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Folklore Kres Invites All to Performance

Folklorna Skupina Kres would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to join them for an evening of dancing and music at their annual performance on Saturday evening, August 27.

Most recently, Kres has performed at the International Children's Games and at the Pensioners' picnic at Pristava. The group is also slated to perform at The Taste of Cleveland on Sunday, Sept. 4.

This year, Kres will showcase traditional dances from several regions of Slovenia, stylized polkas, a waltz, and a cha cha.

Veseli Godci will provide musical entertainment following the show. Over 120 enthusiastic, young dancers have practiced months for this exciting evening. Thanks to the overwhelming support from the Slovenian community, Kres continues to keep the Slovenian culture alive through their vibrant and colorful performances.

Tickets for Kres' August 27 performance are on sale now. Please reserve your tickets today by calling Sonja Kolaric at (440) 256-1546.



Sentvidu

Our Wonderful Trip to Slovenia

by MARIE AND
RUDY PIVIK

I was hoping to read in the English section of American Home news of our nice trip to Slovenia. My wife, Marie, is a member of singing group Korotan here in Cleveland, so with another 65 members, we were supposed to meet in Ljubljana on June 30 and stay at this building Kristusu Zvelicarju Sveta at a section of the city v Sentvidu. This was a religious singing tour in honor of members who left their homeland of Slovenia in May, 1945 after WWII ended. The only choice you had in Slovenia was to join the new party, go to prison, or be shot.

At our place of stay, it was not a hotel, but for the price we paid it was great. No radio, no TV, just a little room with two bunks, shower, plus every morning there was cold cuts, slices of cheese, cereal and coffee, to start our days of traveling with 2 buses to different churches and grounds, or mass graves. We sang and attended services.

Some days on the buses we had packed lunches and stopped for a feast.

It takes a lot of time and worries to arrange a trip like this, but we have to thank their persons, Cvetka Rihtar, Maruša Pogacnik, and others who helped, plus the travel agency.

The singing group under music director John Srsen did a great job wherever they went.

The persons who went on this tour flew on different airlines, on different dates for visiting their hometown or relatives.

For some reason I like to fly United Airlines, so my wife and I flew from Cleveland to Ord (Chicago O'Hare), had a 3 hour wait in Ord, so I went to change some money into Uro. In Ord. Terminal after I changed the money, a man asked me where I was going. I answered to Munich, then to Slovenia. I said, did you ever hear of Slovenia? He said yes, but are there any people living there? I was surprised, and said yes, two million. He had a smile and jokingly said I thought all Slovenians lived in Cleveland, Ohio.

I guess the Slovenians in Cleveland are well known. I should have said, "I am from Cleveland," but just walked away smiling.



Marie and Rudy Pivik

Some day when I have a chance, I might write about how I met my wife and married a Slovenian girl from a farm who did not know a word of English. I am American-born and could not talk Slovenian, but we got married anyhow in July, 1955. We have now been married for 50 years!

People ask why would I marry a girl from overseas when there are so many beautiful girls here in the USA, especially in high school.

Also, flying back on United Airlines from Munich to Washington, DC, a flight attendant asked my wife where she was from. Marie said, "Slovenia." The attendant said her grandmother was Slovenian. Then I asked what city or town was her grandmother from. She said, Joliet, Illinois. So besides, Cleveland, we know Slovenians live in other places as well. The flight attendant was married to a Croatian from Aliquippa, PA where there are a lot of Croatians living (Steelton).

Some of the most rewarding and beautiful moments of a friendship happen in the unforeseen open spaces between planned activities. It is important that you allow these spaces to exist.

--Christine Leefeldt

A woman drove me to drink. And I didn't even thank her. --W.C. Fields



Meet Most Rev. Anthony Pilla

by STANE KUCHAR
Co-Chairman, Ad Hoc
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Baraga Days 2005

WRITER'S NOTE: This is the sixth and final article in a series for the American Home newspaper featuring the Catholic bishops who will be participating in Baraga Days, 2005 in Cleveland, Ohio during this Labor Day weekend.

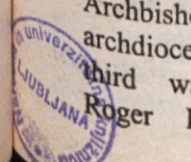
The first article was on Auxiliary Bishop Andrej Glavan, archdiocese of Ljubljana, second was on Archbishop Elden Curtiss, archdiocese of Omaha (NE), third was about Bishop Roger Foys, diocese of

Covington (KY), the fourth was on Bishop James H. Garland, diocese of Marquette, and the fifth was about Bishop A. Edward Pevec, diocese of Cleveland.

Anthony M. Pilla was born on Nov. 12, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio into the family of George and Libera Pilla, both natives and immigrants from Colle Sannita, province of Benevento, Italy.

George Pilla was an electrician while Libera was a homemaker. Both are deceased.

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Voice from Out of the Past

by RUDY FLIS

A voice from the past phoned me this week. "Do you know who this is?" It was on the tip of my tongue, and there it stayed until he said, "Would you like some smoked klobase for your anniversary?" It was Tom Malensek. When he and his brother Ken closed their butcher shop last year, I mentioned to them that next year Therese and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary without their delicious klobase. Tom told me then if he got around to making klobase for himself, and if it was a good product, I would have Malensek klobase for our 50th anniversary.

"Your anniversary is this Saturday, isn't it?" "I have some klobase for you. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. Tom was true to his word. We consumed some of this special gift on our anniversary and it was truly delicious. To the Malensek family, a special thank you for making this special day extra special.

At our party, many came up to me wishing to come to our home and partake of the special klobase they had heard about. I told them we wouldn't be home. That's

easier than telling them they're not welcome until the klobase is gone. Doesn't sound very Christian does it? But I'll say a prayer for them to ease their pain, and I'll offer up the delight of my taste buds as I consume my personal soul food from the Malensek family. I share this with only immediate family as we continue to celebrate this anniversary weekend.

All my children, all my grandchildren and our close friends shared this special day with us, which started with Therese and I renewing our vows. We prayed thorough the years we would be able to celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss. So now you know that my wife Therese has had 50 years of bliss with Flis.

I enjoy looking back on some pleasant memories, but also hope for a rosy future with quality time together. This is quite possible since we have raised our kids, had our worn out bodies repaired so we are at least partially mobile so I am able to drive us on short trips. Time will tell, as we put our trust in God. By the way, we have put our trust in God for the past five decades, and are pleased with the outcome.

Meet Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, D.D.

(Continued from page 1)

Anthony Pilla attended Parkwood Elementary and Patrick Henry Junior Schools in Cleveland. He then attended Cathedral Latin High School (Cleveland, Ohio), transferring to St. Gregory High School Seminary (Cincinnati, Ohio) after reflection for a vocation into the priesthood in the Catholic Church.

Upon completing his high school studies he attended Borromeo College and St. Mary Seminary (Cleveland) for his priestly formation and academic studies.

Anthony M. Pilla was ordained a priest on May 23, 1959 in the diocese of Cleveland. He was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy as well as successfully completed his Master of Arts in History from John Carroll University. He has received a number of honorary doctor degrees including Doctorate of Divinity (Baldwin-Wallace College), Doctorate of Humane Letters (Ursuline College, John Carroll University, Cleveland State University, and Notre Dame College).

Fr. Pilla served a number

of assignments in the Diocese of Cleveland including pastoral work and academic assignments. Pope John Paul II appointed Fr. Pilla as auxiliary bishop, diocese of Cleveland, on June 30, 1979 and was appointed bishop, diocese of Cleveland, on Nov. 18, 1980. He was formally installed as bishop of the diocese of Cleveland on January 6, 1981.

In addition to his episco-

pal duties, Bishop Pilla has held a number of important positions including being elected president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He has authored a number of Pastoral Letters and community based initiatives including "Church in the City," and "Vibrant Parish Life." Bishop Pilla has and continues to serve on a number of community boards and committees.

Balinca Club News

Now that most of the summer balinca league schedules have been completed, it is time to start thinking about our winter program.

While our club is called the WATERLOO Balinca Club, we welcome balinca (lawn bowling) players from any area, including those who have never played before.

We have received inquiries from interested potential players indicating they would like to play balinca; however, they would like to play in the afternoon.

Our largest league at present plays at 7:30 p.m. Most of us are seniors who do not

like to drive at night, especially during winter weather conditions. If there is enough interest, we can organize an afternoon league and, if agreeable, combine the other teams who do play in the afternoon, into one so we can possibly have two afternoon leagues.

There are many alternatives if we have enough people. Therefore, it is important that you call and indicate whether you would like to join us in the afternoon for some fun and exercise.

Please call Violet at 440-943-7212 or Marilyn at 440-953-8167 if you are interested.

100 WORDS MORE OR LESS

by John Mercina

AND YOU THINK IT'S HOT DOWN HERE?

(Found on the Internet, author unknown)

The following is allegedly an actual question on a University of Washington chemistry exam and the profound answer from one student:

QUESTION: "Is hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?"

ANSWER: "First, we need to know how the mass of hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into hell and the rate at which they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets into hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in hell to stay the same, the volume of hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added. This gives two possibilities:

1. If hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter hell, then the temperature and pressure in hell will increase until all hell breaks loose.
2. If hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until hell freezes over. So which is it? If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my freshman year that, 'it will be a cold day in hell before I go out with you,' and take into account the fact that she went out with me last night, then number 2 must be true, and thus I am sure that hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore extinct...leaving only heaven thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God.'

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Zakelj Family Chronicle

by ANTON ZAKELJ,
Translated and edited
by JOHN ZAKELJ

(Ata - Continued)

Ata was quite conservative. As was the case with most of the shoemakers in our village, he did not like to take risks and he didn't trust others. Mostly, he trusted himself and did not like delegating responsibility to anyone else.

He never showed anyone, not even my older brother Joze, how to cut out pieces of leather for shoe uppers, nor how to use the heavy sewing machine that Ata used to sew the leather. Once, when Ata went to Ljubljana, Joze tried sewing on that machine. He had an accident which caused the needle to break and get stuck in the machine. Joze ran out to get Anze to come fix it. Anze got it fixed and Ata never noticed.

That sewing machine was the extent of our technology - Ata preferred to do everything by hand. He didn't believe that other machinery would be worth the investment. Whenever we suggested a specific purchase to him, he would quickly calculate that it wouldn't pay off.

I worked in Ata's shoe-making workshop for 12 years without pay. When I was 24 years old, I returned from military duty and asked him about getting paid for working for him. He said I wasn't producing enough to be able to live on my own. My pay was my food and shelter at home. But I knew I produced more than that. He had paid employees who produced less than I did, but who got paid enough to live on their own.

I don't remember how I got it, but I did have some spending money in those days. I subscribed to a magazine and bought books. But I also remember times when I wanted to go see a performance at the Cultural Society, but couldn't afford the admission.

Ata was interested in politics, but he usually didn't get involved. When they held the first election in the 1920's (after Slovenia became part of the new country called Yugoslavia), people came to our house, asking him to go vote. "You go vote for me. I know that you'll change my vote anyhow," he told them.

Around 1931 or 1932, when the dictator Alexander Zivkovic governed Yugoslavia, Ata decided to run for mayor. He said he wanted to show the government there were people in our village who were opposed to the dictatorship.

He never told our family that he planned to run for mayor. I wondered why I sometimes found him reading a village manual during his lunch breaks. I finally learned from my friend Potocnik that Ata was running for mayor.

I did not think it was a good idea for Ata to run for mayor. I knew that he was too outspoken. It wouldn't be long before he would offend someone in a higher position and thus cause problems for our village.

The people who were running the government at that time were angry to see an active opposition party. They thought they had eliminated the opposition. When Vinko Gantar took our list of opposition candidates to the regional offices for certification, he was stopped by the police, searched, and beaten.

On election day, we told our supporters to wait until the afternoon to vote. Let our opponents think they are winning in the morning, and then we'll overwhelm them in the afternoon. That turned out to be a bad strategy. In the morning, government supporters drove around in a car offering people rides to the polls. During the ride, they convinced people to vote for the government. There was only one, a man named Novohisar, who accepted a ride and then announced he voted for Ata.

In the end, Ata received about 1/3 of the votes in that election, while his opponents received 2/3.

Something interesting happened on New Year's Day after those elections. It was the custom to give a special offering for the church organist on that day. It was also the custom that people would walk up by the altar to make church offerings, and my father would usually be the first one to go up followed by the other men, and then the women. But this time, my father refused to go up because the organist, who was a church employee, had been active with the Sokol organization, which supported the government. All the other men followed my father's lead and refused to go up. Then it was the women's turn. The wife of the man who was elected mayor went up, but no other woman followed her.

(To Be Continued)

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Baraga Path Leads to Slovenska Pristava on Labor Day for picnic and stations dedication

Where does the path lead? How does the road end? What is the Way of the Cross? To find out, follow the ribbon of highway to Slovenska Pristava on Monday, Sept. 5. Baraga Days will come to conclusion on Labor Day as you celebrate with the Belokranjski Klub the final festivities.

Life's journey begins in the arms of our families. Frederic Baraga's life began on an affluent estate. By the age of 12, however, he was alone with his teachers in Ljubljana, and then at the University of Vienna studying law. Upon graduation, a fork in the road appeared. "Shall I live the life of an attorney with a loving family?" he asked himself. Surprisingly, he entered the seminary and was ordained a priest on September 21, 1823.

Fr. Baraga had an eager desire to follow God's route for his life. This led him on a journey across the Atlantic Ocean. On December 31, 1830, he arrived in New York. Edward Fenwick, the first Bishop of Cincinnati, recognized and valued Father Baraga's fluency in seven languages and knowledge of civil and canon law.

Fr. Baraga realized he still had a way to go in his mission. The trail was smoother for one man than a whole nation. He quickly learned the new Indian language and walked the snowy paths of Upper Michigan. The Indians taught him their sport of canoeing and snowshoe travel. He conquered the waters and snowdrifts to spread the Gospel to the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, trappers, and

immigrants in the vast regions. The road of the Shepherd of the Wilderness became wider when he was consecrated the first bishop of Upper Michigan on November 1, 1853 until his death on January 19, 1868.

Do you know the way to Slovenska Pristava? Get the keys to your car and meet us there at the chapel garden on Monday, Sept. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Auxiliary Bishop Andrej Glavan of Ljubljana will dedicate the renewed prints of Baraga's Stations of the Cross from Metlika, Slovenia.

Fr. John Kumse, pastor of St. Mary's, Fr. Joe Boznar, pastor, and retired Fr. Vic Cimperman of St. Vitus, as well as Father Drago Gacnik from Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, Fr. Stane Okorn (retired) Salesian priest from Slovenia, Fr. Tone Bidovec (Fr. Boznar's cousin) from Argentina, and priests from the USA will join us to pray "The Way of the Cross," and also enjoy the festive day.

Immediately following the service will be dinner, refreshments and fun among family and friends. A great way to end Baraga Weekend and start another week.

Advance sale of dinner tickets is recommended. Roast Pork and Lamb dinners are \$12.00; child portion \$6.00. Call Molly Maslac at 440-423-0527, Theresa Smuk at 440-729-3427 or stop at Patria Imports on E. 185 St. in Cleveland, or call 216-531-6720.

The kitchen will also be open throughout the afternoon as customary.

--The Belokranjski Klub of Cleveland, Ohio

Joey Tomsick Orchestra Performance Schedule

September, 2005

Sun, Sept. 4	SNPJ Farm	Kirtland - Heath Road	3p - 7p	
Sat, Sept. 10	Private			
Sat, Sept. 17	Sterles Country House	1401 E. 55th St. (Cleveland)	8p-12a	216/881-4181
Thu, Sept. 22	Geauga Cty Polkafest	Family Life Center, Rt. 306 Bainbridge	11a - 1p	440/729-6817
Sat, Sept. 24	Private			
Fri, Sept. 30	Sugarcreek Swissfest	Sugarcreek, Oh		330/852-4113
Sat, Oct. 1	Sugarcreek Swissfest	Performance in the Fire Hall		

October, 2005

Sat, Oct. 1	Sugarcreek Swissfest	Performance in the Fire Hall		
Sat, Oct. 8	Reverse Raffle KSKJ	St. Clair Slov. Home	7p-12a	440/526-3344
Sun, Oct. 9	Rolandos Party Center	Whipple Avenue Canton Ohio	2p - 6p	
Sun, Oct. 23	Deshler Bavarian Haus	Deshler Ohio	5p - 9p	
Fri, Oct. 28	Westpark Slov. Home	4183 W. 130th St. A Great Time!	7:30p-11:30p	216/433-1941

November, 2005

Sun, Nov. 6	Melvindale Michigan	Melvindale Slovenian Home		
Sat, Nov. 19	Sterles Country House	1401 E. 55th St. (Cleveland)	8p-12a	216/881-4181
Nov. 24 - 25	Thanksgiving Polka Weekend - Celebrate Tony Petkovsek's Radio Anniversary			
Fri, Nov. 25	Marriott Hotel - CLE	Joey leads the Great Button Box Jam at the Festival		216/481-8669

December, 2005

Sat, Dec. 3	Sterles Country House	1401 E. 55th St. (Cleveland)	8p-12a	216/881-4181
Fri, Dec. 9	Westpark Slov. Home	4183 W. 130th St. A Great Time!	7:30p-11:30p	216/433-1941

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Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Well, the funeral services for the bees (under my porch) is over and in a way I was hoping that one or two would have survived so they can tell others and bring them over for the "Cocktail of their life," - (a little vodka as Marie Dular recommended).

It was good to read that my fellow writer Rudy Flis is well on the road to recovery and I know his wife is glad for I am sure that from time to time she was ready to tell Rudy where to put his "bell." He says he is a few pounds lighter, but then with a "butch" haircut, one has a tendency to lose a few pounds (after the haircut).

I was also pleased to see my brother Frankie Mlakar from Erie, Penn. write a few lines. Come on Frank, you got more lead in your pencil than that. You can write more. Tell you what, Frankie, if you write more, I will make my column shorter. (Dear God, forgive me for fibbing.)

Well, come on Ray, for weeks you have been telling us you are going to write about your trip to Slovenia back in 1979, so get off your butt and start where you left off. Well, before I start, let me acknowledge that I am not writing this from memory, because I took "crib notes," but then I even take crib notes when I go down to the basement so that I know what I went down for. Did I go down the stairs to wash clothes, to take a shower, to get food from the freezer? Odd dam, I have to go back up the stairs because I forgot to bring my crib notes to see what I went down for. Sometimes I don't think these are the "golden years," at all, but often-times the forgetful years.

Enough about lapse of memory. Are you ready? Josie and I left Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on September 10, 1979 at 8:30 a.m. I remember that time for Josie said we did not have time to have breakfast at home. It was flight 91242. I remember that like it was yesterday. We went on Trans International Airlines. Odd dam, that was a big plane, I mean huge. Those were the good old days. The cost of the flight for each of us was \$458 for the plane, plus \$49 for what they call fuel charge.

Odd dam, only God knows what fuel cost would be today with regular gas now selling at \$2.60 a gallon. Then there was \$3.00 tax that went into someone's pocket and I know it was not

mine. Then there was \$3.00 fee for Visa handling. Forget what we paid for the passport itself, which we got back on Aug. 6, 1979. Hmmm, now that I look at it, it has expired, for it had an expiration date of 9 Aug. 1984, but now with Harry as my dependent, I cannot think of going back, for he doesn't even like to ride in my car.

We flew at an altitude of 37,000 feet, so the captain announced on the loudspeaker, but then I did not go out of the plane and measure to insure his accuracy. We had seven stewardesses aboard and Josie insured that I did not ask them for anything that I did not need. One thing I learned that due to the fact it was such a huge plane, with 264 passengers that we all weighed a ton each, plus our luggage, the plane could not fill up the fuel tanks to full capacity since it would weigh too much for the short runway. Due to those circumstances, we had to land at Gander, Newfoundland for refueling which took two hours to fill the plane's tanks and us passengers to unload ours. Why so long, only God and the pilots knew, but I guess the hoses were not wide enough. But don't really know. We were permitted to get off the plane to stretch our legs and believe I had to stretch more than my legs.

We landed in Brnik which at that time was a small airport the size of our own Burke Lakefront Airport, but we were happy for there was my uncle, Joe Pirman and his wife, and Razza, my mother's sister and her family.

It took at least a half hour to get out of their embrace. Everybody was trying to talk at the same time. I was lucky that Josie knew how to talk Slovenian fluently and what can I say about myself, I am one of those *pu pa pu* (half-and-half) guys for Jesus is the only one who knew what I was saying.

They came in two cars, both belonging to my Aunt Rezza's family. Fortunately, they did not live far from the airport in the town of KAMNIK. Come on, all you folks know where Kamnik is. Small town and nice. They had a nice brick home; well I should not say brick, for although most homes are made of brick, they are all covered with stucco.

My aunt took me to the back yard to show me their garden and their dog, a real nice dog and I guess he was glad to meet an American. They knew we were coming as to the date and time and so the house was full of

food, enough to feed Grand Central Station. Rezza had two grandchildren, Bronco and Nada, both teenagers who surprisingly could speak a little American. Maybe all the words did not come out just right, but it was a hell of a lot better than what I was doing trying to speak in Slovenian. The Slovenian words I knew were mostly cuss words which Sister Bernadette tried to break me the habit of saying. What can I say, we sat, ate and drank and ate and drank and ate and drank, and before long I was singing Slovenian as good as them.

Well, I could go on with this, but hey, there are other writers in the American Home, so time I bring this phase of the trip to an end for now and get in a few jokes before I say *hasta la vista*. Let's face it, you have all been looking for my jokes and after my last week's story about the shortage of

priests in heaven, I am not sure how many of the "Holy Fathers" are on talking terms with me. What can I say, there is a shortage of priests all over, in heaven as well as here upon earth.

To begin with, "If you have a headache, take two aspirins and keep away from children."

Got another joke, Gus Russ told me at church last week. Ready? A woman calls a local hospital. "Hello, could you connect me to the person who gives information about patients? I'd like to find out if a patient is getting better, doing as expected, or getting worse." The operator asks, "What is the name of the patient and room number?" "Sarah Finkel, room 302," the caller says and she is quickly transferred. "I'd like to know the condition of Sarah Finkel in room 302, the caller once again asks, this time to the nurse who picks up the

phone.

"My records show Mrs. Finkel is doing well. In fact, her blood pressure is doing fine and she will be taken off the heart monitor in a couple of hours. If she continues this improvement, Dr. Cohen is going to send her home tomorrow at noon."

The woman says, "What a relief. That's wonderful news." The nurse says, "From your enthusiasm, I take it you are a close family member or a concerned friend." The caller says, "I'm neither. I'm Sarah Finkel in room 302 and I wanted to find out how I'm doing."

Well, that is it. Time to close for Happy Harry tells me it is chow time for him, but then chow time for him goes on 24 hours a day. In the meantime, May the Good Lord Bless and Watch over all of you and keep you in good health.

If This is the Law; Then So Be It!

If the US government determines that it is against the law for the words "under God" to be on our money, then so be it.

And if the government decides that the "Ten Commandments" are not to be used in or on a government installation, then, so be it.

Since they already have prohibited any prayer in the schools, on which they deem their authority, then so be it.

I say, "So be it," because I would like to be a law-abiding U.S. citizen.

I say, "So be it," because I would like to think that smarter people than I are in position to make good decisions. I would like to think those people have American public's best interest at heart.

But, you know what else I'd like?

Since we can't pray to God, can't Trust in God, and cannot post his commandments in government buildings, I don't believe the government and its employees should participate in the Easter and Christmas celebrations which honor the God that our government is eliminating from many facets of American life.

I'd like my mail delivered on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter. After all, according to the government, it is just another day.

I'd like the U.S. Supreme Court to be in session on Christmas, Good Friday, Thanksgiving and Easter as well as Sundays.

I'd like the Senate and the House of Representatives to not have to worry about get-

ting home for the "Christmas break." After all - it's just another day.

I'm thinking that a lot of my taxpayer dollars could be saved, if all government offices and services would work on Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter. It shouldn't cost any overtime since those would be just like any other day of the week to a government that is trying to be "politically correct."

In fact, I think our government should work on Sundays (initially set aside for worshipping God).

What do you think?

Thanks to Ray Mlakar for this thought.

It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating.

-Oscar Wilde

The safe way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket. -Bob Mills

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St. Vitus Slovenian Schools Begins

The St. Vitus Slovenian Language School will begin classes on Saturday, Sept. 10. Classes are held at the St. Martin de Porres School, located at 6019 Lausche Ave.

Student registration for preschool to eighth grade will be at 8:45 a.m. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mojca Slak at 216-881-1725.

Slovenian Sausage & Polkas Festival

Two favorite pastimes will link up for the Polka Hall of Fame "Sausage Festival" – sausages and polkas. Good music, good food, and good drinks are on the menu.

The Sausage Festival and Contest is the annual fundraiser for the National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum, and will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 1:30 to 9:00 p.m., at Slovenska Pristava (Slovenian Recreation Center) in Harpersfield, Ohio.

Doors open at 1 p.m. Five popular sausage makers will be cooking their specialty sausages (klobase) as well as delicious side dishes, at each of their booths. The sausage vendors are: Frank Azman of Azman & Son Meats of Cleveland (St. Clair Ave.), Krizman Meats of Mentor, Maple Heights Catering of Maple Heights, Miro's Meat Market of Eastlake, and Raddell's Sausages of Cleveland (East 152 St.).

Advance tickets are available for \$6 each, or \$7 at the gate. Each ticket purchaser will receive a ballot to vote for his or her favorite sausage. The participating sausage maker with the most votes will be named the "People's Choice" winner.

In addition, five prominent people will serve as judges for the two prizes, "Best of the Sausage Fest" and "Runner-Up in the Best of the Sausage Fest." The judges will conduct a taste test to determine the winner, with Polka Hall trustee Ray Somich supervisor of the testing.

Each of the sausage companies will also have a variety of additional, delicious foods for sale, such as barley soup, potato pancakes, sauerkraut, etc.

Home-baked strudels and poticas, and a full bar, featuring Slovenian beer, will be part of the Festival. Nine bands will entertain in the outdoor dance pavilion. the Happy Timers, Frank

Moravcik orchestra, Matt Grdadolnik and Friends, SNPJ Northern Home Button Box Club from Michigan, Rob Deblander orchestra, the Button Box Divas - Kathy Vogt, Linda Hochevar and Kathy Hlad, Penn-Ohio's John Lapinski, Joe Grkman and Grkmania from Western Pennsylvania, and the Joey Tomsick Orchestra.

Wayne Tomsic, chairman of the Festival, is coordinating the food, music and details of the event.

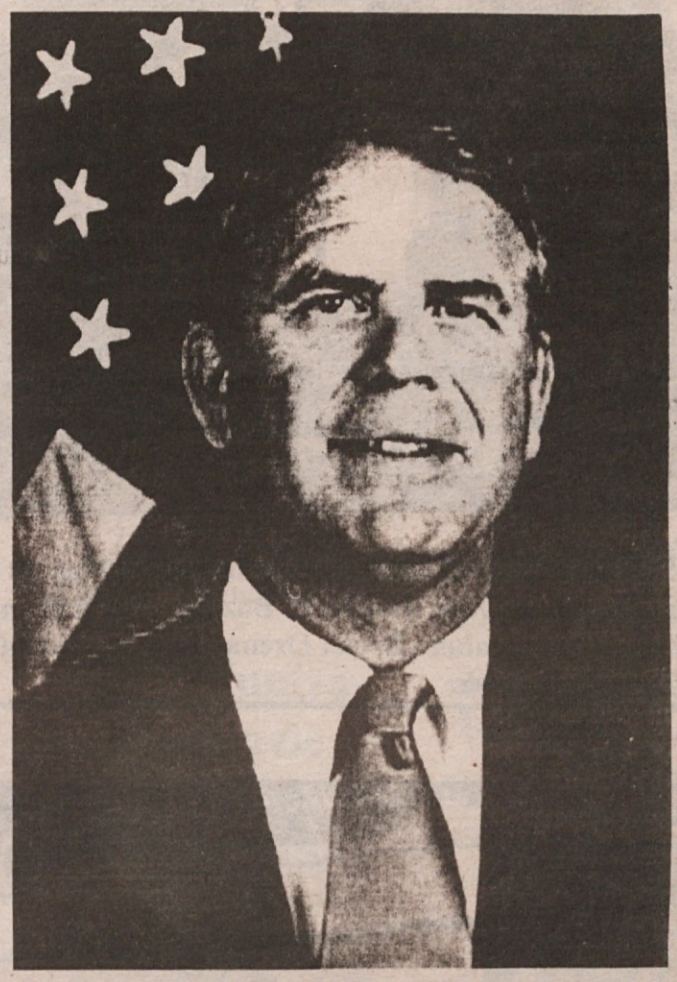
Advance tickets are available at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 East 222nd St., Euclid, OH 44123. For information call 216-261-3263.

Slovenska Pristava recreation center is located off I-90, Geneva exit at Route 534 South. Route 534 to South River Road, right (west), to Brandt Road, turn right. Pristava entrance is on the right, near the end of Brandt.

--C. Dolgan

New A.H. Schedule

There will be no American Home (Ameriška Domovina) printed on Sept 8 (Labor Day week), and no American Home will be printed the first Thursday of each month thereafter except in November and December when the offices and printing shop will be closed the holiday weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Who is U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia, Thomas Robertson?

Thomas B. Robertson is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Counselor. President Bush nominated Mr. Robertson as U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia on February 6, 2004. The U.S. Senate confirmed his nomination on May 6, 2004, and he was sworn in by Secretary Powell as Ambassador on September 16, 2004.

Ambassador Robertson began his career in the Foreign Service in 1981, serving overseas in Moscow from 1982-84 as aide to the Ambassador, and as political officer in Bonn, Germany, from 1984-86. From 1986-89 he was Deputy Director for Exchanges in the Office of Soviet Union Affairs at State.

In 1990, Ambassador Robertson moved to Budapest, Hungary, where he was chief of the Political Section. He worked in the office of the Special Coordinator for Counter-terrorism 1992-94, as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for European and Canadian Affairs in 1994, and as European specialist in the Bureau

of Legislative Affairs from 1994-95.

Ambassador Robertson was the Law Enforcement Counslor at the American Embassy in Moscow from 1995-1997.

Ambassador Robertson worked at the National Security Council as Director for Russian Affairs beginning in September 2001. In 2002 he returned to the Department of State to serve as a Career Development Officer in the Senior Level Division of the Bureau of Human Resources.

He has a bachelor degree from Princeton University, a masters from Johns Hopkins School of International Affairs, and has studied in Germany, the Soviet Union, and Italy.

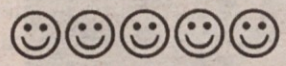
He speaks Russian, German, Hungarian, and some Slovenian, French, and Italian.

He is married to Antoinette Scala Robertson. They have two college-aged children, Thomas and Elizabeth.

This biography was submitted by Philip J. Hrvatin.

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News



A lively group greeted MaryJo Ivec, LPN, manager of Gateway Manor, and Carol Geyer and Audrey Abbott, who represented Family House, and Gateway Health Center, respectively. The ladies gave a good overview of retirement living at the Manor, and various amenities and nursing care available at the facilities. All of us were invited to the August Open House, and a pancake breakfast in September. MaryJo treated us to delicious cookies, baked by the Gateway chef; and everyone was presented with a "goodie" bag. Thank you, ladies, for an interesting talk; and the cookies were yummy!

After the Pledge, silent farewell prayers were said for members and friends we lost in the past two months: MaryAnn Avsec, wife of Joe; Tony Globokar, brother of Al; Anna (Gornik) Grzybowski; John Habat III, son of John Habat Jr; Julia Harbie, wife of Ed; Mary Jevnikar; Albert Strumble, brother of Ann Stefancic; Steve Valencic; Cliff Verderber; and Peter Yan Sr, brother of Phil. May they rest in God's peace. Our deepest sympathy to the families.

Ann Eichler of the sexy voice sent cheery get-well wishes to Beverly Hilton, Frank Korelec, Mary Podlogar, Frances Semenik, Mary Sterling, Louise Trunkley, Dan Turk, and Florence Zaman. It was good to see so many back among us. Glad that Mary Podlogar made a nice recovery; looking good, punca!

A big, warm WELCOME to new members Mary Lampe, Eileen Markusic. Carolyn Janezic, William Kovach, Elsie Lavrencic, Mary Oklessen, Dorothy Squire, Mary Stragisher, and Ethel Yancher. Plan on attending often, you'll have fun!

Many thanks to Myra Jerkic, and her August helper Bill Wujnovich, for conducting another fine 50/50 raffle. Many happy winners among us! Myra's sister Sonia, visiting from New Foundland, Canada, was a guest at the meeting. Hope you enjoyed your stay, Sonia!

Happy Birthday was sung to all the members, who admitted to having one this month. You don't have to count them, actually, if you prefer, but do enjoy every one! And many more....

Happy Anniversary wishes to Helen and John Kozlevchar, 50 yrs; Dorothy and John Kristoff, 59 yrs; Hermine and John Mramor,

58 yrs; Steffie and Al Somrack, 47 yrs; Florence and Ray Stopar, 54 yrs; Eleanor and Frank Zernic, 48 yrs; and Mildred and John Znidarsic, 54 yrs. Many, many happy returns!

Fran Kajfez reported 156 people in attendance, 126 on the honorary roster, and 33 on the "shrinking" waiting list. Hooray! The Amish trip is filled, but there's still a wait-list available. Fran is planning a Christmas Panorama trip to Canada, Thursday-Friday, Dec. 1 & 2, 2005, \$155.00 pp. She passed out flyers with all the details; there's too much to mention here, but the trip sounds terrific. If you are interested, you need to call her now: 440-944-3697. (you snooze, you lose)

There were no "Wing-Ding" dinners after the meeting this month; too darn hot in the kitchen, John Hozjan says. We have a promise of "Wing Ding" after our **September 14, meeting**. Holmes Ave. Hall is planning a huge **Music Fest on October 9, to honor Ken Zalar**, CSH Musician of the Year. Tony Petkovsik will be Emcee and present the following bands: The Magic Buttons 1:00-1:50 PM; Ron Pivovar 2:00-2:50; Jake Zagger, Tony Trontel, Darryl & Frank Valencic and Bob Zgonc 3:00-3:50; Bob Kravos 4:00-4:50; Corky Godec 5:00-5:50; Jeff Pecon 6:00-6:50; Joey Tomsick 7:00-7:50; Presentation until 8:15; Eddie Rodick 8:15-9:10; The Captains Crew 9:20-10:00; and Stan Blout 10:00-11:00. Mark your calendars now to enjoy 10 hours of Free Music; it will be a blast.

Aug. 22, 2005 is the absolute deadline for getting dinner tickets for Annual Pensioners Federation Picnic at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland. Price is still \$13.00, same as last year. Julie Zalar's fine cuisine will make your tummy happy; and Frank Moravcik's happy music will lift your spirits (and feet!); can anyone ask for more?

Matt Zabukovec promised us a surprise for September meeting; I can hardly wait.....

Se vid'mo, B. Bumble

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The St. Vitus Class of 1955 met on Saturday, May 28 in St. Vitus Church. Pictured at right is pastor Rev. Joseph P. Boznar. The golden 50th reunion was engineered by committee members Breda Osenar Loncar, Barbara Polz Folger, Richard Zele, and Tony Petkovsek. (Photo by PHILIP HRVATIN)



Anna Lunder of Cleveland visits Kraljica Miru (Queen of Peace) shrine in Slovenia earlier this year.

Coming Attractions

Saturday, Aug. 27

Kres Dancers perform at Slovenian National Home, at 7 p.m. Music by Veseli Godci. For tickets call (440) 256-1546.

Sunday, Aug. 28

Slovenska Pristava picnic (Ansambel Spica from Slovenia).

Sunday, Aug. 28

Utopians annual dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to music of Tony Fortuna Orchestra, 3:30 to 7:30.

Sunday, Aug. 28

Annual memorial pilgrimage to Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Frank, Ohio sponsored by DSPB, Cleveland. Memorial Mass at 12 noon. Bus leaves Collinwood Slovenian Home at 8 a.m., returns at 6 p.m. For reservations call Viktor (216) 531-2728 or Frank (440) 944-0020.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Slovenian Sausage Festival at Slovenska Pristava from 1:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets \$6 in advance, \$7 at gate. Benefit for Polka Hall of Fame. Nine bands.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

Fed. of Amer. Slov. Sr. Citizens Clubs Annual Picnic at SNPJ Farm on Heath Rd. Dinner 1 p.m. by Julie Zalar. Music by Frank Moravcik Orch 2:30 to 5:30. Dinner, admission & dancing \$13.00. For tickets see members of Barberton, Euclid, Holmes, Newburgh, Maple Hts., St. Clair or Waterloo, or call (216) 481-0163 or (440) 943-3784.

Saturday, Sept. 3

Dedication of Bishop Baraga bust in Slovenian Cultural Garden at 5:30 p.m. Slovenian Mass in St. Vitus Church dedicated to Bishop Baraga at 6:30 p.m. Social follows in school auditorium.

Sunday, Sept. 4

Bishop Baraga Mass in St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) Church at 2 p.m., followed by banquet and Bishop Baraga Annual Meeting in St. Mary's Community Center. Banquet SOLD OUT.

Sunday, Sept. 4

Dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to music of Joey Tomsick Orchestra from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 5

Slovenska Pristava: Dedication of Baraga Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m. followed by Picnic sponsored by Belokranjski Klub. Advance sales recommended. Roast Pork and Lamb dinners are \$12; child portion \$6. For tickets call 440-423-0527 or 440-729-

3427 or stop at Patria Imports on E. 185 St. or call (216) 531-6720. Kitchen open all afternoon.

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day dance with the Joe Grkman and Wayne Tomsic Orchestras at the SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio.

Friday, Sept. 9

Vocal ensemble "Cantate Domino," from Slovenia in concert in St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) new parish center. All welcome.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Goulash dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, Ohio. Dinners served 1 to 3; dancing to music of Eddie Rodick Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Ohio Chapter of Slovenian Genealogy Society International meets at Slovene Recher Hall, 20713 Recher Ave., in Euclid at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Clam Bake at, Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH. Advance reservations only call Sr. Rochelle at (216) 481-8232. \$30 person or \$55 couple. 12 clams or 10 oz. strip steak, baked ¼ chicken, baked sweet potato, clam chowder, pasta, clam broth, rolls and butter, corn on the cob.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Wine Festival (Vinska Trgatev) at Triglav Park in Wind Lake, Wisconsin.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Wine Festival at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Friends of SNPJ Farm dinner and dance at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners 1 to 3; dancing to music of Ray Polantz orchestra 3:30 to 7:30.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80th St., BBQ Rib Dinner (baby back), \$12.00. Serving 12 noon - 2 p.m. Music by Wayne Tomsic from 2 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Slovenian National Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Moonlight Bowling 6:30 p.m. \$25 per couple includes bowling, meal and prizes. Call Tony at 440-243-4062 or Anna Mae at (216) 341-6136 for reservations.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Slovenian Grape Festival at SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, OH. Dinners 1 to 3. Parade and harvest ceremony 2:00 followed by dancing to music of Tony Fortuna Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30.

Saturday, Oct. 29

Fantje na Vasi concert, 7 p.m., Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave.

Registration for St. Mary's Slovenian School

St. Mary's (Holmes Ave.) Slovenian Language School will have registration for the 2005/2006 school year on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 9 a.m.

Class will start that day.

Classes are offered for Pre-school through 8th Grade and will meet on Saturday mornings.

If you require additional information, please call Marty Marsic at 440-460-0682 or Marija Sedmak at 216-692-0186.

All students wishing to learn about the Slovenian language and culture are welcome.

When a fellow says it hain't the money, but the principle o' the thing. It's the money. --John Mercina

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Death Notices

JOSEPH V. VRTACNIK

Joseph V. Vrtacnik, age 92, passed away on Monday, Aug. 15, 2005.

Mr. Vrtacnik was the beloved husband of Danica (nee Milavec); father of Josie (Bill) Schrader, John, Stan (Pat), and the late Rudy; grandfather of five; brother of 13; cousin of Marion Vrtacnik.

Mr. Vrtacnik was an active member of the Bishop Baraga Association and friend of Ameriška Domovina.

Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Brendan Church. Internment Holy Cross Cemetery.

Family suggests contributions to St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30 St., Cleveland, OH 44113.

MARIJA VEIDER

Marija (Jereb) Veider, age 69, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at home.

Marija was born on June 5, 1936 in Rovde, Slovenia. She was a resident of Willoughby Hills, Ohio for 38 years.

She was a member of KSKJ St. Joseph's Lodge No. 169, and Slovenska Pristava Pensioners Club.

Marija had worked as an assembler for Bailey Meter in Wickliffe, Ohio for 30 years.

Marija is survived by her husband, Edward and stepchildren Thomas (Charlotte) Veider, Bernadette "Nadi" (Michael) Nigro, and Andrew (Kelley) Veider; grandchildren Isabella, Luca and Gage; siblings Francka, Ancka, Julka, Zofka, and Angelca (all of Slovenia).

Friends were received on Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 4-8 p.m. at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills.

Mass of Christian Burial was in St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Interment: All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

Memorial contributions in her name to St. Mary's Church Building Fund, or Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

JOHN GRM

John Grm; father of Dan and Diane; brother of Albina and Milan; uncle of Meta. Passed away Aug. 16, 2005.

Memorials may be forwarded to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Mary's Church, 15519 Holmes Ave., on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

Friends were received at the Brickman and Sons Funeral Home, 21900 Euclid Ave., Friday, Aug. 19 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

MARIA THERESA BACK

Maria Theresa Back (nee Svajger), age 47, beloved wife of James E.; dear stepmother to James Hylton and Victoria Back; cherished daughter of Vida (nee Povirk) and the late Roman Svajger; loving sister of George (wife Beth), Martin (wife Eileen) and the late babies Matthew, Mark, Luke and John Svajger; devoted aunt of David and Madeline Svajger.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Tuesday, Aug. 23 at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

ANNA MARIE OTONICAR

Anna Marie Otonicar, age 87, beloved daughter of Karol and Anna (nee Grubic) Otonicar (both deceased); sister of Charles Otonicar, Josephine Krasovec and Jennie Stanisha (all deceased); aunt of Rosemary (Elmer, Sr.) Perse, Frank Krasovec, Doris Bryan and Rudolph Stanisha (deceased); great aunt, great-great aunt and great-great-great aunt.

Funeral Mass was Monday, Aug. 22 at 9:30 a.m., in St. Mary Church (Holmes Ave.) Interment Calvary Cemetery.

The family received friends at the Jakubs and Son, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, 936 E. 185 St., Sunday, Aug. 21 from 4-7 p.m.

In Memory

Thanks to **Fran M. Mavko** of Marblehead, MA who renewed her subscription and added a \$10.00 donation in memory of her parents, **Valentine and Frances Mavko**.

In Loving Memory

of the Second Anniversary



Anne Slapnik Petkovsek

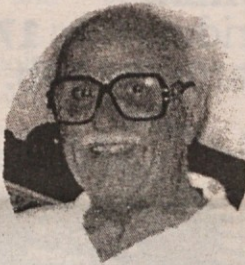
Born Oct. 8, 1907
Died Aug. 26, 2003

*A silent thought,
a secret tear,
Keeps her memory
ever dear.*

Sadly missed by:
FAMILY

In Loving Memory

of the Second Anniversary
of our dear husband,
father, and
grandfather



Ernie Mramor

Born Oct. 30, 1919
Died Aug. 29, 2003

*We Love and Miss You.
Always in
Our Hearts.*

Sadly missed by
Wife: Mary
Daughters: Marsha McGill,
and Madelyn Mramor
Son-in-law Craig, and
Grandson - Collin McGill

In Loving Memory

OF THE 24th
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Mary Branisel

who passed away on
Aug. 28, 1981

Upright and just in all her
ways,
Loyal and true through all
her days,
Silently suffered, patiently
bore;
God took her home to suffer
no more.

Sadly missed by
Frank, husband;
Nancy, Frances and James,
children, grandson Alan

Euclid, Ohio

Thanks

The St. Vitus Slovenian Language School would like to thank the KSKJ Cultural Fund for the donation of \$100. Your support will help the St. Vitus Slovenian Language School to continue to educate the students and help preserve the Slovenian language and heritage.

Donation

Thanks to **Slovenian Pensioners of Euclid** for the \$20.00 donation.

Donation

Thanks to **Joseph F. Rigler** of Kirtland, OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. He writes, "Keep up the good work."

In Loving Memory

of the 13th Anniversary of

Mary Muniza-Klemencic



*Aug. 26, 1992 was a sad day
for all who knew and loved
you.*

*We below, your family,
can't forget who and what
you were to us all.*

Love,
Son - John
Nieces - Carole, Mimi D.
Mim A. - Tillie
Nephews - John - Ed
Granddaughters -
Linda - Laura
All Great-Grandchildren

In Memory

Thanks to **Olga Kalar** of Euclid, Ohio who submitted a \$15.00 donation in memory of her husband, **Ludvika (Ludwig)**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Jeanne M. Kovach** of Berea, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of her mother, **Angela Kovach**. She writes, "Enjoy the paper very much."

In Memory

Thanks to **Irene Pecaric** of South Haven, Michigan who renewed her subscription and added a \$20.00 donation in memory of her parent's 65th Anniversary.



In Loving Memory

of the 8th Anniversary
of the death of



Edward Avsec

Died August 25, 1997

Always remembered
With thoughts of love
in our hearts and
still so missed.

Rest in God's loving care,
dear Ed.

Wife, Daniella
and Family

In Loving Memory



Albina Mrsnik

Born Feb. 6, 1907
Died Aug. 30, 2002

*Dear parents, gentle, good and kind,
look down from Heaven above,
and know that the care you gave us
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Later History of Gottschee

The Turkish threat eventually subsided with the development of the Austrian Military Frontier District, although there were still small Turkish cavalry raids into the area.

In 1642, the Counts of Auersperg purchased the Domain of Gottschee from Count Khisl, who had bought it in 1618 from the Habsburg emperor-owner.

Gottschee finally began to expand and prosper. Except for the French occupation in 1809, the area was largely at peace. Industrialization began to develop in the 18th century in the wood and mining sectors. Trade expanded, with Gottscheers exporting many products through the port of Fiume, but the main industry remained farming.

Gottschee grew to 176 villages organized into one city and 19 townships and 18 parishes. There are 595 Gottscheer family names, many of which are now common with Slovenian surnames. By 1850, there were about 22,000 residents of the domain of Gottschee. This number dwindled thereafter as many emigrated to other parts of Austria, or to America.

Carniola also expanded in the 17th century. Whereas the duchy had 68 feudal domains in the 13th century. By the 17th century, it had, according to Valvasor, 312 feudal domains. Most of these feudal domains were about the size of an American county, although some were certainly smaller. Of the 312 domains in 1689, 161 were ruled by lords with German names, 62 were ruled by lords with Italian-sounding names, and 34 had lords with Slavic-sounding names. An additional 27 domains were owned by the royal family, that is, they were "Landfürstlich," and another 21 domains were properties of the church, either ruled by abbots of monasteries or by the provincial heads of religious orders, such as the Jesuits, or by various bishops, near and far.

Slovenia had already become what it claims to be today – the Crossroads of Europe.

Documents for Local History

In addition to maps showing the feudal domains, its villages, townships, and parishes, and the all-valuable Urbars, there are plenty of

documents related to each feudal domain in historic Slovenia. For Gottschee, there are over 100 books and significant articles in scholarly journals that talk about the history and culture of the domain. In addition, in later years, local publications, such as farmers' almanacs carried lengthy articles on the history of the local areas where they were sold.

The Slovenians are a highly literate and literary people. One might imagine that there is a significant body of local historic information for all of the former domains in Slovenia. Perhaps one mission the Slovenian Genealogical Society International might consider is organizing itself into local chapters that could identify and collect and translate into

English significant works of local history, much as the Gottscheer Heritage and Genealogy Association is doing for that area.

Indeed, Dr. Stanislav Juznic, has just completed a comprehensive *History of Kostel*, and translated it into English. This might be a model for scholars and researchers in the other 312 feudal domains in Carniola,

as well as those domains in Stajerska and Primorska.

As for the Gottscheers themselves, they left a strong cultural legacy which is also part of the history of Slovenia. This legacy is well-described in the presentation of Dr. Mitja Ferenc.

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Ohio Slovenian Genealogists Meet

The Ohio Chapter of the Slovenian Genealogy Society International will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio at 7 p.m.

Speaker will be Jerry

Kliot of the Northeast Ohio Computer Assisted Genealogy Club who will speak to us about the computer and how it is used to make a genealogist's work more successful.

Non-computer users are

encouraged to attend to learn the multitude of ways the computer can assist genealogy researchers.

Anyone interested in learning more about locating information about their Slovenian heritage is wel-

come to attend. Call Rose Marie Jisa at 440-230-2251 if you have any questions.

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57th Annual Baraga Days in Cleveland

The observance of the 57th annual Baraga Days will be in Cleveland, over the Labor Day weekend. It will be hosted by St. Vitus and St. Mary parishes and coordinated by an Ad Hoc Committee.

The last time Cleveland hosted the Baraga Days was in 1998. Hundreds of out-of-state pilgrims are expected and who will need welcoming attention from ALL. The pilgrims will include several bishops and priests from other dioceses arriving to be part of the festivities. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 3 - A new bust of Bishop Baraga will be blessed in the Slovenian Cultural Garden (on East Blvd.), Rockefeller Park, Cleveland at 5:30 p.m. The Slovenian Cultural Garden Association (SCGA) has worked diligently for several years to restore the original look of this garden. Attendance that day will show support and gratitude to the SCGA for their work.

A shuttle bus, Lolly the Trolley, will be available to shuttle people to and from the garden. It will be at St. Vitus church and provide the shuttle to the garden and back to the church. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. The shuttle will begin at 5 p.m. The bus holds 38 people.

Participating in the blessing will be Bishop James H. Garland, D.D. diocese of Marquette, Bishop

John Kudrick, eparchy of Parma (Eastern Byzantine Catholics), and Father Alexander Sample III, executive director, Baraga Association.

Pontifical Mass. - 6:30 p.m. in St. Vitus church, 6019 Lausche Avenue. There will be six bishops and 17 priests concelebrating the Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Andrej Glavan, archdiocese of Ljubljana, as the principal celebrant and homilist.

The Mass will be in Slovenian.

Following Mass everyone is invited to St. Vitus auditorium for refreshments, food, and social.

Open house will be in the new St. Martin de Porres High School and the first floor of St. Vitus Village (lobby, chapel, Slovenian room), and outside courtyard.

NOTE: The procession for the Mass with bishops, clergy, servers, invited guests and individuals in "narodne noše" (Slovenian national attire), will gather at the main entrance of St. Vitus Village. In case of rain, the gathering will be in the lower church hall.

Parking for Sept. 3 will be in the three parish lots (front and back by the school auditorium, and across the street from the church), the side and main lots of St. Vitus Village, Sheliga Drug Store parking lots (on St. Clair between East 61st and 60th Sts.), Zak Funeral

Home, and Key Bank parking lot.

Sunday, Sept. 4 - Pontifical Mass at 2 p.m. in St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave. Seven bishops and 22 priests are to concelebrate this Mass with Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, diocese of Cleveland, as principal celebrant and homilist.

The Mass will be in English.

A dinner will immediately follow the Mass in the new parish center. Eight tickets became available. Call Stane Kuhar (216) 361-1444 for these last eight tickets. Cost is \$25.00 each.

Guest speaker for the banquet is Archbishop Elden F. Curtiss, archdiocese of Omaha.

The event will conclude with the annual proceedings of the Baraga Association.

All who can, please come dressed in Slovenian national attire (narodne noše).

Monday, Sept. 5 - Blessing of newly purchased Stations of the Cross using prints of those Father Baraga purchased and installed when he was a parish priest at St. Nicholas Parish in Metlika, Slovenia. This will take place around 11:30 a.m. at Slovenska Pristava.

A family style picnic will follow. The Belokranjski Klub of northeast Ohio is sponsoring this event, marking their 40th year anniversary of founding.

-Stane Kuhar
Co-Chairman

Swedish Rice Pudding

- 1 1/4 c pre-cooked rice
- 2 T butter
- 1 unblanched almond
- 1 tsp. grated lemon rind or nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp. cardamom
- 3 c milk
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/3 c sugar

Cook milk and rice in double boiler 1/2 hour. Stir several times with fork. Add butter, sugar, cardamom and lemon rind. Stir in eggs. Cook 5 minutes. Serve warm with cold mock longon sauce.

Mock Longon Sauce

- 1 can whole cranberry sauce
- 1/4 c port wine
- 1/4 tsp. allspice
- 1 stick cinnamon

Place all ingredients in a saucepan. Simmer for 15 minutes. Remove cinnamon stick. Serve hot or cold.

Broccoli Casserole

- 3 pkgs. frozen broccoli spears (cook partially for 3 minutes)
- 1 pt Hellman's Mayonnaise (thin with 1/4 c. milk)
- 1 big can Krafts Grated Cheese (Parmesan) (mix with mayo and milk)
- 2 - 1 lb. cans pear shaped tomatoes (or use ripe sliced thin).

In casserole 9x12 place layer of broccoli, then layer of tomatoes (drain off juice and slice). Repeat layers. Add mayonnaise, cheese over top. This can be done day before and refrigerated. Heat 1/2 hour or so at 350 degrees. You can sprinkle bacon chips on top.

A Woman's Poem

*He didn't like the casserole
And he didn't like my cake.
My biscuits were too hard...
Not like his mother used to make.*

*I didn't perk the coffee right.
He didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks
The way his mother used to do.*

*I pondered for an answer
I was looking for a clue.
Then I turned around and slugged him...
Like his Mother used to do.*

--Compliments of Phil Hrvatin

Collinwood Musicfest

The Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave., Cleveland will be presenting a "Musicfest" honoring Kenny Zalar on Sunday, Oct. 9th. Doors open at 12 noon.

Come join the fun on Holmes Ave. Free admission.

KSKJ St. Joseph #169 will be matching funds for this event.

Adult Slovenian School to Open

Slovenian School for adults will begin on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., at St. Martin de Porres School (formerly St. Vitus), 6111 Lausche Ave., Cleveland.

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Annual Pilgrimage to Frank, Ohio

The annual memorial pilgrimage to Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Frank, Ohio, sponsored by DSPB, Cleveland will be held on Sunday, Aug. 28. Memorial Mass will be at 12 noon.

Bus leaves from Collinwood Slovenian Home at 8 a.m., and returns at 6 p.m.

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Hearing Joke

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were taking a walk one fine March day.

One said, "Windy, isn't it?"

"No," the second man replied, "It's Thursday."

The third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a root beer."

--Phil Hrvatin

A good cook is like a sorceress who dispenses happiness. -Frank Mlakar

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Medicare helps defray costs to 65-and-older

Part I

by Allen Rightmyer,
FLMI, AALU
Vice President of
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NOTE: The following article is the first of a three-part series. This story provides you with basic information on what Medicare is and who is covered. The available options you have for choosing Medicare coverage will be highlighted in the second part of the series. The third part will focus on the Medicare Prescription Card.

Medicare is our country's health insurance program for people age 65 and older.

Certain people younger than age 65 can qualify for Medicare, too, including those who have disabilities and those who have permanent kidney failure.

The program helps with the cost of health care, but it does not cover all medical expenses or the cost of most long-term care. Medicare is financed by a portion of the payroll taxes paid by workers and their employers. It also is financed in part by monthly premiums deducted from Social Security checks.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is the agency in charge of the Medicare program. But you apply for Medicare at Social Security. Medicare has two parts that help pay for different kinds of health care costs.

Hospital insurance (also called Medicare Part A) helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay), some home health care and hospice care. Medical insurance (also called Medicare Part B) helps pay for doctors' services and many other medical services and supplies that are not covered by hospital insurance.

Medicaid and Medicare are not the same. They are two different programs. Medicaid is a state-run program that provides hospital and medical coverage for people with low income and little or no resources. Each state has its own rules about who is eligible and what is covered under Medicaid. Some people qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

For more information about the Medicaid program, contact your local medical assistance agency, social services or welfare office.

Hospital insurance (Part A)

Most people age 65 or

older who are citizens or permanent residents of the United States are eligible for free Medicare hospital insurance (Part A). You are eligible at age 65 if: You receive or are eligible to receive Social Security benefits; or you receive or are eligible to receive railroad retirement benefits; or you or your spouse (living or deceased, including divorced spouses) worked long enough in a government job where Medicare taxes were paid.

If you do not meet these requirements, you may be able to get Medicare hospital insurance by paying a monthly premium. Usually, you can sign up for this hospital insurance only during designated enrollment periods.

NOTE: Even though the full retirement age is no longer 65, you should sign up for Medicare three months before your 65th birthday. Before age 65, you are eligible for free Medicare hospital insurance if: you have been entitled to Social Security disability benefits for 24 months; or you receive a disability pension from the railroad retirement board and meet certain conditions; or you have Lou Gehrig's disease (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis); or you, your parent or your spouse (living or deceased, including a divorced spouse) worked long enough in a Medicare-covered government job and you or they meet the requirements of the Social Security disability program.

If you have kidney disease and/or permanent kidney failure, you are eligible for free Medicare hospital insurance at any age. This is true if you receive maintenance dialysis or a kidney transplant and: you are eligible for or receive monthly benefits under Social Security or the railroad retirement system; or you have worked long enough in a Medicare-covered government job; or you are the child or spouse (including a divorced spouse) of a worker (living or deceased) who has worked long enough under Social Security or in a Medicare-covered government job.

Medical insurance (Part B)

Anyone who is eligible for free Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) can enroll in Medicare medical insurance (Part B) by paying a monthly premium. If you are not eligible for free hospital insurance, you can buy medical insurance, without having to buy hospital insurance, if you are age 65 or

older and you are a U.S. citizen; or lawfully admitted non-citizen who has lived in the U.S. for at least five years.

If you cannot afford to pay your Medicare premiums and other medical costs, you may be able to get help from your state. States offer programs for people who are entitled to Medicare and have low income. The programs may pay some or all of Medicare's premiums and also may pay Medicare deductibles and co-insurance. To qualify, you must have Part A (hospital insurance), a limited income, and, in most states, your resources, such as bank accounts, stocks and bonds, must not be more than \$4,000 for a single person or \$6,000 for a couple.

If you are not sure if you have Part A, look on your red, white and blue Medicare card. It will show Hospital (Part A) on the lower left corner of the card. If you are still not sure, you can call Social Security toll-free.

Only your state can decide if you qualify for help under these programs. To find out, contact your state or local medical assistance (Medicaid) agency, social services or welfare office.

When should I apply?

If you are already getting Social Security retirement or disability benefits or railroad retirement checks, you will be contacted a few months

before you become eligible for Medicare and given the information you need. You will be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B automatically. However, because you must pay a premium for Part B coverage, you have the option of turning it down.

If you are not already getting retirement benefits, you should contact the Social Security Office nearest you about three months before your 65th birthday to sign up for Medicare. You can sign up for Medicare

even if you do not plan to retire at age 65.

Once you are enrolled in Medicare, you will receive a red, white and blue Medicare card showing whether you have Part A, Part B or both. Keep your card in a safe place so you will have it when you need it.

If your card is ever lost or stolen, you can apply for a replacement card on the Internet at www.socialsecurity.gov or call Social Security's toll-free number.

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– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Slovenija bo razglasila zaščitno ekološko cono na svojem delu Jadranskega morja

Slovenija bo za zaščito svojih interesov v Jadranskem morju razglasila zaščitno ekološko cono (v njej se izvaja slovenski pravni red in pravni red Evropske zveze o varstvu in ohranitvi morskega okolje) in epikontinentalni pas. Okoljski minister Janez Podobnik (SLS) pričakuje veliko politično soglasje, in tako bo lahko zakon o tem državni zbor sprejel že v septembru. Predlog zakona (pri pripravi le-tega je sodelovalo tudi ministrstvo za zunanje zadeve, ugotavlja, da je Slovenija naslednica sporazuma med vlado bivše Jugoslavije in vlade Italije o razmejitvi epikontinentalnega pasu med državama z dne 8. januarja 1968. Kakšno bo gledanje sedanje italijanske vlade, ki se o Jadransko očitno pogaja s Hrvaško, ni še jasno. Ker predlog zakona celotno podpira tudi LDS, naj bi vlada imela v DZ do 72 glasov.

Predsednik ameriške demokratske stranke Howard Dean obiskal Slovenijo – Povabil ga je bil bivši predsednik Milan Kučan

Predsednik Janez Drnovšek in predsednik ameriških demokratov in nekdanji predsedniški kandidat te stranke (premagal ga je leta 2004 sen. John Kerry) Howard Dean sta ugotovila, da so odnosi med ZDA in Slovenijo odlični ter izrazila interes, da bi se odnosi med obema državama razvijali še naprej. Dean je bil na obisku Slovenije na povabilo bivšega predsednika Milana Kučana. Dean in Drnovšek sta govorila tudi o razmerah v BiH, ki jo je Dean tudi nameraval obiskati v okviru svoje evropske turneje. Deana so zanimali tudi priprave Slovenije na prevzem evra in predsedovanje Evropski zvezi leta 2008. Izjavil je, da je povabilo na obisk v Slovenijo sprejel zaradi

visoke spoštovanje do slovenskih dosežkov pri mirnem prehodu iz starega v novi režim in zaradi spoštovanja do dela nekdanjega slovenskega predsednika.

Slovensko gospodarstvo tudi močno trpi zaradi konkurence iz Azije

V enem samem dnevu (torek, 16. avg.) je oz. bo brez dela ostalo brez dela 377 ljudi v podjetju Razgoršek v Mariboru 88, v Beti Konfekcija Črnomelj 180 in v Drogi Kolinski Ljubljana/Portorož napovedanih dodatnih 109 (ob 176 iz tedna poprej). Beti ni bila sposobna tekmovati s poceni (in kakovostnimi) izdelki iz Daljnega vzhoda, v glavnem zaradi sorazmerno drage delovne sile. V Črnomlju v podjetjih Komat, Kolinska, Danfoss in Iskra grozi še izguba 400 delovnih mest.

Domžalska tovarna Tosama je imela v prvem polletju ogromne izgube, ker jo je izredno poceni kitajska konkurenca pri sanitetnih izdelkih izrinila z več pomembnih svetovnih trgov.

Tudi na podeželju niso razmere kaj boljše. Število kmetov, za en primer, se je v enem letu zmanjšalo za 6,5 odstotka, na skupno 31.359.

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Veselo na Pristavi—

To nedeljo popoldne vabi odbor Slovenske pristave na vrtno veselico. Za ples in zabavo bo igral ansambel Špica iz Slovenije. Začetek ob 2h pop. Pridite!

Pristavski upokojenci—

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave ima člansko sejo v sredo, 31. avgusta, pop. ob 1.30 na Slovenski pristavi. Članstvo lepo vabljenost na sejo.

Bralcem v vednost—

Naš list bo prihodnji četrtek, 1. septembra, redno izšel, ne pa številka, ki bi sicer izšla 8. sept. Tako bo po četrtku, 1. sept., naslednja številka izšla 15. sept.

Še nekaj nakaznic—

Ker so nekatere nakaznice za banket, ki bo v nedeljo, 4. sept., med Baragovimi dnevi, bile vrnjene iz Kanade, je na razpolago 8 nakaznic, vsaka po \$25. Če se zanimate, pokličite faro sv. Vida (S. Kuhar) na 216-361-1444.

Začetek pouka Slov. šole—

Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu bo začela s poukom v soboto, 10. septembra, ob 9h zjutraj. Vpisovanje učencev od malega vrtca do osmega razreda bo isti dan ob 8.45 zj. Ako imate kakšno vprašanje, lahko pokličete Mojco Slak na 216-881-1725.

Koncert "Cantate Domino"—

V petek, 9. septembra, začenši ob 7.30 zv., bo v novi dvorani župnije Marije Vnebovzete koncert vokalne skupine Cantate Domino iz Kočevskega, Slovenija. Pevski zbor Korotan sponzorira nastop v Clevelandu in vas vabi na udeležbo. Vstopnice bodo na voljo pri vhodu v dvorano na večer koncerta. Članek o skupini in spored koncerta najdete na str. 12.

Kosilo Oltarnega društva—

Oltarno društvo fare sv. Vida ima letno kosilo v nedeljo, 11. septembra, s serviranjem od 11.30 dop. do 1. pop. v farnem avditoriju. Cena kosilu je \$12 za odraslo osebo, \$6 za otroka do 12. leta. Kosilo se bo tudi lahko vzelo domov. Nakaznice imajo članice, na voljo bodo tudi pri vhodu na dan kosila.

V podporo listu—

G. in ga. Carl Prelog, Kew Gardens, NY, sta ob obnovi naročnine darovala \$65 v podporo našemu listu. Za pomoč najlepša hvala!

Novi grobovi

Marija Veider

Dne 20. avgusta je na svojem domu na Willoughby Hillsu umrla 69 let stara Marija Veider, rojena Jereb 6. maja 1936 v Sloveniji, žena Edvarda, mačeha Thomasa, Bernadette (Nadi) Nigro in Andrewja, 3-krat stara mati, sestra Francke, Ančke, Julke, Zofke in Angelce (vse v Sloveniji) ter že pok. Rezke in Franca, zaposlena je bila 30 let pri Bailey Meter Co. v Wickliffu, članica KSKJ št. 169 in Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave. Pogreb je bil 24. avgusta v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Chardon Rd. s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču. Družina priporoča darove v pokojničin spomin St. Mary's Church Building Fund, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110 ali Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Maria T. Back

Umrla je 47 let stara Maria T. Back, rojena Švajger, žena Jamesa, pastorka Jamesu Hyltonu in Victoriji Back, hčerka Vide (roj. Povirk) in že pok. Romana Švajgerja, sestra Georgea, Martina ter že pok. malčkov Matthewa, Marka, Luke-a in Johna, teta. Pogreb je danes, 25. avgusta, s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Paskala Bajlonskega in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Florijan S. Sekne

Umril je 81 let stari Florijan S. Sekne, vdovec po Mary, roj. Sladič, oče Florence M. Zazula in že pok. Sylvestra, 4-krat stari oče, 11-krat prastari oče. Pogreb je bil 24. avgusta s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

(DALJE na str. 16)



LJUBLJANSKI NADŠKOF IN METROPOLIT ALOJZ URAN NA BREZJAH na prazniku Marijinega vnebovzetja 15. avgusta. Navzočih je bilo približno 6000 vernikov.

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Vokalna skupina Cantate Domino se je ustanovila oktobra 1989. Od vsega začetka gre za mešano sestavo, ki je nastala iz pevke in pevcev kočevskega cerkvenega zbora. V njej poje trenutno deset članov.

V svoji predstavitvi priporočajo takole:

"Pesem je bila tista vrh, ki nas je povezala v šopek prijateljev. Srečavali in spoznavali smo se na kočevskem cerkvenem koru. Kasneje smo se skupaj marsikdaj podali v hribe, na kolesarjenje, k igri odbojke, na piknike v naravi – in ob vsakem druženju zapeli ob kitari. Cantate Domino – "Pojte Gospodu" – smo se poimenovali. Zakaj? Gospod nam je dal glasove, s katerimi slavimo Njega in vse vesoljno stvarstvo, ki ga opevajo številne pesmi."

Skupina prepeva slovenske in tuje ljudske in umetne pesmi, slovensko in tujo sakralno glasbo, in priredbe popevk. Vsako leto ima samostojni koncert z gosti, in tudi božični koncert.

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Umetniško vodstvo je od samega začetka v rokah Franca Štefaniča, ki je sicer po poklicu zdravnik, kirurg, a se od otroštva aktivno ukvarja z glasbeno dejavnostjo.

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Belokranjski klub in Baraga

CLEVELAND, O. – Baragovi dnevi se naglo približujejo, ko se bomo zbrali od blizu in daleč, da čimlepše proslavimo spomin našega svetniškega škofa Friderika Barage in s skupno molitvijo prosimo Vsemogočnega, da ga čimprej proglasi za svetnika.

Belokranjci čutimo posebno vdanost do Barage, saj preden je osšel v Ameriko, je zadnji dve leti kot kaplan pasel duše v cerkvi sv. Nikolaja v Metliki v Beli krajini. Tam je svojim vernikom pustil bogato versko dediščino. Ljubezen in spoštovanje do njega se ponavlja iz roda v rod.

Zraven močne vere, je imel tudi poseben talent za umetnost. Za to cerkev je preskrbel umetniške slike križevega pota, ki še danes krasijo in vabijo k molitvi.

Članom Belokranjskega kluba v Clevelandu je uspelo dobiti slike teh pos-

taj križevega pota, ki so umetniško izdelane in bodo postavljene na Slovenski pristavi.

V ponedeljek, 5. septembra, dop. ob 11.30, bo blagoslovitev in pobožnost križevega pota. Vodil bo ljubljanski pomožni škof Andrej Glavan, v navzočnosti drugih duhovnikov.

Potem bo na razpolago okusno in tradicionalno belokranjsko kosilo: na ražnju pečena, svinjska in jagenjkova pečenka z drugimi dobrotami.

Vljudno vas Belokranjski klub vabi, da ob belokranjskem vinu in domačih melodijah v prijetni družbi skupno zaključimo praznovanje Baragovih dni.

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Ljubljana, 21. julija 2005

DVE FAZI REVOLUCIJE

(II. NADALJEVANJE)

Ob poznavanju ozadja in pravilnem branju komunističnega novoreka tako natanko vemo vsaj dvoje: da je šlo z OF za revolucijo in ne za osvobajanje in da komunisti slovenskega naroda nikakor niso mogli osvoboditi.

Če je ta odporniška organizacija skrivala, je njena neposredna predhodnica, Protiimperialistična fronta (PIF), razkrivala. Tu se v času pakta med dvema največjima imperialističnima in totalitarnima silama (takrat sta si že razdelili vojni plen) pojavi ideološki izraz protiimperialističen, ki je v skladu komunistično moralno in resnico obtoževal imperializma njihove prave nasprotnike, zahodne (meščanske) demokracije.

Še preden se je vojna dobro začela in ko ni bilo govora o kakšnem komunističnem odporu okupatorjem, ki so bili od 6. aprila 1941 že tu, se je na Slovenskem s PIF že institucionalizirala druga faza revolucije s poudarjajočim razrednim vidikom in z njo kolaboracija z okupatorskim nacizmom.

Čeprav je spet po navodilu Velikega brata po nemškem napadu na Sovjetsko zvezo 22. junija 1941 PIF nenadoma izgnila pod plaščem OF, je njen razredni duh ostal, zdaj odet v ovčjo kožo. Če spomnimo, zelo aktualen je bil še pozneje v letih hladne vojne, na Slovenskem pa straši še danes s pritajeno skepsjo do EZ, z odkritim protiimperializmom do ZDA, če ne govorimo o podtalnem poskusu sabotiranja slovenskega vstopa v NATO, in to hkrati s prorusko in prosrbsko naravnostjo k dvema resničnima stoletnima imperializmoma, ki sta oba že ogrožala slovenski narod.

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Z OF in NOB je po nemškem napadu na Sovjetsko zvezo prišlo v skladu z isto moralno Kominterne do nenadnega zasuka poslušnih slovenskih komunistov v prvo fazo revolucije in z njo do leporečja o visokih narodnih ciljih. Je bilo iskreno?

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Dr. Valentinu Meršolu v spomin: ob 60. obletnici vetrinjske tragedije (na Slovenski pristavi, 7. avgusta 2005)

Cenjeni gospodje duhovniki, spoštovani gostje, dragi udeleženci današnjega spominskega obeležja.

Poverjena mi je bila naloga, da v imenu Slovenskega ameriškega sveta spregovorim na današnjem obeležju, ob odkritju spominske plošče dr. Valentinu Meršolu tu na Slovenski pristavi, ob 60. obletnici vetrinjske tragedije.

Zamisel potrebe postavitve spominskega priznanja dr. Meršolu je prišla od dr. Uroša Roessmana in dr. Mateja Roessmana, ki je bil vsa leta od ustanovitve predsednik Slovenskega ameriškega sveta in je bil tudi dolgoletni predsednik Slovenske pristave. Vsa letu tu v Ameriki pa je bil neumorni buditelj slovenske državnosti in narodne zavesti, za kar zasluži naše iskreno priznanje in zahvalo. (Izredno me veseli, da je kljub bolezni danes tukaj med nami.)

Današnji dan je zelo pomemben za Slovensko pristavo in vso slovensko skupnost. To je dan, ko se spominjamo dr. Valentina Meršola, zdravnika, človekoljuba in rodoljuba z močno vero in zaupanjem v Boga. Dr. Meršol je s svojim pogumom in prošnjami rešil na tisoče beguncev skoro gotove smrti.

Danes, po šestdesetih letih velike vetrinjske tragedije, je prav, da tudi tu na Slovenski pristavi postavimo spominsko ploščo v njegov spomin in zahvalo, ki naj spominja na čas velikega trpljenja

našega slovenskega naroda.

Teško je mlademu rodu razumeti okoliščine, v katerih se je v letih vojne in komunistične revolucije znašel naš slovenski človek. Tu živimo v popolnoma drugačnih razmerah, kot so obstojale takrat. Prav pa bi bilo, da bi vsaj malo pomislili in skušali razumeti položaj tistega časa in spoznali težko pot svojih prednikov.

Ko gledamo iz daljne časovne perspektive, se nam nehote ozvežijo spomini na tisto žalostno dramo, ki se je odigravala na naših slovenskih tleh. Morda se bo eden ali drugi zamislil v čas, ko se je naš slovenski narod znašel v precepu tuje okupacije in domače komunistične revolucije. Ne po svoji volji in ne po lastni krivdi smo bili po tujcu okupirani.

Ves svet se je znašel v vojni vihri. Bili smo brez kakršnega koli zaledja, kakršne koli pomoči in vidika hitrega konca -, a vsi v prepričanju, da bo zahodni, svobodni in demokratični svet premagal naše okupatorje, ko se čas dopolni.

Ves narod je bil odvisen samo od tega, kar je rodila domača slovenska zemljica. Navezani na to slovensko zemljo, katera nam je dajala, kakor dobra mati, sok življenja, brez katerega ne bi mogli živeti.

To slovensko zemljo smo ljubili, saj smo iz te zemlje rasli in se zopet ob času vanjo povračali. Bili smo tako rekoč, bo božji volji, slovenske zemlje otroci.

Navezani pa smo bili ne le na zemljo, ampak tudi na duha, na vero v Boga, katero smo kot življenje po naših starših, po besedi naših duhovnih prednikov prejeli. Vera in zaupanje v pravičnega Boga pa je tista neomajna sila, ki je držala človeka vseh časov, kljub življenjskim stiskam, pokoncu.

Naš preprosti slovenski človek, ki je posvetil vse upe v svoje otroke, v ze-

mljo, katero je moral kljub tuji okupaciji obdelovati, da je preživel svojo družino, je bil med dvema ognjema, ki sta ga stiskala do skrajnosti.

Predno so se vaške straže ustanovile, so komunisti začeli pobijati slovenske ljudi, češ da snujejo belo gardo, kar so posneli iz ruske revolucije. Komunist Edvard Kardelj je Ivanu Mačku Matiji leta 1942 pisal:

"Ne oklevajte in ne popuščajte. Udarci naj bodo zlasti spočetka taki, da bodo čutili našo moč. Duhovne v četah vse postreljajte. Prav tako oficirje, intelektualce itd. Ter zlasti tudi kulake in kulaške sinove..."

Je mar bil to odpor proti okupatorju? Ne, ampak to je bilo hujskanje proti lastnemu narodu. Iskali so priložnosti, da so izzivali okupatorja le v toliko, da se je znašel nad ubogim, trpečim narodom, pobijal, požigal, vozil naše ljudi v koncentracijska taborišča itd.

Da se nismo smilili tujcu, je do neke mere razumljivo, da so pa slovenski partizani postali brezumni, brezsrčni in brezvestni, to pa ni razumljivo. Koliko teh partizanov je imelo kako odgovornost do svojih otrok, do družin, do svojih domačih, do naroda? Bili so le v službi komunistične revolucije, ki je preko številnih žrtev s terorjem hotela ustrahovati narod in tako priti do absolutne oblasti. Koliko naših dobrih Slovencev in celo družin so komunistični partizani kruto pobili, ter jih povrh obtožili kot izdajalce?!

Danes ves svet spoznava, kaj je terorizem, pa naj prihaja v kakršni koli obliki, ker ga občuti na lastni koži.

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Doktorju Valentinu Meršolu v zahvalo

Pred desetletji šestimi
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begunske so bile sirote,
da tudi njihova kri ni bila prelita,
ko v ljubljeni Sloveniji
divjala je rdeča zver srdita.

Ko jokale so matere, dekleta,
ki jim morila je može in fante
rdeča revolucija prekleta,
takrat ste, dobri doktor,
kot zvest prerok zaveznikom
izpričal vso resnico
in priboril beguncem tisočerim
do preživetja ste pravico.

Samo tako, rdeči teroristi
za revolucije in oblasti koristi
beguncev preživelih niso pomorili.
Tako so se trpini s taborišč
po širnem svetu razkropili.
In le tako smo tudi mi,
slovenske matere otroci,
v Ameriki svobodni se rodili
in dve se domovini
ljubiti zvesto naučili.

Ker, dobri doktor, našim prednikom
prihranil kelih mučeništva ste
in strašnega trpljenja,
ker po dobroti Vaši
v svobodi veselimo se življenja,
za to Vam skupnost vsa
iz hvalnic in molitev venec spleta:
naj vse poplača Vam dobroti Bog
in ljubljena Slovencev vseh Kraljica,
Marija z Brezj - Mati sveta!

Ob odkritju spominske plošče
deklamirale učenke slovenske šole
pri Mariji Vnebovzeti v Clevelandu

mo zato so nastale vaške straže in pozneje domobranci. Zaupanje v zahodni svobodni svet je bilo brezmejno. Vsi smo težko pričakovali konca vojne, da bi zopet zaživel normalno, človeka vredno življenje.

A zahodni kratkovidni politiki so ukrepali in delili narode po Stalinovi volji. Vso vzhodno Evropo so dali Stalinu in njegovim učencem.

Razumeti je treba, da so vsi totalitarizmi enaki, pa naj bo to sovjetski, nacistični, fašistični, titostični, ali katerikoli drugi. Vsi so brezbožni in hočejo nasilno zadušiti v človeku vero v Boga, zato uporabljajo kruto nasilje, da človeka ponižajo na najnižjo stopnjo.

Tako so na primer komunisti razdelili narod v tri razrede: v razred ljudskih škodljivcev, v razred neopredeljnih sredincev, in v razred podpornikov delovnega ljud-

stva. Kot če bi razvrstil gospodar domačo živino: eno za zakol, drugo za vprego, tretjo za pleme.

Vendar ne smemo prezreti, da je veliko dobrih fantov zašlo v njihove vrste iz domoljubnega, domovinskega čuta. Toda strah pred nasiljem, pa tudi dobrim vzame pogum, da bi kakorkoli oporekali ali izrazili svoje nesoglasje z vodilnimi.

Slovenski rek pravi: Če si z volkovi, moraš z njimi tuliti. Kdo tistih dobrih, poštenih partizanov bi si takrat upal postaviti dobro besedo za koga, ki ni bil njihov somišljenik, da bi se njega ne prišteli za izdajalca in nasprotnika ljudske oblasti in bi ga zato doletela ista usoda?

Cvetočega maja leta 1945 je bilo konec drusvetovne vojne v Evropi. Dne 7. maja je bila v mestu Rheimsu podpisana

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Dr. MERŠOLU V SPOMIN

(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 13)

na listina brezpogojne vdaje nemške vojske. Vsa Evropa je bila tedaj prosta nacističnega nasilja. Reke bivših vojnih ujetnikov, prisilnih delavcev, okostnjakov iz koncentracijskih taborišč, so se valile iz Nemčije in Avstrije vsak v svojo domovino.

Iz Slovenije in iz Jugoslavije pa so se prav tiste dni valile ogromne množice ljudi v nasprotno smer: iz domovine v tujino, v Avstrijo in v Italijo, pod varstvo zahodnih zaveznikov.

Dolga, pisana procesija beguncev iz vseh stanov: meščani, kmetje, cele družine, vojaki, starci, otroci, ki smo iz strahu pred krutimi partizani zapustili dom, mnogi tudi drage svojce in vse, kar so imeli, ter odšli s culo v roki na tuje.

Kako zelo težka je bila ta pot, še posebno za starše z malimi otroci. Tolažba je bila le v tem, da gremo samo za nekaj tednov, da se razmere uredijo.

Vedeti pa moramo, da je bilo še težje za mnoge, ki so v sili razmer morali ostati doma in biti prepuščeni na mlost in nemilost brezbožnih komunistov.

Zadnja bitka domobrancev je bila v Borovljah na dravskem mostu, da so odprli pot beguncem v Avstrijo, za kar smo jim srčno hvaležni, saj se mnogi nismo zavedali resnega položaja.

Vetrinjsko polje je oživel kot še nikoli poprej. Množice beguncev so se ustavile in se za silo utaborile. Čutili smo neko varnost, saj smo bili v angleški coni in ti so naši zavezniki.

Tu se je zgodilo nekaj, kar ni nihče predvideval ali sploh mogel misliti. Prišla je naredba od angleške vojaške oblasti, da bodo vse vojaštvo preselili v Italijo v novo taborišče. Najprej bi preselili vojake, potem pa civiliste. Prvi transport slovenskih domobrancev in nekaj civilistov, približno 2500, je odpeljal 27. maja. V ponedeljek in torek, 28. in 29. maja, prav tako.

Med taboriščniki pa se je kmalu raznesla neverjetna novica, da jih Britanci izročajo Titovim

partizanom, kar so poročali trije srbski oficirji, ki so odšli že 24. maja s prvim transportom, in da so celo skupino z redkimi izjemami partizani pobili nekje blizu Kamnika.

Neverjetno, da bi Britanci naredili kaj takega, saj so dali častno besedo.

Dr. Janez Janež je bil v transportu, ki je odšel iz Vetrinja 28. maja, kot zdravnik, s transportom v Italijo. Ko je spoznal, kam jih peljejo, se mu je posrečilo, da se je rešil, ko je ušel od transporta in ležal šest ur nepremično v rži skrit.

Peš je prišel v Celovec 30. maja opoldan in je povedal, da pošiljajo naše fante komunistom v smrt. On je bil prvi, ki smo mu vsi verjeli. Naši namišljeni zavezniki so z nizkotno prevaro, z izdajstvom izročali naše fante Titovim partizanom v smrt.

Ko je prišla resnica o britanski prevari na dan, se je vseh polastilo obupno stanje. Kot bi se ves svet podrl. Koliko solza in srčnih bolečin je zajelo civilne begunce, ki so mislili o usodi svojih sinov, mož, očetov, ljubljenih fantov, ki so komaj stopili v življenje. Kaj bo z njimi? Moj Bog, usmili se!

Vetrinjska samostanska cerkev je bila neprestano polna. Pred kipom Žalostne Matere božje, ki drži v objemu svojega mrtvega Sina, so ježale in zdihovale matere, in prosile, naj izprosi pri svojem Sinu, da otme njihove sinove najhujšega.

Vsem je znano, kaj se je zgodilo z domobranci in tudi civilisti, ki so se jim pridružili. O strašnem pokolu so povedale žive priče, ki smo jih srečavali prav tu na Slovenski pristavi.

Po vrnitvi domobrancev je postal dr. Meršol vodja civilnega taborišča, ker je znal odlično angleško in je imel zaslombo vseh taboriščnikov. In kot tak je tedaj izpolnil svoje največje dejanje: pridobil je kanadskega majorja Paul Barreja, da sta skupno šla v Celovec na vojaško komando protestirat proti odločbi prisilne vrnitve tudi civil-

listov v Jugoslavijo. Po polurnem telefoniranju častnikov na vse strani, je dobil ustno zagotovilo, da ne bo nihče več vrnjen proti svoji volji.

Nekaj dni nato je obiskal vetrinjsko taborišče sam maršal Alexander in želel govoriti z dr. Meršolom. Govorila sta kakih 20 minut. Dr. Meršol je maršalu odločno in jasno razložil položaj in značaj slovenskih domobrancev in beguncev. V pogovoru je dr. Meršol dobil vtis – kot sam piše –, da je maršal že prišel podrobno poučen o domobranci.

Po predhodnih informacijah in odločen nastop dr. Meršola je zagotovil, da je zdaj maršal Alexander še isti dan v Vetrinju dal pisen ukaz, da noben Jugoslovan ne bo več vrnjen proti svoji volji. Odredba se ne nanašala na vse Jugoslovane, tako za Slovence kakor za Hrvate in Srbe in druge, in to za vse britansko zasedbeno ozemlje, torej tako za Avstrijo kakor tudi za Italijo.

Ko vse to premišlujem, se mi nehote vsiljuje vprašanje, kaj bi bilo, če ne bi bil med begunci tudi dr. Valentin Mer-

šol, ali pa, da bi bil dr. Meršol iskal rešitve le sebi in svoji družini, ostalim pa prepustil usodi.

Dr. Meršol je z globokim čutom odgovornosti reševal celoto in to ga odlikuje v izrednega človeka-rodoljuba, kateremu dolguje vsa zdomska skupnost zahvalo in priznanje za odločen nastop in prošnje za vse begunce. Jaz osebno čutim tu božji prst, ki ga je vodil po razburkani poti življenja prav do Vetrinja za rešitev nas na smrt prestrašenih in zbeganih beguncev.

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Bila je članica KSKJ št. 193, dramskega društva Lilija in Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave.

Pogreb je bil 27. junija iz zavoda Dan Cosic v cerkev Sv. Kristine, kjer je bila za pokoj duše umrle darovana sv. maša in opravljeni cerkveni in verski obredi, nato pa je bilo njeno truplo položeno k večnemu počitku na pokopališču Vernih duš na Chardon, Ohio.

Iskreno se zahvalimo č. g. župniku Patricku Henry za prinašanje sv. zakramentov med njeno dolgo boleznijo, za molitve za umirajoče, za opravljeno pogrebno mašo in ganljivo pridigo. Iskreno se zahvaljujemo č. g. Janezu Kumšetu za obisk v pogrebem zavodu.

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Prisrčna hvala osebju Dan Cosic pogrebem zavodu za vso naklonjenost in sočutno vodstvo pogreba ob tej težki uri.

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Poslali smo zahvalne kartice, če pa smo koga izpustili, naj nam oprostijo in sprejmejo to našo javno zahvalo.

Žalujoci: mož Frank

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Bratranca – Slavic Štepec in Tone Medved

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Dr. Meršolu v spomin

(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 14)

Z vso gotovostjo lahko trdim, da brez njega ne bi bilo Slovenske pristave, saj so jo ustanovili v pretežni večini tisti, ki jih je dr. Meršol rešil nasilne vrnitve in skoro gotove smrti.

Ljubezen do domače zemlje in naroda je prižgala misel, da bi bilo dobro in potrebno, da bi tudi tu v Ameriki imeli prostor v cvetoči naravi, kjer bi se shajali in se veselili življenja. Iz te želje se je rodila Slovenska pristava. Tu se srečujemo, tu delamo načrte in se veselimo mladega rodu, ki je vzljubil Slovensko pristavo in jo tako rad obiskuje.

Tu obujamo spomine na naše drage, ki jim je komunistična krutost tako zverinsko vzela mlada življenja. Tu gre zahvala vsem, ki so skozi dolga leta tako zvesto skrbeli za dobrobit skupnosti, a so sedaj že pri Bogu v večni domovini.

Zahvala pa tudi sedanjemu odboru in članom Slovenske pristave, ter vsem upokojencem, da tako nesebično, neumorno skrbijo in lepšajo ta skupni prostor.

Tu naj dobi v hvaležno priznanje in zahvalo na častnem mestu spominsko ploščo, ki naj bo spomin na blagega človeka, rodoljuba in rešitelja dr. Valentina Meršolaa, in bo z Orlovim vrhom spominjala na težke dni naše slovenske zgodovine sredi dvajsetega stoletja.

Kako zelo siromašen bi bil slovenski kulturni življenj tu v Ameriki, v kolikor bi ga pač bilo, če

ne bi bilo beguncev, ki smo bili rešeni po dr. Valentinu Meršolu in kanadskemu majorju Paul Barreju.

Zbor Korotan se je ustanovil iz teh, ki jim je dala nova domovina Amerika zavetja in možnosti, da iz ljubezni do slovenske pesmi in drage Slovenije prepeva že preko 50 let. Pred kratkim je zbor gostoval v Sloveniji in je naše zdomstvo kar najlepše predstavil. Hvala in čestitke vodstvu in vsem članom Korotana.

Priznanje pa tudi ostalim kulturnim društvom in ustanovam, ki že dolga desetletja delajo na kulturnem polju in skrbijo, da slovenska zavest po tolikih letih še živi v mladih srcih. Zato gre priznanje Kresu, Fantom na vasi, Liliji, Slovenskim šolam, slovenskemu tisku, radijskim oddajam, in vsem, ki se žrtvujejo za obstoj slovenskega življa tu v svobodnem svetu. In ne nazadnje našim slovenskim faram, ki so duhovna celica in središče vseslovenskega duhovnega obstoja.

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(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 12)

po prvi vojni bojevali proti narodnemu, še posebej kot izrastku meščanske družbe, se pravi svojemu poglavitnemu razrednemu sovražniku. Na dlani je, da je bilo preimenovanje ideološko in taktično, ker komunisti prek svoje OF niso mogli odkrito razglasiti svojih ciljev:

"Dragi Slovenci, mi bomo zdaj, v za nas idealnem vojnem času tuje okupacije, začeli z revolucijo in pobili precej svojih bratov in sester. Pridružite se nam, da revolucija zmaga, da pridemo na oblast in vzpostavimo totalitarno državo, 'sovjetsko republiko', v kateri vas bomo še naprej osrečevali."

Za tak načrt neznatne in tajne stranke ne bi bilo ne privržencev ne bojevnikov. Vložek je moral biti kar največji, nacionalni interes (še danes aktualen) z osvobajanjem.

O nadaljnjih dejstvih nas spet zanesljivo pouči komunistična stran. Zato naj tisti demokrati, ki legitimirajo medvojno osvobajanje s poimenovanjem OF in NOB, najprej ne pozabijo, da sta že sami poimenovanji izvirni partijski; da sodita v arzenal partijske propagande z apeliranjem na narodna čustva, kar je zavajalo nekoč in zavaja še danes.

Za demokrate pomenita oba partijska izraza, kot smo videli, zlorabo odpornišva za revolucionarne cilje, sta torej nasprotje tega, kar razglasha. Če bi že šlo za domoljubje, bi se morala partija odzvati takoj po nemški zasedbi Jugoslavije in ne šele po nemškem napadu na Sovjetsko zvezo, da ne govori-

mo o tem, da domoljubi ne pobijajo svojih sonarodnjakov, marveč jih pred okupatorjem branijo.

Tako so tudi tu komunisti izpričali svojo pravo internacionalistično identiteto: z ustanovitvijo OF ni šlo za domoljubje, marveč za pomoč napadeni prvi deželi komunistma, za sovjetoljubje.

Poleg tega je bilo - ob transparentnosti identitete OF - poimenovanje NOB še zgodovinsko obremenjeno. Izraz sta uporabljali KPJ od 1935 in KPS od 1938, ko ni bilo ne vojne ne potrebe po osvobajanju, za ljudskoosvobajanje, kar pomeni razredno osvobajanje in je sinonim za revolucijo (srbsko poimenovanje "narodno oslobodilačka borba" bi bilo treba pravilno prevesti v ljudskoosvobodilni boj, kot so pravilno prevedli narodno milicijo v ljudsko milico, JNA v JLA).

Očitno nepozorne narodna retorika NOB, katere izvirna vsebina je revolucija, še danes zavaja, zato poimenovanje ni ostalo naključno. Institucionalno tako OF skupaj z NOB predstavlja prvo fazo revolucije, s svojo poglavitno formalno in neformalno vsebino, kot bo še razvidno, pa medvojno nasilje druge faze.

Tema dvema vidikoma presoje ocfovskega NOB na Slovenskem, ko je po Bajtu od VII. kongresa Kominterne 1935 "narodnoosvobodilen" terminus tehnicus za prvo fazo revolucije, lahko pridružimo še tretjega, prav tako izvirno kominternskega: antifašizem, ki se je razglašal pred PIF in po njej in se uporablja še danes kot temeljni ideo-

loški izraz legitimiranja komunistov.

Kot vemo, je protifašizem z demokratično identiteto vodil v svobodo Zahodne Evrope, protifašizem s totalitarno identiteto v novo nesvobodo sovjetskih satelitov. Sinonim za slovenski protifašizem je zato revolucija s svojo bistveno drugo fazo.

Partijska vojska

Nihče ni torej Slovencem pojasnil, da ko vstopajo v OF, vstopajo v že institucionalizirano prvo fazo revolucije, ki jo bo spremljalo odločilna druga faza. Pravih namenov in komunističnega novoreka mnogi niso razumeli, tako kot obojega neredki še danes ne razumejo.

Prav tako ni naključje, da v devetih temeljnih točkah OF revolucija ni niti omenjena. Nasprotno, že v naslovu je Slovence vabila fronta "slovenskega naroda", za kar njeni ustanovitelji niso imeli nobenih pooblastil. Naivnim niso niti pojasnili, zakaj je bila ustanovljena KPS, kakor ni bila poznana Kardeljeva izjava oktobra 1940 v Zagrebu, "da bodo šli komunisti v obojen odpor proti okupatorju samo, če bodo imeli možnost za revolucijo".

Še manj so vedeli za "institucijo" druge faze, ko je znotraj OF že od avgusta 1941 in pod neposrednim vodstvom partije začela delovati tajna teroristična organizacija VOS, namenjena pobijanju razrednih sovražnikov in ne okupatorjev.

Tako je že od začetka vojne neusmiljeno tekla druga faza revolucije, njenemu terorju v mestu se je pridružil partizanski teror na podeželju in izzval nastanek vaških straž za obrambo življenj in imetja. S tem je razredna revolucija predestinirala državljansko vojno kot novo stvarnost že od julija 1942.

"Institucionalno" pokrije njeni drugi fazi je že spet od samega začetka dajal "odlok o zaščiti naroda", ki ga je partija v OF sprejela 16. 9. 1941 in s katerim je monopolizirala odpor ter vsem domoljubnim Slovincem, ki bi se hoteli organizirano upreti zasvojevalcem, zagrozila s smrtno kaznijo (o njem ni v nacionalni

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o njihovem pikniku, ki je bil 24. julija v Triglavskem parku. Poleg blagajniškega poročila je tudi še nekaj vrstic zahvale od skrbne misijonske sodelavke Mary Coffelt:

"Zahvala vsem! Prisrčna zahvala g. dr. Goletu za darovano sv. mašo, ki je bila za vse žive in pokojne dobrotnike misijonov.

V skromni zahvali vas vseh, ki ste kakorkoli pomagali. Vseh imen bi bilo težko napisati, torej naj velja vsem: Iskren Bog povrni! Če bo čaša vode poplačana z božjim blagoslovom, bodo tudi vsi vaši darovi, ki ste jih z dobrim srcem namenili.

Lepa hvala tudi našemu blagajniku, ki leto za leto vse urejuje in pripravlja poročilo, ki je priloženo.

Naj Nebeški Oče rosi svoj blagoslov na vas vse, ki ste razumeli našo prošnjo za pomoč in kakorkoli sodelovali pri vseh 35 dosedanjih misijonskih piknikih. Vsem hvaležna, Mici Coffelt."

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Vsem dobrotnikom v Milwaukeeju se tudi mi v imenu vseh misijonarjev prav iskreno zahvaljujemo za veliko dobroto. Hvala je kratka beseda, a včasih veliko pomeni, ko pokaže srčno hvaležnost, dobroto. Bog vam povrni! je tudi naša prošnja.

Kratko pisemce je prispelo iz Zambije od misijonarja Jožeta Grošelja, ki deluje v Nangomi:

"Spoštovana! Pravkar se odpravljam za nekaj dni iz hiše. Ko sem pospravljaj svojo pisalno mizo, sem našel listič, ki sem ga spregledal (Potrdilo o prejemu daru). Upam, da še ni čisto prepozno. Iskrena hvala in Bog povrni!

Te dni smo imeli župnijski praznik. Blagoslovili smo štiri cerkvice, ki smo jih zgradili lani, ter še birmo. Povprečna udeležba pri sv. mašah je bila 540 vernikov, kar je zelo veliko za naše podeželje, kjer je Cerkev stala šele 10 let.

Še enkrat: hvala in lep pozdrav vsem v MZA, Jože Grošelj."

Kar bodrilne vrstice. Nekje se verno življenje dviguje, drugje pa upada. A Bog po svoje vodi naša pota in Mu zaupajmo, da je vse prav, četudi so naše misli večkrat drugačne. Bogu hvala za vse!

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(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 15)

enciklopediji, v geslu OF, niti besedice).

Zloglasni odlok ohranja retoriko prve faze revolucije v komunističnem novoreku druge faze; prav se zato bere: "odlok o zaščiti revolucije". Tako je bila v imenu OF formalno vzpostavljena njena druga faza s katastrofalnimi posledicami za slovenski narod, z njo so bili napovedani državljanska vojna in zločini nad slovenskim demokratičnim občestvom. Z njo so si komunisti narod podredili, svoje razredne sovražnike so s tem prekvalificirali v skupne narodne.

Za ta odlok in druge zločinske sklepe prevzemajo veliko odgovornost tudi oefovski "zavezniki" partije ne glede na to, da se je vodilna in ekskluzivna vloga partije v OF leto pozneje formalizirala z dolomitsko izjavo, ki pomeni izdajo "zaveznikov" po klasičnem receptu druge faze.

Se pravi tistih, ki so privabili v OF neprimerljivo več privrženec kot partija in brez katerih bi s "čisto" revolucijo komunisti ne imeli nobenih možnosti; zato je odgovornost "zaveznikov", če-

prav le partijskih stativov, tem večja.

Partizanska vojska v OF je bila partijska vojska, v njej so bili komandantom nadrejeni politkomisarji, ideološki in taktični predstavniki partije. Večina njenega vojaštva, ki je verjela v osvoboditev, je bila zlorabljena za partijske cilje.

Nesmotrnost NOB

Tako ni dvoma, da sta prva in druga faza revolucije na Slovenskem bili, da sta bili med celotno vojno, da sta potekali vzporedno in ne zaporedno, kot bi pričakovali, in da je bila druga faza časovno prvotna in vsebinsko poglavitna ter s tem ključna v povojnem času. Do spopada z okupatorji je prišlo pozneje in v manjšem obsegu, o čemer pričajo bistveno večje žrtve komunističnega nasilja na slovenski strani kot posledica instrumentalizacije osvoboditve za revolucijo.

Zato se utemeljeno postavlja vprašanje nesmotrnosti in škodljivosti NOB za slovenski narod, namerno izzivanje okupatorja s krvavimi povračilnimi akcijami, tudi zato, da bi možko populacijo prisilile v partizane.

T. Griesser-Pečar: "... sabotazne akcije partizanov v Sloveniji niso prav nič ovirale okupacijskih sil ali prispevale k poslabšanju njihovega vojaškega položaja ... Za dokončen poraz Nemcev in Italijanov so bili odločilni izključno zunanji razlogi - politične in vojaške razmere v vsej Evropi."

Glede na to se Bajt zavzema za nenapadalni odpor s čim manj žrtvami.

Oba avtorja spregledata namere partije in zavrčata kakršno koli trditev o osvoboditvi Slovencev. Ob povedanem so posledice druge faze dobro znane: medvojni zločini, krvavo nasilje na t. i. os-

vobojenih ozemljih (ki jih je italijanska vojska zapustila), to fazo simbolizira zloglasno Kardeljevo pismo Mačku jeseni 1942 o streljanju Slovencev v četah po razrednih merilih in drugo z enakimi merili o streljanju slovenskih demokratov v "rundah", njen povojni višek so zločinski množični pomori razrednih sovražnikov v Sloveniji, številke gredo v desetisoče, slovenski eksodus, kjer številke prav tako gredo v desetisoče, pa revolucionarni revizionizem Golega otoka, klasični primer "zaveznitva" za učbenike - primer Kocbek, obdobje eksemplaričnih procesov z novimi žrtvami v času ljudske demokracije in totalitarizma ter drugo nasilje permanentne revolucije.

(SE BO NADALJEVALO)

Novi grobovi

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

Louis F. Champa

Umril je Louis F. Champa, mož (70 let) Mary, roj. Givar, oče Louisa D., Donne Corwin in Donald E., 12-krat stari oče, 30-krat prastari oče, brat Josephine Koran ter že pok. Edwarda, Rudyja, Anne Dolenc in Franka, kot mladi mož je bil uspešen Golden Groves bokser, bil je aktiven v slovenski naselbini, prejemnik slovenskega moza leta priznanja ter član Kluba upokojencev v Nevburgu, Maple Hts. Pogreb je bil 22. avgusta v oskrbi Fortunovega zavoda s sv. mašo v kapeli Mt. Alverna Home na State Rd., sledil je pokop na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Therese Sray

Dne 16. avgusta je umrla 82 let stara Therese Sray, rojena Godec, vdova po Louisu J., mati Lois Swier, Louisa in Tine Price, 3-krat stara mati, 3-krat prastara mati, sestra Franka ter že pok. Pauline Spehar. Pogreb je bil 22. avgusta s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Marije

V blag in nepozaben spomin

ob petnajsti obletnici smrti nam dragega moža in očeta



William Dreu

Umril 5. septembra 1989.

Res na svetu vse minljivo je, a spomin na Tebe dragi ne zamre.

Odšel za vedno si od nas. Vsa radost, sreča je s Teboj odšla!

In to boli, močno boli, a v naših srcih upanje budi, da le v trpljenju večna sreča dozori.

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