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OHANIMO AMERIŠKO DOMOVINO, IN ONA NAS BO OHANJALA . . .

V času okrog Božiča smo vsi brali o težavah, v katerih se nahaja Ameriška Domovina. Začudenici bralci smo obstali in se zamislili nad to neveselo novico.

Sodec po številnih in lepih božičnih voščilih in prijaznih odzivih "iz naših vrst" z obnovitvijo naročnine, je ta premislek rodil lepe sadove in utemeljeno upanje, da Ameriška Domovina še ne bo umrla.

Vse je bilo rečeno: Ameriška Domovina je, kljub včasih šibki drugi in tretji strani, dober list. Radi ga imamo, ker nam stvarno poroča o dogodkih med nami, v Sloveniji in v velikem svetu. Naznanja nam naše priredite, prinaša nam kulturne, leposlovne in gospodarske članke, sporoča o življenju in smrti rojakov. Zato jo moramo ohraniti za vsako ceno. Ne sme se prenehati, preveč bi jo pogrešali posamezniki in naša občestva. Poudarjeno je bilo, kaj je pomenila našim velikim in majhnim ljudem v 78 letih življenja, kako jih je spremljala, vodila in pomagala ohranjati vero in narodno dediščino...

Z vsem tem se vsi strinjam. Vendar je prav, da znova podarjam, kako zelo nam je potrebna in kako veliko našo vrši med nami: Ameriška Domovina nas obvešča, razsvetljuje in dviga.

Obvešča nas in povezuje: v sorazmerno kratkem času doseže veliko število naših ljudi. To občevanje med nami je silno važno danes, ko je tako na zapadu kot na vzhodu iz različnih razlogov prosti tok misli in idej med človekom in človekom odpovedal in se mu stavljajo namenoma velike ovire.

Razsvetljuje nas, ker nam skuša pomagati pri razumevanju naše sedanjosti, preteklosti in polpreteklosti. Resnično in nepristransko pojasnjuje, kaj se je dogajalo in se dogaja našemu človeku. Ker temelji na nespremenljivih, večnih človečanskih in krščanskih načelih, se ne more zaljubiti v noben pretekli ali današnji totalitarni svetovni red in ga ne prodaja nekritično svojim bralcem. Zaveda se, da se nuje borba med dobrim in zlom v vsakem človeku in vsaki družbi in da je vsak posameznik in vsaka družba odgovorna za tragedije današnjega človeka in narodov v našem meddobju. Vsem noče povedati, kakšno zlo so povzročili nacizem, fašizem in komunizem in koliko ga lahko še povzroče.

Ameriška Domovina nas dviga, ker nam pomaga ohranjati našo krščansko vero in narodna izročila. Vso stvarnost natravlja bolj stvarno. Daje nam zaupanje vase in nas usposablja za srečanje z današnjim rodom, za pričevanje in širjenje božjega kraljestva, ki silo trpi. Z zdravim naukom nas rešuje in nas napravlja bolj sposobne, da vidimo stisko svojih bratov v nevobodi in pomanjkanju in da jim skušamo po svojih močeh pomagati. Varuhovi svojih bratov smo.

To trojno veliko službo vrši Ameriška Domovina med nami. Zato ji pomagajmo, da bo kljub sedanjim finančnim težavam, brezbitnosti nekaterih izobražencev in vsem drugim oviram junaško vztrajala z izhajanjem v celotnem obsegu. Naše upanje je na naročnikih. Ker brez naročnikov in čitateljev je list kakor mož brez žene, kakor poveljnik brez vojakov. Naše upanje temelji predvsem na majhni peščici delavcev, ki zdaj ta priljubljeni list urejajo in izdajajo, in tistih, ki jim bodo sledili. Njihova žrtev, ki jo terjajo dolgi dnevi dela iz leta v leto, in naše male žrtev naj jo ohranijo pri življenju še mnogo let!

Ohranimo Ameriško Domovino in Ameriška Domovina nas bo ohranjala, da bomo v tej bogati in svobodni deželi to, kar moramo biti: dobri ljudje, verni kristjani in zavedni Slovenci!

Pavel Krajnik,
župnik v Lorainu

Rak pogosteji pri nebelih

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Po-selna študija, ki so jo objavili ta teden kaže, da je rak nekaj malega pogosteji pri črnih in drugih barvnih rasah kot pri belih.

Različna pogostnost rakastih obolenij na raznih zemljepisnih področjih kaže, da mora biti v zvezi z določenimi značilnostmi okolja.

Izredna žitna letina v Sovjetski zvezni

MOSKVA, ZSSR. — Po uradnih podatkih je Sovjetski zvezni lani pridelala skupno 223.8 milijonov ton žita napram le 140.1 milijonom ton leta 1975.

Vremenski prerok

Delna razvedritev dopoldne, kasnejne popoldne in jutri pa snežitev. Najvišja temperatura okoli 26 F (-3 C).

Mladinski teniški prvak Češkoslovaške izbral svobodo Zahoda

NEW YORK, N.Y. — S šest teniškimi loparji in \$30 v zepu je priletel s turistično vizo in upanjem v srcu 18 let star Ivan Brix, mladinski teniški prvak Češkoslovaške republike. Ko se je spravil v letalo v Frankfurtu na Nemškem, je previdno zamolčal, da ima namen ostati v ZDA.

Ko je letalo na dan pred Božičem pristalo na John F. Kennedy letališču, je mladi Češ zapisal za politično zatočišče in si začel ogledovati življenje v Novem svetu. Z začudemjem je gledal množice, ki so v prazničnem razpoloženju hitele po ulicah in cestah.

"Jaz sem prišel sem, ker mislim, da hočem prosti govoriti, kar hočem. Hočem igrati veliko tenisa, udeležiti se veliko tekmovanja," je dejal Ivan Brix. Na poti v svobodo je sledil znanim teniškim igralecem Jaroslavu Drobnyju, Martini Navratilovi in Miljanu Holecku.

Vselitvene oblasti mu bodo verjetno dale dovoljenje za stalno bivanje v ZDA na temelju prednosti za osebe "z izrednimi sposobnostmi". Na tak način je dobila dovoljenje za stalno bivanje Martina Navratilova.

Kaznovani gojenci West Pointa se bodo lahko vrnili poleti

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Armand tajnik je odločil da ne bi bil "modro", da bi dovolili vrnitev 151 gojencem vojne akademije West Point, ki so bili kaznovani zaradi goljufanja pri polaganju izpitov, še tekom sedanjega šolskega leta.

Po njegovi odločitvi se bo večina začasno izključenih lahko vrnila prihodnje poletje in šolo končala eno leto za svojimi prvotnimi tovariši.

Pri potresu na Kitajskem v juliju 655,237 mrtvih?

HONG KONG. — Po poročilih s Tajvana, ki bi na prisla tja iz LR Kitajske, je bilo pri potresu 26. julija lani na področju Tangshana v severni Kitajski 655,237 ljudi mrtvih, blizu 780,000 pa ranjenih.

Zadnje vesti

HONG, KONG. — Radio Laza v Tibetu je objavil, da pride "tolpa širih" v Ljudski republiki Kitajski pred javno sodbo. Ta vest od drugod še ni bila potrjena, zato jo sprejemajo z dvema.

PLAINS, Ga. — Jimmy Carter je predložil za novega načelnika glavnega narodnega odbora Demokratske stranke bivšega guvernerja države Main Kennetha M. Curtisa.

BEOGRAD, SFRJ. — Predsednik Josip Broz Tito bo, kot je bilo tu objavljeno, odpotoval 15. januarja na uradni obisk v Libijo, kjer bo ostal pet dni, nato pa v Egipt. Sodijo, da hoče Tito posredovati med predsednikom Libije Kadafijem in predsednikom Egipta Sadatom, ki sta že dalj časa sprta. Spor je prvenstveno političen: Kadafi je zastopnik skrajnega arabskega nacionalizma, Sadat pa je med vodniki umirjenega konservativnega arabskega tabora, ki išče sporazum z Izraelom.

DETROIT, Mich. — Prodaja novih avtomov v decembru je porasta za 15% in je bila večja, kot so pričakovali.

PRINCETON, N.J. — Gallupovo povpraševanje je pokazalo, da je 59% Amerikanec za sprejem Portorika kot 51. države v Uniji.

BOSTON, Mass. — Obalna straža je prepričana, da se je petrolejska ladja Grand Zenith s posadko 38 mož in z 8 milijoni galonov olja potopila v severnem Atlantiku. Preglejava področje 100,00 kv. milij, da bi rešili morebitne ponosrečence, če so še živi.

Wendy Yoshimura izolči

OAKLAND, Kalif. — Wendy Yoshimura, ki je bila na begu pred oblastmi od leta 1972 do leta 1975, ko so jo prijeli skupaj s Patricio Hearst, je odklonila vse odgovore pred sodiščem, da ne bi škodovala svojim "prijateljem".

Izjavila je, da smatra za svojo moralno dolžnost, da molči kljub možnosti kaznovanja.

Nesreča na farmah

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah. — Povprečno se zgodi letno na farmah v ZDA okoli 5,400 smrtnih nesreč.

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IZVOLITEV CARTERA URADNO PROGLAŠENA

Včeraj je bila na skupni seji obeh zbornic Kongresa uradno proglašena izvolitev Jimmyja Carterja za predsednika ZDA in W. F. Mondaleja za podpredsednika. Podpredsednik ZDA N. A. Rockefeller je kot predsednik Senata objavil, da je dobil Jimmy Carter 297 glasov za predsednika ZDA, G. R. Ford 240 glasov in R. Reagan 1 glas. Izvoljen je bil torej Jimmy Carter, ki bo prevzel svoje mesto 20. januarja 1977.



URADNA SLIKA NOVEGA PREDSEDNIKA ZDA — Ta je sliko predsednika Jimmyja Carterja bo visela v vseh zveznih uradih po 20. januarju 1977.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Čeprav je bilo od poznega večera 2. novembra lani znano, da je izvoljen predsednik ZDA Jimmy Carter, je bilo to objavljeno uradno šele včeraj. Predsednik Senata Nelson A. Rockefeller je uradno odpril sporodila o glasovanjih volivnih mož v 50 državah. Unije in razglasil na skupni seji obeh zbornic Kongresa, da je Jimmy Carter dobil za predsednika ZDA skupno 297 glasov, predsednik G. R. Ford 240 glasov in Ronald Reagan 1 glas. Izvoljen je bil torej Jimmy Carter za predsedniško dobo ki se začne 20. januarja 1977.

glasoval tudi volivni mož, ki je oddal svoj glas za predsednika R. Reagana.

Z objavo glasovanja volivnih mož po posameznih državah je bila včeraj uradno proglašena izvolitev Jimmyja Carterja za predsednika ZDA in sen. W. F. Mondaleja za podpredsednika ZDA.

Priprave za prevzem vlade že izvedene

Izvoljeni predsednik bo prevzel vodstvo dežele 20. januarja, pa je že objavil sestavo svoje vlade in njeni člani so v stikih s člani sedanja vlade, da se pred prevzemom odgovornosti seznamijo z njimi, da ne bo pri prehodu kakih posebnih motenj in težav. Jimmy Carter s svojimi sodelavci proučuje vprašanja domačih in mednarodne politike ter pripravlja programe, ki naj pospešijo gospodarsko dejavnost in pomagajo narodnemu gospodarstvu iz zastoja zadnjih mesecev.

Včeraj se je Jimmy Carter o gospodarskih vprašanjih razgovarjal s svojimi gospodarskimi svetovalci in sodelavci, danes pa se bo o tem posvetoval z demokratskimi vodniki v Kongresu. Novinarjem je včeraj dejal, da ima v načrtu znižanje davkov, začasno in stalno, da pa polaga glavno težo na ukrepe, ki naj ustvarijo naglo nova delovna mesta in s tem zmanjšajo izposteljnost.

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risti z javnimi. Sam je izročil vse premoženje v zaupno upravo, na katero tekom svojega predsedovanja ZDA ne bo imel nobenega vpliva. Isto zahteva tudi od vseh svojih sodelavcev,

Prav tako je Jimmy Carter obvezal vse, ki bodo na visokih položajih njegove vlade in uprave, da ne bodo šli v private službe preko kajše na pretekli dveh let, ko bodo zapustili svoje položaje v vladi.

Da se koristi ne bodo mešale

Jimmy Carter hoče zavarovati sebe in svojo vlado pred vsakim vtišom v javnosti o prepletanjem nujnih privatnih osebnih ko-

Iz Clevelandanda in okolice

Družinska nedelja—

Drustvo Najsvetejšega Imena fare sv. Vida ima prihodnjo nedeljo pri osmi jutranji maši družinsko sveto obhajilo, po maši pa skupen zajtrk v farnem auditoriju s predavanjem slovenskega zdravnika dr. Anthonyja Specha.

Zimski večer—

Slovenski športni klub priredi svoj vsakoletni Zimski večer z večerjo in plesom v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue. Začetek ob sedmih.

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Pisatelj g. Karel Mauser se je po nasvetu zdravnikov odločil za operacijo odprtga srca. Potrebuje kri "B positive". Tisti, ki bi bili pripravljeni dati kri, bodo to storili lahko v Mt. Sinai bolnišnici v dneh 10., 11. in 12. januarja, svojo pripravljenost pa naj sporoči g. Mauserju na tel. 391-5127. Seja—

Podružnica št. 25 SZZ ima v torek, 11. januarja, ob 1.30 pooldne sejo v državni sobi auditorija pri Sv. Vidu. Tajnica bo pobirala asesment od 1. dalje. Po seji bo zabava s prigrizkom.

Društvo Slovenski dom št. 6 ADZ ima sejo v torek, 11. januarja, ob 3. uri zvečer v SPD na Recher Avenue.

Dobile se—

Na božičnici Oltarnega društva fare Marije Vnebovzete so dobile sledče: Mrs. Martin E. Rakar, 1310 S. Main St., Lombard, Ill., Miss Carol Delly, 2310 Chardon Rd., Euclid, O.; Mrs. Frances Gerbec, 1447 E. 173 St., Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Jennie Asseg, 22931 Chardon Rd., Euclid, O. 44117; in Mrs. Amelia Gad, 726 E. 157 St., Cleveland, O. 44110. Udeležba je bila prav lepa in se odbornice zahvaljujejo vsem, ki so priporočile k takemu uspehu.

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Ob potrditvi Osimskega sporazuma**II.**

Teh namenov ne gojijo samo krogi znotraj krščanske demokracije, ampak tudi, in to še bolj, znotraj komunistične stranke, ki je v Trstu najmočnejša udarna sila in najbolj postrojena organizacija. Le-ta ima v svojih vrstah tudi množico slovenskih ljudi, ki jim slovenština že dolgo ni več njih lasten jezik, ampak tuj, ne-kako tak, kot se mi naučimo nemščine ali francoščine ipd.

Njih čut in mišljenje je partijsko-italijansko in v kolikor bi bil možen kak italijansko-jugoslovanski konflikt, bodo na italijanski strani. Tem ljudem bi lahko rekli slovenski Italijani. Slovenska govorica jim služi le v tolku, da lahko nastopajo pred slovensko javnostjo v partijsko korist in v korist svojega partijskega položaja. In bi jo že davno opustili, če jim politično ne bi nič prinesla.

Po vseh slovenskih občinah tržaške okolice so slovenski komunistični župani na ukaz tržaške partije odprli vrata in podpisali vsa mogoča dovoljenja za gradnjo tovarn, hotelov, vseh mogočih skladničnih prostorov ipd., kar je imelo za posledico razlaščanje slovenske kmečke zemlje. Sedaj je tržaška okolica postala pretesna za dobičarsko in raznarodovalno ekspanzijo tržaškega investicijskega, psihološkega in ideološkega kapitala. Vsa do Postojne naj mu industrijska mejna cema na Krasu odpre vrata.

Pridobiti si primorske ljudi mu zaradi razočaranj nad dolgoletnim zapostavljanjem s slovenske republike strani ne bo težko. Za vsak slučaj imajo na voljo tudi "napredni" ideološki model, ki lahko, za razliko od kakrškega demokratičnega, že takoj funkcioniра. Vsi tisti slovenski ljudje, ki računajo s tem, da se bodo okoristili, se mu lahko priključijo, ne da bi se zamerili matični domovini. In ne da bi kaj tvegali, tudi če ta model ne bi uspel. Če pa bi, se bodo lahko sklicevali na to, da so že davno pred odločilnim trenutkom vedeli, za kaj gre, in se prav odločili. Slovenci danes, tudi "napredni", niso nikaki idealisti več in v družbi drugih evropskih koristolovcev nikaka izjema.

K temu razmisljanju o Osimske pogodbah, ki smo ga dobili od rojaka v Trstu, je koristno dodati del članka "Za slutnja o našem Krasu", ki ga je prinesel "Katoliški glas", v Gorici izhajajoči slovenski tednik, v svoji številki od 23. decembra 1976. V njem piše D. Cotar med drugim:

Ko sta si sosednji republiky prijateljsko segli v roke in dokončno začrtali meje ter rešili zastareli položaj cone A in B, smo vse navdušeno pozdravili ta korak in še to odpustili, da kraški Slovenci niso bili nič kaj jasno omenjeni.

Dve cone sta bili odpravljeni, zlodej pa je skrival v malini tretjo, ki bi jo lahko imenovali C. To je Prosta Industrijska Cema na Krasu ali z začetnicami PICK (iz angleščine: jemati, krasti). Pred enim letom je bilo le majno govora o njej, zdaj pa je nenadoma postala ta najvažnejša in semo o tej se govorovi in piše.

Med tem ko je bila pred letom še nekoliko skrivnostna in nedoločena, skoraj vabljiva, stoji zdaj vedno jasneje pred nama. Udobno se bo usedla na trdnje mojno črto nekje med Peskom in Fernetiči in vabila napredok na Kras. Asfalt se bo širil kot madež črnega olja. Padli bodo zadnji hrasti, zadnja moč na Krasu. Kraski vonj ne bo več zdrav in močan. Zrak bo temelj od stropov in dima, črni bori bodo osivelni in ginevali. Kdor se bo vračal iz njih samote, bo se bolj bolan. Pod zemljo se bodo po lesketajočih kapnikih cedile gnušobe in skozi kraške jame pronicale od podzemnih rek, ki dajejo hladno in čisto pijačo človeku. Kras bo umiral in morada tudi mesto ob zalivu. Razvoj in napredok na podlagi industrijske cone si lahko predstavljamo samo tako, da bo Kras postal druga Marghera, Trst pa Benetke. Umirajoče mesto, ki je ob pristanišču životarilo, ob industriji pa se bo zadušilo.

Pri tem smo zopet priča nenanadni slogi med Slovenci. Prosto industrijsko cono splošno ocenjujejo kot rešitev za Trst. Ze samo zaradi te sloge se skoraj izpiča pokvariti Kras. Kdo bi dajal važnost žolčnemu čekanju kakega črnogleda, ki mu ni nikoli prav in sam ne ve, kaj hoče. Človek vendor ne more biti nasproten prav vsemu, karkoli se hoče narediti na Krasu.

Nekaj je treba le narediti. Preveč bi zahteval, če bi želel, da Kras ostane tak, kakor v tistih otroških letih, ko smo v vriskajočih poletjih pasli krave med Brkami in rraprotom. Saj svet napreduje in Kras z njim.

In navsezadnjem še nobenih dokazov nimam, da se bodo nad Krasom res dopolnilne tiste grdbobije, ki sem jih napisal. To je samo zla slutnja... Samo mi naj ne

pride na stara leta kdaj od današnjih vsevedov tožit, da so se v računih nekaj ušeli in da PICK vendorle ni prav isto kot Indija Koromandija.

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Italijansko-jugoslovanska meja in meja SR Slovenije na zahodu naj bi bila po osimskega sporazuma in njegovi uzakonitvi v obeh državah, v Italiji in v Jugoslaviji, dokončna in trdna, prinesla naj bi mir v ta del Evrope in ustvarila tudi dobro sosedsko ozračje med Slovenci in Italijani kot narodoma.

Cdprto vprašanje je, če sta oba naroda ta spora zum res iskreno in stvarno sprejela kot dokončen.

BESEDA IZ NARODA**In tako je ob kraju v srenji bilo...**

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Skoraj 11 let je tega, ko sem si pred farno 60-letnico Sv. Cirila zbral vlogo kraljice slovenskega življenja na Njujorškem. Prav zaradi svojnosti naše razdrobljenosti: tako zaradi prostora, kako so Slovenci na njem posejali; pa zaradi stare razdrobljenosti, ki je bila našim ljudem tako pri srcu, sem začel uporabljati izraz: srenja. Ta razdrobljenost ima korenine v različnem mišljenju — ideološka razdeljenost. To je poznal že starejši rod naših naseljencev. S Slovenskega, še iz rajne Avstrije so jo prinesli s seboj. Valt po prvi svetovni vojni so poleprejšnji priseljki nove označevanja za "grinarje". In ti vsi skupaj pa te, ki so prihajali kmalu po drugi svetovni vojni, za "ta nove" in "o, to so pa tisti, ki so bežali..." Postrani gledanje drug drugega je tudi ena od značilnih črt slovenskega značaja, pa čeprav to dostikrat kaj neradi priznamo.

In naša majhnost nam je tudi zarisala črte v naš "narodni" značaju. Vsakdo bi rad bil prvi in pri časti. V tem smo podobni Crnogorcem. In ko nas je nekaj več skupaj in eden vodi to skupnost, že se pojavi drugi, ki mu je do časti, da to skupnost razdeli. In tako smo dobili tudi na Njujorškem polno društvo ideološkega in pokrajinskega ter osebnostnega razlikovanja.

Dokler je bilo Slovencev na tem našem ameriškem področju se precej, ker je bila slovenska govorica še živa, dotlej je se nekam šlo. "Beerparty" je sledil "beerpartyju". Koncertu Slovencev je sledil koncert Domovine. Vmes je zaigrala Tamburica, še poprej pa znane Slovenke. Patru Snoju na Osmi in po odhodu Sakserja njujorški Slovenci niso imeli več voditeljev ustvarjalnih pogledov in zasnove. Vse je postal priložnostno in vskršanje. Čas, ki prinaša ostrost, in smrt, ki vnaša v življenje vrzeli, sta opravljala svoje delo, kot jima je določeno.

In tako se je skrčilo slovensko življenje na Njujorškem na več ozkost in majhnost, sededa, in le-tega lahko najdeš pri cerkvici sv. Cirila na Osmi. V tej ozkosti in majhnosti se zdaj ne da nič kaj velikega in posebnega ustvariti, ker se stanje noče in noče popraviti. V tem stanju iščemo in najdemo sam o zadovoljstvu z vzdihom: In sicer je na Njujorškem še našli skupno pot za srečnje in bodočnost slovenske skupnosti, ne samo na našem njujorškem področju, ampak na vsem Ameriškem.

V decembri smo imeli tudi edino farno prosvetno uro. Dvorana ni bila — in seveda zato tudi ne cerkvica — zasedena kot običajno. Nič izredno vabecega ni bilo. Težko je, ker se nam organist Franjo — spet po naši krvidi — še ni vrnil. Petje v cerkvici in pri prosvetnih urah močno trpi in postaja očitnejše od tedna do tedna. In zato Sveti večer letos na Osmi ni imel tiste lepote, kot bi si jo želel slovenski človek na tujem.

In tako ob kraju tega leta Gospodovega, ki se zategadelj v zgodovino in kronike — tudi moje zapisuje s stevilko 1976, smo ga farani pri Sv. Cirilu na Osmi in slovenski srenjanci na Njujorškem skončevali, odeti v skrb in v upanje hkrati, da se bomo morda v prihodnjem letu bolje znašli v trdnejši in širši narodni skupnosti, kot pa v tem prihajala v prav vsako sloven-

farnem jubilejnem letu, ki nam je ponujal zlato priliko, da bi kaj takšnega dosegli.

In Bog naj nam da srečo v tem, da nam bi bila srečnje bodočnost, kot pa se nam kaže, ko tudi zadnji dan leta smisel za skupnost opuščamo in se delimo — v stare in mlade!

Tone Osovnik

**Letna seja
Balincarskega kluba**

CLEVELAND, O. — Jutri, v soboto, 8. januarja, ob šestih zvezcer bo glavna letna seja Kluba balincarjev Slovenskega delavskega doma na Waterloo Road. Po seji bo prosta večerja in zabava za člane, kateri imajo svojo članarinu plačano za leto 1977. Ako še nimate, jo lahko plačate pri vratih. Članarina je \$3 letno.

Vse se je podražilo in treba kupiti "sete" krogel, katerih vsak stane \$45. Draga je kurjava in razsvetljava, draga vzdrževanje balincarskih prostorov. Tistih 25 centov, katere Dom dobi od vsake igre, ne zadostuje.

Ne pozabite, pridite na sejo in prosto zabavo in kupite članske izkaznice za leto 1977! Podprimo Dom, kateri nam nudi tako lepo priložnost za baliniranje, vso dolgo zimo v lepih, urejenih in toplih prostorih. Ako jih ne bomo mi podpirali, bomo morali balinati le zunaj po snegu. Balinamo vsak dan od poldne do kasnega večera.

Na svidenje jutri, v soboto!

Odbor

Dolgoletni naročnik piše

AMBRIDGE, Penna. — Prišlo je pošiljka enoletno naročnino za Ameriško Domovino in \$10 za podporo listu, katerega dolgoletni naročnik sem. Ameriška Domovina mi je zelo všeč.

In spomnil sem se Miklavževega prihoda na prvo decembroško nedeljo popoldne, kako je privabil v našo dvorano več faranov in srenjanov.

Spomnil sem se svatbe Jožeta in Silve Vodlana na sobotni dan 11. decembra v kočevski dvorani v Ridgewoodu, kjer je dobrošen del naše srenje bil zbran v vsej njeni pisanosti. Za vse zbrane v domači cerkveni dvoranici kajpada ne bi bilo prostora. In to srenjsko srečanje ob svečanem življenjskem trenutku mladega slovenskega zakonskega para mi je dopovedovalo vse to, kar me najbolj gnjaví kotonista enolčnosti na slovenskem Njujorškem, kje in kamo smo ter kje in kako bi še lahko bili.

Zelim Vam, da bi mogli listi še dolgo izdajati, četudi so pri tem hude težave, ko draginja vse muči.

Oglasil bi se večkrat, pa me muči revmatizem v rokah, da težko pišem.

Vsem pri listu, pa tudi vsem drugim slovenskim rojakom in rojakinjam želim srečno in zdravo novo leto!

George Pavlešič

Cleveland, O. — Spoštovano uredništvo! Prišlo je ček za enoletno naročnino in dar v pomemben list.

Mislim in upam, da Vaši dobro naročniki ne bodo nasprotovali povisjanju naročnine in Vam ohranili zvestobo. Upoštevati moramo, kako se vse drugo stalno draži.

Ameriška Domovina nam prinaša mnogo zanimivih svetovnih in domačih novic ter drugega lepega branja. Mi starejši naročniki bi jo prav gotovo zelo pogrešali. Midva z možem svetovnemu naročniku že 60 let. Dan dan, mesece, leta za letom prihaja list v najdin dom. V tej dolgi dobi je postal del naju samih. Zato res srčno želiva, da ga nam ohranite.

Dobri Bog naj blagoslovija Vaše delo v tem novem letu, naj Vas obdarja z dobrim zdravjem in Vam nakloni številne nove naročnike.

Z najlepšimi pozdravi!
John in Tončka Dolinar

Painesville, O. — Cenjeni! Pošiljam Vam naročnino za leto 1977 in deset dolarjev v podporo listu.

Z Ameriško Domovino smo zelo zadovoljni in zelimo, da bi bolje znašli v trdnejši in širši narodni skupnosti, kot pa v tem prihajala v prav vsako sloven-

sko družino v Ameriki. Posebno lepi in zanimivi so sestavki č. sestre Lavoslave iz Lemonta. Lep novoletni pozdrav uredništvu in vsem Slovencem širom Amerike.

Jelka Germek in družina

Wickliffe, O. — Spoštovani g. urednik! Prilagam ček v znesku \$15 za tiskovni sklad Ameriške Domovine ter Vam obenem vso srečno novo leto, polno zdravja in uspehov.

Z iskrenimi željami, da bi Ameriška Domovina še dolgo prihajala v naše domove, Vas pozdravlja Lojze Burjes

Waukegan, Ill. — Spoštovani! Prišlo je pošiljka denarja v denarno nakanico za enoletno podaljšanje naročnine.

Ameriška Domovina mi je zelo ugodna in v letu 1976 je porast 3.5% manj kot oktobra 1976. Močan porast produkcije v oktobru in novemburu je povečal skupno produkcijo v letu 1976 na letno raven 1.6% nad ono v letu 1975. Ta raven je vendar še daleč od predvičevanja in načrtovanja, kot poroča ljubljansko Delo.

Predvičeli so namreč letno porast 6%, kasneje pa celo 7%.

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v drugih pa je še vedno daleč za ono 1975.

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leta 1975, v nakupu premoga pa

celo za 9%.

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V Tiskovni sklad AD so darovali od zadnjih:

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Avgust Šenoa:

ZLATARJEVO ZLATO

Naj vas kuga pobere! Ali ste gospa Safranička, pa se poberite božje delo, ali ste sploh ljudje?! v svojo štacuno in pobijajte mužina ste, brezglava živina! he! Ne bo vam škodilo. Neko-kaj vas briga ta stara reva, česa liko so se vam pretresli možgani je kriva, da jo hočete pobiti kakor šcene. Zginite domov, in Prav vam je bilo! Ne vtikajte nosu v stvari, ki vas prav nič ne brigajo, vi, stara klepetulja."

Dušo mu bom stresel iz grla!"

Za hip se je množica močno prestrašila, toda besnenje je za-vrelo znova, ko je krdelo opazilo,

da prihaja nekaj modrih stražar-

jev na pomoč.

"Kaj pa se ta Vlah sploh vme-sava v naše posle?"

"Proč z njim!"

"Pobijte ga!"

In na Radaka se je usula toča kamenja. Kamen mu je odne-sel klobuk. Toda haramija je planil kakor veter, pograbil Ša-franičko z vrat in jo kakor šiljasti nos, ki mu je bil silno nabreknil. Kamen, ki je odletel od kolibe, se je nemilo zadel obenj.

Družba pri Krupiću še zdaleč ni slutila, kaj se godi pred Sv. Markom. Vino je gostom otopilo sluh; toda četudi bi slišali kakšno vpitje, kaj za to? Narod naj se veseli, četudi poteče nekaj krvi. Mestnim stražarjem so bili taki tepeži vedno samo nedolžna igra in so jih navadno gledali s prekrižanimi rokami. Narod naj si sodi sam...

Na hitro so se odprla vrata v Krupičev sobo in vanjo je bušil trebušast človeček zelo tol-stega in unumnega obrazu pod širokim klobukom — kramar Šafranič. Bil je besen in tudi



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YOU’VE SAID IT ALL!



Hear, O Lord, the sound
of my call; have pity
on me and answer me.

(Psalm 27, Verse 7)

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1976

IN MEMORIAM

With deep sadness, we announce to all relatives, friends and acquaintances that God has called unto Himself from our family circle, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother

Anthony J. Fortuna

who succumbed to a heart attack on Sept. 15, 1976 at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1894 at Šmartno pri Litiji, and later lived at St. Vid pri Stični, Dolenjsko, Slovenia, from where as a lad of 9, he emigrated to America in 1903 with his mother and two sisters to join his father in Cleveland.

He attended St. Vitus School and in 1922 became a field representative for the "American Home", Slovenian daily newspaper, serving in this capacity for 24 years until 1946. Ill health, brought on by the loss of his only son in World War II, caused him to resign.

Our beloved was a member for over 50 years of the following fraternal societies: St. Vitus Society No. 25, KSKJ, where he was Secretary for 25 years; Baraga Court No. 1317, C.O.F., St. Cyril and Methodius Lodge No. 18 ADZ, and the Maccabees Lodge No. 1288, T.M. He was also a long time member of St. Vitus Holy Name Society.

Services were held on Sept. 20, 1976 from the Zak Funeral Home, with a concelebrated Mass at St. Vitus. His final resting place is at Calvary Cemetery.

We want to express our deep gratitude to Rev. A. Edward Pevec, Pastor of St. Vitus, for administering the last rites, his prayers at the funeral home and at graveside, for the concelebration of the Mass, and his touching eulogy. Special thanks to the other concelebrants, Rev. Joseph Boznan, Rev. Anthony Rebol and Rev. Joseph Simcic.

Many thanks to the following clergymen for their visitations and prayers: Msgr. Louis Baznik, Canon Raymond Hobart, Pastors Edward Pevec and Victor Tome, Rev. Joseph Boznan, Rev. Joseph Simcic, and Deacon Joseph O'Donnell; also to Sisters Mary Lydia and Mary Carmelita, S.N.D. from our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and to the Sisters at St. Vitus: Principal, Sr. Mary Donnalee, Sisters Mary Alicemarie and Mary Gertrude. Our cordial thanks go to Judge August Pryatel, Dr. Anthony Spech and to all other friends and acquaintances, who in such large numbers came to pay their respects, and who prayed for the repose of his soul.

We are deeply grateful to the members of these organizations: St. Vitus Holy Name Society; Baraga Court No. 1317, COF,

Sadly missed by:

ANNA (nee SODNIKAR), wife;
DOROTHY KIRK, daughter and JOHN KIRK, son-in-law;
ROSEANNE PIORKOWSKI, granddaughter and her husband

Cleveland, Ohio, 31 December, 1976.

pjian. Za njim se je privlekel ša-še Grga Čokolin.

"Povejte mi, kaj je tu? Povej-te, no, če smo v Zagrebu? Ali sem jaz purgar, ali ste vi sod-nik? Ali je Eva moja žena, pred Bogom in pred ljudmi zakonita žena? A?" je zabrbil malo kra-mar v dušku.

Gostje so se v začudenju spo-gledali in gospod kaplan je s prstom pokazal na čelo, hoteč povedati, da se kramarčku me-

vam sodim, pa ne vem, kdo je kriv in česa je kriv?" je začu-tako razpenjeno kakor mlado vino. Mirno povejte! Kaj vam je?" mu je mirno prigovarjal

gospodar.

"Mirno, mirno! Kakopak! Kap-

me bo zadeja, pa mirno! Kaj mi je? Zolč se mi je razlil, to je! A zakaj? Sodoma, Gomora, Ba-bilon! Sramota, pregreha, grdo-

brijec. "Dobro. Poslušajte torej mojo

ster!" je pripomnil Kaptolović zelo modro.

"Povejte gospodu sodniku vse,

boter Andrija!" ga je bodril bri-

je? Zolč se mi je razlil, to je!

vec. "Pravičen je in bo kriveca

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ster!" je pripomnil Kaptolović zelo modro.

"Za božjo voljo! Hočete, da najst kovanih sem dal zanj na

kraljevem sejmu, petnajst kova-nih, ste slišali? In vsega tegu-ste kriji vi, mojster Peter?"

"Jaz? Kaj ste znoreli?" je Kru-pič ponovil.

"Ne, nismo jedli strupenih gob!" je brbral kramar dalje.

"Da, da, vi!" se je napihoval

brivec med vrati.

"(Dalje prihodnjih)



NA NOVI POSEL — S. I. Ha-yakawa, upokojeni predsednik San Francisco State College, je bil 2. novembra izvoljen za zveznega senatorja v Kaliforniji in se sedaj pripravlja na svoj novi posel na Kapitolu v Washingtonu, D.C., četudi je že do-poinil 70 let.

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the latest news and views

Memo... From Madeline

By
Madeline
Debevec

wife of Virginia Beach, Virginia are the happy new parents. Marion and Fay are enjoying their month long visit in Virginia.

* * *

Slovenian Women's Union Branch No. 25 will meet Tues., Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the social room at St. Vitus. Everyone welcome to attend.

Dues will be collected on the 25th of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall.

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Steve Maslar and family of Pittsburgh, Pa. visited his mother Marge Maslar and brother Leonard. The entire family enjoyed a wonderful family reunion.

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Race Dairy Store, 17002 Grovewood Ave. is under new ownership.

The new owners John and Nancy Donnett are looking forward to meeting you.

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A speedy recovery to Jerry Plavcan. She will undergo heart catheterization at the Cleveland Clinic.

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Many needy families and organizations experienced a brighter Holiday Season because of the generous donations of The American Slovene Club.

This group of wonderful women work in an unobtrusive manner and are to be commended for their philanthropies.

Everyone can certainly be proud of these Slovenian gals.

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Vicki Svete expresses her New Years greeting to you. "May the Best of 1976 be the Worst of your 1977".

Community Safety

By DICK MOTT

An amendment to recently enacted legislation will provide funds for monthly rental payments at the Civic Aid Patrol headquarters located in the St. Clair Slovenian National Home building.

This was achieved through the efforts of Ward 23 Councilman Robert A. Novak.

The St. Clair Business Association will continue to subsidize the expenditures for gasoline, insurance and maintenance of the Van which was donated by them to the C.A.P. last year.

EMS helps needy

During the Christmas holidays the Cleveland Emergency Medical Services System (CEMSS) participated in a food, candy and toy distribution program for needy children in the city of Cleveland.

The Christmas distribution program was the idea of Emergency Medical Technician Paul Madachik and Systems Director Lee S. Nathans.

CEMSS contributed food, fruit, and candy while WGAR radio contributed toys.

The distribution program originated at the Emergency Room of University Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 22, and continued on Thursday, Dec. 23 from the Main EMS offices at 2140 St. Clair Avenue.

CEMSS personnel Paul Madachik, Reggie Perkins, Vince Liscari, Mike Roscoe and Nancy Nemec rode in a police escorted

CEMSS emergency ambulance "Chebookt" meaning "Chief" and distributed the items to needy children on the east and west sides of the city.

Marion and Fay Aleks of Euclid became proud first time grandparents on the 21st of December. In two days, the distribution program reached more than 45 members of Christine Bernadette's family. Their son Richard and families.

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Sister Lavaslava Turk of Lemont, Illinois, visited the American Home Publishing Co. this past week and extends New Year greetings to all of her friends.

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FAVORITE RECIPES**- NEW FEATURE -**

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PRIZE WINNING

Concord Grape Apple Pie with Streusel Topping
1 unbaked 9 in. Pie shell
4 cups concord grapes
1 large tart apple coarsely

grated
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/2 teas. cinnamon
2 teas. lemon juice
1/8 teas. salt

Wash and measure grapes, re-

move skins by pinching out cen-

ters. Reserve skins. Place pulp

in saucepan and boil 5 min. or

until seeds come out. Put pulp thru strainer into reserve skins while hot, then grate apple in.

Mix strained pulp with skins and grated apple. Stir in sugar,

flour, lemon juice, cinnamon and

salt. Pour grape mixture into pie shell. Sprinkle with Streusel topping and bake in 450° oven for 30 minutes.

Streusel Topping

Combine 1/2 cup quick cooking oats, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/4 cup

flour, and 1/2 stick of oleo. Mix

all together until well blended

and coarse.

JOSEPH GORNICK**THE MARITIME PROVINCES****JOSEPH GORNICK****THE MARITIME PROVINCES**

(Continuation)

Heading for the Atlantic coastline, we viewed more scenic country with large fertile farms, along this route of small towns.

The town of Sherbrooke, population 326, was named in honor of General John Sherbrooke who at one time served as Lieutenant Governor. This was a French Port sometime in 1626. In this vicinity are many small likes and brooks, a paradise for fishermen casting for trout. Another beautiful view.

As we continue along the coastline, we cross St. Mary's river, to the community of Goldenville. Some gold found here many years ago created a gold rush. That's how it got the name. Population 777 dwindled to 29.

Now we cross Salmon bridge, Musquodoboit Harbor, Poter's Lake, Preston, and McKay Bridge to the new luxurious Chateau Hotel, in Halifax.

Halifax in the Capital of Nova Scotia, population about 127,000, contains one of the finest harbors in the world. Ships of all nations are moored here at the docks. Halifax founded by Edward Cornwallis around 1749, was a military depot for the British in North America, and was probably the first town in Canada. Settled primarily by the English. Halifax is English to the core, while the life of Halifax is distinctly cosmopolitan.

This city is the leading educational center of the Atlantic Provinces. University of King's College, Dalhousie University, Mt. St. Vincent University, and St. Mary's University are here.

In addition to Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, is Nova Scotia Technical College. Halifax was known as Chebucto up to the year 1749 then it was changed to Halifax in honor of Lord Halifax, then president of The English Board of Trade. The Indian name was Nemec rode in a police escorted

CEMSS emergency ambulance "Chebookt" meaning "Chief" and distributed the items to needy children on the east and west sides of the city.

After breakfast, a tour directed by a charming lady, Peggy Cormier. Along winding roads, and curves, beautiful scenery.

Kollander and Tony's share Grand Opening

The formal opening celebration of the new location of Kollander World Travel and Tony's Polka Village in the Nine Seven- One Building at 971 East 185 St. will be a week long event the day during regular business Sat. Jan. 15.

Since 1923, Kollander Travel has served thousands of tourists on excursions to various parts of the world and during the past ten years has also operated the greatest number of group charters to Europe and Yugoslavia. WXEN's Tony Petkovsek, who has been on the air since 1961, started the Polka Village Store in 1970 offering the biggest selection of polka and ethnic records and tapes, greeting cards, and gift items such as music boxes, now together with the Kollanders occupies over 5,000 square feet in the two story building at 971 East 185th Street, just off of the I-90 Lakeland Freeway.

For the Grand Opening there will be movie and slide showings, informative programs and entertainment. Souvenirs will be given and everyone stopping in during the opening week at either establishment can register for a free drawing of a \$250.00 certificate which can be applied to any of 1977 Kollander Travel tour. In addition, the Polka Village will have a 10% discount sale on all of the merchandise on display, including records and tapes.

On Sunday, Jan. 9, at 2:00 pm, a variety of civic and ethnic dignitaries will participate in the enactment of the official ribbon cutting ceremony. The doors will then swing open to the general public for a special "Slovenian and European Day." The Richie Vadnal Orchestra, Alpine Sextet and members of Jadranski 2225 or Steve and Shirley Valentine who are all leading tours in the Polka Village, 481-1977 will entertain. The day 7512.

SLOVENIAN CHRISTMAS

By PETER SUHADOLC

Nowadays almost everybody has a Christmas tree, although only the wealthier people could afford it in the past.

The tree is also decorated with gleaming stripes, snow-like flakes, little candles, multi-colored glass ornaments and homemade decorated cookies. Sparklers are also attached to it.

On Christmas eve, the family gathers in front of the manger scene and sings and prays.

The most important tradition of the Christmas season though, was the blessing of the house and the baking of the Christmas bread. Three loaves of bread decorated with braided dough were baked out of three different types of grain. The loaves were then laid on a table and covered with white cloth.

On Christmas eve, on New Years eve and Epiphany, the whole family would gather and visit together each room of the house. They would pray in each room, bless it with holy water sprinkled with the tip of an evergreen branch and cense it. Incense burnt in a pot on the embers of sticks blessed at Easter time. After they blessed the whole house, the family would move to the barn, and bless it along with the cows and horses in it. Then they would do the same for the pig sty and the chicken coop.

And each time after the blessing was over, they would eat the loaf of Christmas bread, which symbolized the abundance and the good fortune they hoped the future would bring.

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Flaming Fire of Faith

Slomšek biography

By Sister MARY LAVOSLAVA

33. SLOMSEK'S External and Spiritual Image

Those who knew Slomsek describe him as a man of a rather tall, slender stature and of a ruddy complexion. His friendly, bright, and level eyes, betokened the innocence and nobility of his soul and revealed an energetic character — they invited trust. God had endowed him with a melodious voice a gift longed for by all orators.

Although he was a simple man, humility personified, his manners were irreproachable. Whenever he officiated in religious ceremonies, all his movements were dignified — he was every inch a Bishop. None of the photographs do him justice, we are sorry to state. Several artists have tried to reproduce his likeness but they failed miserably. According to the opinion of some individuals, the best, the most life-like is Slomsek's statue in Maribor's Cathedral. Too bad, that is all we know about his outward appearance.

In regard to Slomsek's spiritual life, we are more fortunate. Several authors who wrote his life have painted his spiritual image in warm word colors. The finished product is Christ-like, Christ-centered Slomsek, a lover of Christ and His Church — a Saint.

A Saint must be a man of Faith and Slomsek met that first requirement. Having been born of Catholic parents, he was given the gift of Faith at Baptism. He had the good fortune that a loving Mother watched over the grain of Faith which sprouted deep roots into Slomsek's heart. Later he had the good example of his teachers. Thus the virtue of Faith grew with him and came to full flowering when he reached manhood. Throughout his life he was grateful for the gift of Faith, which he so cherished. It made him happy and he wished to share it with others. To implant strong Faith into the hearts of the souls entrusted to his care was his main concern. That is why he toiled and never rested, preached and wrote, admonished and beseeched his flock to cling to the Faith of forebears. "May your Holy Faith be your light," he loved to repeat. A strong man of Faith, he rose to its defense whenever opportunity presented itself. That is why he had so much to suffer... It was to pre-

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St. Mary PTU meets

St. Mary's Collinwood PTU will hold its first meeting of the New Year on Jan. 13 in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

All children and their parents are invited to this meeting because following the short meeting there will be a puppet show sponsored by the Cleveland Health Education Museum and its Nutrition Service. The puppet show will revolve around the Cookie Monster and his friends and should be of interest to everyone young at heart. There will be no charge to see this show so try and attend and bring a child.

The new year is here and this year's schedule is already planned among the many activities the unit has plans for is the Vegas' Nite planned for March with the Holy Name Society and also our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Remember, St. Mary's PTU works for the betterment of our school children,

Diana T. Kozak
Corres. Sec.

Euclid Hearing Jan. 19

A public hearing to discuss the city's third year of community development funding will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at City Hall, 585 East 222 St.

Open to all Euclid residents, the hearing is the first of three public meetings required by federal guidelines established in 1975 Housing and Community Development Act.

The hearings mark the initial step in the city's application process for funding, which begins in October of this year.

Both Mayor Tony J. Sustarsic and Community Services and Development Director Ronald R. Kuhar this week urged residents to attend.

While the hearing will give citizens a chance to express their ideas and proposals for the city's community development program, Kuhar and members of his department will be on hand to explain the Euclid program and answer any questions the citizenry might have.

SLOVENIAN CHRISTMAS

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On Christmas eve, everybody would then attend the Midnight Mass which now usually begins with the choir singing "Silent Night."

Upon returning home, the children find that all the candles on the Christmas tree are lit and that Jesus brought them presents. In the past, children would get just apples, nuts and some candies. Nowadays, of course, they get mostly toys.

There used to be also some other traditions for Christmas. When my dad was young, they used to melt lead and let it drop into cold water. The pieces of lead would take on various shapes and by interpreting the figures, the people would amuse themselves predicting the future.

Also, for Epiphany, children would dress up as the Wise Men and go from house to house singing Christmas carols, wishing Merry Christmas and getting candies and cookies.

A lot of the above traditions are lost and some survive only on the countryside in a reduced and simplified version. In Slovenia, Christmas tends to become more and more commercialized and standardized.

Susan Zak becomes new Funeral Director

Following two years of required apprenticeship, Mrs. Zeno Zak became a licensed funeral director on November 9, 1976.

Mrs. Zak, the former Susan Kuta, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuta, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., and more recently residing in Florida. She graduated from Elizabeth Seton High School in Pittsburgh, Pa.; from Mt. Aloysius Junior College in Cusson, Pa., where she received an Associate Degree in Home Economics, and from the Seton Hill College in Greensburg, Pa., where she majored in Home Economics Education and received her Bachelor of Science Degree. She taught Home Economics in Pittsburgh from 1967-1969, when she was married to Zeno Zak of Cleveland. They have two little daughters.

The Zak Funeral Home located at 6016 St. Clair Ave., in the heart of the St. Clair area, was founded by Zeno's great-grandfather, and in joining the firm, which is now under the management of the fourth generation, Susan will assist her husband in providing the same type of sympathetic and dignified service to bereaved families that has been synonymous with the Zak family name.

Likes S.H.A. Listings

Editor:

About six weeks ago I have been made aware that your readers follow your printing of the names of those who donate to the Slovener Home for the Aged.

My Mother, Agnes Vrcek, who passed away in October and in the obituary we requested that donations be sent to the Home. Mrs. Alma Lazar sent each one an acknowledgement and receipt to be used for income tax records. She told me that the names would be printed in your paper.

I thought, "How great!" The generous contributors will see their name in print and this will show them, without a doubt, their donations will be used to care for the aged. Most important of all, they will see the complete list of donees and if they want to, they can total the figures and have the gratifying feeling they had a part in it. And it was made public.

I hope I was able to convey to you that your readers are interested. It must be a tedious job, but believe me, the printing of the names brings deep satisfaction.

Agnes Snyder,
Maple Hts., O.

St. Vitus Events

Calendar ST. VITUS

Jan. 14 — Friday — Fish and Shrimp Dinners — Dad's Club — Serving from 5 to 7 p.m.

Jan. 16 — Sun. — Card Party — Mother's Club — starts at 3 p.m. on

Jan. 23 — Sunday — Dinner — Our Lady of Fatima KSKJ No. 255.

Feb. 5 — Saturday — Dinner Dance — Stajerski Club — starts at 7 p.m.

Feb. 11 — Friday — Fish and Shrimp Dinners — Dad's Club — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Feb. 12 — Saturday — Dinner Dance — Catholic War Vets, starts 7 p.m.

Feb. 19-20 — KSKJ Basketball Tournament, held by Christ the King Lodge No. 226.

Feb. 25 — April 1 — Fish and Shrimp Dinners, Dad's Club — every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) — 5 to 7 p.m.

Feb. 27 — Sunday — Dinner — Slovenian School — Serving begins at 11:30 a.m.

Death Notices

SILHANEK, JERRY — Husband of Mary (nee Globokar). STOPAR, JOHN — Husband brother of Agnes Klapka and of Jennie (Cesnik) and the late Mary (deceased). Residence at 22900 Arms Ave.

TUCK, ANTONIA (nee Mezget) — Widow of John, mother of John (Dayton), Dianne Rooks, William (Fla.), grandmother of 10, sister of Frank, Joseph and the deceased Tony, Leo, John and Mary Coates. Residence at 934 Wayside Ave.

STAVANJA, LOUIS — Husband of the late Frances (nee Ferluga), father of Lewis Stafford (Ga.), Herman, Irma Pryatelj, grandfather of 9, and great-grandfather of 18. Residence 822 E. 157 St.

KOZITKO, BERTHA (nee Banazewski) — Mother of Max and Benjamin, grandmother of 1, sister of Stelle Kerze (dec'd.), Lottie Smith, Leo, Walter and Anton Banas and Ben Banazewski. Residence 1048 E. 239 St.

SMOLIC, JOHN — Father of Alexander and Mildred Haney — Widow of John, mother of Mary, Angela Baranowski and Frances Cernigoj, grandmother of 5, great-grandmother of 7, sister of Margaret Glazer and Katherine Vadnal (both dec'd.). Residence in Cleveland.

DOBRINIC, PETER G. SR. — Husband of the late Margaret (nee Fuduric), father of Peter, Dorothy Benic, brother of Matt, Agnes and Anna (all deceased), and grandfather of 4, and great-grandfather. Residence at 21431 Naumann Ave.

ARKO, LOUIS F. — Husband of Angela (nee Kral), mother of Bernice Novak, Julie Petras and the deceased Patricia Malaski. Sister of Jennie Jestrab, Franca Barowski and the late Lawrence. Residence at 2346 E. Royalton Rd., Broadview Hts.

PULLAR, MARK A. — Husband of Caroline (nee Belavic), father of Albert and Catherine Meglic, grandfather of 3. Residence of 16003 Grovewood.

ZELE, IRENE L. (nee Sisko) — Wife of Charles L., mother of Charles J., JoAnn, John, daughter of Philip and Anna (nee Tomasic) Sisko of Homer City, Pa. Sister of Paula Smith, John Edward, Philip, Helen Prate, Andy, Joe, Maryanne Volpe and Frank.

DETELICH, AUGUSTINE (nee McCarthy) — Widow of Michael, mother of Michael Jr., Robert (D.C.), grandmother of 11, sister of Christine Jacques, Eva Mullen, James, and Margaret Caufield (all of R.I.). Residence 100K Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio.

KOLEGAR, MARY (nee Fabjanic) — Wife of Leopold, mother of Mary Schlarb and Henry, grandmother of 9 and great-grandmother of 7; sister of Caroline Udvovich, Agnes Udvovich (dec'd.) and Theresa Gregetic (dec'd. - Yugo.). Residence 17930 Windward Ave.

MARKUSIC, PETER G. — Husband of Charlotte (nee Hahn), father of Mary, Cheryl and Charlene, son of Peter (deceased), and Mary (nee Bencjan) Markusic, brother of Mary Missas. Residence 2835 Orchard Drive, Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

BABIC, STEVEN — Husband of Olga (nee Sustar), father of Suzanne Sujic and Terence, grandfather of 5, brother of Anthony, Andrew, Joseph and Anne Borchert and the late Kate Stankus. Residence 7548 Apple Blossom Lane, Chesterland.

KRALL, WILMA (nee Baraga) — Wife of Rudolph, mother of Gary and Dennis, sister of Molly Matuska, Frank, Josephine Kuret, Dorothy Perusek, and Jennie Ferrante (dec'd.). Residence at 21375 Miller Ave.

CURK, SIMON — Husband of the late Dorothy (nee Levec), uncle of William Gothe and Mrs. Wm. Gothe. Residence at Slovener Home for Aged.

JEVNIKAR, JOSEPH A. — Husband of Jeanne (nee Mer tek), mother of Joan, Jerry (Seattle), and Jane (N.Y. City), son of Mrs. Josephine Borsse, and brother of Ottmar and Mary Bizjak. Residence Euclid.

SLABE, WILLIAM J. — Bro-

ther of Olga Klinec, nephew of Melanie. Residence at 5404 Kenyon Dr., Parma.

STOPAR, JOHN — Husband of John (Dayton), Dianne Rooks, William (Fla.), grandmother of 10, sister of Frank, Joseph and the deceased Tony, Leo, John and Mary Coates. Residence at 934 Wayside Ave.

JUSTINA ERICKSON, Mildred Jagnodnik (Mich.), William, Henry, Raymond, Heddy Mlakar, Sylvia Cek, Mary Victor, Theresa Hobson and Toni Burchard. Brother of Frank (dec'd.), grandfather of 42, great-grandfather of 18. Residence 822 E. 157 St.

ROYTZ, JOSEPH — Son of Louis and Mary (nee Gerbec) both deceased, brother of Anthony, Frank, Mary and the late John. Residence 822 E. 157 St.

KOZITKO, BERTHA (nee Banazewski) — Mother of Max and Benjamin, grandmother of 1, sister of Stelle Kerze (dec'd.), Lottie Smith, Leo, Walter and Anton Banas and Ben Banazewski. Residence 1048 E. 239 St.

KRNEL, MARY (nee Dolence) — Widow of John, mother of Mary, Angela Baranowski and Frances Cernigoj, grandmother of 5, great-grandmother of 7, sister of Margaret Glazer and Katherine Vadnal (both dec'd.). Residence in Cleveland.

PRYATEL, EMMA — Daughter of the late Anton and Mary (nee Rus). Sister of Marie Sedory and Edward F., and deceased Anthony and Albin. Residence 15500 Lake Shore Blvd.

PEKOL, JENNIE (nee Turk) — Widow of Anton, mother of Jennie Satkovic, Mary Matejka, Rose Bertuzzi, Pauline and Wilma Sachew (Fla.), grandmother of 6, great-grandmother of 14. Sister of Ann Lekan and the following deceased: Theresa Yerele, John and Joseph of Yugoslavia. Residence 1145 E. 170 Street.

GODINA, JENNIE (nee Cernejelj) — Widow of Vinko, mother of Vincent, grandmother of 3, sister of John, Rudolph and Just Cermelj (all deceased). Residence 19805 Mohawk Ave.

JANOSKY, RICHARD — Father of David and Daniel, brother of Cecilia Cook, Dorothy Pappas, Lawrence, Ronald, Pat Kordic, Phyllis Barnes and James. Residence 884 E. 146 St.

SANDRA CLERNIT — Daughter of John and late Judith (nee Stankus). Wife of Louis, mother of Lou Ann, Michelle, sister of Dolores Schultz, Dona Pocholke. Residence 6416 Carl Ave.

TROST, ERNEST — Husband of Rose (nee Music), father of Ernest S., Edward, and Lillian, grandfather of 5 and great-grandfather of 3. Brother of Mrs. Henrietta Habat, Frank Mehila-Clapac, and Pauline Kocjan. Residence 1137 E. 172 St.

PRAZNIK, ANGELA (nee Zakrajsek) — Widow of Rudolph, mother of the late Rudolph Praznik. Residence 17902 East Park Drive.

GUZELI, MARY (nee Konjar) — Widow of Frank Guzelj (dec'd.), and first husband of the late Anton Dolinar. Sister of Jennie Potocnik (dec'd.), sister of Vinko and the deceased Johan, Jakob and Francine in Yugo. Residence 19202 Muskoka.

HOLOWENKO, JOHN — Husband of Catherine (nee Olzewski), father of Rosemarie Kearnes (Akron) and Barbara Boldin (Ky.), grandfather of 6, brother of Vincent, Sigmund, Angela (Calif.), Ann Zivick, Rose Anderson and the following deceased: Kelly and Emily McAndrews. Residence 20350 Naumann Ave.

JURATOVAC, MAGDALENE (nee Tomasic) — Widow of Frank, mother of Helen (dec'd.), Frank, Anne, George, Margaret, Ellen Troha, Joseph, Evelyn and Rose Gibbs. Grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 3. Residence 468 Eddy Rd.

STEFANCIC, IVANA (nee Grmek) — Wife of the late Joseph, mother of Jennie Pate, Frances Grignon, Frank Urenjak, Joseph Kukek, grandmother of 7 and great-grandmother of 5, sister of Martin Grmek.

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