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Slovenians denied human rights in Italy

by Rado L. Lencek

As it is known, in the *Seven Weeks' War* of 1866, fought between Prussia on the one side, and Austria and a few German states on the other, the defeat of Austria by the Prussians led to the incorporation of Venice, including Friuli with westernmost Slovene lands of **Beneska Slovenija** along the river Soca (Isonzo), in the valleys along the Nadiza (Natisone), its subsidiary streams of Ter (Torre) and Kanrahta (Comappo), together with the Rezijani in Rezija (Resia) and Slovenci of Kanalska dolina (Val Canale) for centuries under the Venetian control - formerly and definitely to **United Italy**.

Three weeks later, an Italian "plebiscite" by which the *Beneski Slovenci* had to express an opinion for or against a *faint accompli*, i.e. the annexation of the three provinces of Beneska Slovenija by the United Italy, predetermined their state and status in United Italy.

Under the new Italian administration the old Venetian autonomy became something out of date. There was no understanding for the need of indigenous native language and its usage in public life, in the office, in courts, and in schools.

The Slovene minority ceded to Italy, was deprived of its natural right to use its spoken language and became the target of an unrelenting campaign to denationalize its culture.

The italianization process in Beneska Slovenija started at once. Already in December 1866, three months after Beneska Slovenija became a part of Italy, the regional Italian newspaper, *Giornale di Udine*, outlines the process of italianizing the area; the italianization must be carried out in Italian, the language of the state.

The new authorities immediately started with changing local place names. Thus, already in 1867 Speter Slovenov became S. Pietro al Natisone, Cernjeja - Cergneu, Viskorsa - Monteperta, Stara gora - Castelmonte. Only one year after that in a number of Slovene parish churches,

religious services and sermons were in Italian only.

After 1933, under Mussolini's rule, Slovene church services in all Beneska Slovenija and Rezija were forbidden by law. Till this day there is no Slovene educational system and not one state supported Slovene cultural organization in Beneska Slovenija and Rezija.

More importantly, there is no governmental educational institution in the vernacular of the area, no locally educated intellectuals who would form and represent a Slovene regional vernacular artistic, social, or political vanguard or local elite, an intellectually and socially superior class of Beneska Slovenija.

In all post 1945 talks between former Yugoslavia and Italy, as in all post 1992 negotiations between the Republic of Slovenia and Rome, there were not touched and discussed the problems of international rights, legal and moral, for occupancy and holding of an ethnically non-Italian part of the old Venetian territory, and in particular, provisions and obligations of the Italian government toward the Slovene speaking ethnic minority passed to United Italy by the Treaty of Vienna. The Italian government **NEVER DID** and still today **DOES NOT** formally acknowledge the **STATUS OF MINORITY** to its Slovene population of the Province of Udine, which explains why this area of today's Slovene minorities in Italy is not included in any already accepted or new proposed Italian regulations of the **STATUS OF SLOVENE MINORITY** in the *Repubblica Italiana* today.

The denationalization process in mountainous Beneska Slovenija, depriving of nationality the native population of the land, used to begin already in kindergarten and elementary schools with four to six year old children. During more than one hundred years, the Beneska Slovenija children never have heard their native language, Slovene, in any school subject. Moreover, the generations of Beneska

Slovenija youth were struck above all by the desperate economical situation which promoted their departure from their villages for West European emigration centers.

While we, members of the American Slovene Congress, do not know whether any diplomatic steps have been taken by the government of the Republic of Slovenia to protect the rights of the Slovene minority in the Italian Veneto and Udine regions, the question was raised as to what extend the **World Slovene Congress** and in particular the **American Branch**, should be impressing its views on the government of Slovenia and its policies when it takes decision of vital interest to Slovenes outside the borders of the Republic of Slovenia.

We wish to propose, the creation of an American Slovene Congress Information Center for the Internationalization of the Questions of Basic Human Rights of the Slovene Minorities and of the unchanged anti-Slovene discriminatory laws still in existence in the Italian Veneto and Udine regions.

This article was originally published in the first issue of *Zapiski* chronicle of the American Slovene Congress, dated autumn 1996 and submitted to the American Home by its editor, Paul Barbarich of Brownsburg, IN fax: 317-846-2130.

Slovenian play at Cultural Center

The Toronto Dramatic Society of Canada is coming to perform a Slovenian play on Saturday evening, April 12 at 7:30 p.m., at the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont, Illinois.

It's a comedy about two neighbors who argue over the boundaries of their farms. One is named Križ and the other Kraž.

There is music, too, and singing. Everyone is invited to this happy event.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, half for children, and those under 6 are admitted free.

Slovenia's All Star Chorus to Sing in Cleveland

Over the years, numerous choral groups from Slovenia have performed in Cleveland. In virtually every appearance these choirs presented the rich tradition of Slovenian song culture to the delight of the audiences. These groups often represented a particular town or region of the country, or as in some cases a particular profession.

On May 2nd, the Cleveland Slovenian Community will have the opportunity to hear Slovenia's "all star" choir - the **"Emil Adamic" mixed chorus**. The choir is comprised of music educators from throughout Slovenia who themselves are responsible for directing over 90 different children, youth or adult choirs throughout Slovenia. The group truly represents the finest singers in Slovenia and their musical abilities will certainly impress those who hear them.

The choir has received numerous awards in Slove-

nia and Europe and has performed throughout Europe. The chorus is under the direction of Professor Dr. Mirko Slosar, who many may remember from his appearances in Cleveland as director of the Trzaski Oktet. The Adamic group's performance in Cleveland will include arrangements of Slovenian folk songs, as well as sacred and secular music by both Slovenian and foreign composers.

The Slovenian American Heritage Foundation cordially invites, and strongly encourages, all to attend what promises to be an exceptional performance of Slovenian choral music.

The concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2nd at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home. Tickets will be available at the door the evening of the program, or can be obtained by calling 481-1985.

SNH friends celebrate

10th anniversary

We are happy to announce "Friends of the Slovenian National Home Inc." will celebrate their 10th Anniversary on Sunday, June 1st at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home.

A delicious dinner will be prepared by Julie Zalar and her staff. Glasbena Matica will be included in the program for your listening enjoyment and music will be furnished by the Slogars for your dancing pleasure.

Further details will be forthcoming.

--Sylvia Plymesser

John Michael Telich Taylor makes debut

Jan and John Telich of Euclid, Ohio proudly announce the birth of their 15th grandchild, **John Michael Telich Taylor** on April 4th weighing in at 9 pounds, 2 ozs., and 19-1/2 inches tall.

Happy parents are Mary Jo and Vernon Taylor of Willowick, Ohio.

The new baby's siblings include Christopher, Stanley, Kelsey, Gabriella and Vernon III.

Congratulations to all!

Band Concert

St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) Community Band, under the direction of John Nemeč, will present a concert on Sunday, April 20 in the school hall at 6 p.m.

This band was formed at the request of Father John Kumse. They had their first exposure during St. Mary's 90th Anniversary Festival in November of last year at Slovenska Pristava.

Tickets will be sold at the door.

--Marie March

Pancake Breakfast

A Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by St. Mary (Collinwood) PTU will be held on Sunday, April 13, in the school cafeteria from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$3.50 for adults.



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Noticed that last week's article by John Mercina was for the birds.

People have asked me, "After working at the American Home for over 30 years, what is the most important thing you have learned?" I always answer honestly, "Never park under the Linden tree next door."

And that goes double for Spring when Robin Verhose sends some of her feathered friends flying over from the New York Stock Exchange.

Notice how all the robins are plump in the spring? Too much žganci.

Robin Verhose is always asking me, "What kind of birds do they have in Slovenia?" People ask me a lot of things, but Robin is the only one who asks about robins. I wonder why. Usually robins bring with them warmer weather and other robins. They must like to flock around together. It was 75 degrees over the weekend, but 25 degrees Tuesday and Wednesday night. To the robins: please be a little more consistent. After all, we are now on Daylight Savings Time. It is not supposed to mean we have more daylight to shovel show.

Being a good Slovenian, I tried to find out. (What kind of birds do they have in Slovenia.) I inquired on the Internet. My search engine found a web page called Slovenian Natural World. They had a category that was just what I was looking for, "Birds of the Northern Adriatic Region."

I hit the 'open' button, but the answer came back, "No such file." I was dismayed.

On the Internet I have found the entire history of Slovenia dating back for 1,400 years. I have information about politics, princes, dukes, poets, cities, castles, churches, shrines, forests, fossils, roadside chapels, concert halls, radio and TV stations, rivers, bridges, theaters, restaurants, architects, the accessibility of the mountains, lakes, gostilnas, vino, kozoleci, plus pole beans, bike paths, hiking paths, car paths, bridle paths, cow paths, but NOWHERE is there anything about birds.

Why is that? Aren't there any birds in Slovenia?

You go to a travel agent. You see the nice brochures about Central America.

What's on the cover? Beautiful birds. All kinds of birds - hundreds of magnificent birds, 200 varieties in Costa Rica, alone. There are macaws, parrots, parakeets, myna birds.

You look at the brochures of South America. The same thing. More birds.

Try the United States. Their national symbol? A bird (the bald eagle). Look at a dollar bill - same thing, another eagle. Have a quarter? See the pretty eagle.

How about Ohio? Their bird is a beautiful red cardinal, the only all red bird in the world.

Do you know what the state birds are from Connecticut, Michigan, and Wisconsin? It's the stately robin.

At Christmas we sing about a partridge. The last song President John F. Kennedy heard was, "Yellow Bird." Boston's favorite basketball player is Larry Byrd.

You've heard about the Baltimore oriole, New Mexico's famous road runner, and been humiliated by the mocking bird. Everyone in America sees a house sparrow which is actually a weaver finch.

Each morning I'm awakened by the rat-tat-tat sounds of a woodpecker and a noisy hooting owl.

In spring we see Mallard ducks; in Miami their ducks look like turkeys. Even Canada sends their gigantic geese here to fertilize the ground. (And to think they complain because we send *smoke* up their way - ha).

There are 9,000 types of birds in the world.

Wait a minute. I have good news for Robin. Driving on the 2-lane autobahn in Slovenia (through towns and villages) at 160 kilometers an hour (that translates to approximately 200 mph) we whirled past one of the most famous of all birds - the white stork sitting on its nest on top of a chimney. I didn't remember it earlier because we only got a blurry glimpse of it as our driver hurriedly passed by.

The stork is respected and protected. But best of all - it is believed to bring *good luck*. That is, except if it's a little chilly out and you start a fire in the *peč* and the smoke can't get out because there's a family of storks sitting on a nest over the chimney. But the bird is considered good because it nurtures its own, like exemplary parents.

But what are the other type of birds in Slovenia? All is not lost. I have an idea. There are a few hundred people traveling to

Slovenia this summer. If everyone took one picture of a bird and make an extra copy of it, and sent it to us with the name of the location where they were photographed - then Robin Verhose will have her answer plus, we *ALL* will know what type of birds there are in Slovenia. This is a worthy endeavor, the results of which we all anxiously await.

Remember, only *you* Slovenian travelers can make it happen. And bear in mind to take the pictures *before* you go into the local gostilna.

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While searching for the birds of Slovenia I came across another "Natural World" item. It was titled "Songs of Cicadas from Slovenia and Istria (Croatia)".

The Slovene Museum of Natural History in Ljubljana has a unit for capturing natural audio and video documentation of Slovenian cicadas. There are eight varieties in Slovenia.

But the great item here is the Slovenian naturalists went and recorded the sounds. But you have to have a "bat or ultrasonic detector" to hear them. Fear not; the good people of Slovenia have translated the sound so everyone can hear them - on their home computer. I downloaded the sound and sure enough there was about six seconds of the songs of Slovenian cicadas.

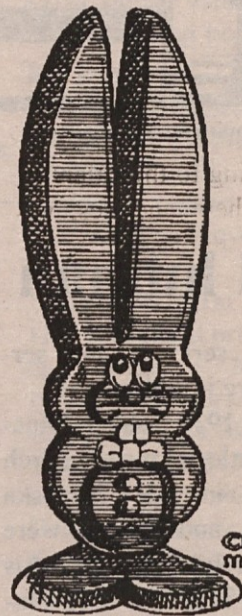
Imagine that. And to think there are still some Doubting Thomas' around who are not yet convinced of their *need* to own their very own computer. The world of nature is everywhere, and if you don't feel like tramping around the Slovenian woods listening for cicadas (which you can't hear anyhow), you can always turn to the Internet. As John Mercina says, "The days aren't long enough."

And the computer takes less room than a piano. Even if you don't know how to work one, it's a great conversation piece. If you had a piano in the middle of your

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(The editor of Ameriška Domovina received some of the above Amish Silly Putty from yours truly - in case he thought it was some kind of a belated April Fool's joke.)

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living room, someone would always come visiting and say, "Can you play 'Melancholy Baby'?" Sometimes there is no one in the family who can play the piano. It is used mainly for decoration and holding up family photos.

But a computer - ah - you never put it in the center of the living room. It's always in a side room somewhere where you leave the door open a little, so visitors can glance at it as they pass by and remark, "Oh, I see you have a computer." And you can proudly respond, "Yes, indeed."

Even if you don't know how to work it, nobody will say, "Can you play chopsticks on your computer?" And it's too small to hold family pictures, so every once in a while you can turn it on (if you can figure out how) and watch the screen and type on the keyboard like you're doing something important, and everyone visiting will be amazed at your ability, and good Slovenian common sense, which is not for the birds.

Spisich, Kogovsek wedding

On Saturday, April 12 in St. Vitus Church in Cleveland, Ohio, Amy M. Spisich will marry David J. Kogovsek at a noon Mass and wedding ceremony.

Amy is the daughter of Geraldine and Frank Spisich of Wickliffe, Ohio. David is the son of Ivanka and Frank Kogovsek of Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

Congratulations to all!

Mother's Day Program

The St. Vitus Slovenian Language School is holding their annual program in honor of Mothers on Saturday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend the program.

Ivo Ravnik submits article

Ivo Ravnik of California submitted the article about Diana Fir published in the March 20th edition of the American Home.



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St. Clair Pensioners News

Now that Easter is behind us, we will be looking forward to the coming event of the St. Clair Pensioners Club Annual Dinner of Chicken and Roast Pork. It will be held on Sunday, April 27th, at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home at 6417 St. Clair Avenue. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., and serving is scheduled for 1 p.m.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, do so now. Ticket purchases and reservations should be made by April 23rd at the latest. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the door. The cook needs sufficient time for the necessary purchases and preparations. Again, I say, do not put off getting your tickets. *Do it now and enjoy the afternoon with friends!* And who knows, maybe John, Mary, Francka and many others that you haven't seen for a long time, will possibly be attending the dinner. How nice it will be to spend some time in exchange of pleasantries and other delightful conversation.

There is more. Music for listening pleasure and yes, for dancing also, if you so

desire. We also may have some "Lucky Pick" tickets still available. And who knows, it may be your lucky day. The prizes are cash prizes.

According to the calendar Spring is here and yes, we have had samplings of beautiful sunshine and ideal warm weather. I do not doubt that we all enjoyed those few samplings, but when will we get the real thing... the "Good old summer time" days, and many of them? It sure would be nice to enjoy a stretch of "shirt sleeve" sunny days.

I have not had many reports on the condition of our ailing members, which could mean that they are making good progress. We certainly hope that is true.

Bertha Vidmar who had serious back surgery, has been transferred from Euclid Meridia to Wickliffe Country Place. I am told that she met up with Jean Booth there and that they are roommates there. Bertha, according to the reports we receive, is making good progress in her therapy, is already up and around to some degree. Three cheers for Bertha!

Member Josephine Gorenec, who is in the Grande Pointe nursing facility is waiting for a transfer to St. Augustine Manor. She is pleased with Grande Pointe, and probably will miss leaving there. In turn, I hear that she is well liked at Grande Pointe. In fact she was pictured in a recent issue of the Grande Pointe news bulletin. Hurrah for Josephine! Hurrah for the Slovenians. Good luck, Josephine.

Continue your prayers for Antonia Selesnik that she may make a complete recovery from her stroke. And remember Rose Poprik, Josephine Mohorcic, Margaret Kaus, Jean Booth, Stanley Martincic and any other ailing members who are plagued with their particular ailments. A cheerful card will help to comfort someone.

The date for our coming meeting is Thursday, April 17th in the Kenik Room of the St. Clair Slovenian National Home. Meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Dinner tickets will be available. Did you get yours?

--Stanley J. Frank

Tribute to Art Perko

I am sitting in my chair, pen in hand, waiting for some thoughts to arrive.

On Sunday, April 6, my east side Slovenian buddy and I with our lovely wives, spent a happy afternoon at Slovenian Society Home (Recher Hall) in Euclid, Ohio.

All were there to do their last dance with the Art Perko Band, and enjoy Don Wojtila's Band, as they shared the stage with the great Art Perko.

Many celebrities were on stage with Art Perko. Tony Petkovsek did a fine job on the introductions. Mr. Bucar, also from 1330 AM did some introductions. "Val the Polka Gal" 830 AM was on stage also. Many musicians joined the Perko Band for one or two polkas, including several accordionists.

The music was crisp and in unison. Its electricity bounced notes from wall to wall, ceiling to floor, finally peppering all the dancers and listeners. I was in heaven; my kind of music.

Every type of dance step was seen on the dance floor. All captivated by the beautiful music that drove their rhythm. I would go again

tomorrow; it was that memorable.

The people in the hall seemed to share the same good nature. Everywhere, there was a pleasant feeling, not always experienced at other gatherings.

I walked up to Tony Petkovsek, shook his hand. I asked, "Would you take a paper from me to announce on your radio program?" He said, "Yes," took it from me and put it in his vest pocket. If I was a pain, he didn't show it. It was appreciated.

I talked to "Val, the Polka Gal." She, too, was kind enough to take my paper to read on her program. It, too, was appreciated.

If you listen to Tony Petkovsek or Val the Polka Gal, two very popular announcers, and you hear about the Polka Mass anniversary, it could be my note.

Art Perko's great CD just ended, as should this tale of a great musical, Slovenian afternoon.

Thank you Art Perko and Band for a most enjoyable afternoon, and thank you Don Wojtila and Band. Art's leaving has been tempered by your great performance today.

--Rudy Flis

Slovenian Ski CDs & Hats for Sale

Mr. and Mrs. Krulc and Joze Novak and son Joey returned from Slovenia last week. They were there to watch Primoz Peterka jump at Planica. Joze brought back some CDs that he has for sale.

The CD's are titled "25 Letnica Velikanke v dolini pod Poncami." The CDs were made to celebrate the 25th year jubilee of the giant Planica ski-jump, the largest in the world.

The CD includes 6 Avsenik "hits" with a skiing and ski jumping theme including the infamous "Planica, Planica."

Also on the CD is a brief statement by World Cup overall ski jumping and ski flying champion Primoz Peterka. The inside cover features an autographed team picture of the Slovenian national ski jumping team.

The CD is available in very limited quantities for \$10.00 from Joze Novak. Tel.: 216-256-6327.

The hats are in Slovenian colors of the flag (white, blue, red), with a silhouetted ski jumper lettered with "Primoz" on the front. Youth and adult sizes are available for \$8.00 each.

--Stan Krulc, Jr.

Dr. Zenon A. Klos

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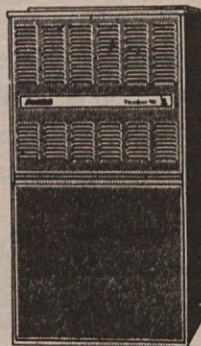
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Four Maryknoll Missionaries departed for our First Mission Area in South China in September of 1918. Today our Society serves in 30 foreign countries, in Asia, Africa and in South America.

In the *Acts of the Apostles (17:16-34)* we read of St. Paul's journey to preach to the peoples of Greece. At Areopagus in Athens he noticed an altar dedicated to "unknown god." Paul told them he came to reveal this unknown "God." We missionaries follow his example.

To teach the Catholic Faith we use movies, plays, TV and formal class instructions. Two to three years of formal study and regular church attendance are required before baptism. And, spiritual growth needs to follow.

I was ordained on June 13, 1953 and sent to our Mission in Taiwan (Formosa). In our language school with the aid of two teachers I learned enough Mandarin and Taiwanese and their culture to be assigned, in 1954, to open a new mission in Tung Siao in Miaoli. Here I continued to study the languages and culture and I am still learning.

Being the only white person for miles, I was an object of curiosity and gossip. But thanks to God's grace, people joined the Church and a new Catholic community was started in Miaoli.

In 1956 I was transferred to Yuanli. Again I was the only white person for miles but this time I was also the only Catholic for miles around. Being a foreigner my presence was known al-

most at once. I began to introduce myself to religious and civic leaders of the city. Soon I was invited to teach English at the local public Junior High School.

This was a blessing because I soon got to know the pupils, parents and teachers. Some of these parents and students became the first converts and some of the teachers became our first choir.

After a few years, it was time to build our church. It was we named Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The building has three wings: Church, rectory and a small school/hall. At Easter we invited the town's people to a movie, "The Life of Christ." After the movie an elderly lady said, "What took you so long to come to teach us about this loving God?" From then on she was at Mass each Sunday walking over an hour each way; she was more than 80 years of age.

For two years she attended our religion class. When the catechist tested her for her knowledge of faith she was so scared and confused that she forgot a number of definitions of our faith. The catechist failed her. In tears, she said, "Father, I may not live long enough to be baptized." I baptized her the following Sunday.

She became a model to all Catholics and non-Catholics alike. She died a few years later and the number of people who attended the funeral was so large that our church and hall and court yard hardly held all Catholics and non-Catholics who came to honor her.

As the parish struggled with its mortgage payments, God gave us another challenge. In a little wagon, three young children brought their sick mother to the church for help. I drove her to the nearest hospital but she was too weak and the ride too long; she did not survive. The parishioners made a promise to

the relatives who took in the children that they will help financially; the family was non-Christian.

Our people kept their word and because of their goodness and God's grace, a number of new converts came to instructions and were baptized. It was also this incident that prompted our parish together with the town's people and state officials to build a hospital, poor in USA standards but good for Taiwan at the time when the country was still a third world. I was made the "chaplain" for all patients.

There was another project that Sacred Heart of Jesus parishioners had to try, again with the town's business cooperation. To find jobs at home for the local girls, we built a glove factory. This helped the local economy.

I was stationed in Yuanli for 25 years. Now it was time to move on. The Bishop had a job for me in Taichung Diocese. But I must confess that it gives me joy when annually, a bus full of people come from Yuanli to my present mission in Peitou.

(To Be Continued)

Father Francis Rebol's brother is Father Anthony Rebol of St. Lawrence church, 3547 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH 44105, and contributions to help the Slovenian missionary in Taiwan may be sent to Fr. Anthony Rebol at the above address. He will forward the donations to Father Francis Rebol in Taiwan.

Slovenska Pesem Concert

Slovenska Pesem Chorus will present its annual concert on Saturday, May 3 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Slovenian Cultural Center, 14252 Main Street, Lemont, IL. Helen Rozman Williams will direct.

The concert will be followed by a social with food and beverages available.

Adult tickets are \$8.00, and children under age 12 will be admitted free. Tickets are available from members or at the door.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a night of Slovenian music and song.

In Memory

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Baskovic of Willoughby Hills, Ohio sent in a \$40.00 donation in memory of **Joseph and Rose Baskovic, and John and Frances Roznik.**

Many thanks.

Homeowners Meet

Perry Homeowners (Cleveland) will meet on Tuesday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at the Kovacic Recreation Center.

Meet with the police, business representatives, and residents to work out solutions on dealing with the "youth" who are throwing rocks and generally up to no good.

Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will have their monthly "krofe" sale on Saturday morning, April 12 from 8 a.m. on, in the Social Room.

Home made noodles will also be available.

Thanks

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Nifty Kollander Polka Tours this year and next

By **Joey Tomsick**

Over 200 polka fans converged on the beautiful shop "Costa Romantica" for one full week during the Kollander Travel "All Star Polka Cruise"! The 7-day Eastern Caribbean cruise was hosted by some of America's favorite polka personalities, and featured daily polka parties in the Tango Ballroom, from March 9th through the 16th.

The cruisers danced to the music of Frankie Yankovic, Jeff Pecon, Joe and Gene Fedorchak, Roman Possedi, Joey Tomsick, John Gerl, Denny Bucar and John Tasz.

Other personalities included radio host and polka promoter Tony Petkovsek and the "Polka Priest" Fr. Frank Perkovich, who delivered a memorable "Polka Mass" just before arriving in the Caribbean port of Nassau. By the way, Fr. Perk's original Polka Mass recordings have now been released onto compact disc. Adding to the musical excitement aboard the ship were several button box entertainers, concertina artist Bob Mosen from Wisconsin and California's Gary Siebert who was vacationing with wife, Phyllis.

One of the major highlights of the week was the standing ovation for America's 83-year-old "Polka King" Frankie Yankovic who "wowed" the audience with his renditions of "Just Because Polka" and "Blue Skirt Waltz." Frank truly is the all-time polka king.

The All Star Polka Cruise was certainly a major event for '97 Kollander group happenings. This year the agency celebrates its 30th anniversary of polka tours, and next year will mark its

75th year of operation. To celebrate, Kollander has put together an outstanding calendar of tours featuring a variety of destinations and polka hosts.

This summer **Branson, Missouri** will be visited by many Kollander clients as Walter Ostanek, Tony Petkovsek and Joey Tomsick have a tour there from May 30 - June 3; Adam Barthall from June 1 - 6, and Gene Fedorchak and Merle Kumik from July 20 - 25. Our Branson tours feature airline arrangements into St. Louis, complete transportation to Branson and all the included shows, with dinners and breakfasts, and deluxe hotel accommodations. Also this summer, retired bandleader Tony Klepec and his friend Slavko Strasser have a tour planned to **Slovenia, Austria and Germany** from June 26 - July 10. This two week journey will highlight much of the breathtaking scenery of these areas and we'll participate in the traditional IZSELJENKA MATICA Picnic in Ribnica.

In August, Cleveland's Betty Rotar will escort a group aboard Celebrity Cruises sailing the beautiful Southbound Glacier cruise through **Alaska**. This is certainly the cruise of a lifetime, and will sail August 15 - 22.

Vocalist Eddie Kenik looks forward to returning to **Slovenia** with Don and Rose Slogar and Tony Petkovsek from Sept. 9-20. This 12 day tour will feature the very best of several regions of the country along with the finest in entertainment. New York Bandleader Adam Brthalt will again travel to the exciting **Oktoberfest** in Munich for his annual Polkafest Tour. Besides Germany, this

year's adventure will also include **Austria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic**, and departs Sept. 14 - 28.

Kollander's Annual Grand Polka Festival in **Las Vegas** continues to grow in popularity as we will mark the 3rd year in a row for this event. Hundreds of polka fans from across the U.S. and Canada are expected to attend this year's dances at the downtown Plaza Hotel, Sept. 14-18. By the way, groups from Cleveland will be hosted by Hank Haller and Joe Fedorchak, while Canadians can join Walter Ostanek.

It looks like a busy fall for the Joe Fedorchak Band as they will also embark on a first time polka tour to **Aruba** from November 8 - 15. This 8-day package includes the airfare from Cleveland (with other cities available) and accommodations at the deluxe Wyndham Aruba Beach Resort. Slovenian singer Cecilia Dolgan hopes to travel "down under" with accordionist Matt Grdadolnik this November on a big tour to Australia. Watch for further details on this journey in the near future.

Looking ahead to next year, Kollander World Travel is planning an extensive calendar of special tours like the **All Star Polka Tour to Hawaii** in the spring, a Gary Seibert Polka Cruise through the **Panama Canal** in March, and an **All Star Polka Tour to Slovenia** in June. So far, some of the All Star Hosts include Jeff Pecon, Joey Miskulin, Lou Trebar and Roman Possedi.

Our brochures on many of these tours are now available and you can call the office at 692-1000 in Cleveland or anywhere in the U.S. at 1-800-800-5981

Jadran Spring Concert

April 12 at Waterloo Hall

This coming Saturday, April 12th the Jadran Singing Society will present its Spring concert/ Dinner/ Dance at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, under the direction of Reginald Resnik.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with the serving of dinner which will include homemade Chicken Dumpling Soup, Breaded Chicken, Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, Bread and Butter, Dessert and Coffee. Milka Krulc and her staff will prepare this delicious dinner.

Starting at 7, our skit entitled "Forget-Me-Not Village Revisited" is certain to delight the most discriminate listener. In addition to the entire chorus performing, we will feature a quartet, octet,

the Button Box Players, the duet of Marge Candow and her father Clarence Rugar and soloist Florence Unetich.

The Fred Ziwich Orchestra will play for your dancing pleasure from the conclusion of the program until 12 midnight.

We encourage you to come and join us for a most delightful evening.

Tickets are available by calling either Dolores Dobida at 951-1694 or Betty Rotar at 481-3187. Reservations may also be made by getting your tickets at the Polka Hall of Fame on E. 222nd Street and Babbitt Road or at the SWH Club Room. We'd love to see you there!

--Betty Rotar, President

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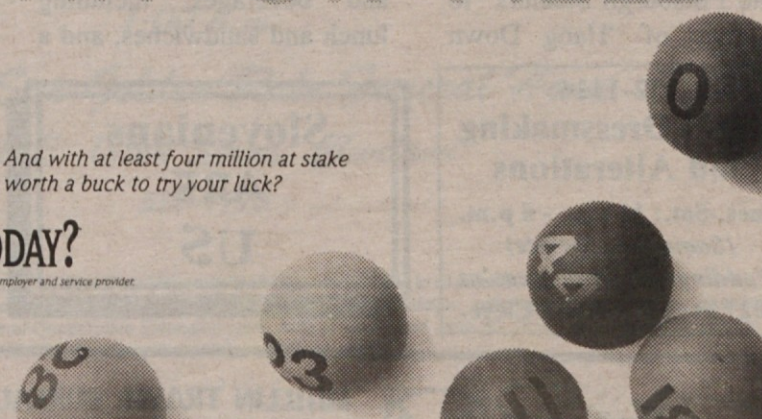
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Zeke & Charlie, popular Vrtovsnik brothers provide entertainment at Slovenian Socials. Pictured left to right, Charlie and Eddie (Zeke).

Super Button Box Bash features 21 bands

The Super Button Box Bash XI will be held on Sunday, April 13 from noon to 9 p.m. in the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio.

Showcased will be 21 accordion bands. For vocal music admirers, two choirs, the adult Western Pennsylvania Cultural Group and the SNPJ Slovenian Junior Chorus of Euclid (sponsors of the Bash), are on the nine hour entertainment schedule.

Here's a thumbnail sketch of longtime friends of the children's chorus - they've played and supported the youngsters for 30 years - Zeke and Charlie, who are in the lineup of bands. The Vrtovsnik brothers - Eddie (Little Zeke) and Charlie play the button box and banjo. Whether it is a for the benefit of the Slovenian National Home or a friend's wedding, the brothers put on a show, for the fun of it.

The Vrtovsnik boys got together with their friends, talented musicians, the late Frank Zitko, Sr., Tony Spental, Don Slapnik, and Steve Valencic to make music informally. In fact they first called themselves "The Unknowns."

But their hearty attack on Slovenian folk songs, humorous lyrics parodying people and places - who can forget "Hang Down Your Head Pittsburgh Steelers" to the tune of "Hang Down

Your Head Tom Dooley" - and of course the glib, mostly biting monologues by Eddie, vigorous vocals by Charlie, has brought them notoriety.

A polka written in their honor gave them their moniker "Zeke and Charlie." The Polka Hall of Fame honored them with the annual award in the button box category. Good-hearted, happy, boisterous, unique sound - all describe Zeke and Charlie.

But they are only one of the 21 bands, just as individual in style and talent in presenting Slovenian-style music, on the Bash program. From Canada, Lipa Park Button Box Club of St. Catharine's, Ontario. Four ensembles from Pennsylvania are penciled in throughout the day in two halls.

The winner of this year's Polka Hall of Fame awards will be on board to play their button accordion renditions and receive honors. They are individual Lynn Marie Rink, who wrote and played two button accordion songs on a Grammy-winning album of the Jimmy Stirr Orchestra. She is coming in from her home in Nashville, TN. Group winner Cleveland Lake Erie Ensemble will entertain at 4:15 p.m.

Aside from the music which begins at noon and continues until 9 p.m., food and beverages, including lunch and sandwiches, and a

bake sale featuring homemade donuts and strudel, will be available.

Fred Ziwich, the music maestro, will demonstrate a MIDI computerized accordion model at 5 p.m. Frankie Spetich, music store owner of Barberton, Ohio, will offer button accordion sheet music and information about his method of instruction, during the day.

The following bands are participating: Cleveland Lake Erie Ensemble Euclid Slovenian Chromatic Club, Euclid Squeezeboxers, Fairport Polkaters, Happy Timers, Herminie PA Button Box Club, Homesteaders Band, The Hoboes, Lipa Park Button Box Club, Magic Buttons, Magic City Showcase, Mahoning Valley Button Box Club, Maple Heights Button Box Club, Medina Button Box Club, Music Makers, Northern Ohio Players, Simcic's II, West Park Button Box Club, Western PA SNPJ Button Box Club, Yukon PA Button Box Club, and Zeke & Charlie and Friends.

Tickets are available at the door for \$6, or at the Polka Hall of Fame, E. 222nd St., and Babbitt Road in Euclid.

For further information call Agnes Turk at 531-7168 or Cecilia Dolgan at 944-7303.

Pessimists always take the cynic route.

The bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are the same people.

McDonald's does well in Slovenia

LJUBLJANA (Reuter) -

The Slovenian branch of McDonald's {MCD.N} said on Friday its sales rose to 1.2 billion tolar (\$7.8 million) in 1996 from 750 million tolar a year earlier, but refused to reveal profit figures.

The company which opened its first restaurant in Slovenia in December 1993, said sails were up mainly due to the opening of three new restaurants in Slovenia last year, taking the total number of restaurants to eight.

It said it would open four new restaurants in Slovenia this year as investment would rise to \$4.0 million from \$3.3 million in 1996.

The total number of customers at Slovenian McDonald's restaurants rose by 35 percent to 2.5 million in 1996 and the company said it expected to have about four million customers this year.

--Marja Novak, Ljubljana newsroom article submitted by: Robin Verhose

DID YOU KNOW
Slovenia...

Joseph Zelle

Slovenian Alpine Society in Bariloche, Argentina honored 3 of its old-timers: 85-year old Jozse Burja, 75-year old Blaz Razinger and 71-year old Janez Drajzbnar. They were greeted by the society's president, Matjaz Jerman. Dr. Vojko Arko briefly sketched the lives and accomplishments of the jubilarians. Congratulations!

GLAS SLOVENIJE The Voice of Slovenia. is a bi-weekly newspaper published in Sidney, Australia. Its editor is Stanka Gregoric. The address is PO Box 411 Harris Park, 2150 Sidney, NSW, Australia. Fax: (02) 9897 3213.

Alfred Breznik is the honorary consul for the Republic of Slovenia in Sidney, Australia.

Dusan Lajovic is honorary consul for the Republic of Slovenia in New Zealand.

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DEATH NOTICES

FRANK BITTENC

Frank Bittenc, 91, passed away on Saturday, April 5th in Hospice House.

Frank was born in Cleveland and was a resident of East Cleveland for 60 years, where he served as an Auxiliary Policeman for 36 years.

Mr. Bittenc was a member of the Waterloo Pensioners and served as President for three years. He was active at the Workmen's Home and served on the Board of Directors for over 50 years.

He was honored as Man of the Year in 1969. Mr. Bittenc was a member of AMLA No. 9.

Mr. Bittenc was retired in 1977 from Bud Radio where he was employed in time study.

Frank was the husband of Albina (nee Moro); the father of Maryann Schaffer, Frank Raik and Linda Bittenc Muramoto; grandfather of three; great-grandfather of seven; and brother of John, William (deceased), Raymond (deceased); Mary Gorup, Sally Smith (deceased), Ray Moro, and Joy Lenassi.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8 at Christ the King Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Donations to Hospice House in his memory would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements by Zele Funeral Home.

HENRY F. OJNIK

Henry F. Ojnik, 71, passed away in Hospice House on Saturday, April 5th.

Henry was born in Cleveland. He was employed as a cement finisher through the Bricklayers Union Local 16.

Henry was the father of Sr. M. Gabriel (Mary Ann) S.J.S.N.; the brother of Jennie Vales (deceased); uncle of Tom, Jennie, Elizabeth and Tony.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8, at St. Mary Church. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery.

Donations to Hospice House in his memory would be appreciated by the family. Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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MARGARET STANICK

Margaret Stanick (nee Sekerak), 85, died on Saturday, April 5th in the Slovene Home for the Aged.

Margaret was the widow of Philip; the mother of Barbara Schiller (deceased) and Joan (John) Medvesek; grandmother of Sheron, Alex and Marie; sister of Joseph, Charles, Kate Flasch, Helen Hussey, Ann Guenther and Pauline (all deceased).

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 8, at Zele Funeral Home. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery.

MARTHA ZACK

Martha Zack (nee Secolic) passed away in Manor Care Lake Shore on Tuesday, April 1st.

Martha was born in Zagreb. She was a resident of Meredith Avenue in Euclid for 40 years. She was a seamstress at Fisher Body/Coit Road.

Martha was the widow of Martin; the sister of Edward (deceased), and Mary Hopkins; aunt of Ronald Secolic, Marilyn Hopkins Bansley, Ann Purcell and Jacqueline Brown; and great aunt of nine.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152nd Street Friday, April 4 prior to a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Christine Church. Entombment at All Souls Cemetery. Donations to a charity of your choice in her memory would be appreciated by the family.

JANICE A. MYLOTT

Janice A. Mylott (nee Pavsek), 46, wife of Dennis M.; mother of Brian P. and Kevin M.; daughter of Daniel L. and Helen A. (nee Femec) Pavsek; sister of Daniel A. of Winchester, VA, Irene M. Pavlinsky (husband Paul) and Marilyn H. Poklar of Winchester, VA; niece, aunt, cousin and friend of many.

Mass of Christian burial on Friday, April 4 at St. Rita Church at 10 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

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There are claims, too, that garlic improves memory, functions as an anti-oxidant, and lowers blood sugar. Give it to your dog and it improves his breath and helps control fleas.

If all of these findings turn out to be true - and the answers are far from conclusive - garlic, a member of the lily family just like onions and chives, may be routinely prescribed by your doctor. Its popularity is already soaring among those eager for simple solutions to their health problems. Sales of garlic supplements (pills, powders, capsules, extracts and oils) are booming.

According to Lynne Hill, dietician at the Garlic Information Center Hotline (800-330-5922) at New York Hospital-Cornel University Medical Center, research is underway at prestigious institutions, including Cornell, in an effort to penetrate the real story.

"My interpretation is that it looks very promising and the evidence so far seems to

show that consuming garlic may turn out to be one of the healthful things you can do for yourself," she says. "That doesn't mean, however, that it will be the cure for everything from World War III to hangnails. It is no panacea and should not be considered a primary treatment for disease. But it may be useful as an adjunct that can help protect your health."

Garlic and its relatives smell wonderful to some

people and repellent to others, but it seems that the chemical allicin that produces the odor is probably not important to its biological activities. Allicin is unstable and decomposes quickly when the raw cloves are cut or processed, converting to a variety of odorless sulfur compounds. It is these compounds that are being studied for their preventative and therapeutic possibilities.

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Ed Shusterich saluted with Volunteer Greening Award in Queens, NY

Biography: Ed Shusterich grew up in Ridgewood, (NY), lives in Middle Village. He went to L.I.U., for Business Administration, served in the Army (1951-1953), Korean War). Represents the first generation in his family to be born in America, of Slovenian descent (at the border of Austria). Married for 37 years, with three children. Two years involvement with Disabled Veterans. Worked for IBM. Winner of the 1995 Volunteer Greening Award, sponsored by City Parks and Chase.

How did you become Park Warden for 1996?

This is the first time they have done this. It stemmed from my initiative to fix up the Pullis Farm Cemetery in Juniper Park. I approached Dan Austin (C.E.O. at All Faith Lutheran Cemetery in Middle Village) back in 1993, offering to volunteer time to fix (Pullis) up. They responded very quickly with enthusiasm.

Many aren't even aware of Pullis Farm Cemetery, which is so small, contain-

ing maybe four plots. The cemetery was set up in 1846 with the burial of a child on land bought by Thomas Pullis in 1828. Only a handful of these colonial cemeteries remain. We finished renovating the cemetery in one week.

What are your responsibilities as park Warden?

I am not obligated to a set quota of time to weed, water, plant seeds, do promotins. It's basically when I can find time. For example, I contacted City Lights, which will donate a spotlight on a flagpole I just placed in the cemetery. There will be a dedication in October. Sometimes I ask landscapers to donate tools, topsoil, plants. People often donated a lot of these things on their own. Even joggers stop to help me out!

How much time do you dedicate to this work?

I would say about three times a week, about four hours each day.

What has motivated you to become so involved in the beautification of our borough?

I think it hit me one day, while walking my daughter's dog. As I passed Pullis Farm Cemetery and saw much debris, weeds, and trash, I thought, "If it could only look nicer". My ancestors grew up in the country and appreciated nature - some of that rubbed off on me. The most gratifying aspect is the fact that there are a lot of nice people who come to me and say, 'You're doing something nice. I want to help you.' It's contagious."

What plans do you have for the future?

I will continue volunteering my time and efforts to the community. I also plan to do research on my family's ancestry.

If you set an example, people will follow. The improvement of our community is a responsibility that goes back to the people.

--Linda Sheridan

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Shusterich is a member of the American Slovene Congress, Society for Slovene Studies, and Slovenian Genealogy Society.

Coming Events

Friday, April 11

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland beginning at 7:30 p.m. with Ken Zagar.

Saturday, April 12

Jadran Concert at Slovenian Workmen's Home. Contact: 481-3187.

Sunday, April 13

Super Button Box Bash 15 - SNPJ Circle 2 from 1 to 9 p.m., Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio - 20 orchestras.

Tuesday, April 15

Dubravka Tomsic, Slovenian pianist, in concert at Severance Hall.

Friday, April 18

Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. music by the Casuals.

Saturday, April 19

Primorski Club Dinner/dance at SNH on St. Clair Contact: 944-9049.

Sunday, April 20

St. Vitus Parish Breakfast, 8:30 to 12 noon featuring Sausages and Eggs. Donation \$4.50 adults, \$2.25 children.

Sunday, April 20

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Community Band, under direction of John Nemeč, concert in school hall at 6 p.m. Tickets at door.

Sunday, April 20

Slovenian National Home in Newburgh E. 80th along with the Slovenian National Home Maple Heights, is sponsoring a Testimonial Dinner Dance honoring Sister Albina Mulh and Clara Hrovat. Dinner at 2 p.m. Music by Dan Peters/Frank Moravcich Orchestras from 4-8 p.m. Donation \$15.00. Tickets call 341-6136 or 581-6744.

Saturday, April 26

Zarja 81st Spring Frolic Concert, Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio. Good Slovenian-style dinner from 5-6:30 p.m.; program: 7 p.m. Dancing follows, music by Jeff Pecon. Tickets \$17 each. Call 531-8402 or 531-5542.

Sunday, April 27

St. Clair Pensioners Club Chicken & Roast Pork Dinner. Serving at 1 p.m. Social to follow. For tickets call 486-0818 or 391-9761. Ticket purchases must be made by April 23rd.

Sunday, April 27

Dubravka Tomsic performs at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, MA.

Friday, May 2

Emil Adamič Chorus from Slovenia, 7:00 p.m., at Slovenian National Home,

6417 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Tickets call 481-2985.

Saturday, May 3

Slovenska Pesem Chorus annual concert, 7:30 p.m. at Slovenian Cultural Center, 14252 Main St., Lemont, Illinois. Helen Rozman directs. Adult donation \$8.00; children under 12 admitted free. Social follows. Food and beverages available.

Saturday, May 3

Annual Slovenian Festival, Middle Village, Queens, NY. Entertainment.

Sunday, May 4

All organizations of St. Mary's parish (Collinwood) sponsoring benefit dinner at 1 p.m. at Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Short program after dinner followed by dancing to the "Veseli godci" orchestra. Donation \$15. For tickets call 381-2602.

Sunday, May 11

Mother's Day Breakfast 9 to 12 noon at Slovenian National Home E. 80th St. \$6 adults, \$3 children under 8.

Friday, May 16

Annual Meeting of members of the Slovene Home for the Aged at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

St. Vitus Parish

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½ cup salad oil	½ cup all-purpose flour

In large bowl, mix bran cereal and wheat germ with boiling water, stirring to moisten evenly. Set aside until cool, then add eggs, buttermilk, oil, nuts, and honey; blend well.

In a separate bowl, stir together salt, baking soda, and flour until thoroughly blended; then stir into bran mixture. Bake at 425°F. for about 20 minutes. (Fill muffin tins about ¾ full).

Old World Chicken

- Boneless chicken breasts
- Seasoned bread crumbs
- Muenster cheese - sliced
- Wine

This is one of those recipes that you use "enough for your family." For 2 adults use 3 breasts and cheese slices. Maybe about 1/3 C crumbs and less than ¼ C wine. Use non-alcoholic wine, zinfandel.

Using a meat mallet or heavy cup, pound the chicken to flatten somewhat. Heat oven to 325 degrees. Dredge (coat) chicken with crumbs. Place in baking dish single layer. Sprinkle with about 1-2 Tablespoons wine. Bake for 20-30 minutes. Take out and place a slice of cheese on each piece of chicken.

Asparagus Chicken

Serving size: 6

- ♦ Whole chicken breasts - halved
- ♦ ¼ cup oil
- ♦ 4 teaspoons butter - melted
- ♦ ¼ cup flour
- ♦ ½ teaspoon salt
- ♦ 2 cups chicken broth
- ♦ ½ cup heavy cream
- ♦ ½ teaspoon Tabasco
- ♦ 16 ounces can of asparagus
- ♦ ½ cup Parmesan cheese - grated

Brown the chicken in oil. In a saucepan, add flour and salt to butter. Stir in chicken broth and cook until thick. Remove from heat; add cream and Tabasco.

Place asparagus in the bottom of a 9x13" casserole. Arrange the chicken on top of the asparagus. Pour sauce over the chicken and asparagus. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

Impeccable Apple Pie

- 9" double crust
- 7-8 medium tart apples, peeled/sliced
- about ¾ cup sugar
- about 1/3 cup flour
- 1 stick margarine
- cinnamon

Brush bottom crust with melted margarine. Place apples in crust, then just dump on the sugar and flour. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Slice 1 stick of margarine in numerous parts all over top of pie. Add top crust, vent well. Brush top with more melted margarine and sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Bake for about one hour at 325-350.



VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

Dr. Franc Rode posvečen za novega ljubljanskega nadškofa in slovenskega metropolita - Posvetil ga je dr. Alojzij Suštar

Preteklo nedeljo je bil v ljubljanski Stolnici slovesno posvečenje novega ljubljanskega nadškofa in slovenskega metropolita dr. Franca Rodeta. Posvetil ga je njegov prednik dr. Alojzij Suštar, soposvečevalca pa sta bila nadškofa dr. Franc Perko iz Beograda in dr. Alojzij Ambrožič iz Toronta. Slovesnosti so poleg številnih domačih in tujih predstavnikov katoliške in drugih Cerkev in islamske skupnosti udeležili tudi najvišji predstavniki slovenskega političnega in družbenega življenja. Med njimi so bili predsednik države Milan Kučan, predsednik parlamenta Janez Podobnik, podpredsednik vlade Marjan Podobnik, predsednik Svetovnega slovenskega kongresa dr. Jože Bernik, ljubljanski župan dr. Dimitrij Rupel, tuji diplomati, akreditirani v Sloveniji, predstavniki političnih strank in predsednik SAZU France Bernik.

V sklepnem nagovoru po posvečenju je dr. Rode dejal (po poročilu STA), »da mu je v tem trenutku jasno pred očmi dolžnost, da varuje edinstvo vere in red, ki je skupen vsej katoliški Cerkvi«, in poudaril, »da je tudi njegova prvenstvena naloga, da vernim kristjanom oznanja evangelij za poglobitev vere, neverujočim pa razodeva nedoumljivo Kristusovo bogastvo«.

V pozdravu predstavnikom državnih oblasti je nadškof dejal: »Dovolite mi, da si vašo navzočnost razlagam kot znamenje dobre volje za reševanje odprtih vprašanj med Cerkvijo in državo in kot pripravljenost, da ta vprašanja rešujemo s strpnim dialogom in v skladu z resnično istovetnostjo slovenskega naroda.« Ocenil je, da se bo potem lahko vsak na svojem področju posvetil prihodnjim nalogam, »v upoštevanju legitimne avtonomije in različnih pristojnosti, v duhu medsebojnega spoštovanja in sodelovanja za splošni blagor naroda in države«.

»Ko pa na pragu tretjega tisočletja sprejemam škofovsko odgovornost, se zavedam svoje človeške krhkosti, hkrati pa me navdaja neizmerno zaupanje v Božjo pomoč in

Marijino varstvo. Na to pot stopam s tisto vero - kot pravi Trubar - 'more an keršenik v tih nadlugah inu iskušnavah stati inu obstati' je ob koncu sklepnega nagovora dejal dr. France Rode.

Globok razkol v vrstah SKD

V vrstah SKD se je pojavila skupina, ki zahteva odstop vodstva stranke z Lojzetom Peterletom na čelu (gl. str. 11). V zadnjem tednu se je pa oglasila še druga skupina nezadovoljnih in hkrati zelo vplivnih članov SKD, ki tudi ima svoje predloge. O tej skupini je Slovenska tiskovna agencija pretekli ponedeljek takole poročala:

»Skupina 11 članov SKD, ki je javnosti in tajništvu stranke posredovala izjavo z naslovom 'Kakšno stranko hočemo' in zahteva čimprejšnji izredni kongres, je pojasnila, da nasprotujejo frakcijam in delitvi stranke, niso pa proti predsedniku stranke niti alternativa 'alternativi' (zopet gl. str. 11, op. ur. AD), prav tako jim 'ne gre za oblast'. Za takojšnji sklic kongresa se zavzemajo tudi zato, ker v nasprotnem obstaja nevarnost, da se stranka razdeli. Na vprašanje, ali skupina podpira sedanjega predsednika, nobeden od podpisnikov ni izrecno podprl Lojzeta Peterleta, o tem naj bi na volilnem kongresu odločal vsak po svoji presoji. Skupina vnaprej ni določila nobenega potencialnega kandidata. Izjavo je podpisalo 11 članov stranke (vodja poslanske skupine SKD Miroslav Mozetič, podpredsednica DZ in poslanka Helena Hren Vencelj, poslanec Ivan Božič, sekretar poslanske skupine Borut Sommeregger, bivši poslanci Jana Primožič, Miroslav Geržina in Nada Skuk, nekdanji direktor Litostroja Jože Duhovnik ter članica IO Margareta Atelšek, predsednik kmečkega gibanja pri stranki Janez Šušteršič in vrhniški župan Vinko Tomšič.«

V poročilu agencije Morel, ki je bilo posredovano po Internetu včeraj, piše: »Vse bolj kaže, da sedanje vodstvo, ki ga sestavljajo Peterle, Izidor Rejc in glavna tajnica Hilda Tovšak ostajajo vse bolj osamljeni...« Vprašanje je samo, dodaja, kako se bo do SKD opredelil še nadškof dr. France Rode.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Poroka—

To soboto se bosta v cerkvi sv. Vida poročila Amy M. Spisich in David J. Kogovsek. Nevesta je hčerka Geraldine in Franka Spisich, Wickliffe, O., ženin pa sin Ivanke in Franka Kogovška z Willoughby Hillsa. Iskrene čestitke!

V Rožmanov sklad—

Šopek neusahljivega cvetja, v spomin pokojnim, so darovali Mohorjevi družbi: ga. Ani Hočevnar, \$25, v spomin ob 9. obletnici smrti moža Ivana; ga. Ivanka Volčjak, \$20, ob 2. obletnici moža Jožeta, \$20 pa za spomin na Mayme Erjavec; ga. Ani Košir, \$20, za v Argentini umrlo Frances Stirn, \$20 sta priložila J. in M. Prosen. Darovalcem se lepo zahvaljuje pov. J. Prosen.

Zahvala—

Iz bolnišnice se je vrnila Ivanka Kete in se lepo zahvaljuje vsem, ki so se je spomnili v molitvi, ji poslali kartice, rože in darila. Vsem skupaj 'Bog lonaj'.

Sestanek—

V torek, 22. aprila, bo sestanek v Kovacic Rec. Center, ob 6. zv. Govorilo se bo o varnosti v senklerski soseščini.

Novi grobovi

Elsie Mesarchik

Umrla je 74 let stara Elsie Mesarchik, rojena Hrastar, vdova po Josephu, mati Josepha, stara mati Matthewa, sestra Marie Brunswick, Anne Krajc in Josephine Novak (vse že pok.). Pogreb bo iz Zak zavoda, 6016 St. Clair Ave., danes dop. ob 9.30, v cerkev sv. Vida ob 10. in od tam na pokopališče Whitehaven Memorial Park.

Frank J. Bittenc

Dne 5. aprila je v Hospice House umrl 91 let stari Frank J. Bittenc, rojen v Clevelandu, živel pa zadnjih 60 v East Clevelandu, mož Albine, roj. Moro, oče Maryann Schaffer, Franka Raika in Linde Bittenc Muramoto, 3-krat stari oče, 7-krat prastari oče, brat Johna, Mary Gorup, Fay Moro, Joy Lenassi ter že pok. Williama, Raymonda in Sally Smith, zaposlen do svoje upokojitve 1. 1977 pri Bud Radio, član ADZ št. 9, član direktorija SDD na Waterloo Rd. več kot 50 let in mož leta SDD I. 1969, član in 3 leta predsednik Kluba upokojencev na Waterloo Rd. Pogreb je bil 8. aprila v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Kristusa Kralja in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Henry F. Ojnik

Dne 5. aprila je v Hospice House umrl 71 let stari Henry (dalje na str. 16)

Preminula—

Včeraj je na svojem domu nenadno preminula 62 let stara Barbara A. Kogovsek iz South Euclida, O. Bila je žena Eugena Kogovska, predsednika KSKJ. Pokojna zapuščala tri sinove. Podrobnosti o pogrebu v Plain Dealerju.

Živahno v skupnosti—

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Dubravka Tomšič: V torek zvečer ima koncert v dvorani Severance slovenska pianistka Dubravka Tomšič. Vstopnice dobite tudi v dvorani pred koncertom.

Materinska proslava: Slovenska šola priredi v soboto, 19. aprila, zv. ob 6.30 v farni dvorani materinsko proslavo.

Primorski večer: Isti večer, 19. aprila, ima Primorski klub svoj Primorski večer v SND na St. Clairju. Za vstopnice, pokličite 953-9116.

Farni zajtrk: V nedeljo, 20. aprila, pripravlja fara sv. Vida zajtrk v šolskem avditoriju. Serviranje bo od 8.30 zj. do 12. ure. Imeli bodo tudi prodajo peciva.

Prvi koncert: V nedeljo, 20. aprila, ob 6. zv., ima nova godba na pihala pri Mariji Vnebovzeti svoj prvi koncert in sicer v šolski dvorani.

Upokojenci vabijo—

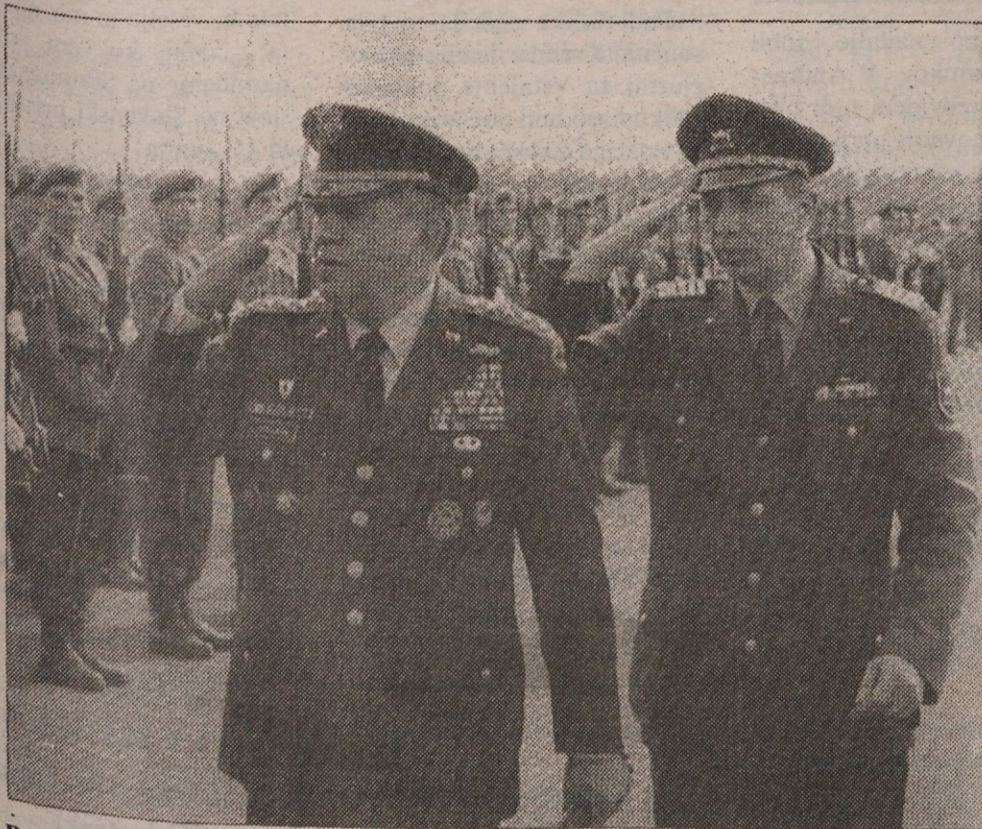
Klub upokojencev na St. Clairju vabi na svoje kosilo, ki bo v nedeljo, 27. aprila, s serviranjem ob 1. pop. Sledil bo ples. Za vstopnice, pokličite Stanleya Franka na 391-9761 ali pa zakonca Karnak na 486-0818.

Spominski dar—

G. Josef in ga. Marie Lah, Cleveland, O., sta darovala \$150 v podporo našemu listu, v spomin na g. Jakoba Mejač, g. Franka Cenkar in legendarnega »Laudon«, g. Franka Grčar st. Iskrena hvala.

Kompaktne plošče—

G. Jože Novak se je pravkar vrnil iz Slovenije in ima na razpolago kompaktne plošče »25-Letnica velikanke v dolini pod Poncami«. CD je posvečena jubileju te skakalnice, na njej je šest Avsenikov točk, tudi krajša izjava Primoža Peterka, ki je letos zmagal pri svetovnem pokalu. Člani letošnje slovenske ekipe so podpisali nekatere ovitke teh plošč. Če seanimate, kličite g. Novaka na tel. (216) 256-6327.



Pretekli teden je Slovenijo obiskal ameriški general George A. Joulwan, poveljnik Nata za Evropo. Njegov gostitelj je bil načelnik generalštaba slovenske vojske Albin Gutman. General Gutman je visokega gosta sprejel na brniškem letališču in z generalom Joulwanom pregledal častno stražo. Med obiskom se je gen. Joulwan srečal s slovenskim političnim in vojaškim vrhom ter izrazil splošno zadovoljstvo s slovensko udeležbo pri Partnerstvu za mir in drugimi aktivnostmi, povezanimi z Natom.

S P O M I N I

za zgodovino slovenskega naroda

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Nedelja, 6. aprila 1997, dan posvečenja novega nadškofa dr. Franca Rodeta, bo zapisana v zgodovino ljubljanske nadškofije.

Te dni mi prihaja v spomin taborišče Peggez ob vznožju Tirolskih gora, kjer je bilo 1945 in 1946 veliko slovenskih beguncev, ki smo bežali pred komunističnimi morilci. V taborišču so takoj organizirali katoliško slovensko gimnazijo, na kateri sta bila tudi dva študenta z imeni: Ambrožič in Rode, begunca, brez doma, člana »izdajalskih« družin, kot so nas begunce takrat komunisti in drugi Slovenci brez zdrave pameti imenovali. Dobil smo celo obisk komunističnega voditelja iz Ljubljane; bil je moj znanec iz domače vasi St. Jernej, znani Franc Pirkovič, s komunističnim imenom Čort, ki bo ostal v zgodovini zlasti Dolenjske kot eden krutih morilcev komunistične krvave drhali.

Na nedeljo, 6. aprila 1997, je prejel škofovsko posvečenje novi nadškof dr. Franc Rode, bivši študent na begunski gimnaziji v taborišču pri Lienzu v Tirolah. Ob škofovskem posvečenju dr. Rodeta je kot sopsvečevalec sodeloval njegov sošolec iz te gimnazije, sedaj nadškof torontski, dr. Alojzij Ambrožič.

Čudovit spomin na dogodke iz slovenske begunske zgodovine! Kdo izmed nas, ki smo bili v taborišču Peggez bi mogel takrat misliti, da bo kak begunski študent škof postal? Kdo bi si mogel predstavljati slovenski študent stolnici v navzočnosti ogromne množice ljudi? Življenje vsakega človeka je neka skrivnost, ki jo razume le Bog.

Ob tem posvečenju dr. Rodeta naj bo omenjen dogodek, ki razburja sovražnike novega nadškofa. Dr. Rode je izjavil, da mora katoliška mladina dobiti pouk o katoliškem nauku; z drugo besedo, sedanja šola nudi mladini nekatoliški pouk, kot je učila v času komunistične diktature. Petdeset let so učili katoliške otroke brezverni učitelji. Če si bil veren, nisi smel učiti v šolah. Koliko učiteljev je bilo izgnanih iz šol, ker jim komunisti niso zaupali pouka otrok.

Naj bi minister za šolstvo povedal, koliko učiteljev so komunisti umorili.

Ministru za šolstvo je nadškof jasno povedal: Glasbo naj poučuje človek, ki je za to usposobljen, arhitekturo arhitekt, medicino zdravnik, le vero ne bi smel poučevati človek z diplomom Teološke fakultete. Brezverni borbeni komunisti naj bi odločali torej, kdo bo učil verouk katoliške otroke. To je nauk komunistov, ki niti ne verujejo v živega Boga.

Se kratko pripombo o komunistični vladi in SLS. Zelo veliko Slovencev je bilo razočaranih, ko sta Podobnika odločila, da bosta podpirala komunistične oblastnike. V Novi zavezi št. 24 je jasno in kratko povedano o M. Podobniku in njegovih. Pametno, razumno, racionalno in modro bi bilo sprejeti praktično načelo, da komunistom nikakor in pod nobenim pogojem ne gre zaupati.

Ljudje, ki so hodili v šole, in ljudje, ki niso hodili v šole, učeni in nauki, posvetni gospodje in duhovni gospodje, zasebniki in politiki: vedno se pojavi kdo, ki se vda ambiciji, da mu bo uspelo tam, kjer ni uspelo še nobenemu.

Pomisli na Slovenijo. Najprej se je odtrgal od skupine in stekel naprej Kocbek — in padel. Potem je, ko se je po dolgem času ponudila prva priložnost, volontiral Peterle — in padel. Potem pa se je, še preden je utihnilo žalovanje za njegovim predhodnikom, odločil, da se žrtvuje Marjan Podobnik, ne meneč se za rotenje, naj se za božjo voljo ustavi. Dva sta padla, tretji bo sledil prvima dvema prej ali slej! Naivnost in »nezmotljivost«

Škof dr. Rožman je leta 1945 pisal msgr. Gabrovšku: »Nihče, ki ni izkusil, ne verjame, da s komunizmom ni debate.«

Rev. Jože Cvelbar

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Luka Koper naj bi postala najboljša v svojem delu južne Evrope

Marjan Drobež

Trst/Gorica — Slovenija ima samo nekaj nad 30 km morske obale, ob njej pa razvija Luko Koper, ki ima za državo strateški pomen in vlogo. Promet v njej narašča, saj so lani dosegli nad 6,5 milijona ton pretovora raznega blaga, letos pa naj bi ta velika delniška družba, katere večinski lastnik z 51% delnic je država, zaradi nekaterih novih poslov oz. naročil dosegla že 7 milijonov ton tovorov. To bo nov rekord v poslovanju.

Sicer pa Luka izvaja velike naložbe, kar je v skladu z vizijo oz. strategijo razvoja, ki jo je njena uprava pripravila za naslednja tri leta. Lani je Luka ob skupnem prometu okrog 8,5 milijarde dolarjev imela 1,5 milijarde dolarjev dobička. Investicije v nov terminal za živilno ter za povečanje in posodobitev terminala za tekoče tovore in terminala za razsute tovore bodo v letu 1997 znašale okrog 2,5 milijarde dolarjev. Sredstva zagotavljajo predvsem iz lastnih virov. Obsežen naložbeni zagon Luke Koper naj bi trajal še dve leti.

Predsednik uprave Luke Bruno Korelič zatrjuje, »da bodo postali najboljša luka v tem delu Evrope. Seveda predvsem po kakovosti storitev in poslovanja, nikakor pa ne po obsegu prometa, ker za to v Kopru ni prostorskih možnosti.«

Slovenska vlada podpira in spodbuja take težnje, čeprav hkrati soglašajo tudi s tistimi

gospodarstveniki in deli slovenske politike, ki zagovarjajo in utemeljujejo nujnost tesnejšega sodelovanja in izvajanja skupnih projektov vseh severnojadranskih luk, zlasti tistih v Kopru, Trstu in na reki.

Prek luke izvozna smer za avtomobile znanih evropskih proizvajalcev

Luka Koper ima več zelo pomembnih poslovnih partnerjev. Največji delež v njenem prometu ima Avstrija z okoli 1,8 milijona ton pretovorjenega blaga. Med največje partnerje sodi družba Vorest Alpine in Linza, Avstrija. Pomembni deleži imajo tudi Madžarska, Češka, Slovaška, Poljska in Nemčija. Delež Madžarske v skupnem prometu Luke se bo še povečal, ko bo zgrajena neposredna železniška povezava med to državo in Slovenijo. Za storitve Luke Koper se zanimajo tudi druge države, med njimi Bosna in Hercegovina in Pakistan.

Na obvladovanju omenjenih tržišč temelji strategija Luke, opozarjajo pa tudi na pomen prekomorskih tržišč, ki so z logističnega vidika za Evropo lahko zelo pomembna: npr. t.i. Južna pot, t.j. pot v Evropo prek Sueza in jadranskih pristanišč, ki je glede na stroške ugodnejša in tudi časovno krajša od t.i. Severne poti. Veliko naporov v koprski Luki namenjajo tudi obvladovanju tržišč Indije, Kitajske, Avstralije ni Oceanije.

Novejša dejavnost, ki se hitro širi, je pretovor avtomobilov, ki jih izdelujejo znane evropske tovarne. Pravzaprav je koprski Luka postala največje specializirano pristanišče na severnem Jadranu za pretovor avtomobilov. Vsaka ladja pripelje povprečno od tisoč do 1.500 avtomobilov, ki jih nato iz Kopra pošiljajo kupcem v razne države.

Lani so v koprsko Luko z ladjami pripeljali že nad 100

tisoč avtomobilov. Nemška avtomobilsko tovarna Volkswagen je npr. prek Kopra poslala nekaj tisoč vozil znamk Audi, Škoda in Volkswagen kupcem v Egipt, Izrael, Grčijo, Turčijo, Ciper in Saudsko Arabijo. Letošnji načrt pretovora osebnih vozil je okrog 130 tisoč.

Tudi tujci dobrodošli kot solastniki Luke

Nekakšen vrh Lukine uspešnosti še vedno predstavljata pretovarjanje in skladiščenje raznih tovorov. Med osmimi terminali v količinskem pretovoru prevladujejo razsuti tovari, ki pomenijo kar 80% vseh del v Luki. Toda pri dobičku pomenijo malenkosten učinek.

Ostalih 20% vseh del predstavljajo kosovni tovari, predvsem kontejnerji in vozila, ki sestavljajo v finančnem pogledu glavnino, zaradi česar bi ta del tovorov radi še povečali. S tem ciljem v sodelovanju s Slovenskimi železnicami načrtujejo povečanje prepustnosti železniške proge med Koprno in Divačo. Po njej naj bi začeli voziti t.i. blok vlaki s kontejnerji iz Budimpešte, Bratislave in Prage v koprsko Luko.

Pomen in razvoj Luke Koper se kaže tudi v delnicah tega koncerna, ki pridobivajo delež in ceno na Ljubljanski borzi. Konec januarja bo na borzi začelo kotirati za 3 milijarde dolarjev novih delnic, ki jih bodo pridobili iz deleža oz. odkupa delavcev in uslužbencev, zaposlenih v Luki.

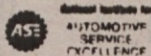
Kot solastniki Luke Koper so zaželeni tudi tujci, vendar le tisti, »ki imajo dober namen in so hkrati tudi kupci njenih storitev oz. prihajajo iz držav, ki so za Luko Koper pomembna tržišča. Taki partnerji bodo zmeraj dobrodošli tudi kot solastniki Luke,« poudarja Bruno Korelič, predsednik uprave delniške družbe Luka Koper, ki ima zdaj približno 10.500 delničarjev. Med njimi sta pomembni zlasti država in občina Koper.

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smo 21. marca poslali nabirko za popravilo njegovih zob v znesku \$790. Tile darovi so bili v čeku:

\$200: Neimenovana iz Euclida, Ohio.

Po \$100: Neimenovana družina iz Wisconsin; Fr. Charles Wolbang; Mari Celestina (\$50 dar in \$50 za rajnega moža Mirota); Stana Oven, Monterey, Kalif., preko F.Z., Toronto. Njen stotak, poslan v Toronto, ni v čeku.

Po \$50: Pepca Tominc, Cleveland, O.; Anna Čekada, Cleveland; Joan Pritchard, New Brunswick, N.J.

Po \$40: Janez in Marija Prosen; Frank in Jelka Kuhel; Neimenovana iz Kalifornije.

\$20: Ivanka Kete.

Vsem darovalcem se dobro o. Lojze iskreno zahvaljuje. Zelo priporočamo še nadaljnje darove, saj iz dveh ravnokar došlih pisem razberemo lahko, da gre skozi hudo preizkušnjo, ki jo lahko razume samo kdo, ki je kaj sličnega kdaj že doživel. Iz dveh pisem v marcu v glavnem omenja:

»Prisrčna hvala za prijazno pismo. Bog poplačaj za priloženi dar od A.G. — sem se ji že zahvalil. Hvala Vam tudi za Vaš trud, da bi mi pomagali. Pred 4 dnevi sem zopet bil na operaciji zgornje čeljusti. Joj, kake sitnosti so, če v ustih kaj boli! Kot 'nalašč' imam za letošnji post kar dobršno mero pokore — sprejemam iz božje roke! (3. marec)

Sv. Jožef je prinesel Vaše pismo s čekom! Bog povrni! Takoj sem odpisal v zahvalo Pretnarjevim in tudi ge. Pritchard. Res ste se zavzeli z vsem srcem, da mi pomagate. Iskrena Vam hvala. Nekako se bo le zbralo dovolj potrebnih cekinov, da bom plačal za 'nove čeljusti'. Še enkrat iskrena Vam HVALA!

Deževna doba, ki je letos bila res obilna, se počasi poslavlja. Prihaja pa dolga,

zmerno vroča, zelena in prijazna jesen. Če se julija pozdravim (?), bom šel na dopust, da obiščem mojo bolno mamo. Še enkrat hvala za vse in Zbogom!

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Pomagajmo o. Lojzetu do novih zob. Veliko dobro delo usmiljenja je to!

Lazarist Lojze Letonja

v Manakiri na Madagaskarju, se lepo zahvaljuje za ponovne MZA darove pri gradnji nove cerkve. Takole razmišlja:

»Monsinjorju dr. Antonu Kovačiču sem pisal in mu poslal eno fotografijo, kako naše delo napreduje. Pomoč, ki ste jo dali in posredovali se kar naprej uporablja, veste vse gre sproti. (Pomoči je za to cerkev dobil ponovno v več tisočakah od MZA dobrotnikov zadnje leto in pol. Op. Fr. W.)

Jaz sam delam od jutra do večera in sem večkrat tako utrujen, da bi kar padel v posteljo; to je tudi razlog, da ne pišem veliko. Bojim se, da imam premalo časa za Boga v molitvi, vem, da me ima Bog rad, ljubezen mu pa moram vračati.

Po veliki noči bom šel v Tananarive (glavno mesto) in takrat bom naročil tabernakelj, da bo tako vaše prizadevanje ovenčano v naši cerkvi. Tu vam prilagam fotografijo, ko smo betonirali prvi nosilni stebri in pa ko začinjamo z zidovi. Konec januarja smo imeli v naši škofiji hudo neurje; pri nas v Manakari nas je obšlo;



Misijonar Lojze Letonja sam veliko gradi, kar potrjuje tudi ta-le fotografija, posneta na Madagaskarju 12. decembra 1996. Očitno je bila gradnja še v začetni fazi, prostor pa se zdi kar precej velik.

najhujše je bilo v Farafangani in okolici. Verjetno ste kaj brali o tem v *Družini*.

G. Slabe je zaradi slabega zdravja moral nazaj v Slovenijo. Vendar sedaj kar lepo dobivamo mlade domačinske malgaške moči. Letos je bilo posvečenih prvih 5 domačih malgaških lazaristov in mnogi laiki lepo sodelujejo.

Lazarist Ivan Štanta,

ki edini deluje v italijanski škofiji lazaristov, se zahvaljuje za MZA pomoč \$500, ki mu bo služila za vzdrževanje vrtca, za onemogle in za zapornike. »V Zazafotsiju ima 25 onemoglih, 26 otrok v vrtcu in v Analambazi (delavnem zaporu) 52 zapornikov.

Hvala Bogu, Njegova Previdnost me ne pusti nikdar na cedilu.

Po Ameriki in v Evropi se govori o novi evangelizaciji. Tukaj pa smo še pred prvo. Naši Bara ne čutijo potrebe po Kristusu. Poslušajo misijonarja, a samo zaradi olike; njih misli in skrbi so pri ženskah in govedu. Druge malgaška plemena so bolj odprta. Plemena, ki živijo na visoli planoti Ambaniandro in Betsileo so veliko bolj napredna v ljubezni do

delu, v kulturi in tudi v poznanju krščanske vere.

Letos smo imeli v škofiji Ihoshy 4 nove maše svetnih duhovnikov. Število domačih duhovnikov raste. Kmalu jih bodo pošiljali kot misijonarje v druge afriške dežele.

Lep pozdrav Tebi in vsem dragim MZA dobrotnikom.

Pošiljam Ti pesmico, ki je nastala v zaporu leta 1978. Napisal sem jo v francoščini in sedaj sem jo prevedel v slovenščino.

ZANESI ME...

*Ne bom igral na strune že poznane,
opeval blesk zlata in slast ljubezni,
ne slavo, ki kot cvet pod koso ovne...
Zaupal Tebi bom svoje peruti,
da me zanesiš na svetlejša obzorja,
kjer vrtnica ne vsahne, spav ne utihne
in svetli dan se v noči več ne zgubi...
Oh, reši me, Gospod, iz črne more,
zanesi me na pašnike, ki obetaš!
Tedaj se moj obraz bo v Tvojem
zjasnil,
zapel kot ptica pesem bom pomladi,
pesem begunca, ki na dom se vrača,
hvalnico Tebi, ki 'z verij' rešuješ.*

Med Prijatelje Radia Ognjišča (PRO) je pristopila kot nova članica dolgoletna MZA pionirka ga. Antonia Gregorin iz San Francisc, Kalif., s \$60 za tekoče leto 1997. Ker imamo v Kanadi še članico go. Danielo Ančimer v Etobicoke, Ont., je sedaj stanje 8 v Kanadi in 37 v ZD Amerike.

Sredi aprila bo poteklo 27 let kar v AD objavljamo *Misijonska srečanja in pomenke*, za kar smo iskreno hvaležni lastniku in urednikoma (z objavami je pričel prof. Vinko Lipovec, od l. 1979 pa nadaljuje sedanji urednik) dragega tednika AD v imenu Cerkve in posebej misijonske Cerkve po celem svetu. Iskren *Bog povrni* za dobroto!

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NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 9)

F. Ojnik, rojen v Clevelandu, oče č.s. M. Gabriel (Mary Ann) S.J.S.N., brat Jennie Vales (pok.). Pogreb je bil 8. aprila v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete (maševal je škof Pevec) in pokopom na Knollwood pokopališču.

Margaret Stanick

Dne 5. aprila je v Slovenskem domu za ostarele umrla 85 let stara Margaret Stanick, rojena Sekerak, vdova po Philipu, mati Joan Medvesek in že pok. Barbare Schiller, 3-krat stara mati, sestra Josepha, Charlesa, Kate Lasch, Helen Hussey, Ann Guenther in Pauline (vsi že pok.). Pogreb je bil 8. aprila v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s pokopom na Lakeview pokopališču.

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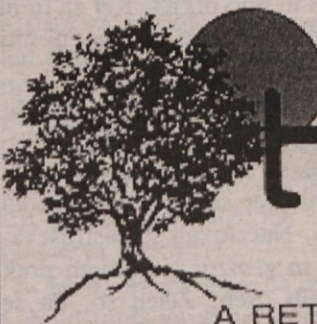
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