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JEKLARSKI DELAVCI "NE MARAO 'ZUNANJIH' UNIJ"

Medtem ko so kampanja za organiziranje velike in močne unije v industriji jekla in železa nadaljuje, pa za enkrat v situaciji še ni prišlo do večjih incidentov. Propaganda mašina kompanijskih interesov pa je seveda pridno na delu, da ta važni pokret diskreditira in predodiči v javnosti kot poizkus za "netenje razrednega sovraštva." Tako smo na primer pred nekaj dnevi v listih čitali poročilo, glasom katerega je 85 odstotkov delavcev v eni izmed clevelandskih jeklarskih tovarni podpisalo izjavo, da so popolnoma zadovoljni s kompanijsko unijo in da so absolutno proti temu, da bi se kakšna "zunanja unija vmesovala v vzorne odnose, ki vladajo med delavci in njihovi gospodarji."

Cloveku ni treba imeti dosti domišljije, da razume tako izjavo. Delavci so jo podpisali, ker jim pač drugega kazalo ni. Kar je presenetljivo, je dejstvo, da je 15 odstotkov vpraševalnih delavcev imelo pogum zoperstaviti se, kajti nobenega dvoma ni, da bodo za to kmalu plačali z diskriminacijo v eni ali drugi oblasti, da se bodo pri prvi priliki znašli na cesti, in kar je celo hujše, da bo njih ime prišlo na črno listo, kar pomeni, da v kraljestvu jekla in železa sploh ne bo več dela zanje, razen ako delavci iz te borbe pridejo kot zmagovalci.

ZASTRUPLJEVANJE JAVNEGA MNENJA

Da se to ne bi zgodilo, je v teku sistematično zastupljevanje javnega mnenja proti voditeljem delavstva v industriji jekla. Eden izmed znanih mešenikov (Review of Reviews) je pretekli mesec tozadno objavil obširen članek, čigar pisek slike barone jekla kot dalekovidne in človekoljubne industrijske državnike, medtem ko je John L. Lewis, vodja kampanje za močno delavsko unijo v tej veliki industriji, predstavljen kot prefrikan in hladnorven šarlatan, ki se igra z usodo delavcev samo zato, da zadosti svojim osebnim ambicijam in političnim nakanam. Pisek si seveda prizadeva, da bi napravil vtis "objektivnosti" in "nepristranosti," ampak jeklarski magnati, ki so organizirani v svoji veliki uniji — Iron and Steel Institute — so sami spustili mačka iz žakla, ko so članek dali ponatisniti in ga razposlali s svojimi komplimenti na uredništva časopisov širom dežele. In članek ni zaman delen, tudi nekako pozornosti od strani jeklarskih baronov. Od začetek do konca je natrpan s polresnicami, ki v rokah iskušenega zavajalca delajo vtis resnice.

Pisek seveda nastopa v pozidelavskoga prijatelja. Pri scru so mu edinole delavci, katerim želi vse dobro na svetu. Zato jih očetovsko svari pred "profesionalnimi" unijskimi organizatorji, ki prihajajo mednje kot volkovi v voljčih oblačilih, da bi zanetili "sovrašto" med njimi in jeklarskimi magnati, ki sicer utegnejo imeti kake malenkostne napake, ampak na dnu njihovih srce tli le globoka in nesebična ljubezen do delavcev. Člankar med drugim tudi slovesno konstatira, da delavci v industriji jekla ne želijo bojev in strajkov, kakor da je še kdaj kak pošten delavski vodja trdil kaj nasprotnega. In ker je sedaj v industriji jekla in železa zaposlenost še precej dobra, ali bi ne bil višek nesmiselnost, če bi se delavci tako daleč spozabili, da bi šli na stavko, ako bi jih baroni jekla v svoji neskon-

čni modrosti ne hoteli dati pravic, da se organizirajo kot sami hočejo?

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ČETRTA OLIMPIJADA SSPZ SE PRIČNE V SOBOTO, 5. SEPTEMBRA

Novice iz življenja naših ljudi širom Amerike

V Ely, Minn., je podlegel let, ki zapušča starše, štiri bra-

poškodbam, dobljenim v avto-

mobilski nesreči v nedeljo dne

16. avgusta 1936 br. John Colarič, star 62 let. Pokojni je

bil rojen v Savinjku pri Sv.

Križu v Krškem okraju. Tu za-

pupa sogrogo Margareto in

pet otrok, dva vnučka, v starem

kraju pa enega polbrata. Bil je

dolgoletni član in podpredsed-

nik društva Rudar št. 54 SSPZ.

Preostali družini naše sožalje,

pokojnemu pa bodi ohranjen

blag spomin!

Pokojni Colarič je bil eden

prvih, ki je spremenil svoj certifi-

kat A za razred B, in kot

se je izkazalo v dobrobit korisnice vdove. Izposojeval se

je asesment kot zadolžbo na

svoj certifikat od 1. januarja

1934 in tako postal član Zveze

do svoje smrti. Torej plačal ni

takoreč niti centa iz svojega

žepa nad dve leti in pol, a

kljub temu bo izplačana vdovi posmrtnina, z odbitkom dolga

za posojilo.

Ta slučaj ovrže trditev onih članov, ki pravijo, da je novo zavarovanje — zanič, in da je razlika med starim in novim leta, da je treba več plačevati. Dokaz je nasproten. Ako bi omenjeni član ne bil spremenil svojega certifikata, bi bil že davno črtan in njegova zavarovalnina bi bila prepada, ker pa ga je spremenil, je njegova družina za nekaj nad \$400.00 na boljšem skozi zavarovalnino, ki dobi jo vodova-koristnica.

V West Frankfort, Ill., je 19. avgusta umrl tu rojeni mladenič Nick Leasck, v starosti 21

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POLOŽAJ V SPANIJI JE NESPREMENJEN

Situacija v španski civilni vojni se od zadnjega tedna v bistvu ni spremenila. Krvavi boji med vladajočimi lojalnimi četami in fašističnimi vstasi se nadaljuje, toda nobena stran še ni dobila kake odločilne bitke. Pred par dnevi je neki aeroplani, glede katerega se ne ve, kateri strani je pripadal, vrgel nekaj bomb v bližino ameriške bojne ladje, ki se mudi v španskih vodah, da spravi na varno ameriško državljanje, ki se niso odšli iz dežele. Z ozirom na to je državni department naznani, da se bo vse ameriške bojne ladje v najkrajšem času poklicalo domov. Zed države ne bodo riskirale nadaljnih incidentov radi državljanov, ki navzlie povnovnim opominom nočejo oditi iz dežele, v kateri divja civilna vojna. Pred dnevi je bilo tudi poročano, da je vladava Madriju prišla na sled dokazom, da je bivši kralj Alfonz zapleten v fašistično vstajo, kar seveda ni prav nič presenetljivo, neko druga vest pa javlja, da se Alfonz namerava naseliti v neposredni bližini francosko-španske meje, da bo pripravljen, ako bi ga "narod pozval," da mu zope "služi."

V tork, 8. septembra zjutraj se bo v S. N. Domu v Clevelandu otvorila 15. redna konvencija JSKJ, kateri bo prispevalo okrog 130 delegatov in delegatinj, poleg članov glavnega odbora. Prejšnji večer t. j. 7. septembra, na Delavski praznik, se bo vršil v auditoriu Doma oficijelen pozdravni večer, na katerem bo pripravljeni in sprejemni odbor pozdravil delegacijo in sledili formalni pozdravi od strani gl. predsednika in drugih glavnih odbornikov. Navzoč bo tudi župan mesta Cleveland in delegacijski pozdravi sodnik Fr. J. Lausche. Med delegati je tudi več članov SSPZ. Uredništvo glasila SSPZ želi bratski organizaciji JSKJ, da bi bila jemanja 15. redna konvencija čim plodonosnejša za članstvo in organizacijo.

Pred kratkim so začeli graditi v Milwaukee, Wis., novo poslopje Ermenčevega pogrebneva zavoda na vogalu 54. ceste in Greenfield Ave. Stavba bo ena najmodernejših v okolici.

V Clevelandu, Ohio, so v preteklem tednu umrli: Frances Berčič, roj. Glavan, doma iz Dobernic na Dolenjskem, za-

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V Toledo, O., je pretekli teden tolpa neidentificiranih moških ponosi vdrila v prostore komunistične stranke, kjer je povzročila precejšnje razdejanje, potem pa je odnesla svežje komunistične literature ter jo na cesti začela.

Trocki med tem navzlic svoji internirani na Norveškem

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SOBOTA, 5. SEPTEMBER:

Od 8. do 12. dopoldne — Sprejem tekmecev in posetnikov.

Ob 2. uri popoldne — Otvoritev iger — Baseball.

Ob 8. uri zvečer — Družabni večer, premikajoče slike in ples. Stancikova dvorana. Vstopnina prosta.

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TOLMAČENJE PRAVIL

Dediči, pogrebni stroški in drugo

Soglasno s novimi zakoni države Illinois so se v marsičem spremenile tudi točke Zvezinih pravil, predvsem v slučajih dedičev, plačitve pogrebnih stroškov in v vsem drugim, kar je v Zvezzi s tem.

Zapustniki imajo več prostosti. Po novih pravilih smejo za koristnike imenovati tudi nesorodne osebe, društvo ali Zvezzo, pod pogojem, da nimajo ne-preskrbljene družine ali kakrdruge osebe, odvisne od zapustnika za preživljjanje. Kdor voli nesorodni osebi svojo zavarovalnino, mu je le treba napraviti gotovo IZJAVO, da je neodvisen od sorodstva, ali ono napravil jem.

Večjo važnost kot doslej naj se polaga na zapustitev svote za plačitev pogrebnih stroškov.

Po starej pravilih se je lahko odtegnilo svoto do \$150.00 od zavarovalnine za plačitev pogreba, ne glede če je zapustnik kaj določil v to svrhu v svoji oporoki, ali ne.

Po novih pravilih, ki slone na državnem zakonu, sme vsaki določiti svoto ne več kot \$200.00 za pogreb. Svoto za plačitev pogrebnih stroškov se pa sme od smrtnine odtegniti le tedaj, če je v to svrhu svota namenoma določena v oporoki zapustnika, in navedena v certifikatu. Ako ni navedena v certifikatu se je ne bo izplačalo druži, ker s posebnim pooblasti koristnika (dediča).

Vsled te določbe, vem, da bo mnogo neprilik, ker člani in društva se ne bodo mogli uživati tako hitro v nove zakone. Marsikateri je pod utisem, kar je bilo nekdaj je tudi še sedaj, in bode za naprej, dobro in vesčino čim prej prej.

Svojim koristnikom pomaga vsaki član lahko s tem, da v naprej pošlje izkaz starosti v gl. urad. Ko se zabilježi podatki, se bodo poslan izkaz starosti vrhno hotel biti pokopan po društvu.

WILLIAM RUS, gl. tajnik

SEJE SKUPNIH DRUŠTEV SSPZ V CLEVELANDU

Dne 15. avgusta zvečer se je v mladini, Vrtcem štev. 5 in 11. izlet na Zurcevo farmo. Izredna seja Skupnih društev SSPZ v Clevelandu.

Na seji so bila zastopana vse društva, izvzemši štev. 215, ki je bil večer imeli veselico v kojih društvene blagajne.

Uradniki skupnih društev pojavijo svoja poročila.

Predsednik, Krist Stokel potrjata, da je upravni odbor imel stek, na katerem se je dozvolilo ceno vstopnicam k popolnemanski proslavi in zvečer k plešanju, kot tudi godbo in druge dejavnosti zadeve, kar je sedaj odzakonsko od seje, da isto potrdi ali

Tajnik br. Kikol poroča, da so predali knjige tajnika-blagajnikom, in bodo lahko poročali o stanju blagajne. Na nedeljo 19. septembra so priredila skupna društva.

Društvo štev. 20 eden novčan za avgust.

Društvo štev. 26. nič posebnega.

Društvo štev. 87. nič posebnega.

Društvo štev. 120. ena nova članica.

Društvo štev. 198. 3 novi člani.

Društvo štev. 204. 2 nova člana.

Društvo štev. 215. zastopnik ni navzroc.

Predlog je stavljen, podpiran in sprejet, da se vloži prošnjo na glavni odbor SSPZ za finančno pomoč kritja stroškov nabave sweaterov igralcem baseballa, to je dvema Vrtcem in dve angleško poslujočema društva, ker so stroški izredno visoki in jih skupna društva ne morejo sama nositi. Prošnja se vloži po tajniku skupnih društev v imenu teh štirih skupin, in se pričakuje, da bo uvaževana.

Tajnik poroča, da se je za 10-letnico Skupnih društev SSPZ, ki se praznuje 18. oktobra t. i. v Slovenskem Narodnem Domu na St. Clair Ave. dočelo vstopnino in sicer za popoldne in zvečer \$35; samo zvečer k plesu 25c. Za ples bo igral Jankovič orkester.

Sklep odbora se odobri.

Za 10-letnico Skupnih društev se bo priredilo bogat program z govorji, igrami in petjem. Strošek društva vprizorijo zelo zavorno in obenem poučno kmetisko igro v enem dejanju "Prodani ded," pod režijo Erazma Gorsheta. V igri nastopajo priznani igralci, člani skupnih društev. Angleško poslujoča društva bodo tudi imela svoje igre in Vrtci, katerih imena bodo ponese objavljeni.

Ob tej priliki se izda tudi program na štirih straneh z oglasi trgovcev. Oglasi so po \$1.00 in vsak oglaševalj dobri vstopnico z oglasom. Za Collinwoodski okraj sta pooblaščena nabirati oglase brata Zaman in Bohinc; za St. Clairski okraj pa sestri Cerkvenik in Jerič. Trgovci so prošeni, da gredo v vsakem oziru tem zastopnikom na roko in jim naklonijo oglase.

Predlagano, podpirano in sprejet je, da ima upravni odbor pravico rešiti nujne zadeve, takojče se priprav za 10-letnico, brez sklicanja skupne seje.

Vsled velike odgovornosti in nezadostne blagajne, se opusti idejo, poslati igralce baseballa, Vrtec 5. in 11. na Olimpijadi v Chicago, Ill.

V program, ki se izda v Chicago, ob priliki Olimpijade SSPZ Federacije, se dovoli oglas celo stran.

Prihodna redna seja Skupnih društev SSPZ v Clevelandu se vrši v soboto zvečer, 19. septembra v S. D. Domu na Waterloo Rd.

Erazem Goršek, zapisnikar

PA BREZ ZAMERE . . .

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od najboljših avtoritet tudi ne priporočana, je kaka preprosta izjava potrdilnega značaja, načinjajoča se na nature elemente, na primer: "Imamo lepo vreme, draga žena." Le bolj držni izmed zakonskih mož potem že zraven pristavijo: "Pa izgleda, da bomo imeli nevihto, draga žena." Ampak, kot sem že rekel, jaz tega ne svetujem, temveč strankam, ki se znajdejo v takem položaju, polagam na srce prvi recept, to se pravi, filozofično resigniranost in špartanski molk. Se boste še najbolje izmazali.

Upam in pričakujem, da se izrazim po govorniško, da se tudi jaz še izmažem iz kaše, v katero me je spravilo takšno vprašanje, tikajoče se že omenjenih domačih živali, akoravno žal to danes ni mogoče, ker kolona je že do vrha polna, in je torej prasiče za enkrat treba položiti na mizo in se jih bo vzelo prihodnjic na dnevnini red. Do takrat torej pokorno javljam: Pa lahko uporabili isti izrek z dodatkom, da se bo glasil: Šel

DOLŽNOSTI IN OBVEZNOSTI AMERIŠKEGA DRŽAVLJANA

Kar se tiče zaposlenosti, javnih služb, starostnih pokojnin, prihoda sorodnikov iz inozemstva itd., so ameriški državljanji, kar znano mnogo na boljšem nego inozemci. S temi predpravlicami in koristmi pa gredo vzporedno tudi dolžnosti in obveznosti, ki jih mora vsakdo prav resno uvaževati, ako misli postati ameriški državljan.

Pred vsem ko polaga prisego zvestobe do Združenih držav — tukti pred podelitvijo ameriškega državljanstva — mora kandidat zapriseči, da bo "podpiral v branil ustavo in zakone Združenih držav proti vsem sovražnikom, inozemskim in domaćim." Trenje nedavni in važnih odločitvih vrhovnega sodišča Združenih držav je razločilo pomen te prisegi v tem smislu, da mora kandidat za ameriško državljanstvo objubiti, da je pripravljen za vojaško službo, ako bo pozvan. Ker nekateri prisilec niso hoteli to objubiti, je najvišje sodišče dežele odreklo ameriško državljanstvo nekaterim osebam, ki so iz verskih ali drugih razlogov izjavili, da nočejo nositi orložja v slučaju vojne.

Te odločitve vrhovnega sodišča niso bile nikakor ne enoglasne; v dveh izmed njih so štirje sodniki izmed devetorice bili drugačnega mnenja kot večina. Vendarle dokler kongres z novim zakonom ne spremeni besedila te prisegi, ne bo nikakršen kandidat v stanu dobiti ameriško državljanstvo, ako ni pripravljen zapriseči, da bo, ako nastane potreba, branil z orožjem Združene države "proti vsem sovražnikom, inozemskim in domaćim," morda celo proti rojstni domovini sami.

Služiti kot porotnik je tudi dolžnost, ki jo naturalizirani državljan sprejema in za katere mora biti vedno pripravljen. Voliti je tretja obveznost, ki jo on prevzame, in je najvažnejša izmed vseh; to je velika pravica, obenem pa dolžnost. Dolžnost novega državljanja je, da to funkcijo izvrši čim primernejše in da more to storiti, naj se on najprej spozna s političnimi strankami, ki tvorijo tako znamenito silo v ameriškem sistemu vlade. Ko se je spoznal s političnim življenjem, naj glasuje za onega, ki najbljže zastopa one ideje, v katere on sam veruje. Naj glasuje za kandidate in volilne programe, dokler ti odgovarjajo njegovim zavesti, in naj si prizadeva postati vpliven činitelj v organizaciji in vedenju stranke, ki si jo je izbral. Kajti tudi najbolj skromni volilec more potom takih instrumentalitet, kot so primarne volitve in konvencije, prispevati k usmerjenju strankine politike.

Dobro je zapomniti si slednje, ki ga daje Alice Brothier Morris novim državljanom v svoji knjigi "Ameriško državljanstvo." Le bolj držni izmed zakonskih mož potem že zraven pristavijo: "Pa izgleda, da bomo imeli nevihto, draga žena." Ampak, kot sem že rekel, jaz tega ne svetujem, temveč strankam, ki se znajdejo v takem položaju, polagam na srce prvi recept, to se pravi, filozofično resigniranost in špartanski molk. Se boste še najbolje izmazali.

Upam in pričakujem, da se izrazim po govorniško, da se tudi jaz še izmažem iz kaše, v katero me je spravilo takšno vprašanje, tikajoče se že omenjenih domačih živali, akoravno žal to danes ni mogoče, ker kolona je že do vrha polna, in je torej prasiče za enkrat treba položiti na mizo in se jih bo vzelo prihodnjic na dnevnini red. Do takrat torej pokorno javljam: Pa lahko uporabili isti izrek z dodatkom, da se bo glasil: Šel

ČETRTA OLIMPIJADA SSPZ

(Dalje iz 1. str.)

Šel sem, videl sem, zmagal sem! Ko bo zaključena četrtta SSPZ Olimpijada dne 7. septembra zvečer, bodo moderni Cezari pripravljeni na dnevnini red. Do takrat torej pokorno javljam: Pa lahko uporabili isti izrek z dodatkom, da se bo glasil: Šel

Montana Kid

Jack London

(Dalje in konec)

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ČIH ČLANOV

All Aboard For Chicago

Will Rogers used to say that all he knows about a certain subject is what he read in the papers, which was intended as a good-natured dig at the newspaper fraternity. Following the example I can truthfully say that all I know about the 4th Athletic Meet of the SSPZ to be held September 5th, 6th and 7th, at Chicago, is what our Chicago Committee has told me and you in the columns of "Progress." But they have certainly done a workmanlike job of it.

Bros. O'Bosla, Vrhovnik, Potsch and Stokel have covered the preparations for the event for this page, while bro. Kuhel has done a single-handed but thorough job of reporting in order to enlighten the older folks as to what is in store for them when they journey to Chicago at the end of the week.

It is evident from these reports that the Chicago crew is leaving no stone unturned to make this, the 4th Athletic Meet, the most important event of the kind in the history of the Society. Chicago is out to prove that it will not be outdone by such overgrown hick-towns as Cleveland for example, which was the scene of last year's Olympics, not to speak of Strabane, Pa., which was host of our second athletic tournament. Well, I certainly wish their hopes will be fully realized, and knowing the spirit of the Chicago crowd, and in view of the added fact that Chicago had gained valuable experience in the staging of the first, the pioneering job, along this line, which experience incidentally has greatly contributed to the success of the two following them, we may expect great things indeed.

The 4th Athletic Meet promises to be a real climax of the Spirit of Youth within the SSPZ—another vivid demonstration the fact now generally recognized that SSPZ is the organization that knows how to do things.

All aboard for Chicago!

From Curse To Privilege

The coming Monday being Labor Day, custom demands that something be said concerning it, especially since it is a holiday duly sanctioned by law and observed as such by the populace, including even the multi-millionaires. Which is as it should be because it's the rich who primarily reap the benefits of labor—other people's labor, it is true—so, if anybody should celebrate Labor Day, they should do it.

Aside from that, Labor Day has a special significance for me personally. It was on Labor Day, twenty-three years ago, that I first sighted the New York sky-line, and it was the following day that I first set my foot on the American soil. And I have labored ever since, but I haven't made my first million yet. Which, also, is as it should be because, to speak the truth, most of this time I have been doing things I liked and enjoyed doing, so I have no complaint on that score.

But what I do deplore is the sad fact that so many people are vainly seeking an opportunity to work, be it at something they would like to do or even at some task arbitrarily selected for them. This, in my opinion, is the great tragedy of contemporary civilization. At a time when the question of labor in the sense of the ability to produce goods and necessities of life has been solved beyond the wildest dreams of even the generation that preceded us, the labor question is more acute than ever. In fact, it is much more than that. Inseparably joined with it is the question of civilization itself—whether it shall survive or perish in the hell of man-made destruction.

The original idea about work being the curse of an enraged God upon mankind for the Original Sin committed by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden was silly enough. For I honestly believe that the average person would much rather work than be idle, provided he is given some voice as to what he is to do. But even that idea, bad as it was, was preferable to the prevalent one, brought about by modern capitalism, that work is a privilege.

V. J. G.

WITH THE SPARTANS

Reminiscing, I find that several events have taken place where the Spartans were involved which haven't been brought to the limelight. There is so much activity lately you just can't keep up with their pace.

Joseph Centa accepted the vows and oaths with Harriet Hacha on Aug. 15. Bro. Centa is the brother of our ex-president Edward Centa. Congratulations!

Frank Jordan walked down the aisle with Lillian Sitter and are now on their honeymoon. Bro. Jordan has been an active member of Spartans for several years. Best wishes!

Mary Smole and Edward Hinkel will be married on Sept. 5. Both are members of Spartans and are popular amongst our group. We wish them loads of happiness!

Bro. and Mrs. Anthony Potokar are proud parents of a baby boy born a few weeks ago. No doubt a new member for SSPZ. Congratulations!

Our last meeting was quite lively and exciting. Several new faces were seen. Refreshments were served. There was music for dancing. And then the grand drawing. Mr. John Yusich won the first prize, an electric mixer and Charles Luckjare, a member, won second prize, a combination cigarette case and lighter. A drawing for one dollar towards the assessment, which is held after every meeting, was won by Sis. Antonia Zagar.

Spartans extend the deepest sympathy to Bros. Rudy and Joe Lisch, both Spartans, and their family, for the sudden death of their brother Nick, in West Frankfort, Ill.

Stanley Stokel and Stanley Zorc are take notice.

Ann Opeka.

Welcome! National Meet Visitors and Contestants

"Hoosier State" Takes Part in Games. Vrtec Competition the Center of Attraction

Someone once said: "It won't be before you cross. Do not stay too far away from the one in charge of your party. Remember—take no chances either on the field or off. The committee as well as the society wishes no one is injured. PLAY SAFE."

To all participants let me add: be prompt for any and every event for which you are scheduled to appear.

Always inquire of committee on questions of places and destinations if they are not clear in your mind. Everyone wear the SSPZ emblem on yourself and display it whenever you can.

Do not break or damage anything the society is held liable.

Be kind and courteous at all times. I'm sure the society can depend upon your co-operation.

If you have not mailed in your entries and still wish to compete you may do so, but notify the committee in charge immediately upon your arrival.

The committee sincerely wishes you all a good time in conjunction with these games. Enjoy yourself to the fullest extent, but remember the few rules mentioned above.

A complete program has been arranged and is published elsewhere in this issue.

Remember this is your meet. Help make it a grand success.

Until then I'll be seeing you

CHICAGOANS

Do not fail to attend the 4th National Meet here on Chicago's South Side. There will be numerous attractions for you to see, three days full of sports and social events.

This meet I'm certain warrants every Society member's presence. Remember the party Saturday evening, the Great Dance Sunday evening and Monday, of course, the Picnic. Bear in mind that Johnny Kocevar was served to the thirsty before it was adjourned.

Then off to Berger's Hall went everybody where the Chicago Federation, or was it Lodge No. 227 (I don't remember), were holding a banquet and dance in honor of the Supreme Board members. That's the night the boys

had it in for brother Rudy Lisch, but

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Andrew O'Bosla

Member Chicago Committee



SOUVENIRS OF 1933

It doesn't seem so long since the youth of the Chicago SSPZ Lodges were arranging the program of events and preparing to handle hundreds of athletes and visitors to our first National Meet. Certainly, it doesn't seem like three years ago; but it is—three years and two months almost to a day. How many of you recall.

The first important athletic committee meeting held at brother Andrew O'Bosla's home in Berwyn when the chairmen of all the special committees were elected, and if I remember correctly (Don't get me wrong), where some very good wine was served to the thirsty before it was adjourned.

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Again, over the following Decoration Day holidays, another National committee meeting was held; this time in Cleveland. Brothers Potsch, O'Bosla and L. Tome attended from Chicago. Brother Polinsky and myself represented the District of Pennsylvania and the Cleveland boys, naturally, were there and right at home. This get-together was more of a good-time meeting. Mostly sightseeing, dancing, (?????) and oh, lots of things. I'll never forget the Spartan dance. It was at this affair that a young lady (swell looking, too) said to me sorta surprised-like, "So, you're Michael Vrhovnik?" Gosh! I never pictured you to be this way; you don't look a bit like you write," or something to that effect. I didn't see much of her the rest of the evening. She just sorta stayed away, so I guessed she must have been disappointed.

Then dawned the day of the Meet.

It was called, and appropriately so, the SSPZ OLYMPIC MEET. Using a slogan expression . . . Everything from soup to nuts was dished out. The program included a softball tourney, track and field events, tennis, ping-pong, swimming, diving, shooting, balina, horseshoe pitching, card and checker games and an art display.

JOSEPH POTSCHE AND ANDREW O'BOSLA, how those two boys worked! Of course, all the others did, too; but Joe and Andy headed the most important committees and it kept them running hither and thither almost continuously from start to finish. Placing the contestants and spectators from out of town was the big job at that meet as at every subsequent meet.

Joe handled this department in his usual, dependable, faultless manner and there were few if any complaints. Andy took care of the athletic events and did a mighty swell job. Had it not rained the morning of the opening day, the entire program would have been run-off as scheduled. It would have been perfect; but, it had to rain. The track and field events were moved up a day until the field dried sufficiently to permit the events to take place under normal conditions.

Outside of that, the Olympic Meet of 1933 was more than anyone expected.

With the arrival of the contestants and rooters, the hustle and bustle reached a new peak. Some wanted to sleep, others wanted to take a shower, bath, nearly everybody was hungry and wanted to eat, etc. . . . Among the early arrivals was the bus load of Pennsylvanians from Burgettstown, Meadowlands and Strabane. Thirty strong packed in a school bus hardly big enough to accommodate twenty-five of them comfortably. Yet, when they piled out, they were a happy lot and raring for action. There was "Buzz," "Huzza," "Preacher," "Ham," "Freckles" and "Schrocky" (Nicknamed "Chibula" during the Meet and it's stuck ever since) and the rest of the troupers. What a "Gang"! . . . Most of the Clevelanders came by train and those who didn't rode out in cars. They were friendly and sociable from the very beginning and immediately struck a happy understanding with members from their neighboring state, the Pennsylvanians . . . They slept together, ate, washed and played together not to mention the singing, drinking and dancing bouts. And the girls, who accompanied them, were lovely and easy to get along with . . . From brothers, three, Tony, Joseph and Frank. They were among the first to arrive and the last to leave—A trio of fraternalists hard to beat. And from Indianapolis, railroaded the "Lady

Devil and wit," too.

It would be interesting to recollect the stories associated with the athletic event and the social affairs especially in the latter field where we were fair as in war. There were number of casualties reported, to very reliable authority; and enough, since then, the arrow flew from the bow string in found its mark and now where were two there are three. So, our National Meets are not

athletic meets. No sir-e-e-e! No

a long shot! They are national

places for those who want to make new friends and, perhaps, someone you'd like a whole lot better than anyone else you ever knew.

That's even more important than anyone else you ever knew.

running a ballgame with a home run, the 100 yard dash in 10 seconds flat . . . I don't expect anyone to agree with me on that.

And next Saturday morning, all coming back to the city where the first SSPZ National Meet was

held, we're coming back to see who can see, to beat fairly who we beat, to talk, sing, dance and

there is room for not anything. The Trailblazers and the Torians will be your hosts and just a little sincere help from you little effort on your part to want to have a good time, I'm sure you will succeed in making you as happy as you have ever wished to be. Well, to Southend Chicago on Sept. 5, 6 and 7.

PIONEER VRTEC NO. 1

The Pioneer Vrtec No. 1, went on an outing August 16th. We planned to go to the Mile Square. It is that morning and knowing grounds were wet we didn't bother

going to Blodnek's farm 10 miles away.

We all got up early and paged 10c for the ride. We ed

selves by singing popular songs. When we reached Blodnek's we took our lunches down

basement of the house. Then we played in the hay, played soft

jumped rope. I also took pictures.

We all missed one good lead that is Mr. Zaitz. We will never get him.

Angelina Plahuta, Member of

neer Vrtec No. 1.

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Our last regular meeting was at Blodnek's farm. First we met the meeting and we took pictures. The

folks had soda and hot dogs. The

people had beer. Everyone bro-

tained their own lunch. We were sing-

our way to and from the home.

trip was ten cents. The girls en-

themselves by dancing in the

Music was furnished by Edward

and Gabriel Laurita. The small

children enjoyed themselves by jump-

ing into the hay. We all enjoyed it

much but we all missed one per-

son and that was Mr. Zaitz.

Josephine Plahuta, Recording Sec-

tary, Vrtec No. 1.

VICTORIANS MEETING

Victorians next meeting will be on Sept. 3rd at Berger's Hall, 205 E. 115th St.—Chicago, Ill.

Lawndale Ave. at 8:30 sharp.

We have a good attendance. We

feel better when every member

active part in lodge affairs. At

meeting there will be a prize

ing. So come, maybe you will be lucky one.

Mary E. Novak, Sec'y, 7310

St. Clair Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Official Notice

BENEFICIARIES, FUNERAL EXPENSES, ETC.

The new By-Laws of the Society have been made to conform with the insurance laws of the State of Illinois. The sections regarding the Beneficiaries, Funeral Expenses, and all remaining sections pertaining thereto, have been changed.

According to the new By-Laws, the insured may designate as his beneficiaries, persons, other than those related to him, to the local lodge or to the SSPZ, providing that the insured has no immediate family or some other person dependent upon him for support. The insured, who wills his insurance to a non-relative in this manner, must do so by written declaration, stating that he is independent of his relatives, and that they in turn are not dependent upon him.

In regard to the payment of funeral expenses, the old By-Laws, provided that the sum of \$150.00 may be applied, regardless of whether or not the insured designated any amount in his will in behalf of his funeral expenses.

The new By-Laws, which are based upon the insurance laws of the State of Illinois, provide that the insured may designate a part of his mortuary benefit for funeral expenses, but that the amount shall in no case exceed the sum of \$200.00. In case where the insured does not make provisions for his funeral expenses in his certificate, the amount will not be paid, unless it is so desired by the beneficiary, and upon written authorization.

On account of the above provision there will be much inconvenience, because the members and