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THE LONG, HARD ROAD TO VICTORY

Often we hear people say, "Why do newspapers keep repeating what we should do to help America win the war. We know what to do." While it is true that we keep reminding the public to do their part in the war, we feel that victory is the most important thing today for our, and the whole world's future depends upon it. That is why never can too much be emphasized in this respect.

Today we again review the things we must keep foremost in our minds today if American victory is to be achieved soon. The following are ways in which you, Mr. and Mrs. America, can cooperate for victory.

1. Keep down inflation by buying only what you need. The slogan for this is: Make it last; fix it up, or do without!
2. Food fights for freedom! Comply with the food rationing program. Conserve and preserve food. Plant victory gardens. Plan healthy meals.
3. Fight waste. Use everything you buy. Don't waste food. Save and salvage everything that is still usable.
4. Conserve critical resources. Save gas, oil, coal, water, electricity, petroleum products, equipment and rubber.
5. Don't travel. Unless absolutely necessary, postpone your travelling until peace time.
6. Car sharing. Conserve tires and gasoline by sharing your rides with your neighbors and fellow workers.
7. Salvage program. Save tin cans, used fats, old paper and old rubber and iron.
8. Manpower. Get into war-useful jobs and stay on the job.
9. Womanpower. Get essential war jobs. Join the A.C.S. WAVES, MARINES, SPARS and the U. S. Army Nurse's Corps if possible.
10. War housing. Local home owners should rent rooms to war workers.
11. Curb absenteeism. Stay on the job. Don't be an absentee or an absentee. Safeguard your health.
12. Don't talk too much. Do not repeat rumors which tend to harm the war effort. Don't disclose the time, place or movements of U. S. Armed Forces. Enemy ears are always listening for just such information. Remember "Loose lips may sink ships."
13. Lend a hand to various Red Cross activities. Cooperate with your local Civilian Defense Council. Help make your community a better place in which to live. Keep down juvenile delinquency. Share and play with your neighbors. Donate to the Red Cross War Bank.
14. Buy and keep on BUYING MORE WAR BONDS!

The above-listed program, if carried out by every one of us will bring the day of victory closer and the safety of our loved ones. Compare the sacrifice of our men and girls in the Armed Forces with your contribution on the home front. Ask yourself — "Am I really doing all I can?" Every American home should cooperate in the above program. Every individual contribution to this program means one step closer to the day of victory and peace.

WORK TO WIN FREEDOM FOR AMERICA AND THE WHOLE WORLD!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, — conscience.

—George Washington

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

—George Washington



Lodge 118 Loses Faithful Member

Bon Carbo, Colo. — On Feb. 1st, our Lodge No. 118, AFU lost a good member, Veronika Malovac. She died due to an appendix operation in the hospital at Denver, Colo. Her body was brought to Trinidad, Colo. and she was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery there on Feb. 6th. Our lodge sent a wreath as a farewell tribute to our deceased sister and at the open grave we offered our last farewell which was presented by Tony Dekleva and Julia Susan. Many of the members of our lodge and our neighboring Lodge No. 84, AFU accompanied her to her last resting place.

The deceased was single and only 29 years old. She leaves her father, Joe Malovac and two brothers, Joseph Jr. and Max. Max is serving in the Navy and Joseph is at home, having been discharged from the Navy. She leaves also a sister, Milka Dekleva here and a sister, Rose Malovac in Los Angeles.

To all members of Lodge No. 118, AFU and Lodge No. 84, AFU who accompanied the deceased to her final resting place or in any way expressed their sympathies or offered help, I would like at this time to offer my sincere thanks. To the survivors of our deceased sister, I express our heartfelt sympathy, in the name of our lodge.

John Susan, Sec'y
Lodge No. 118, AFU
Bon Carbo, Colo.

Lodge 105 Loses Pioneer Member

Butte, Mont. — With the passing of Brother John Malek, our Lodge No. 105, AFU feels a real loss. He was a member of our lodge since 1918 and secretary for 11½ years until illness confined him to his bed on Aug. 3rd of last year. He passed away on Jan. 25th and was cheerful to the end. Many members, now scattered to the far places of the globe, will feel his passing a personal loss.

Surviving him are his widow, and three daughters. To them our lodge extends its sincerest sympathy and we shall long remember our faithful member, John Malerich.

H. J. Lind, Sec'y
Lodge No. 105, AFU
Butte, Mont.

SPIDERS SPIN FOR WAR

Enlisting spiders in the war effort is the business of Mrs. Nan Songer, of Yucaipa, Calif. Hairs, some as fine as 1/5000-000 of an inch, are used in many kinds of precision instruments, and to meet wartime demands Mrs. Songer makes the gossamer threads of spiders available to industry.

The spider is fastened to his work block of yucca wood; tickling his nerve centers stimulates him to begin spinning. As the thread comes from the spider, it is wound directly onto a steel frame. The silk, a quick-drying secretion from microscopic abdominal glands, varies in size with the age, sex, and type of the spinner. Among Mrs. Songer's workers are poisonous black widows.

—Popular Science

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Briefs

John P. Lunka, president of the Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio, and secretary of the Ohio AFU Federation of Lodges wishes to notify lodge members of his change of address. He now lives at 17219 Waterloo Rd.

To Present Concert

A program of music will be presented by the Cleveland Workmen's Circle Mandolin Orchestra at the Intercultural Library of the Cleveland Public Library system, East 55th Street at St. Clair Avenue on Sunday evening, February 27 at 8:30 p. m. Dan Frohman, pianist, is the director.

The Mandolin Orchestra instrumentally parallels the work of the Cleveland Workmen's Circle Chorus, both of which are sponsored by the Workmen's Circle Educational Department. This unusual organization has been active in Cleveland musical circles since its organization 10 years ago. Wherever it has played in Cleveland, in neighboring cities or states, it has achieved outstanding success.

Included in the program are musical favorites from the works of Tschaiakowski, Goddard, Mendelssohn, Wieniawski and others. Sarah Kay, Mary Kleinman and Evelyn Kam will be the soloists.

Admission to the concert is free. Everyone is cordially invited.

Every mile our boys win means longer communication lines. These mean greater expense, more energy, more of everything from all of us.

Let's All Back the Attack: Buy More War Bonds.

Ration note: The girl that used to walk home now walks both ways.



Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League Bomber to Land on Munda

Well, well, we had many surprises while bowling last Friday. And what surprises! In the first game between the Hujan Taverns and Gottlieb's Florists, the Florist's "star bowler" Louis Andreasich was absent, and the Hujan team was in the lead all the time. However, when the last ball was rolled and we added the score, up and down and crosswise, the Florists were in the lead by 6 pins and we were all disappointed. During this time reinforcements came to the team in the person of Louis Andreasich and the second game was won with ease. When the third game began, the captain of the Florist's team suggested a truce, that is to let the Hujan Tavern win the third game, however, John Hujan and his captain, Joe Fajfar both said in the same breath, "Nothing doing, we want an honorable victory or defeat," and the latter happened.

An even greater surprise happened in the games between Golenko's Maryton Cafe team and Spolar's Fox River Hotel team. Only this surprise came in the last game. The first game was won by Spolar's team, the second by Golenko's team. During the third game the Golenko team was always on the offensive, however, when we started to total the score and made a "check and double-check" Miss Fortune smiled on Spolar's team with a margin of one more pin, which made Spolar so happy that he "treated" everyone. Now you see, we really have fun.

The three best individual game bowlers were Max Bruckman with 198 and 184, Joseph Gomilar with 189 and 180, and Joseph Fajfar with 180. Three-game high were Max Bruckman 524, Joseph Gomilar 511, hang on tight so you don't fall, the undersigned, John Gottlieb, 457. Walter Jingle made a "fancy pick-up" of pins 6-7-10.

Among other friends of our bowlers Louis Dolmovich Sr. was present.

Next Friday the divisions will step in the offensive and defensive as follows: Hujan Taverns against Golenko's Maryton Cafe and Spolar's Fox River Hotel against the Gottlieb Florists. Spolar is already certain of victory. But we shall see—

Standings Feb. 18, 1944:

	W	L
Gottlieb Florists	38	22
Maryton Cafe	32	28
Hujan Tavern	26	34
Fox River Hotel	25	35

No change in team or individual leaders.

John Gottlieb, Sec'y
Chicago AFU Liberty Bell Bowling League

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Over 1,000 different chemicals are required in producing the materials that go into the construction of a battleship, over 800 in the case of a tank, and about 300 in an airplane, according to Chemical and Engineering News, publication of the American Chemical Society.

The coldest place in the world is Verkhojansk, Siberia, where the thermometer registers as low as 80 degrees below zero, and the native's breath freezes and falls as a white powder.

AFU Member Is Navigator of First Bomber to Land on Munda

Lt. Frank Slavec, member of Lodge No. 21, AFU of Denver, Colo., was navigator on the first U. S. heavy bomber to land on Munda Airfield, New Georgia Island, after it had been captured from the Japanese.

The landing was entirely accidental, inasmuch as repairs to the bomb-pocked runways still were only half completed, explained Lt. Frank Slavec, 29, of Lafayette, Colo., decorated veteran of 40 combat missions as a member of the crew of a Liberator.

When one propeller was shot

off Lt. Slavec's ship during a raid over Buda Airfield, there was no choice but to come down, and Munda was the closest spot. Despite the hazard, the Liberator landed safely and promptly and was christened the "Munda Belle."

Lt. Slavec is now resting at the Army Forces Dedistribution Station No. 2, Miami Beach, Fla.

The American Fraternal Union members salute you, Lt. Slavec, for your part in helping America to victory!

THIS IS WASHINGTON

Enclosed herewith is my impression of the city of Washington; rather, I should say one of my impressions of Washington. During my two years in this city I have formed several different opinions regarding this wonderful city—but so far have put only one on paper.

It has been a long time since I have visited the readers of the Nova Doba, but I have been following the news. Florence Startz is doing a wonderful job of keeping the members of the AFU in touch with "What's going on in Washington."

It was such a pleasure to see Mr. Terbovec and to talk to Elsie Desmond while I was in Cleveland last summer. I also visited many other friends around the city—and hope I can do the same this year. I was sorry to miss friend Dorothy Gruden—she is a WAVE now, somewhere in Boston, I understand.

We folks in Washington have been doing all we can to buy more War Bonds. It is the least we "mere civilians" can do! This war is getting to be pretty monotonous and drawn-out and I wish all people could realize just how much those Bond purchases mean.

I should like to extend my greetings to Stanley Pechaver. It has been a long time since we had a chat.

May I also extend my "best" to my member friends which I have so sadly neglected.

Yours very truly,
Justine P. Korent

Washington is the Nation's Capital; the melting pot of the United States, and the puppet-

eer controlling the movements of hundreds and thousands of production units, army and naval organizations and governmental agencies; and the wielder of the scalpel so valiantly and patiently attempting to sever the tumor of hatred and greed from all men's hearts.

This, the Nation's Capital, represents the only true government; the government of the people, for the people and by the people—Our government! More need not be said except that we, the people, must and shall loyally as well as faithfully uphold and defend the laws and codes of this, our government, until the rest of this troubled, half-crazed world shall too begin to absorb the healing rays of the light of Democracy.

Here in the melting pot of the United States, which could be equally well referred to as the "small melting pot of the Nations," can be found a variety of peoples and classes unequalled in any city in the world. Washington thrives on variety; and it will, therefore, live long and well, for variety thrives in Washington! Wealthy social groups can be had at a dime a dozen, as can the large families of negro tenants in dirty, crowded apartment houses; old bearded judges and politicians are not rare, nor are the handsome, young men in the uniforms of our country; be-lorgnetted mesdames leaving lovely mansions attend the opera, but, even more interesting, begirdled mesdemoiselles, leaving their office desks, attend the theatre. Debutantes, charwomen; bankers, street

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UNITED NATIONS FACTS

UNITED EFFORT!
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DESPITE DRASTIC GERMAN REPRISALS FRENCH PATRIOTS CONSTANTLY SABOTAGE COASTAL DEFENSES ALONG THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

'HOME FROM THE SEA'
REPORTED MISSING WHEN HIS CABO SHIP WAS SUNK BY A GERMAN RAIDER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FIRST OFFICER DAVID KNUDSEN OF THE NORWEGIAN MERCHANT MARINE WAS 11 MONTHS CIRCLING THE WORLD BEFORE RETURNING TO HIS FAMILY. AS A GERMAN PRISONER HE WAS CARRIED TO YOKOHAMA, THERE TRANSHIPPED FOR FRANCE. WHEN THE PRISON SHIP WAS INTERCEPTED BY ALLIED DESTROYERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, HE WAS PICKED UP AND TAKEN TO AUSTRALIA, FROM THERE HE SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA, CROSSED THE CONTINENT BY TRAIN. HE IS NOW READY TO JOIN OTHER UNITED NATIONS CONVOY.

FINANCIAL REPORT of the SUPREME SECRETARY of the AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION ADULT DEPARTMENT

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DEATH BENEFIT CLAIMS IN COURSE OF ADJUSTMENT table with columns for name, amount, and status.

DEATH CLAIMS INCURRED 1943-REPORTED 1944 table with columns for name, amount, and status.

BONDS table with columns for type, amount, and value.

STATE table listing various state bonds and amounts.

COUNTY table listing county-level bonds and amounts.

MUNICIPAL table listing municipal bonds and amounts.

Main table listing various municipalities and their financial data, including water works, sewage disposal, and other services.

Financial Condition of the Adult Department table showing assets, liabilities, and income.

Financial Condition of the Adult Department

of the AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

DECEMBER 31, 1943.

ASSETS

Cash table listing cash on hand, in transit, checking accounts, and deposits.

Investments table listing bonds and certificate loans.

Other Assets table listing accrued interest and due from lodges.

Inventory table listing total inventory value.

LIABILITIES table listing unpaid claims and accounts payable.

BALANCE December 31, 1943 table showing total assets and liabilities.

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

John Rogelj, Anton Zbasnik and Louis Champa, being duly sworn, each for himself depose and say that they are supreme president, supreme secretary and supreme treasurer, respectively of the American Fraternal Union; that on the 31st day of December 1943, all of the above described assets were the absolute property of said American Fraternal Union, free and clear from any and all liens or claims thereon, except as above stated, and that the foregoing statements as to the income and disbursements and the general condition of said American Fraternal Union are true and correct to their best knowledge, information and belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of February, 1944. Joseph L. Mantel - Notary Public, St. Louis County, Minn. My Commission Expires March 5, 1950 JOHN ROGELJ, Supreme President ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary LOUIS CHAMPA, Supreme Treasurer

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COVERING PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1943 TO DECEMBER 31, 1943.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS

Mortuary Fund table listing assessments, interest, and rent.

Expense Fund table listing assessments, refund, and employee's account.

TOTAL INCOME table showing total income.

DISBURSEMENTS table listing mortuary fund, expense fund, medical fees, and salaries.

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Uncle Sam's Corner. Still no chance of buying a new electric fan for home use. WPB has just said no again... New Bicycles: New bicycles are getting scarcer. OPA's rationing quota for this month, 7,500 is the lowest since bicycle rationing began... War Pressure Cookers: War Food Administration arranges even more change for a better in the 1944 pressure cooker situation by authorizing different manufacturers to produce between them a total of 1,000,000 of the smaller size, rationing seven one-quart glass pressure cookers and up to 100,000 with aluminum has been set up, the '44 cookers will be made of aluminum instead as last year. The no-rationing plan of distribution can be continued; any housewife can buy a pressure cooker without first obtaining a purchase certificate from WFA, so as she intends to use the rationing exclusively for the preparation of food. It will be weeks, however, before 400,000 aluminum sets are on the market. Neglect: Don't treat your fountain pen like a mechanical pencil carelessly. Don't neglect repairs on alarm clock, or wrist watch. These DON'TS add up to the fact that, any rumors to the contrary, WPB says that rationing just can't be stepped back enough to meet essential needs. New Ration Tokens: Rationing for rationed foods has been speeded up when women have become accustomed to the new system which will be used as of February 27. A test demonstration, put in Chicago, by OPA almost ten minutes were saved by the new stamp. Ten women using the new system moved past the cashier in five minutes, paying for \$16.00 worth of goods. It required 11 minutes for 55 women to check out \$14.30 worth of goods under the old system.

