkom mladinskega oddelka. Njen čisti prirastek mladinskih članov je namreč znašal 2,013. Med vsemi bratskimi podpornimi organizacijami v Zedinjenih državah in Canadi je bila glede čistega prirastka mladinskega oddelka naša J. S. K. Jednota na ČETRTEM mestu! Samo tri druge bratske podporne organizacije v Zedinjenih državah in Canadi so nas v tem oziru prekosele!

To, bratje in sestre, je krasen šopek, ki si ga lahko s ponosom pripomejo na prsa vsi tisti, ki so na en ali drugi način pripomogli, da je bila naša lanska mladinska kampanja tako uspešna. Množe veliko večje organizacije niso mogle konec lanskega leta izkazati toliko čistega prirastka niti v mladinskem niti v odraslem oddelku kot naša. In pri tem imamo v mislih vse bratske podporne organizacije v Zedinjenih državah in Canadi. Kdor ne verjame, naj vzame v roke majsko izdajo Fraternal Monitorja!

Iz vsega navedenega je razvidno, da so bratske podporne organizacije v tej deželi močne, žive in aktivne, in da je posebno J. S. K. Jednota med njimi ena najbolj aktivnih in polna življenske sile.

Zato, bratje in sestre, kadar greste na agitacijo za nove člane, povejte prospektivnim novim članom nekaj teh številk in jih prepričajte s tem, da će stopijo v naše vrste, bodo člani finančno trdne, nestrankarske, priljubljene in stalno napredajoče ameriško-slovenske podporne organizacije.

Zaključek naše trimesečne jubilejne kampanje je oddaljen manj kot teden dni. Ura kaže tako rekoč že tričetrt na dvanajst, toda, bratje in sestre, še je čas, da

Iz urada glavnega tajnika JSKJ

ZAKLJUČEK JUBILEJNE KAMPANJE

Jubilejna kampanja se zaključi z dnem 31. maja. Vse prošnje za sprejem v mladinski oddelki ali v oddelki odraslih morajo biti v rokah vrhovnega zdravnika ali glavnega urada ne kasneje kot 5. junija, sicer se jih ne bo kreditiralo kandidatom za eno ali drugo odlikovanje.

Pazite, da bodo vse prošnje pravilno izpolnjene in potrjene od društvenega predsednika in društvenega tajnika.

Če bo le mogoče bo rezultat kampanje priobčen v Novi Dobi z dne 15. junija.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

ANTON ZBASNIK,

glavni tajnik.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

nega samostanskega kočaja, okno užival prelepi razgled na Franc Čakajšek, ki je bil rojen prelesteni dež in kot batiranka pri Sv. Urhu na Hribu. V daljini debelo meglo. V deset milj od daljnjem mestu, zadnji postojanki civilizacije, sem bil kupil dva ducata razglednic, na katerih so bile naslikane ribe, gozdne kokoši in romantične soteske z bistrimi potoki. Pa sem na teh razglednicah pisal prijateljem širom dežele, kako imenitno se imamo v tistem gorskem raju, kako čist je gorski zrak, kako čudoviti so razgledi, kako okusni so zajčki in sveže načolnjene postriči v kakem neizbrisnem spominu nam bodo ostali tisti kraji. Res je bilo samo zadnje, kajti ribe in zajce sem videl samo na razglednicah, pravi imenjaki istih pa bodo radi nas lahko obhajali srebrne in zlate jubileje, in razgledi niso bili posebno veličastni niti zunaj v kosmati meglji niti v kabini pri brleči petrolejki. Vsekakor, prijatelji, katerim sem kartice razposlal, so verjeli in najbrž še danes verjamemo, kako imenitno smo se imeli na tistem izletu.

Meni ne pride na misel, da bi se pregovarjal, koliko navedene ugotovitve učenega profesorja temeljijo na resnicu in koliko na domisliji. Pripomnil bi le, da kdor poznal podjetne Štajerje iz Savinjske doline, in, če te čase čita, kako general Čang Kajšek uspešno klesti vsljive Japonce, ne bo dvakrat rekel, da ta odlični kitajski državnik nima nekoliko slovensko-štajerske krvi v sebi!

Te dni je odpotovalo iz Clevelandia in okolice več rojakov in sobratov na obisk v star kraj, nekateri se pa še odpravljajo. Blagor Jim, ki imajo čas in denar za to, Meni manjka v to svetu obojega. Vsekakor jim nisem nevošljiv, ampak upam in želim, da bi se dobro imeli in dobro zavabili. Če ne, naj pa vsaj poročajo svojim prijateljem v Ameriki, kako nazarenko fino se imajo. To vsled tega, da nas ne bo skrbelo in da ne bomo mislili na kakšne odpomožne akcije.

Pri tem pa mi vsljivo prihaja na misel neki doživljaj z našega zapada, doživljaj iz "davnih" svobodnih let.

Pridružil sem se bil skupini rojakov, ki se je odpravila v hrib na ribolov. Med tistimi gorači zapada, katerih glave venča večni sneg, potekajo bistre vode in v njih je baje toliko rdeče pikastih postrov, da je vse marogasto. Jaz nisem navdušen za ribolov, zato sem vzel s seboj malo puško 22 kalibra, da izpodnem kakšnega zajčka, ki so tam gosti kot komarji in skor vse leto na prostilovski listi. Potovali smo nekaj časa z vlakom in potem še z vozom ter smo se končno nastanili v lovski kabini v hribu na ribolov.

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VARNOST NA CESTAH

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

tomobilskih nesrečnih mesta Cleveland je bilo letos ubitih ali poškodovanih 50 procentov manj oseb, kot v istem razdobju lanskega leta. Ako se obdrži ali se izboljša ta rekord do konca leta, bo Cleveland eno najvarnejših velikih mest v Zedinjenih državah. Komisar Donahue poudarja v svojem zadnjem apelu, da je med žrtvami prometnih nesreč največ postarhujih ljudi. Avtomobilisti naj bi torej posebno pazili na starejše ljudi, ki prehajajo preko cest, ker ti ljudje včasih slabu vidijo in slišijo in se tudi ne morejo takto hitro umakati drvečim avtomobilom kot mlajši. Mlajši ljudje pa naj bi opozarjali svoje priletne stare, naj bodo bolj previdni pri prekoračenju cest.

Ta priporočila so upoštevana vredna ne samo v Clevelandu, ampak tudi v vsakem drugem mestu in v vsakem kraju, katerega doseže avtomobilski promet.

DOBRI STARI ČASI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

pov in drugih prometnih sredstev in da v prihodnjih 50 letih ne more priti do kakšnih posebnih izumov. Takrat svet še ni postal gramofona, avtomobila, letala, radija in tisoč drugih iznajdb novejšega časa.

Sreča za napredek človeštva da, so vseh časih živelj ljudje, ki niso gledali nazaj in si želeli povratka v "stare dobre čase," ampak so skušali na uspehih sodobnosti graditi naprej in ustvarjati boljše razmere. Tem ljudem se ima človeštvo zahvaliti za ves dosedjanji napredek. Dandanes so v odločni manjšini tisti, ki misijo, da je

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AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Current Thought

SSCU FOURTH AMONG NATION'S FRATERNALS IN JUVENILE GAINS

In The Fraternal Monitor publication for May, 1938, listed increases in juvenile members of various fraternals for the year 1937. Our SSCU with a net gain of 1,013 juveniles ranks fourth among all the fraternals in the nation who report to The Fraternal Monitor.

Our members may be interested to learn that such institutions as the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, Protected Home Circle, ranked lower positions in our own Union, in the number of net juvenile membership gain for 1937.

Below is reprinted the list of fraternals who reported a net gain of more than 500 juvenile members in 1937:

| Net Gain |
|--|
| 6,601 |
| 2,913 |
| 2,664 |
| 2,013 |
| 1,986 |
| 1,613 |
| 1,262 |
| 1,120 |
| 1,081 |
| 906 |
| 863 |
| 834 |
| 830 |
| 810 |
| 783 |
| 667 |
| 634 |
| 629 |
| 561 |
| 554 |
| 542 |
| 507 |
| 506 |
| Total Gain in Juvenile Membership of Above Societies in 1937 |

It is believed that this is the first time in the annals of SSCU that such a remarkable record was attained in one year. And the large net gain in juvenile members tribute to the juvenile convention idea, conceived and molded into practical form by our supreme secretary.

We can look back upon 1937 as an example year, what can be accomplished when the members enthusiastically approve a good idea and what can be done when they co-operate to execute their duty to the Organization.

The foregoing figures should encourage us, the members of the SSCU to attain even greater heights in the field of fraternalism.

OFFICE of the SUPREME SECRETARY

CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The jubilee membership campaign drive will close May 31, applications for membership in the adult or juvenile age must be in the hands of the supreme medical examiner at the Home Office not later than June 5, otherwise no credit will be given to the candidates for one prize or the other.

Make sure that the applications are fully and correctly completed and approved by the president and secretary of the lodge. An effort will be made to publish the results of the campaign June 15, 1938.

ANTON ZBASNICK,
Supreme Secretary.

NOW OR NEVER

When the next issue of Nova Doba reaches you, the 40th anniversary jubilee campaign for new members shall have been completed, for the drive is scheduled to terminate May 31st.

Those who have entered the candidacy for the prize of a free trip rail ticket to Ely, Minn. and return have approximately one week left in which to reach the goal of enrolling enough new members to equal \$20,000 worth of new life insurance.

Now or never! Get the remaining necessary number of new members and avail yourself of the opportunity of a lifetime to make the great northwest, at the expense of the SSCU.

Make sure this week that you will be among those happy candidates present in Ely, Minn., on July 16, 17 and 18, when the anniversary jubilee exercises shall be held.

Make up now. But keep on plugging until you have reached your goal.

Too Suggestive
Need: "Guess I'll have to call my wife 'Toots.'"
Saying: "Why?"
Answer: "It always reminds me that she wants an auto."

Sure Enough
Small Boy (who has been scolded by his mother): "I say, dad, we'd have had a fine time doing as we liked if you hadn't married mother."

Ramblers Invite You To Their Dance May 28

Unity, Pa. — May 28 is drawing near and with it comes the big Spring Dance to be held by the SSCU Center Ramblers lodge, 221, of Center, Pa., at Smith's Hall. For this occasion we have engaged good music, and the guests can rest assured that snappy tunes fashioned after the latest numbers will be in order. Yes, you can dance the big apple and Susie Q. to your heart's content.

Since this is our first dance of the season, we wish to make it a great success. I take this means to invite all members of neighboring lodges to attend. Also their friends. Attention: Claridge, White Valley, Export, Universal, Pittsburgh, Springdale.

A short story already has been written about the big joint picnic, to be sponsored by our two lodges in Center, lodges 33 and 221, on July 4, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our great SSCU. This picnic will be one of the biggest and greatest ever to take place in Center. Watch the Nova Doba for further details.

I see where our young member still has the SSCU spirit in her. Keep up the good work and let's hear more from you, Isabelle Erzen. We need more members like you.

Once again I call you all to turn out and give a big hand to Bro. Joseph Sobr, dance chairman, and help him make the Spring Dance a success. Our chairman is a good SSCU booster and is always a willing helper for our lodge.

A reminder for May 28th, at Smith's Hall, Center. We assure all guests in attendance a very enjoyable evening. We'll be seeing you all. Be a SSCU booster. Mary E. Oblock

Editor's Note

Contributors to the Nova Doba are requested to keep the following points in mind:

Write on one side of the paper only. Use ink, or a typewriter, if one is available.

Sign your name and lodge number to your article. The signature must be in the contributor's own handwriting. Typed signatures are insufficient.

Publication of raffles, drawings, bingo, and the like are prohibited by the postal department, and when used by contributors, necessarily must be stricken out by the editor. Even the phrase, "door prize" cannot be used.

Avoid discussion of religion and politics, as the by-laws of our SSCU strictly prohibit the publication of articles religious or political in nature. Keep in mind that our Union is a non-sectarian, non-political benefit organization.

Forward your articles as early as possible, and avoid a delay in publication.

Monday of each week is the deadline. Articles received later than Monday are carried over into the next week's issue.

BRIEFS

John Podlipec, president of St. Martin's lodge, No. 44, SSCU of Barberville, O., suffered a fractured leg last Saturday, May 21. He is recuperating at his home.

On May 28th, Center Ramblers lodge, No. 221, SSCU will hold a dance at Smith Hall in Center, Pa.

Lodge 36, SSCU will hold a dance in its own hall in Conemaugh, Pa., on May 28, when it will commemorate the SSCU's 40th anniversary.

In Greensburg, Pa., Lodge 77, SSCU will hold a dance on May 28, in Blue Moon Hall in Carbon.

On May 29, Colorado Federation of SSCU lodges will hold a meeting in Trinidad, Colo., Central Park Hall. A dance will follow the meeting.

On June 5, Ohio Federation of SSCU lodges will meet in the St. Clair Slovane National Home of Cleveland.

Several lodges will hold picnics and dances to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our Union.

On June 12, Lodge 155 of Blaine, O. will hold a picnic;

On June 28, lodges 45, 166 and 194 of Indianapolis, Ind., a picnic;

On June 26, Lodge 42 of Pueblo, Colo. a picnic, at the site of Presern's home in Rye, Colo.;

On July 2, lodges 57, 116, 138 and 218, a joint picnic and dance at Glunt's Grove, about a half mile off route 22 from Export, Pa.;

On July 16, Lodge 53 of Little Falls, N. Y., a dance;

On July 17, Lodge 9 of Calumet, Mich., a picnic;

On July 24, Lodge 225 of Milwaukee, Wisc., a picnic;

On August 28, in Presto, Pa., Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU lodges, a picnic.

Lodge 40, SSCU of Claridge, Pa., will hold a picnic on June 18, at Peter Lazar's farm, near Bushy Run Battle Field.

Cleveland's campaign to cut its traffic toll has been centered upon elderly people who constitute the majority of victims. Although this campaign is showing definite results, the root of the problem appears to be the aged, and how the Cleveland streets shall be made really safe for them. Commissioner Donahue points out the necessity of caution upon the part of the drivers, and the need of stressing such facts to others.

Avoid discussion of religion and politics, as the by-laws of our SSCU strictly prohibit the publication of articles religious or political in nature. Keep in mind that our Union is a non-sectarian, non-political benefit organization.

Forward your articles as early as possible, and avoid a delay in publication.

Monday of each week is the deadline. Articles received later than Monday are carried over into the next week's issue.

40th Anniversary Committees Named

Only One Week Left to Qualify for Northern Minn. Trip

By Little Stan

Ely, Minn. — Biggest and most impressive program conceived in years is being prepared to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our South Slavonic Catholic Union here in Ely, July 16 to 18—this while candidates seeking to qualify for that coveted free trip to Minnesota are swinging into the final week of the great campaign.

Interest in the coming celebration is rapidly increasing among members who are showing a wonderful cooperative spirit to see that every visitor has an excellent time. There is no question but that the committees will fulfill every phase of elaborate preparation expected by our SSCU, and will place another successful event into the annals of the SSCU.

But the most important thing at the moment is the question: "How many will qualify for that wonderful trip to Ely and this wild and beautiful Northern Minnesota country?" Little Stan expects quite a number—why that's all Little Albert does is shine up the 40th anniversary of the Ah-s-tin—making it look like a real job, so the successful candidates can ride in class when they want to go on that sightseeing trip, or to one of the many lakes to fish for some of that famous great northern pike!

THERE REMAINS ONLY ONE BIG WEEK! — JUST SEVEN DAYS AND THAT DREAM VACATION TRIP INTO THE LAND OF LAKES, AND MORE IMPORTANT, TO THE COMMEMORATION OF OUR SSCU TO BE HELD IN ALL THE POMP AND GLORY OF THE HISTORIC MIDDLE AGES — When knights were bold; and best of all, there will be the impressive feeling of being in the city where our SSCU was born, and where the present historic national headquarters are maintained.

Although Little Stan uses many adjectives to describe the wonderful reward awaiting the successful candidates, he does not exaggerate one bit. To prove every word, you can ask every boy or girl who was a delegate to the first and second national juvenile conventions. They'll tell you of the marvelous time they had. Their eyes will shine as they recount their exciting adventures to you.

Recently Lillian Rudolf of Cleveland; Isobel Erzen of Center, Pa., have written articles in which they urge candidates to work and succeed in qualifying for that trip, because of the wonderful time they had. They didn't forget, and as a result remain grateful to our SSCU for making such a trip possible to members.

Not only that, but since the two great juvenile events, every juvenile delegate has filled the monthly juvenile page in Nova Doba with enthusiastic reports in which they tell the membership of the splendid hospitality and entertainment given them

while they were in Ely. They told you of the thrill in riding the fast passenger trains to Ely. They will never forget, and some day will come back to again live their experiences.

YOU, TOO, WILL FIND THE TRIP AS PLEASANT AND AS EXCITING AS OUR JUVENILE DELEGATES. MORE SO, BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT BE OBLIGED TO TURN IN AT 10 P. M. AS THEY DID! Heh Heh! Remember only seven more days to go—a lot may happen in those seven days!

Last Friday evening in the Yugoslav National Home, general chairman and supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik presided over the second meeting of the delegates to the United Lodges of the South Slavonic Catholic Union of Ely. A large attendance was present, and hardly had the noise from the pounding gavel died away, when the delegates plunged enthusiastically into preparations for the great commemoration, July 16-18.

First off, the complete slate of committees was named and approved by the membership by motion. In every case the approval was unanimous, and when the smoke cleared an hour later, a lot towards planning entertainment was accomplished.

The complete committees are: Supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik, general chairman; assistant supreme secretary Frank Tomisch, jr., secretary; Mrs. Rose Svetich, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Mestick, assistant treasurer. Joseph Kovach, banquet chairman; Joseph L. Champa, picnic chairman.

Ivan Tazell, chairman, Charles Merhar, sr., and Mrs. Mary Benko, compose the finance committee. Little Stan, J. L. Peshel, sr., and Frank Tomisch, jr., the publicity committee.

In order are the following committees: tickets—John Orrin, chairman; Louis Perusek, John Mehle, Frank L. Kotzian, sr., Joseph J. Peshel, sr., and Victor Novak; banquet, Bro. Kovach, chairman, Frances Marinsek, kitchen; and Mary Mestick, serving. Each will select their own assistants.

Joseph Milkovich is chairman of the dance committee, also composed of Martin Grahek, jr., Angela Grahek, Victor Novak, John Kovach, Frank Schweiger, Frank Palcher, and Jennie Kolenec.

Heading the lunch committee is Mrs. Mary Zgong, Mary Korsec, and Margaret Pecher. Candy committee is composed of Elizabeth Mertel, and Molly Skerjanc. On the ice-cream committee is Mary Jerich, chairman; Margaret Tomljanovich, Mary Indihar, and Mrs. Orzam. On the pop and soda committee is Joseph Pechaver, Mike Evanschek, and Mrs. Mary Stubler. On the refreshments committee, principle work being to dispose beer are Jack Varoga, chairman; Peter Skradski, Frank Koschak, Joseph Janezich, Louis Prijatelj, Simon Marolt, Frank Golob, Frank Skalar, Joseph Sherjak, Frank Tratnik, John Glazek.

"What is in the large circle in the center?" he asked.
"That is the figure 18," the man replied.
"Wrong," said the officer.
"That is a picture of Mae West talking to Katherine Hepburn."
Yeh, Sit Down
Diner: "Do you serve crabs here?"
Waiter: "We serve anyone; sit down."
Paragon of Virtue
Mother: "You good - for nothing! Why don't you take a pattern from your father?"
Son: "What has he done?"
Mother: "Why, he has just got two years off his sentence for good conduct."



Young American Boosters

Walsenburg, Colo. — Again the bright Colorado summer sun has begun to work its wonders in our own Centennial state. Trees are in bloom, green grass, with a background of snow capped peaks and mountains, which always throw off a cool breeze at all times. Yes sir, "Tis a privilege to live in Colorado."

Already it has affected the Young American Boosters; with a little spring tonic of plans, a very amusing and joyful summer will be in the making.

A grand opening dance will be the big topic of this fair community, which will be held at our usual stamping grounds, in the merry month of June. Date will be announced later.

It also has started a membership drive, in which three new members were admitted. Those responsible are: Winzie Tore-san, George and Alex Oswerk. Bring them on, sister and brothers, we can take it.

All members who wish to attend or plan to attend the festivities in Trinidad, May 29, which is scheduled to start in the afternoon and wind up at ??, are requested to meet at Kopusin's Hall, so that we can leave in a body at one p. m.

Because our meetings are poorly attended, a "Lost and Found Column" will be published each month. To parties returning lost persons to the next meeting a reward will be given. This reward will be in the form of a surprise.

Lost: Old and new members of the Young American Boosters, who have not been seen or heard of in our meetings for the past two months. They are Eddie, Rudy, Joe, Hippo, Tony, Alice, Mary, Jean, Anne and Lena.

What has happened to some of these good looking belles and romances is unknown. And should they read this article, they are requested to come and see us some Sunday.

All members are requested to meet their assessments by the 25th of each month.

John Ribacchi, Sec'y
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Cleveland Inter-Lodge League Schedule

May 26 — Spartans vs Ct. Baraga at Kirtland.

May 27 — Strivers vs Lithuanians at Gordon Park.

May 31 — Orels vs Utopians at Kirtland.

June 1 — Loyalites vs Strivers at Gordon Park.

June 2 — Betsy Ross vs Lithuanians at Kirtland.

June 3 — Zumberaks vs Pioneers at Gordon Park.

June 6 — Ct. Baraga vs Lithuanians at Gordon Park.

June 7 — Comrades vs Loyalties at Kirtland.

June 8 — Pioneers vs Utopians at Gordon Park.

June 9 — Strivers vs Zumberaks at Kirtland.

June 10 — Spartans vs Orels at Gordon Park.

Fewer Than

A teacher asked the class to name the States of the United States. One child responded so promptly and accurately as to bring forth this comment from the teacher. "You did very well — much better than I could have done at your age."

"Yes, you could," said the child consolingly, "there were only thirteen then."

How're You Betting?

The people in our part of town are watching the result of a very interesting conflict.

What is it?"

An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bache- lor."

Opera At S. N. Home

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In the second act the wedding

festivities are going on and both bridegrooms are clamoring for their brides. No word is heard from Admiral Matamorae, who has been sent to capture the pirates. Don Bolero and Aurore resort to all kinds of expedients to settle matters and pacify the irate banker and the furious Moor, and besides have

much trouble in restraining Girofle from flying to her Marasquin. At last she is locked up. She manages to get out, however, and goes off with some of her cousins for a revel. Her absence is explained by a report that the pirates have carried her off also, which adds to the parents' perplexity as well as to the fury of Marasquin and Mourzook. At last Girofle appears in a tipsy condition and is claimed by both. The act closes with the report that Matamorae has been defeated, and that the pirates have carried Girofia to Constantinople.

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Lodge 55

Uniontown, Pa. — At the meeting of St. Rochus lodge, 55, SSCU, which was held May 15, it was decided that the lodge hold a dance in commemoration of the Union's 40th anniversary. This dance will be held Saturday, June 18, in the Croatian Hall on Franklin St., Uniontown, Pa. The dance is scheduled to begin at 7 p. m. and will windup sometime in the early hours, when the roosters begin to crow. J. Koracin's orchestra from Yukon will furnish the music. This orchestra is known as the Slovene Aces. Admission shall be 35 cents.

All members of our lodge should consider it their duty to attend the dance. Since the lodge has stipulated no penalty for non-attendance, it relies upon the members' ability to attend if at all possible. And whoever cannot attend because one is too far removed, the lodge anticipates such commuters to buy one admission ticket. This also applies to members who mail their assessments. Each one should add an additional 35 cents for an admission ticket to the regular assessment. The entire proceeds of the dance shall go into the lodge treasury, which in the final analysis is the property of the individual members. Hence it is the duty of all members to help maintain the lodge treasury to the best of their ability.

To our June 18 dance are also invited members of other lodges. We shall strive to show them a good time and on occasions when they shall hold a dance, we shall try to return the favor. Invited to this dance also are the many friends and acquaintances of our members.

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"Ball two, low!"

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Did You Know That...

By Anna Prosen, Lodge 173

. . . In North America there are at least 525 different kinds of trees, many of them famed throughout the world for their huge bulk and antiquity. In the Eastern States there are white oaks standing that were acorns when William the Conqueror took England, 500 years before the white men came to this country. On the Pacific coast were redwoods, erect and towering to the sky, that had withstood the storms of 2,000 years before the first caravel sailed the blue waters?

. . . Eli Whitney, to whom the invention of cleaning cotton was credited, disliked agriculture when he was a child and spent his time making fiddles. One day, he took his father's watch apart; then, in fear of a scolding, hurriedly tried to put it together again. To his delight, he found he had succeeded, and that the watch ran as perfectly as before? His production to the cause of Liberty was the contribution of nails, which the colonists sorely needed? Whitney also fashioned ladies' hairpins and walking-sticks?

. . . Doctor Cartwright was fifty before he became an inventor? Although his name is associated with weaving he was an extraordinary prolific inventor in other fields? He made bread after his own fashion; devised a method of fireproof construction; worked out a system of geometrical bricks; made biscuit machines; applied chemistry to agriculture; received medals for his agricultural innovations; and patented various machines for calendering linen, making ropes, and cutting velvet pile?

. . . James Oliver, the Scotch emigrant who revolutionized ploughing, had a theory that a plough for our Middle West should be light yet strong, and that its mouldboards should scour so as to turn the soil with a singing sound, and that the share or cutting edge should be made separate so as to be easily and cheaply renewed? After 12 years of experience he perfected his chilled plough?

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Colorado Sunshine

Denver, Colo. — With our good Colorado sun beating down upon us, we naturally hunt for a shady and cool spot. This reminds us that it will soon be time for picnics. All members of Colorado Sunshine, No. 201, SSCU, who are interested in our lodge holding a picnic, are requested to attend a special meeting to be held at the home of Sister Margaret Smole, 4683 Franklin St., on Friday, May 27, commencing at 7 p. m. Plans for a 40th anniversary picnic will be in order for discussion, and applications for new members will be received. Since there are only a few more days left of the 40th anniversary jubilee campaign, let us get busy and secure new members.

Yours truly received an agreeable surprise on May 8th. Our former secretary Bro. Albin Petelin no longer is among the eligibles, for he "pulled a fast one" on all of us when he got married on last December 27. He brought along his bride, who is a member of St. George's lodge No. 111, SSCU of Leadville, Colo. Congratulations are in order. Bro. Petelin at present is working in the mine at Climax, Colo. The couple plan to return to Denver soon where they shall establish permanent residence.

All members who have not yet paid their assessments for this month may do so at my home, 5181 Clarkson St., at anytime, or at the meeting on the 27th. Please be more prompt so I can send in assessments for our lodge to the home office on time.

I urge all members to attend the special meeting to be held at Smole's on the 27th of May, starting at 7 p. m. Be sure to bring in all applications for new members.

Chas. H. Chitwood, Sec'y

No. 201, SSCU

Surprising News

A man from Kansas was looking into the depth of the Grand Canyon. "Do you know," said the guide, "it took millions of years for this great abyss to be carved out?"

The man from Kansas was tremendously impressed. "You don't tell me," he commented. "Why I didn't know this was a government job."

Publicity

East Palestine, O. — Honest and favorable publicity is a boon to any organization. In fact, many organizations employ a publicity agent. The duty of these agents, hired by the varied organized bodies, is to advertise on a wide scale the virtues of the respective institution which they represent.

The SSCU depends mainly on the individual members to "sell" the organization. And for the past forty years they have been doing a great job. As the strength and position of the fraternity definitely proves. Special campaigns and other varied activities have served well in advertising capacities.

A splendid source of publicity for the SSCU are the visitations made by the supreme officials of the fraternal. A locality can be made "SSCU conscious" by fitting announcements of the coming visit by some one of its noted officials. Such announcements create interest which in time becomes infectious, spreading from members to non-members. Which pay dividends to the fraternal.

Joe Golicic
No. 41, SSCU

Blood and Battle Field

A World War Chronicle

By IVAN MATICIC

From the Slovene by

VALENTINE OREHEK

(Continuation)

We leave here and double back to Fossalta Maggiore and on to Motto which we find deserted. Here we come upon dwellings of palatial grandeur. They only serve now to harbor stray horses whose marks of identity lie heaped before the imposing portals. The doors have all been burned and not a window pane remains. The furniture has been used for fire wood by the soldiers who have preceded us. With ruin all about us we buckled down seriously to the task of restoring something like order out of the mess. Our first step is to drive out the horses and shovel aside their deposits which are to be later utilized for fertilizer in the truck gardens we plan to cultivate. Oh yes, we are determined to remain here for some time as the manner in which we have tidied the rooms and even the streets attests.

One day a number of wagons loaded with spoils taken by Austrian troops from conquered towns come through ours. Two of these wagons are left behind and their contents divided among our officers. Our division's general staff commander greedily picks out what is best and has it packed and sent away to the rear where it will await his return.

It is suspected that we have sneaked some of the plunder away and so our bags are gone through and whatever is worthwhile and strikes the fancy of the examiner is removed.

It is no longer a secret but that we Slovene regiments are simply to be the buffers and shock troops shielding the German advance into Italy; furthermore, the Germans alone are allowed to make requisitions for whatever is taken from the enemy and to send it back into Germany. The German soldier is permitted to send home anything he wishes by mail while an Austrian on the other hand is searched even when going home on leave. In the weeks of the occupation of Venice, Germany reaps richly of the plunder and replenishes her starving country.

There is a scarcity of food now for more is coming to us from the hinterland. Finally we are driven to beg from the farmers and usually they are willing to exchange a mess of "polenta" for some tobacco. Albrecht and Ahec act as our interpreters. Many a family we visit weeps as it shows us the promissory notes which it has apparently been indemnified for the many things taken from it. For a brace of oxen a family is reimbursed with a paper certificate reading: "We are indebted to this family for two bags of beans." For ten

Joliet nikoli ne zaostane

V Jolietu, Ill., ima J. S. K. Smoltz močno krajevno društvo, namreč društvo Sv. Petra Pavla, št. 66. Kar se aktivno vloži in lojnosti tiče, je to društvo vedno med prvimi. Ima vedno zmožne in agilne društvene učinkovitosti, na konvencije pošilja tudi na Poljskem polagoma prihaja do spoznanja, da će Nemčija pregazi Češkoslovaško, bo kmalu Poljsko zadela slična usoda, posebno, ker ima tudi Poljska znatno nemško manjšino v svojih mejah.

REVOLUCIJA V MEHIKI

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VOJNA V SPANIJI

Vojni v Španiji še ni videti konca, kljub temu, da se ne poroča o velikih izpreambah fronte. Od nekod poročajo rebeli o manjših uspehih in na drugih krajev beležijo lojalisti neke uspehe. Na vsak način je gotovo, da so zadnje čase dobili lojalisti precej pomoči iz inozemstva, posebno v materialu.

Mussolini je obvestil Francijo, da mora slednja najprej zapreti svojo mejo napram Španiji in šele potem bodo italijanski vojaki zapustili Španijo. Francija pa je odgovorila, da bo zaprla omenjeno mejo šele potem, ko bodo italijanski vojaki odpoklicani iz Španije. Dalje je Mussolini zapretil Franciji, da bo Italija začela mobilizirati domačinske vojake v Etiopiji, če Francija ne obljubi, da ne bo mobilizirala domačinov v svetih kolonijah. Francija je na to Mussolinijevo grožnjo odgovorila s tem, da je odredila mobilizacijo 60,000 mož v njene kolonije.

RAZNO IZ AMERIKE IN INOZEMSTVA

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Anglija in Francija sta skupno obvestili Italijo, da ju nobena sila ne razdrži. Anglija in Francija da bosta stali skupno kot ena sila, brez ozira na to, če Italija podpiše prijateljski pakt s Francijo ali ne.

VOJNA NA KITAJSKEM

Japonci so po hudih bojih zavzeli mesto Sučov, ki so ga Kitajci trdovratno branili. Izgube so bile na obeh straneh velike, toda Kitajci so se v redu umaknili, ko so videli, da mesta ne morejo obdržati. Nekateri vojaški eksperti menijo, da je bila japonska zmaga predraga plačana s preveliko izgubo vojaštva. Kitajci se lahko umikajo še stotine in tisoče milj daleč, ne da bi bili premagani, rekrutovani ne bi bili zmanjkalo in mnogo orožja dobivajo iz inozemstva. Cim dalje se bo vojna vršila, tem bolj bodo Japonci izvršili in tem bolj daleč bo pričakovana zmaga.

Pretekli teden je flotila kitajskih vojaških letalcev krožila nad mesti in vasmi prave Japonske, na katere pa ni metalala bomb, ampak letake, s katerimi je obvezala japonsko prebivalstvo, da je Kitajska nepremagljiva.

NA ROBU VOJNE

Zahteve čeških Nemcev, katerih voditelji prejemajo navodila iz Berlina, so take, da jim češkoslovaška vlada nikakor ne more ugoditi, če hoče ohraniti samostojnost in celoto države. Vidno mora biti tudi povprečju in opazovalcu, da češki Nemci necejo sporazuma s češkoslovaško vlado, ker enostavno hočejo, da Hitler zasede pretežno

davnio priobčil uvodni članek, ki poudarja potrebo bolj prijateljskega sodelovanja med Češkoslovaško in Poljsko. Nesporazumi, ki obstajajo med omenjenima državama, se pri dobrini volji od ceh strani lahko rešijo. Članek poudarja, da Poljska lahko postane središče zbiranja slovanskih narodov in porok njihovega obstoja.

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VOJNA V SPANIJI

Vojni v Španiji še ni videti konca, kljub temu, da se ne poroča o velikih izpreambah fronte. Od nekod poročajo rebeli o manjših uspehih in na drugih krajev beležijo lojalisti neke uspehe. Na vsak način je gotovo, da so zadnje čase dobili lojalisti precej pomoči iz inozemstva, posebno v materialu.

Mussolini je obvestil Francijo, da mora slednja najprej zapreti svojo mejo napram Španiji in šele potem bodo italijanski vojaki zapustili Španijo. Francija pa je odgovorila, da bo zaprla omenjeno mejo šele potem, ko bodo italijanski vojaki odpoklicani iz Španije. Dalje je Mussolini zapretil Franciji, da bo Italija začela mobilizirati domačinske vojake v Etiopiji, če Francija ne obljubi, da ne bo mobilizirala domačinov v svetih kolonijah. Francija je na to Mussolinijevo grožnjo odgovorila s tem, da je odredila mobilizacijo 60,000 mož v njene kolonije.

DOPISI

Claridge, Pa. — Društvo sv. Mihaela, št. 40 JSKJ, bo proslavilo 35-letnico svoje ustanovitve in 40-letnico Jednote istočasno. Ta dva jubileja bo našo društvo proslavilo v nedeljo 19. junija z velikim piknikom, ki se bo vršil na farmi sobrata Petra Lazarja pri Bushy-Run parku. Na ta piknik so vabljeni vsi člani društva, posebno še ustanovitelj istega, Joseph Jaklich, ki zdaj biva v Aliquippi, Pa. Seveda so na prireditve prijavno vabljeni vsi drugi člani in članice JSKJ, vse člani bratskih društev drugih organizacij in sprost vsi rojaki, ki bivajo v primerini bližini in ki želijo en dan preživeti v prosti naravi, v prijazni družbi in pridobri postrežbi. Članom drugih društev, ki nas bodo omenjenega dne posetili, bomo skušali naklonjenost povrniti ob prilikah sličnih prireditv njihovih društev. Junij spada med najlepše mesece v letu in lepa narava takrat najbolj izvajajoče vabi vsega. Prostor, kjer se bo vršil naš piknik, je prijazen, družba bo vesela, postrežbo bomo skušali dati najboljšo in brez godbe seveda tudi ne bo. Torej, vse rojaki in rojakinje tega okrožja naj si zapomnijo datum 19. junija in naj pridejo na naš piknik na Lazarjevo farmo. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 40 JSKJ:

Anton Kosoglav, tajnik.

S poln. — V Chisholmu, Minn., se je poročila Miss Frances Smoltz z Mr. Mihaelom Margotto, ki je češkega ali slovaškega rodu. Na svatbenem konsilu je bilo nad 100 gostov in razume se, da tudi brez govorov in petja ni bilo. Za petje sta poskrbela Miss Julija Baraga in nevestin brat Frank Smoltz, ki sta znana po svojih radio programih. Ne-

nemški del Češkoslovaške ali pa sploh vso republiko. Višek načetosti v češkoslovaški pa tudi drugod po Evropi je bil preteklo soboto in nedeljo. Prva serija municipalnih volitev v Češkoslovaški je bila naznanjena za preteklo nedeljo in poročano je bilo istočasno, da se Hitlerjeve čete v bližini češkoslovaške meje živahno gibljejo. Uradno je bilo to gibanje označeno za običajno pomladno premeščanje vojaških edinic. Češkoslovaška seveda temu nemškemu uradnemu označenju ni verjela. Bolj verjetno se ji je zdelo, da bo Hitler skušal na priliku se prepričati, da Češkoslovaška ni Avstrija. Republika Češkoslovaška je v teku par ur poklicala pod orložje nad 70.000 mož svoje rezerve, kar je zneslo z regularno armado 180,000 mož že četrstotinljansko armado. Vlade je izjavila, da je mobilizirala omenjeno rezervo za vzdrževanje miru v municipalnih volitev, toda Hitler je vedel in ves ostali svet je vedel, da je Češkoslovaška s tem pokazala, da je pripravljena boriti se proti zunanjemu invaziju do zadnjega moža. Hitler ve, da vojna s Češkoslovaško bi bila resna vojna, ne kakšen pohod v Porurje ali v Avstrijo, da bi v takem konfliktu ne ostali neutralni niti Francija niti Rusija in najbrž tudi ne Anglija.

Prva serija municipalnih volitev v Češkoslovaški je potekla mirno; druga in tretja serija volitev se bosta vršili 29. maja in 12. junija. Češkoslovaška vojska bo med tem stala v pripravljenosti. Kaj bo prinesla bližnja prihodnost, nihče ne ve. Gotovo pa je, da će bo Češkoslovaška napadena, se bo branila; in skoro prav tako gotovo, da se bo v takem slučaju vnela evropska vojna, katere razvoja in posledic ne more nihče prekorovati.

Matija Pogorelc.

Sharon, Pa. — Dne 17. maja smo imeli v Pennsylvaniji primarno volitve. Veliko je bilo poklicanih, pa malo izvoljenih. Politični mrlji ležijo vse križem, stiskajo pesti v žepih in premišljajo, kako se bodo maščevali. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo Sloga, št. 174 JSKJ:

Mati gori omenjene neveste, Mrs. Smoltz, namerava meseca junija odpotovati v staro kraj, in sicer v Ribnico na Dolenjsko, da obiše svojo mater, katero je zapustila kot 16-letna deklica. Mrs. Smoltz je bila rojena na Elyu, in ko je zdaj vprašala v Washington za potni list, so od tam zahtevali dokumente glede kraja in datuma njenega rojstva. Tako sva šla na Ely, kjer sem jo predstavil Mrs. Wolotz ali Gorenjevi mami, ki je stara priseljenka in je bila kot tak pa pri zgodbini priseljenici v avtoritatorji, pričetek piknika bo ob 10. uri dopoldne in bo trajal, dokler vsega ne zmanjka. Pripravljenega bo pa vsega dovolj. Za slučaj, da bi se obeta dež, se bo na piknik vršil v avtoritoriju, priziku in magarše v spodnji dvorani v S. N. Domu na St. Clair Ave. Opozorite vaše otroke na ta piknik, ki je tudi vaš in njih piknik, da se gotovo udeležite vse skupaj tega prijetnega izleta. Za prevoz na piknik bo tudi preskrbljeno za tiste, ki nimate svojih avtomobilov. O tem bomo poročali še kasneje.

Rezervirajte si že sedaj nedeljo 12. junija, da se getovo udeležite piknika Slovenske šole S. N. D., ki se vrši ta dan, kot sem že omenil, na prijazni Močilnikarjevi farmi. Pričetek piknika bo ob 10. uri dopoldne in bo trajal, dokler vsega ne zmanjka. Pripravljenega bo pa vsega dovolj. Za slučaj, da bi se obeta dež, se bo na piknik vršil v avtoritoriju, priziku in magarše v spodnji dvorani v S. N. Domu na St. Clair Ave. Opozorite vaše otroke na ta piknik, ki je tudi vaš in njih piknik, da se gotovo udeležite vse skupaj tega prijetnega izleta. Za prevoz na piknik bo tudi preskrbljeno za tiste, ki nimate svojih avtomobilov. O tem bomo poročali še kasneje.

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Tozadenvi odbor

RADIVOJ REHAR:

SEMISIRIS

ROMAN

"Da, ko si prihajal na slonu pred karavano princa Aftagada in njegove sestre princeze Evalaste v naše mesto. Videla sem tebe in tvojega tovariša in princa in princeso in vse. Bila sem med množico, ki vas je pozdravljala. Tekla sem za vami prav do dvornih vrat, kjer so me zaustavile straže in me odgnale. Ti mene nisi videl?"

"Nisem. Bilo je preveč ljudi in bil sem utrujen od dolgega potovanja."

"Zvečer sem pripovedovala svoji sestri Upi o veličastnem sprejemu, o bogastvu našega princa in princese in — o tebi."

"O meni?"

"Da, o tebi."

"Zakaj o meni?"

"Zato, ker si sedel tako ponosno in gledal preko nas vseh v daljavu... Vidiš, da te res poznam. Zato sem pustila prvega izbranca, ker tajna slutnja mi je govorila, da si ti tisti, h kateremu me kliče sestra."

"Toda — pojdimo že!" je vzliknila Upa, ki se je med tem pogovarjala z Buramakom, potegnila svojega izbranca v vrvež, in za njima sta se pridružila plesočim vernikom svetega Ibisa tudi Ista in Savadagak.

Svetišče je bilo prepolno zvokov pesmi, vzlikov, smeha in besed; bilo je spremenjeno v plesišče razgretih ljudi, v divji vrtinec razigranosti. Krvavordeče je osvetljeval ognjeni plamen na žrtveniku belo mramornato stebrovje, zlate kipe, potna lica in gladke ude plesavki in plesacev. In ko so eni utrujeni posedali ob straneh, so stopali v vrvenje novi. Zreci so ponujali počivajočim hladiilne pijače in moledovali odhajoče za darove. Šele pologoma se je množica razredčila.

"Dovolj je!" je dejala vsa zasopla in razgreta Ista Savadagaku ter se mu naslonila na orjaška prsa.

"Poiščiva twovo sestro in mojega tovariša," je predlagal Savadak.

Prav tedaj sta privihrala mimo, ju zagledala in se ustavila.

"Umirili smo ptico krv," je dejala Upa. "Zadoščeno je dolžnosti. Pojdimo do tod!"

"Kam?" je vprašal Savadagak.

"Danes je naš dan, dan žensk," je rekla Upa. "Prepubusta izberi meni in moji sestri."

"Pokoriva se!" sta dejala hkratu Savadak in Buramak.

"Potem nama sledita!"

Upa je prijela Isto za roko in jo vlekla skozi vrvečo množico proti izhodu. Castrnika sta jima sledila. Zunaj se je že gostil večerni mrak, a ulice so bile še vedno polne norečnih ljudi. Kakor drceta voda po tesnih strugah so se prelivale množice, se suvale, zaustavljale in zopet brzeli, dalje. Dekle sta se sukali med množico kakor dve spretni mladi mački, da sta jima Savadagak in Buramak komaj sledila. Toda sledil jima je še nekdo. Njegove ko oglje črne in divje oči so opazovale Isto ves čas plesa s Savadagakom v svetišču. Dekle jih je nagonsko čutila, dasi se ni nikoli ozrla po njih. Tudi zunaj, v vrvenju množice, je slutila, da jo spremlijajo, zato jim je hotela ubežati. In ko se ji je zdelo, da je izginila njihova čarowna moč, je zašepetal sestri:

"Izgubimo se v prvo zabavičé!"

Dolga, z ljudmi natlačeno polna ulica se je iztekala pod oboke visoke terase hiše z nizkimi vhodi. Dekleti sta potegnili vsaka svojega izbranca v medio razsvetljen hodnik, ki je vodil do stopnic v prvo nadstropje. Gori so se širile v notranjo, dvojnično stran, odprte podolgivate dvorane, pokrite s preprogami in blazinami, na katerih so deloma sedeli deloma ležali možje in žene, mladeniči in mladenke. Nekateri so peli in pili, drugi so se smeiali in pogovarjali. Ob zunanjih strani so bili razvrščeni godelci, ki so igrali na harpe, lire in druga glasbila, vsak godec ali vsaka skupina nekaj drugega, da je bilo vse veliko terasno poslopje polno strašne zmešnjave glasov, ki je dražila ušesa in razvnemala kri. Ljudje so neprestano prihajali in ni bilo lahko najti udobnega prostora. Upa in Ista se nista zadovoljili z vsakim, vodili sta čašnika sem in tja, dokler nista opazili v nekem polmračnem kotu več udobnih, še nezasedenih blazin.

"Tu se udomačimo!" je vzliknila Upa, planila naprej, sedla na prvo blazino, se zleknila po njej in se zvonko zasmajala. Ista, Savadagak in Buramak so ji sledili. Iz ozadja se je pokazal temnopol, skoraj črn deček in ponudil novim gostom pijače in sladčič. V zlatih kelihih je prinašal neko mešanico vina, sadnih sokov in dišav.

"Pripoveduj mi o princu princev, o našem Aftagadu!" je dejala Ista Savadagaku in se primaknila k njegovim prsom.

"Pripoveduj mi o princesi princes, o naši Evalasti!" je želela Upa in ovila Buramaku roko okoli vrata.

Mladenci sta pripovedovala o dvoru daljne večerne dežele, o kralju, kraljici, princu, princezi, potovanju, sprejemu in o vsem, kar je zanimalo nenasitno radovedni mladenki.

"Lepa je princesa princes," je menila Ista. "Ko bi bila jaz tako lepa!"

"Tudi ti si lepa kakor rosa mladih livad, kakor rdeči lotos naših voda, kakor urna lama naših gora," ji je šepetal Savadagak. "Zate bi se boril z najmočnejšim in najspretnejšim vojščkom v Semisirisu."

"Rea? Morda pa samo govorиш tako?"

Resnica so moje besede, lepa Ista. Vojščak sem, nemirna je pot mojega življenja, dosti sveta sem obhodil, dosti deklet in žena sem ljubil, naših in tujih, a ti si najlepša med njimi. Vzel bi te na sloma in te odpeljal s seboj v deželo naših gora in s ponosom bi te pokazal svojim tovarišem."

"Joj!" je vzliknila mladenka in se z ljubečim pogledom, prepolnim vdanosti in hrepnenja potopila v njegovem. "Vzel bi me s seboj v našo deželo, v našo prestolnico! Na dvor kralja kraljev!"

"Da, sladka Ista!"

"Kako prečesto sem hrepnela po junaku našega ljudstva, ki bi me povedel v deželo očetov, katere še nikoli niso videle moje oči, in ko sem te tisti dan zagledala, sem..."

"Kaj si?"

"Sram me je. Ne morem ti povedati."

(Dalje prihodnjic.)

Tudi zapad se oglaša!

Na zapadu so slovenske nasebine redke in, s par izjemami, bolj majhne v primeri s slovenskimi nasebinami na srednjem zapadu. V soglasju s tem tudi društva JSKJ niso na zapadu niti zelo številna niti zelo velika. Kljub temu pa so veje J. S. K. Jednote, ki držijo na zapad, čvrste, zdrave in roditve. Njena društva na zapadu so bila vedno lojna in sodeljujoča. Tekom zadnjih dveh mladih kampanj so društva na zapad častno prispevala svoj del, nekatera še znatno več kot svoj del. Tudi v tekoči jubilejni kampanji bomo videli, da se bo zapad častno odzval, ko bomo dobili zaključna poročila. Prv teh vesti smo že prejeli, in sicer od društva Sv. Alojzija, št. 43 v East Heleni, Montana, kjer je sobrat Louis Smith, tajnik omenjenega društva, vpisal dovolj novih članov za prvo nagrado, to je za javno priznanje v Novi Dobi.



Sobrat Louis Smith, katerega gornja slika predstavlja in katerega postni naslov je "Box 371, East Helena, Mont.", biva v omenjenem mestu skoro nepretrgoma od leta 1920, to je, kadar se je priselil v Zedinjene države. Samo leta 1929 je bival par mesecov v Clevelandu, Ohio. Pri društvu št. 43 JSKJ je tajnik in organizator, kruh pa si služi v tamkajšnjih rudotopilnicih. Njegov rojstni kraj je vas Preserje, občina Preserje na Notranjskem, leto njegovega rojstva pa 1898, torej sta z našo Jednoto enake starosti. V starem kraju je delal kot mesarski pomočnik. Kot osemnajstletni fant je bil poklican v vojakom in je na raznih frontah okušal "sladkosti" svetovne vojne dve leti, to je do njenega zaključka. Imel je srečo, da se je zdrav in nepoškodovan vrnil iz vojne.

Naj bi ga sreča spremjalna tudi v tej deželi do skrajnih mej življenja! To mu nedvomno želi vsi njegovi, ki ga ljubijo, in to mu želi J. S. K. Jednota, katera je aktivnega in lojalnega člena se je izkazal!

BRANISLAV NUŠIĆ:

Občinsko dete

(Nadaljevanje)

Med potoma sta imela zelo sladek pogovor, da katerega pa je grešni učitelj slišal komaj kakšno besedo. Roka mu je vso otrpila na teže, a od straha je bil premil, začutivši, da je začel Nedeljko mrgoleti. Lahko si mislite, kako mu je bilo, ko gospa Zofija reče med drugim:

"Ta površnik vam ne stoji dobro."

"Vem."

"Ali vi nekaj nosite?"

"Da, vem."

"Za boga, zakaj pa ne vzmete nosača?"

"Nosača? Ne, nemogoče, tega ne morem nikomur zaupati."

"Kaj pa je to?"

"Kaj?" vpraša učitelj prestrašen in po čelu ga oblike hlačen znoj.

"I, to kar-nosite pod površnikom."

"Kaj nosim... to je prav-prav... kako naj vam povem... to je muzikalni instrument."

"Da!" reče odločno, ker se mu zdi, da se je prav srečno posmil.

"Ali ste ga zdaj kupili?"

"Da, zdaj."

"Gotovo ga nesete na poskušnjo?"

"Da, na poskušnjo, ali vidite, in zdaj mi je jasno, zakaj odlašate z zaroko z mojo hčerkko. Tukaj imate listek in prosim vas, da mi nikdar več ne pridev v hišo. Smatrajte, da je med nama vse pretrgano."

Medtem sta prišla v park in sedla na klop; učitelj se odzadne, ker se mu bo roka lahko malo spočila. Ali v tem trenutku zamaketa Nedeljko pod površnikom kot jarec. Gospa Zofija se strese, a nesrečni učitelj vrže pogled na vse strani in se zmede kot otrok, ki je skušal obrniti pogovor drugam.

"Kaj si znal že sam, kaj reče.

"A čegav je ta otrok, ki je v listku omenjen, in kdo je ta revna žena?"

"Ne vem."

"Vem pa jaz," zakriči krojač,

"in zdaj mi je jasno, zakaj odlašate z zaroko z mojo hčerkko.

"Tukaj imate listek in prosim vas, da mi nikdar več ne pridev v hišo. Smatrajte, da je med nama vse pretrgano."

Po teh besedah mu krojač poda listek in se oddalji v velikimi koraki kakor general po pohvali, izrečeni svoji vojski.

Zastonj je učitelj glasbe s čistim lirske tenorjem dvakrat zakričal za njim:

"Gospod Joca, gospod Joca!"

Krojač se niti obrnil ni, temveč je odšel ponosno z zmago-slavnimi koraki.

Učitelj vzdigne in stisne z laktom Nedeljka, ki mu je s svojimi intrigami v pol ure zrušil že drugo ljubezen; nato pa se skozi Balkansko ulico napoti zopet k hiši gospoda Sime Nedeljkoviča, in ne oziroma se na to, da so še po ulici dve ali tri kuharice, pusti otroka pred vrati, a sam nadaljuje pot, ne da bi se ozrl.

Tako se je komaj izvršil načrt, ki sta ga pisec tega romana in Sime Nedeljkovič poverila učitelju muzike.

STIRIINDVAJSETO PO GLAVJE,

v katerem gospod Sime Nedeljkovič malone postane kolektor,

a gospa Bosiljka, njegova žena,

mesto otrok roditi ideje;

Nedeljko pa z učilnega praga stopa na prag sreče, ali ne postane srečen že zato ne, ker bi bil s tem

ta roman končan, pisec pa ima

gradiva še za eno poglavje.

Kakor da je Nedeljko vedel

za namere gospoda Nedeljkoviča,

če je storil s svoje strani vse,

kar je mogel, da jih podpre.

Ostavljen od učitelja pred vrati,

je udaril v takšen jok in krik,

da so ga morali slišati še v gornjem nadstropju.

Sime Nedeljkovič, ki je padel

kar v obup, ko je videl, da se

učitelj z otrokom pod površnikom

pridružil nekemu ženski,

in je premisljeval v skrbih in si delal

razne predpostavke, kot kape-

tan, kadar se mu od obale utrga-

ladija ter jo burja odnese nezna-

no kam na široko morje. Ali

sredi teh skrbiv se mu naenkrat

razvedri čelo, ker je zaslil

pred vrati svoje hišne znamo-

čanje.

(Dalje prihodnjic.)

ne dabi znal že sam, kaj reče.

"A čegav je ta otrok, ki je v

listku omenjen, in kdo je ta

revna žena?"