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VOJNA NA PACIFIKU

Konci preteklega tedna so Japanci z vso silo navalili na hokajski vzhodno-indijski otok Iwo, ki predstavlja zadnjo resno oviro japonskemu prodiranju proti Avstraliji. Ameriške in britanske mornariške in letalske sile so v večdnevih bojih v Iwo in poškodovale večje japonskih vojnih transportnih ladij, vendar je Japancem uspelo, da so se izkrcali na treh točkah otoka. Splošno gledano, da bo borba za Javo izredno ostra in krvava, ker je na otoku koncentrirana znatna japonska in zavezniška vojska.

POTOPI LADIJ

Poveljništvo zavezniških sil na Pacifiku je izdalo ukaz, da je bilo tekom prvih sedem tednov vojne potopljeno 118 japonskih ladij, 44 pa ameriških. Od teh jih je 10 potopljeno v letalski mornariški in letalski vojni. Sicer je bilo na Pacifiku potopljenih tudi neko sto japonskih ladij, toda ameriške izgube so mnogo večje. Atlantiku nemške podmornice še vedno potapljajo ameriške in zavezniške tovorne parnike. Razume se tudi, da so ameriške mornariške in letalske sile potopile že znatno številno sovražnih podmornic na Pacifiku. Koliko, to vedo v Washingtonu.

JUNAKI FILIPINOV

General McArthur s svojo vojsko na polotoku Bataanu ni podvržuje svojo osamoteno postojanko, ampak je prejšnji teden vzporedil celo nekaj protinapadov. Iz nekih filipinskih krajev, ki so bili zasedeni Japonci, pa se poročajo, da se filipinsko prebivalstvo ne poslužuje gverilskih bojevanja napram zavojevalcem.

POSKUSNA INVAZIJA

Anglijski invazijski oddelki, ki so pod imenom "commandos", so pretekli teden ponoči izkušne napade na obrežju severne Francije, presenetili tamkajšnje nemške posadke in uničili neke kmetijske naprave, nakar so se umakali na ladje in odplavali v nočno temo. Pri tem niti ne sodelovale bojne ladje, ampak iz katerih so se spuščali na tla parašutniki. Zdi se, da je bil ta nočni napad bolj izkušna pomena in vaja za večjo invazijo. Obenem so napadli morda tudi nekatera francijska mesta, da prisilijo Nemce druzgati oz. okupacijsko armado, katere ne morejo izkoreniniti na ruski fronti.

TRGAMA ZA DELAVSTVO

V kongresu je bila pretekli teden razpravljana zadeva o velikem večini poražena, ki naj bi bila za čas trajanja vojne odpravljena zvišano plačo za delavce, to je za čas, ki ga delo na delu na teden. Demokracija se teje izpremembi ni oprijela, ampak nasprotovale in administrativno je stala na strani kapitala.

OBRAČUN PRIDE

V raznih krajih dežele se snužijo organizacije, ki bodo pri jezičnih volitvah za kongres odpravile nasprotovale vsem tistim kandidatom, kateri so iz strani kapitala.

POJAVI PANSLAVIZMA V EVROPI

Večina evropskega prebivalstva pripada trem skupinam: slovanski, romanski in germanski. Slovanska skupina vključuje Ruse, Poljake, Čeha, Slovence, Slovaške, Srbe, Hrvatke, Srbe, Slovence in Bolgare. Število vseh Slovanov se računa na 230 milijonov. Severni Slovani, to je Rusi, Poljaki, Čehi, Slovaki in Lužički Srbi tvorijo prilično kompaktno skupino; istotako tvorijo kompaktno skupino južni Slovani: Srbi, Hrvatci, Slovenci in Bolgari. Ti dve skupini, namreč severno in južno pa loči nemško-madžarski klin.

Ideja vseslovanstva ali panslavizma je že stara, toda vse do zadnjih časov je bila nekako megljena in ji poznavalci razmer nislo pripisovali velikega pomena. Bivša ruska carska vlada je idejo panslavizma izrabljala v namenu sirženja svoje oblasti proti Dardanelom in Sredozemskemu morju in je v glavnem s tem namenom pomagala Južnim Slovanom, posebno Srbom in Bolgarom, da so se osvobodili političnega turškega jarma. Napram Poljakom, ki so spadali v okvir nekdanje carske Rusije, slednja ni kazala posebne slovanske naklonjenosti. Vzroki za to so bili različni in krivda je bila najbrž na obeh straneh, toda to spada že v zgodovino. Vsekakor pa je resnica, da je ruski del Poljske manj trpel kot oni del stare Poljske, ki je bil prišel v oblast Nemčije, kajti pomembnejše delo Poljske se je vršilo s tipično nemško brezobzirnostjo; mnogi Poljaki, ki se niso dali ponemčiti, so bili silo izseljeni s prisilnim odkupom njihovih domov.

Z idejo vseslovanstva so se v letih pred prvo svetovno vojno najbolj pečali Čehi, ki so bili najbolj narodno zavedni in poleg tega skoro obkroženi od Nemcev in Madžarov; torej so bili na najbolj izpostavljeni točki. Na splošno pa je bila ideja vseslovanstva ali panslavizma le bolj ideja, brez kakega pravega programa. Pred prvo svetovno vojno in po isti se je izražala v glavnem v tem, da so se skušali slovanski narodi medsebojno bolj izpoznati in se vsaj deloma zblizati na polju kulture. Za združenje vseh Slovanov v eni državi ali v kakšni slovanski federaciji ni bilo niti načrtovani pogojev niti zahteve. Poleg tega vemo, da so se po zadnji vojni grdo gledali Poljaki in Rusi, deloma tudi Poljaki in Čehi in Slovaki in Čehi, na jugu pa Srbi in Hrvatci. Ti nesporazumi so bili, seveda navdušeno podpirani iz Berlina in Rima. Pa tudi to je danes zgodovina.

V neki ameriški reviji pa smo nedavno čitali članek, ki ga je napisal časniški poročevalec, ki je dolgo časa bival v Evropi ter jo prepotoval od enega konca do drugega. Ta ameriški poročevalec izjemoma prilično dobro pozna slovanske narode v Evropi in njihovo zgodovino vse do zadnjih časov. In ta poročevalec je mnenja, da je prišla dobivati ideja panslavizma kolikor toliko konkretno obliko. Glavni povod za to je dal Hitler z zaslužnjem vseh slovanskih narodov, z izjemo Rusov. Sicer so Nemci vedno sovražili in prezirali Slovence, toda posebno izrazito so to pokazali sedaj, ko so jih z izjemo Rusov vse za sužnjili, same sebe pa proglasili prevelika brzina. (Dalje na 2. strani)

NESREČE NA CESTAH

Uredništvu je bila pravkar dostavljena brošura "The Wreckard," katero je izdal Travelers News Bureau v Hartfordu, Connecticut, in ki vsebuje statistične podatke o žrtvah, ki so jih preteklo leto zahtevale avtomobilne nesreče na ameriških cestah. Nekatere važnejše izčrpe teh podatkov navajamo v sledečem, v upanju, da jih bodo naši avtomobilisti in pešci upoštevali z večjo previdnostjo. V preteklem letu se je na ameriških cestah pripetilo nad en milijon avtomobilskih nesreč, v katerih so bili ljudje ubiti ali poškodovani. Avtomobilskih nezgod, v katerih so bili poškodovani samo avtomobili ali druge vrednosti, je pa bilo več milijonov. Okrog 1,000 avtomobilov je bilo vsak teden v kolizijah razbitih tako, da jih ni bilo mogoče več popraviti.

V letu 1941 je bilo na ameriških cestah v avtomobilskih nesrečah ubitih 40,000 oseb in skok poldrugi milijon oseb poškodovanih. To je dosedaj najvišje število avtomobilskih nesreč v katerem koli letu, odkar se je avtomobil razvil v vsakdanje prometno sredstvo.

Omenjena statistika navaja še druge zanimive podatke. Za povečano število avtomobilskih nesreč so do neke meje odgovorni vozniki pod 18 let stari, in starejši vozniki z manj kot enoletno vozniško prakso. Povečano število nesreč statistika tudi beleži v skupini voznikov med 18. in 24. letom. Sicer je bilo lanske leto v prometu več avtomobilov kot v letu prej in za pogon je bilo porabljenega več gasolina kot v letu prej, toda tudi v primeru s tem se je zgodilo več avtomobilskih nesreč kot kdaj prej. Pešcey je bilo ubitih ali poškodovanih manj kot v prejšnjem letu, iz česar izhaja, da je bilo ubitih ali poškodovanih več voznikov oziroma oseb, ki so se vozile v avtomobilih.

Prevelika brzina avtomobilov je bila odgovorna za 42 odstotkov smrtnih nesreč. V nobenem letu prej, odkar se vodi statistika, ni brzina avtomobilov zahtevala tako visoko število žrtev.

Statistika nadalje kaže, da sta bili izmed vsakih treh oseb ubiti dve zaradi brezbriznega ali protipostavnega postopanja od strani voznika. Več kot 90 odstotkov avtomobilov, ki so prišli v poštev v avtomobilskih nesrečah, je bilo pred nezgodami mehanično v dobrem stanju. Več kot 82 odstotkov vseh smrtnih nesreč se je zgodilo na suhih cestah in 87 odstotkov se jih je pripetilo v jasnem vremenu. Iz tega izhaja, da za nesrečo večinoma ni odgovorno slaba stanje avtomobila, niti slabo, deževno ali ledeno vreme. V slabem ali megljenem vremenu navadno avtomobilisti že instinktivno bolj počasi in previdno vozijo.

Gori navedene številke kažejo skoro popolnoma nepotrebno izgubo življenj in narodnega premoženja, če niti ne štejemo bolečin in zdravniških stroškov poldruga milijona poškodovanih oseb. Dasi je dežela velika, so gornje številke vsekakor strahotne: 40 tisoč ubitih in poldrugi milijon poškodovanih oseb samo v enem letu!

Vpričo navedenega ni treba posebej poudarjati, kako potrebna je previdnost, tako za avtomobiliste kot za pešce, in kako draga mnogokrat pride prevelika brzina. (Dalje na 2. strani)

DRUŠTVENE IN DRUGE SLOVENSKE VESTI

Glavni tajnik Anton Zbašnik je prejel iz Bele hiše v Washingtonu zahvalo za brzojavko, poslano v imenu glavnega odbora Ameriške bratske zveze ob priliki letnega zborovanja, predsedniku Rooseveltu, izražajočo neomajno zaupanje v njegovo vodstvo. Predsednikov tajnik Mr. M. H. McIntyre, ki je zahvalo podpisal, poudarja, da slične zelo številne izjave lojalnosti od državljanov iz vseh delov dežele, dajejo predsedniku moč in odločnost za izvrševanje volje ameriškega ljudstva.

Direktor javnih aktivnosti za Russian War Relief, 535 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y., Mr. Harold Coy, je poslal našemu glavnemu tajniku Antonu Zbašniku zahvalno pismo za vsoto \$100.00, katero je glavni odbor Ameriške bratske zveze na letnem zborovanju dovolil v podporo omenjeni pomožni organizaciji, ki pošilja zdravniške potreščine v Rusijo. Mr. Coy omenja, da je ravno zdaj, bolj kot kdaj poprej, važno, da pomagamo hrabremu ruskemu ljudstvu, ki se obnem z drugimi zavezniškimi narodi tako junaško bori proti nazifašizmu. Naj ruski narod ve, pravi Mr. Coy, da mu je ameriško ljudstvo vedno pripravljeno pomagati.

Kegljaške tekme, katerih se bodo udeležile kegljaške skupine Ameriške bratske zveze iz države Ohio in nekatere morda tudi iz drugih bližnjih držav, se bodo v dneih 17., 18. in 19. aprila vršile v Barbertonu, Ohio. Za aranžiranje teh tekem se je zavzelo društvo št. 44 ABZ v Barbertonu.

Tajnik društva št. 2 ABZ v Elyu, Minn., sobrat Louis Perushek, ima zdaj že štiri svoje sinove v vojni sili Zedinjenih držav. Ti so: Joe, Edward, Stanley in Anthony Perushek. Peti sin Louis Perushek, Jr., pričakuje, da bo v poklican vsak čas. Pa naj reče kdo, da ameriški Slovenci ne prispevajo stoprocentno za čast zvezdne zastave in obrambo demokracije!

Društvo št. 108 ABZ v Girardu, Ohio, naznanja, da je investiralo nekaj svoje gotovine v obrambne bonde Zedinjenih držav.

V bolnišnici v Duluthu, Minn., je umrl Štefan Špehar, star 51 let, član ABZ in HBZ. Pokojnik je bil doma od Gospiča v Liki.

Krasna opera "Mazeppa," ki jo je skomponiral slavni ruski glasbenik Čajkovski, bo vprizorjena v nedeljo 8. marca ob 2.45 popoldne v glasbeni dvorani mestnega avditorija v Clevelandu, Ohio.

Najboljša investicija vaših prihrankov je v obrambno varčevalnih bonih Zedinjenih držav. Z nakupom istih posodite denar vladi za obrambo demokracije ter vsega tepega in dobrega, kar ima ta dežela.



SELITVE VSLED VOJNE

Ljudje vseh časov so se preseljevali iz kraja v kraj, iz dežele v deželo. Nekaterim ljudem je menda prirojeno, da ne morejo trajno strpeti na enem kraju, čeprav žive v prilično dobrih razmerah. Važnejši vzrok za preseljevanje pa je v ekonomskih razmerah. Kadar kakšen kraj ne more dati primerne eksistence svojemu prebivalstvu, se mora enostavno odvečni del prebivalstva izseliti in si iskati dela in zaslužka drugod.

Ljudstvo Zedinjenih držav je nastalo iz izseljencev obeh vrst. Iz takih, katerim se je zahotelo novih doživljajev v tujih krajih, in takih, katere so k izselitvi v Ameriko prisilile presiro-mašne razmere domačih krajev. Tretja vrsta ameriških priseljencev je iskala in našla v novi deželi svobodo, katera jim je bila v domovinskih deželah zanikana. Med priseljenimi ameriški Slovenci nas je največ, ki smo se izselili iz rodne domovine zaradi gospodarskih razmer. Nekaj pa jih nedvomno tudi spada, vsaj deloma, v ostali dve omenjeni kategoriji.

Kljub vsemu navedenemu pa je v normalnih časih preseljevanje ljudskih skupin prostovoljno. Za silo bi se bili prostovoljni izseljenci že preživeli v svojih rodnih krajih, in oblasti jih niso silile k izselitvi.

Popolnoma drugačnega značaja pa je preseljevanje večjih ljudskih skupin tekom vojne ali vsled vojne. Že iz zadnje svetovne vojne nam je znano, da se je moralo civilno prebivalstvo umakniti iz krajev, kjer so se vršile ali kjer so bile pričakovane vojne aktivnosti. Velike selitve prebivalstva so se po nekot vršile tudi po zaključeni svetovni vojni, posebno iz krajev, ki so pripadli državam, s katerih sistemom se del prebivalstva ni strinjal. Tako preseljevanja so bila posebno vidna na primer med Turčijo in Grčijo, med Jugoslavijo in Italijo, med Alzacijo-Loreno in Nemčijo itd.

V sedanji vojni, ki je zdaj zavzela že svetovni obseg, vidimo še neprimerno več prisilnega preseljevanja. Na Kitajskem, na primer, se je baže nad 30 milijonov Kitajcev izselilo iz krajev, katere so zasedli Japonci. Izselili pa se niso v tujino, ampak samo v notranjost ogromne kitajske dežele. Nekaj podobnega se zadnje čase vrši v Rusiji. Koliko domačega prebivalstva se je izselilo v notranjost prostrane Rusije iz krajev, kjer se vršijo boji ali katere so zasedli Nemci, ne vemo, toda nedvomno bo to število segalo v milijone. Saj čitamo, da je iz nekaterih ruskih mest in okoliž odšlo vse domače prebivalstvo.

Prisilno preseljevanje domačega prebivalstva je še toliko bolj izrazito v državah, ki so jih podjarmili Nemci. Milijoni Poljakov in Židov so bili dobesedno pregnani iz njihovih posestev in naseljeni drugod. Dogotove mere velja to tudi za Belgije, Nizozemce, Norvežane, Čehoslovake in druge. Na Češkem, na primer, nemški oblastniki nasilno izseljujejo češke kmete iz najrodovitejših krajev in jih nadomeščajo z nemškimi priseljenci. Slična usoda je zadela tudi Jugoslavijo, in posebej še Slovenijo. Iz krajev, ki so jih zasedli Nemci, so brez odškodnine pregnali (Dalje na 2. strani)

TO IN ONO TIKAJOČE SE JUGOSLAVIJE

Slovenski četniki so dne 1. februarja napadli železniško postajo Verd, demolirali so postajo ter zažgali 23 železniških tankov bencina. Več italijanskih vojakov je bilo ubitih. Postaja Verd se nahaja na glavni progi Trst-Wien ter je komaj 20 km oddaljena od Ljubljane, glavne mesta Slovenije.

V Bosni so jugoslovanske edince napadle italijansko kolono na progi Bileća-Nikišić, zajele 4 tanke, 3 motorna vozila in mnogo orožja. Ujetih je bilo tudi več italijanskih vojakov, med njimi en polkovnik. Železniško progo samo pa so popolnoma razdejali.

Pri Klobuku v Hercegovini so jugoslovanske edince napadle italijanske čete, zajele 2 tanka, 21 motornih koles in mnogo drugega materiala.

Preseljevanje Slovencev se nadaljuje. Polnoma so izselili okraje Litija, Brežice in Krško. V te okraje so naselili Nemce in pričeli graditi neke tovarne.

V pogorju Krima in v Kumljanskih hribih je še vedno več tisoč slovenskih mož in fantov, ki prizadevajo nemškimi in italijanskimi okupatorjem mnogo težav in škode.

Moskovski radio poroča, da mnogi Hrvatje, ki so bili nasilno mobilizirani in poslani na rusko fronto beže k Rusom. 369. polk 109. nemške divizije je bil popolnjen s temi Hrvatji - večina njih je že ubežala k Rusom.

Dne 18. februarja je izšlo sporočilo, da je jugoslovanska vlada zaprosila za "lend-lease" pomoč generalu Draži Mihajloviću in njegovi srbski vojski, ki se v planinah že skoraj več kot leto dni bori proti Nemcem. V Beograd, Niš in v druga srbska mesta je Nemčija v obrambo svojih posadk proti Srbom poslala sedem svojih divizij. Srbski napadi prizadevajo Nemcem neprestane izgube v ljudeh in v materialu. Vendar so srbske tovarne orožja v nemških rokah in general Mihajlović ne more nadomeščati svojih izgub, dočim Nemci dobivajo nov material iz Nemčije. Poučeni krogi sodijo, da je Draža Mihajlović zaradi tega poslal nujno prošnjo jugoslovanski vladi v izgnanstvu, naj mu pošlje potreščine in streliva in mu tako omogoči nadaljevanje borbe.

Ko so Nemci zavzeli Jugoslavijo, je general Mihajlović rešil več skladišč orožja, srbski vojaki pa so s seboj odnesli puške in nekoliko strojnice. Od tega časa je general Mihajlović večkrat dobil pomoč iz zamejstva. Čeprav viri niso nikjer omenjeni, se zdi, da so potreščine pripeljala letala iz Rusije. Jugoslovanska vlada se zaveda težav pri pošiljanju pomoči generalu Mihajloviću. Najbližje angleško oporišče je v Libiji, 800 milj od Beograda.

Južna Srbija je zelo pripravna za način bojevanja generala Mihajlovića, sama borba pa je izročilo srbskega kmeta, ki se je štiri stoletja boril proti Turkom. Vojska generala Mihajlovića šteje danes okrog 100,000 ljudi. Mihajlović je nabral nekoliko najpotrebnejših naprav. Često so jih sestavili samo za silo. Iz poedinih delov porušenih letal so sestavili nekoliko bombnikov in ti so obstreljevali nemške položaje. Letala so odletela iz skriv- (Dalje na 6. strani)

VSAK PO SVOJE

Kašljanje spada med industrije, ki niso neobhodno potrebne niti za narodno obrambo niti za splošni narodni blagor. Delnice te industrije ne prinašajo dividend nikomur, z morebitno izjemo zdravnikov, lekarnarjev in pogrebnikov. Kljub temu ima kašljanje domovinsko pravico pri vseh narodih, v vsakem letnem času in v vsaki starosti. Moj pokojni oče je kašljal vse svoje življenje in je srečno prikašljal do 90. leta. To je bil vsekakor zdrav šport oziroma zdrav kašelj. V cerkvi in gledališču kašelj ni dobrodošel in se mu včasih pripisujejo obstrukcijski nameni. Za kašljanje nas plebejce vs malokdo zmeni, toda če zakašlja Mussolini ali papež v Rimu, Hitler v Berlinu, Stalin v Moskvi ali Churchill v Londonu, poročajo o takem važnem dogodku resni časopisi. Še večje pozornosti pa je bil deležen kašelj predsednika Roosevelta, pomešan v njegov pomembni govor 23. februarja: slišal in poslušal ga je ves svet. To je bil zgodovinski kašelj, ki ga posebno Hitler in Hirohito ne bosta pozabila.

Iz države Wyoming smo nedavno dobili poročilo o izredno hudi zimi. V mestecu Pinedale so baže imeli 53 stopinj pod ničlo. Pa smo mislili, da je vsa zima v Rusiji!

Kdo ve, če kateri cenjenih čitatelj kaj posebno občuti, da mora zjutraj eno uro bolj zgodaj vstajati, odkar imamo vojni čas. Avtor te kolone ne čuti nikake razlike. Kadar ura kaže osem, je osem, pa naj bo sonce kjer koli, kadar kaže poldne, je čas za kosilo, opolnoči pa zadnji čas za spat. Kakor ura reče, tako je. Ko smo pred desetletji kot bosopeti pastirčki tekali za kravami, nas ni bilo tako lahko potegniti glede časa. Obo jutrih nas je mati za pete povlekla iz ležišča in ni bila možna pritožba na nikako instanco. Kadar je pastirček lahko stopil svoji senici na glavo, je bilo poldne, kadar se je zablestela na nebu zvezda večernice, je bilo čas gnati živino domov. Seveda, takrat nismo nosili zapetnih ur.

Nove čelade ameriških vojakov so zelo čudne, toda niti zdaleč ne tako čudne, kot so pomladni klobuki letošnje ženske mode.

Tekom svoje 40-letne uprave Filipinov so imeli Američani težko delo, da so odvadili tamkajšno plemo Igorotov kolektanč človeških glav. Glave sovražnikov je namreč prejšnja generacija Igorotov smatrala za najbolj zaželjive suvenirje. Pod silo razmer so mlajši Igoroti ta narodni šport opustili in so rezali glave le domačim pujskom. Zadnje leto je mnogo teh mladih Igorotov vstopilo v filipinsko armado in nekaj oddelkov teh bivših glavorezcev se bori zdaj pod poveljstvom generala MacArthurja na Bataanu. In poročila pravijo, da so sijajni vojaki in neprekosljivi eksperti v sekantju japonskih glav. Strahu ti vojniki ne poznajo, obleke rabi-jo malo, radi uživajo pasje meso in pijejo domači münšajn, napačljivi iz soka kokosovih orehov. Njihov največji piknik pa je, kadar napadajo ali zasledujejo Japonce in jim sekajo glave (Dalje na 2. strani)

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Iz urada glavnega predsednika

Letna seja glavnega odbora Ameriške bratske zveze se je završila zadnji mesec. Čitali ste zapisnik se je v slovenskem jeziku, sedaj bo priobčen tudi v angleškem jeziku. Z objavo zapisnika v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku bodo obveščeni vsi člani in članice naših društev.

V zapisniku so važna poročila, med katere spada na najbolj svetlo stran poročilo glavnega tajnika, ki kaže sliko šestmesečne in celoletnega poslovanja v glavnem uradu. Na podlagi tega poročila se snujejo in ustvarjajo nove smernice za prihodnje mesece.

V zapisniku letne seje glavnega odbora je za mene najbolj važen sklep ali zaključek, da glavni odbor razpisuje MLADINSKO KAMPANJO, ki traja celo leto, od 1. januarja 1942 pa do vstevšega 31. decembra 1942.

Prav tako naj bo važen ta sklep za vse druge člane in članice naše Zveze.

Močan mladinski oddelek je največji pripomoček za pridobivanje novih članov v odrasli oddelek. Člani mladinskega oddelka, ki prestopajo v naš odrasli oddelek, so po mojem trdnem mnenju najboljši pridobljeni člani odraslega oddelka. V njih je že zavest, da so bili naši mladinski člani. Marsikateri član mladinskega oddelka si že šteje v ponos, da je postal član ali članica višjega oddelka, kjer pridejo v poštev že odgovorne dolžnosti in upoštevane pravice posameznega člana. S prestopom v odrasli oddelek postane vsak član tudi gospodar zvezinega imetja in njenega poslovanja polom demokratičnega članskega zastopstva na konvenciji ali potom splošnega glasovanja. Enaka predpica vpliva na zavest in razpoloženje odraslega članstva.

Kampanja mladinskega oddelka v letošnjem letu mora uspeti. Zato imamo vse pogoje, ki so potrebni za pridobivanje mladine. V deželi je sedaj prosperiteta, ki daje priložnost očetom in materam, da lahko vplačajo mesečne prispevke. Glavni odbor je poveljal nagrade za vsakega novopridobljenega mladinskega člana za 50 centov. Poleg tega je glavni odbor še odobril nagrade za društva, katere bodo pridobila največ mladinskih članov tekom leta. Določeni je pet nagrad: \$100.00, \$75.00, \$50.00, \$25.00, in \$10. K tem pogojem je potreba še nekaj dobre volje in navdušenja za Ameriško bratsko zvezo.

V vsaki kampanji se delajo vedoma ali nevedoma pogreški ali napake, katere bi bilo potreba opustiti v tej kampanji. Kadar greste na delo, imejte resen namen, da boste vpisali samo lake otroke, ki so zdravi. To naj velja za vse one države, kjer se otroke sprejema brez zdravniške preiskave. Nad vse važno je tudi to, da vpisujete take otroke, kateri bodo ostali zapisani pri Zvezi. S takimi mladinskimi člani, ki ostanejo člani samo nekaj mesecev, ima naša organizacija samo nepotrebno delo in stroške. Prosim, upoštevajte ta navodila vsepovsod!

Naša Ameriška bratska zveza plačuje društvenim tajnikom po 25 centov letno od vsakega dobrostoječega mladinskega člana. To je nekaka nagrada tajnikom za delo mladinskega oddelka. Zato bi apeliral na društvene tajnike, da se zavzamejo za to razpisano kampanjo. Vsak društveni tajnik naj bi pozval na društveni seji vse člane, da naj skušajo in vpisujejo otroke v mladinski oddelke. Razložijo naj članstvu načrte JA, JB, JC in JD, da bo članstvo saj vedelo, kakšne prilike jim nudi naša organizacija.

S tem, da je razpisana kampanja za mladinski oddelek, nikar ne pozabite, da sprejemamo člane tudi v odrasli oddelek. V današnjih časih je tista odprta prilika, da nagovorite prijatelje in znance, ko vam ne morejo navajati prvega vzroka: nimam denarja. Poleg tega pa v sedanjih časih ljudje tudi že naravno čutijo, da jim je potreba zaščite in pomoči ob času onemoglosti in smrti.

Ob vsakem času in priliki, ko nagovarjate prospektivnega kandidata, nikoli ne pozabite, da omenite vse dobre in upoštevane vredne lastnosti naše dobre podporne organizacije, katere ime je Ameriška bratska zveza.

V vojnem času smo, ko nas naša nova domovina kliče na pomoč, da doprinesemo svoja čela in imetja na razpolago vsakdanje potrebe. Stavimo to stoddostno! — Tudi naše delo za našo organizacijo naj bo stoddostno, saj vsako delo, katerega stavimo za bratsko organizacijo je za protekcijo ameriških državljanov, ki so del Združenih držav ameriških. Bolj ko so posamezni državljani preskrbljeni v bolezni, nesreči ali ob smrti, toliko manj je potreba skrbeti dobrodelnim ameriškim institucijam za nesrečneže. Mi, ameriški Slovenci, smo v tem pogledu dosti napravili sami za sebe, da nismo bili breme javnih ameriških dobrodelnih zavodov. Za to so bile odgovorne naše podporne organizacije v Ameriki.

Bratje in sestre Ameriške bratske zveze, vi ste člani in članice bratske podporne organizacije, ki ima v svojem imenu, namenu in poslovanju ameriški način življenja, bratoljubni na-

čin usmiljenja in zvezni način demokratičnega poslovanja. Skoro štiri in štirideset let že posluje naša organizacija na temelju medsebojnega bratstva, samopomoči in samaritanstva; preko pet in dvajset tisoč članov in članic tvori dobro in svobodno skupino, katere premoženje je doseglo tri milijone dolarjev, pa ne bi vi stopili do svojega sorodnika, prijatelja, znanca ali soseda temu povedali, da naj sedaj pristopi ali vpiše svoje otroke v Ameriško bratsko zvezo!

Sedaj so ugodni časi in izredne prilike, da se nemudoma potrudite in delate v naši kampanji za mladinski oddelek.

Janko N. Rogelj, gl. predsednik ABZ.

VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

po vzoru svojih častitih prednikov.

Moderni rokovanjci in umoviti dandanes ne kradejo denarja, zlatnine in drugih bivših dragocenosti, ampak gumijaste avtomobilske obroče ali pnevmatike. In morda ni več daleč čas, ko bodo zaljubljeni fantje prinašali svojim izvoljenkam avtomobilske pnevmatike namesto demantnih prstanov.

Svetovna vojna dandanes teži srce vsakega mislečega človeka, zato je vsak sončni žarek, ki vsaj začasno prepodi morečo vojno megljo iz naših duš, zaželjen, potreben in dobrodošel. Tak sončni žarek je bila za posetnike lahka komedija "Pri belem konjčku," ki je bila predzadnje nedeljo izborna podana na odru Slovenskega narodnega doma v Clevelandu, Ohio. V dobrodrušen smehu so posetniki začasno čisto pozabili vsakdanje težave in skrbi vojnih časov. Celo nagajanje zastora, ki ni bilo na oficijelnem programu, je občinstvo pozdravilo z dobrovoljnimi smehom. Pisec teh vrstic se je pri tem spomnil, da je to igro kot mlad fant prvič videl v Narodnem domu v Celju leta 1902 ali 1903, da je tudi takrat in tam odrski zastor nagajal in da se je tudi takrat občinstvo dobrovoljno smejalo.

Ljudje, ki pišejo v liste, v kakšne svrhe naj bi naše podporne organizacije "podarile" svoje milijone, naj bi se najprej poučili, kakšne obveznosti imajo te organizacije napram svojim članom in pa kakšna je kontrola državnih zavarovalniških departamentov nad temi milijoni. Ako bi glavni odborniki katere koli teh organizacij sledili nasvetom takih "ekspertov," ki nimajo pojma o sistemu in poslovanju podpornih organizacij, bi se kaj kmalu vsi znašli za omrežjem.

General Douglas MacArthur, ki s svojo hrabro četo ameriških in filipinskih vojakov že nad dva meseca brani čast zvezdaste zastave na malem delu Filipinov, je izkušen vojak in točasno slaviljen kot eden prvih ameriških junakov sedanjega časa. To je prav, ker moč to priznanje gotovo zasluži. Pa je MacArthur tudi mož, ki da priznanje tudi drugim, če ga zaslužijo. Tako je dne 23. februarja poslal ruski armadi za njeno 24-letnico brzojavko, ki se v prostem prevodu glasi:

"Svetovna situacija v sedanjem času znači, da upi civilizacije počivajo na častnih zastavah hrabre ruske armade. V mojem življenju sem se udeležil več vojn, prisostvoval sem drugim in sem v mnogih podrobnostih tudi študiral kampanje izrazitih voditeljev preteklosti. V nobeni pa nisem videl tako efektivnega odpora napram najtežjim udarcem dotedaj nepremaganega sovražnika, kateremu je sledila porazna protiofenziva, ki podi sovražnika nazaj proti njegovi deželi. Obseg in veličina teh naporov jih označa za največje vojaške uspehe v vsej zgodovini."

To priznanje od strani ameriškega generala, ki osebno ve, kaj je vojna, je hrabra ruska armada gotovo zaslužila. Se po-

sebeno, ker uspehi ruske armade posredno pomagajo tudi Ameriki. Veliki ameriški listi te brzojavke niso mogli čisto zamolčati, toda priobčili so jo brez vseh fanfar, z malimi naslovi in v večini primerov na notranjih straneh. Zakaj? Nekateri ameriški kapitalisti, ki kontrolirajo te liste, še vedno ne morejo pozabiti, da je Rusija pred leti precej trdo na prste stopila domačim kapitalistom in izkoriščevalcem. To je po mnenju denarnih mogotcev največji greh. Zato je bilo treba kolikor mogoče prikriti in omalovažiti priznanje, ki ga je dal hrabri ruski armadi hraber in pošten ameriški general.

Dober tajnik nekega našega društva je pred par leti v šali vpraševal, če tista harmonija v glavnih odborih podpornih organizacij, ki se je včasih poudarjala v glasilih, izhaja iz harmonike. In zdi se, da je bilo v šali omenjenega tajnika res drobno zrno prerokovanja, dasi ni vedel zanj. Zakaj pisano je, da imata glavna odbora dveh največjih slovenskih podpornih organizacij vsaki svojega aktivnega harmonikarja. Jaz bi rekel, da je to sijajna ideja, namreč kultiviranje in vzdrževanje harmonije s harmoniko. Tudi naša Ameriška bratska zveza, ki je tretja največja slovenska podporni organizacija, v tem oziru ne bi smela zaostajati. Tri milijone dolarjev imamo, pa da ne bi zmogli enega harmonikarja. Predlagam, da kdo predlaga na prihodnji seji glavnega odbora, da se našega glavnega nadzornika brata Anzelca nastavi za oficijelnega harmonikarja in da mu kupimo uniformo z zlatimi portami. Glasbeno zmožnost je že tam, harmonika tudi, samo sarže in uniforme še manjka. Brat predsednik, prosim za besedo: da se ne pozabi, predlagam brata Anzelca za našega uradnega harmonikarja, da ostane harmonika med nami!

A. J. T.

SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

karskega sovražstva nagajali administraciji pri njenih naporih za obrambo dežele. Omenjene organizacije bodo podpirale tiste kandidate, ki so sodelovali v administraciji glede obrambe dežele, in to brez ozira na strankarsko pripadnost.

VELEPOSŁANISTVA

Dosedanja poslanstva Zedinjenih držav v južnoameriških republikah Boliviji, Paragvaju in Ecuadorju bodo spremenjena v veleposlanstva. Iz te geste se razvidi, da se washingtonska vlada zaveda velike važnosti vedno tesnejšega sodelovanja s sestrskimi republikami na jugu.

NEUMESTNO ZBADANJE

Lord Halifax, britiški poslanik v Washingtonu, je v svojem nedavnem govoru izjavil, da zbadanje Angležev od strani Američanov in zbadanje Američanov od strani Angležev, nekoristi niti eni niti drugi strani, ampak napravlja samo večje med našimi skupnimi sovražniki. Napake je delala ena kot druga stran, in je upati, da sta se obe stranki nekaj koristnega naučili iz teh napak

FEBRUARSKA ZIMA

V drugi polovici februarja je zavladal skoro po vseh Zedinjenih državah občuten mraz, združen ponekod s snežnimi viharji in zameti. Mraz je dosegel celo dele Floride in Californije, kjer je poškodoval mnogo južnega sadja in zgodnje zelenjave.

JAVNO LASTNIŠTVO

Ako ne pride do kakih posebnih zaprek, bo v nekaj tednih prešla v mestno last in upravo poulična železnica v Clevelandu, Ohio. Mestni koncil je pretekli teden odglasoval za izdajo bondov v znesku 17 in pol milijona dolarjev za odkup železnice od privatne družbe in za nekateri potrebne izboljšave. Boj za odkup cestne železnice je že pred več kot 35 leti pričel takratni župan Tom L. Johnson in se je isti z malimi presledki nadaljeval vse do zadnjega časa. Za mesto Cleveland, ki ima približno milijon prebivalcev in zelo razvito industrijo in ki nima niti nadulčne niti podzemne železnice, je cestna železnica velikega pomena.

ZA VEČ FRONT

Maksim Litvinov, ruski poslanik v Washingtonu, je v svojem govoru pretekli teden izrazil mnenje, da bi morali zavezniki prav zdaj, ko so Nemci zaposleni na ruski fronti, otvoriti vsaj še eno fronto napram Nemcem, in sicer kolikor mogoče oddaljeno od ruske fronte. To bi nemško vojaško silo razcepilo in pomagalo k hitrejšemu porazu osiških držav. Za tako ofenzivo naj bi se porabile tiste zavezniške čete, ki zdaj počivajo v brezdelju. Po mnenju Litvinova bo Hitler spomlad razvil največjo ofenzivo te vojne in takrat se bo odločilo, kdo bo končno zmagal.

RUSKA OFENZIVA

Ruska ofenziva kaže zadnje dni vedno večjo silo na vsej razsežni fronti od Leningrada na severu do Krima na jugu. Najhušji boji se vršijo v okolici Staraje Ruse, južno od Leningrada, kjer imajo baje Rusi obkoljeno nemško armado, broječo 96 tisoč mož. Nemci skušajo tem obkoljenim četam donosati potrebščine z letali, katere pa Rusi uspešno uničujejo. Ruska ofenziva beleži tudi znatne uspehe v okrožjih Kurska in Smolenska ter na Krimu.

POJAVI PANSLAVIZMA V EVROPI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

za gospodujoči narod, za Herenvolk. Nemci so razpalili rasno sovraštvo, kot ni bilo razpaljeno še nikdar v zgodovini. Slovani so jim ničvredna masa, ki naj gospodom Nemcem služi za sužnje. Nič čudnega ni torej, če se začnejo misleči ljudje vseh slovanskih narodov zavedati, da bodo iztrebljeni, če se na kak način ne združijo. Slovanov v Evropi je vendar 230 milijonov, Nemcev pa le 80 milijonov; zakaj bi taka ogromna večina robovala arogantni nemški manjšini?

Prej omenjeni poročevalec sodi, da so se dobri znaki slovanskega sporazuma pokazali že med Rusi in Poljaki na eni strani ter med Cehi in Poljaki na drugi strani. Rusko-poljski sporazum se najlepše kaže v tem, da se že več divizij Poljakov bori ob strani Rusov proti Nemcem. Zamejni vladi Češke in Poljske pa sta se zedinili za federacijsko državo po vojni, seveda, kadar bodo premagani Nemci. Vsi znaki tudi kažejo, da so vsi južni Slovani združeni v brežmejnem sovražstvu do Nemcev in Italijanov, le da Hrvti pod peto izdajalca Paveliča in Bolgari pod nemško dinastijo in v klesarju nemških čet tega ne morejo javno pokazati. Vsi slovanski narodi upirajo danes svojo oči v Rusijo kot svojo rešite-

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Te nagrade so izplačane šele potem, ko so bili za nove člane plačani mesečni aasementi.

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za člana načrta "JG" s \$1,000.00 zavarovalnine — \$3.00.
Tekom kampanje, ki bo trajala do konca leta 1942, plača Zveza za novopridobljenega člana mladinskega oddelka 50 centov več kot zgoraj navedene redne nagrade.

Poleg tega je določenih še pet posebnih nagrad v gotovini, in sicer 50, 25 in 10 dolarjev, katere bodo nakazane društvom, ki bodo v tej kampanji pridobila največ novih mladinskih članov.

Vse nagrade, v zvezi s kampanjo mladinskega oddelka, bodo izplačane zaključku kampanje.

ljico in protektorico. Bolgarski narod je bil vedno naklonjen Rusiji. Tu in tam tudi čitamo poročila, da jugoslovanski četniki, ki delajo take pregrevane Nemcem in Italijanom v razkosani Jugoslaviji, dobivajo nekaj potrebsčin potom ruskih letal. Ruske uspehe proti Nemcem občuduje ves svet, posebno pa jih občudujejo zasužnjeni slovanski narodi.

Iz vsega navedenega sklepa poročevalec, da je ideja panslavizma oživila in da so jo oživil in okrepili prav Nemci s svojim brezobzirnim uničevanjem vsega, kar je slovansko. Po njegovem mnenju obstaja možnost, da se bo po končnem porazu Nemcev izoblikovala v Evropi nekaka vseslovanska federacija, ki bo morda v priločno ohlapni obliki vključevala vse slovanske narode in kot taka prepredila bodoče nemške sanje za nemško nadvlado Evrope in ostalega sveta.

SELITVE VSLED VOJNE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

najboljše posetnike in na njihova mesta nastavili Nemce. Baje je bilo na sličen način pregnano iz Slovenije, ki so jo zasedli Nemci, nad eno tretjino slovenskega prebivalstva. Ti nesrečneži so bili pregnani na Hrvaško, v Srbijo in kdo ve, kam še. Poleg tega čitamo, da je bilo tisoče slovenskih in hrvaških fantov in mož odvedenih na delo v Nemčijo. Na sličen način odvajajo v Nemčijo dela zmožne ljudi iz češkoslovanske, Poljske, Belgije in drugih zasedenih dežel.

Koliko teh beguncev, izgnancev in pregnancev bo med živimi ob zaključku vojne? Koliko se jih bo vrnilo v svoje rodne kraje? Na taka in slična vprašanja ne more nikdo odgovoriti.

NESREČE NA CESTAH

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Upajmo, da se v tečajih tu število avtomobilskih nesreč na ameriških cestah zmanjša. Ni dvoma, da bodo vedno kateri avtomobilisti bodo na svoja vozila, vedno bodo mogli nabaviti potrebne delce sedanja razbijajo ali bodo škodoje, da jih ne bo več popraviti. Zavedajo se, da postane vozilo nevarno, če je nepopravljivo, dovan sam en avtomobilski obroč, ker enostavno ni do gladen čas možno voziti vega. Zmerno hitra obravnava daljša porabnost kar bo marsikateri avtomobilista odvračala hitre vožnje. Vojne razmere, kor so drugače običajne, vredne, bodo morda na ameriških cestah boljšale varnost na ameriških cestah.

Spomnite se na Pearl Harbor! Kupujte federalne varčevalne bonde!



New Era

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Nova Doba



AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Plan Future Security

According to official statements regarding the manufacture of war materials for National Defense, government authorities declare that industrial activity is in its early stages and predicted that production would gain added momentum and an "All-Out" speedup through the summer and toward the end of the year. This means that in 1943 our country will be in its biggest boom in history.

Even though taxes will be sky-high to pay up this fast-mounting cost for National Defense, our people will be working seven days a week to keep the wheels of industry rolling at high speed. This means bigger paychecks and in a sense more prosperity. More money to spend.

With this employment boom, practically every able-bodied man and woman in the Nation will be employed in defense plants. Unemployment will be at its lowest ebb in years. Industry and the Army will have enlisted everyone to do their part for National Defense to ultimately defeat the enemies of our United States.

It would be a wise suggestion for all those people to use their money with an eye toward future security. First way to do that is to invest your money—as much as you can afford—into United States Defense Bonds and Stamps. By investing your money in this manner, you will not only help our government finance this war against our enemies, but you will also be putting it aside for future security. For after the war is over, and our country grows through the readjustment period this money you invested in U. S. Bonds and Stamps will help tide you over.

Past records of our American Fraternal Union reveal that during times of depression, our members pay more attention to their lodges than ever before. It appears that during prosperity everyone has plenty of money to burn—and they burn it up accordingly without any reflective thought of tomorrow.

With your finances swelled with the Defense program, members should retrench themselves by building up a solid financial foundation for the future. A part of this foundation is your American Fraternal Union insurance policy—for yourself, your entire family.

Most of our young men are in the Service of their country. It is a fact that we cannot expect a great increase in our membership during war-time. Instead we must build up our reserve. Our Union's and your family's biggest reserve is the Juvenile Department. As your paycheck increases, it would be wise for you to consider the future welfare of your children. Our Union has special endowment policies which would provide greatly for the future of your children—especially when they mature into adulthood and need funds with which to obtain a college education. It would be wise for mothers and dads to consult their local lodge secretary and arrange to take out this type of insurance for their children.

Our recent annual financial statement revealed that our American Fraternal Union's total assets as of Dec. 31st, 1941, are over two million nine hundred thousand dollars! What sounder foundation to insure your family's future than that? Figures don't lie! See your lodge secretary today and arrange to modernize your policy in one of the most popular, modernized, streamlined, and financially strongest fraternal societies in the country today—our American Fraternal Union!

Napredok Notes

Euclid-Cleveland, O. — The Napredok bowlers were really hot against the Saints, and won No. 2 last Friday, taking a total of 6 games. For the game, Johnny Krince was high, with 517, but with Ed Zivkovic right at his heels with a beautiful 515 total. Barba of the Saints tried hard with a 508 series, and a 209 single, but despite his attempt, the Saints came drubbing.

The Cavaliers got on the right road again by shellacking the Ives No. 2, to take undisputed fourth place position, after many weeks of see-sawing. The victories were led by F. Smrtnik with a 502 total, and followed closely by "Peewee" Sterlekar with 491, who had a high 208 game. Laddie Debevec was led by F. Denigar Sr. was second high, with 442. Where, oh, where was Little Stan?

Anecdotes of the evening: Chukayne hits 3-6 pocket and gets a strike; Sesek got a spare with an assist for the cushion. We'll see you all Saturday

Important Business On Lodge 81 Slate

Aurora, Ill. — Several important items were brought up and discussed at our regular February meeting. All have been tabled until our meeting on March 12, 1942—the second Thursday of the month—when they will be acted upon.

Our meetings of late have not been very well attended. I am requesting and urging all members to attend our March meeting. Make it your duty to be present. Women-members are not barred from attending our meetings, so let's see if we can have as many women and men members present.

In order to tempt members to attend our next session, we are going to have refreshments after the business meeting. Please attend—one and all!

Joseph Fayfar Jr., secretary,
Lodge 81, AFU.

at East 185th Street Recreation, when we bowl Barberton's St. Martins.

Well, so long, I have to go file my income tax now.
F. Smrtnik,
Lodge 132, AFU.

Changes Address

Chicago, Ill. — Notification is hereby given to all members of Lodge 170, AFU., that from the first day of March my new address is: 5614 West 24th street, Cicero, Ill. All members are requested to keep my new address in mind.

As my home is quite a distance away from the lodge neighborhood I appeal to all members to pay their lodge dues on time. Most convenient way would be for all members to attend and pay their assessments at the regular meeting. You can also send in your assessments to me by mail. If you do this keep in mind the thought to mail your assessment far enough in advance so that I will receive same before the last day of the month. I have received definite notice from the lodge that I cannot and must not pay members' dues from our lodge treasury and I must live up to the decision of the lodge in this respect. Therefore: Should anyone be suspended from the lodge because I did not receive his or her assessments on time it will be their own fault; not mine.

Next regular meeting of our lodge will be held Wednesday, March 18th in regular quarters. All members are urged to attend as there will be many important matters to act upon.

In the Minutes of the annual meeting of the Supreme Board, we noticed that a campaign for the enrollment of new juvenile members during the entire year of 1942 is underway. The awards are very tempting and that is why I hope that all members will enthusiastically go to work.

Should each of us enroll at least one new member the total amount will certainly be recognized at the Home Office and Union.

It is particularly important to us all to build up our juvenile department because it is from this department that eventually we will increase our adult department. Prospective new members are born every single day. Therefore, let us go out during this year of 1942, and work hard to help increase the growth of our American Fraternal Union, so that at the end of the year it will be much stronger than the past year.

In closing, I would again remind members of our lodge that my new address is: 5614 West 24th street, Cicero, Ill. Best regards to all.

Agnes Jurecic, sec. No. 170

Cash Awards to be Given for 1942 AFU Juvenile Campaign

OPENED JAN. 1st, 1942 — CLOSES, DEC. 31st, 1942
Due to probable war restrictions, a Juvenile Convention will not be held this year. Instead, the Supreme Board mapped out a campaign for Juvenile members which officially started Jan. 1st, 1942, and will conclude Dec. 31st, 1942. CASH AWARDS WILL BE PAID TO ALL THOSE SOLICITING NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS:

Note: — Cash awards for new Juvenile members are the same as previously allowed. Only change made, effective only during the 1942 Juvenile Campaign is that the Supreme Board has allowed 50-cents additional for every new juvenile enrolled during this time. Under the present campaign schedule the prizes are as follows:

For those new juvenile members insured in
Plan JA, the award will be \$1.00;
Plan JB, the award will be \$2.50;
Plans JC for \$500, the award will be \$2.50;
Plans JC for \$1,000, the award will be \$3.50;
Plan JD for \$250, the award will be \$1.50;
Plan JD for \$500, the award will be \$2.50;
Plan JD for \$1,000, the award will be \$3.50.

GRAND AWARDS IN ADDITION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LODGES HAVING THE LARGEST ENROLLMENT OF NEW JUVENILE MEMBERS DURING THE ENTIRE YEAR 1942. First prize is \$100; Second, \$75.00; Third, \$50.00; Fourth, \$25.00; and Fifth, \$10.00.

All awards will be paid immediately upon conclusion of the campaign, Dec. 31st, 1942.
Here's your chance to earn extra money this year! Join the AFU Juvenile Campaign Drive today!

BRIEFS

From "The White House" in Washington, D. C., President Franklin D. Roosevelt answered the message tendered him by the Supreme Board of the AFU at its recent meeting as follows:
"My dear Mr. Zbasnik: Please accept the President's thanks for your kind message of February thirteenth which you sent to him on behalf of the Supreme Board of Directors of the American Fraternal Union. He is deeply grateful for such a friendly message of greetings and for your reassurance of continued confidence in his leadership. The patriotic pledges which have come to the President from the many, many loyal citizens in all parts of the nation have given him strength and courage to carry out the will of the American people. Very sincerely yours, M. H. McIntyre, secretary to the President."

Russian War Relief, Inc., acknowledged with deep thanks the contribution of \$100 recently authorized by our supreme board at their annual meeting. In a letter from Harold Coy, director of field activities to Bro. Anton Zbasnik, our supreme secretary, the donation was accepted with thanks and with the following message: "Your organization will be pleased to know that several shipments of medical supplies have already been sent to Russia and that this contribution adds to the funds with which still another ship load is being prepared. Now, more than ever, it is important that we do all possible to assist the heroic Russian people who are fighting the battle of the United Nations on their vast fronts. . . We urge that your members continue their support through Russian war relief so that the Russian people may know that the American people are ever ready to help them.***"

8th Annual AFU Tenpin Tournament will be held in Barberton, Ohio, April 17, 18, and 19th. Event will take place in the new Slovene Center Alleys. Lodge 44, is in charge of arrangements.

Lodge 108, AFU of Girard, Ohio, has announced investment of funds in United States Defense Bonds.

Stephen Spehar, aged 51 years, of Ely, Minn., passed away in a Duluth hospital. He was a member of Lodge 1, AFU., and of the HBZ.

Lodge 138 Notice

Export, Pa. — Our next lodge meeting will be held March 8, 2 p. m. at our home as usual. Wish all members would make it their business to be present.

After the meeting which will be held on April 12 we will have a bowlers' party. All members are invited to this "free for all" affair. Be sure to be here promptly at 2:00 p. m.

Rose J. Kuznik,
Lodge 138, AFU

Former Gilbert, Minn., Cagers Lead Twist Drills to Championship

Cleveland, O. — Biggest reason why Cleveland's Twist Drills copped the Industrial league basketball championship, Feb. 3, can be traced to a quintet of at least five young men who gained cage glory in the high school at Gilbert, Minnesota several years ago.

In the championship finals, these boys did all the scoring to trounce Thompson Products to the tune of 43 to 20. Pupils of Coach "Monty" Montgomery of Gilbert High, who taught them the fundamentals, then piloted them to the state high school championships or into the finals of the same the boys are:

Billy Kern, Podpeskar, Krach, Ipavic, Luzovich, and Verbic. All are employed at the Cleveland Twist Drill factory here. Billy Kern is a member of Napredok's Lodge No. 132, AFU, and the other Gilbert, Minn., boys, in all probability, are still members of AFU lodges in Gilbert.

In carrying Minnesota colors to the cage courts of Cleveland and copping their championship, Krach who played left forward position scored 11 points. Ipavic at the pivot post scored 10; Podpeskar, right forward, and Billy Kern, left guard, each got 6. A fellow named Iwucz and Mend'ek got 6 and 4 points to complete the scoring.

Look Out Folks!

Barberton, O. — After being cooped up in the old home-stead, the Tony Okolish juniors, decided to do a little on the stepping out side. Wham, off they went on a whoopee festival of their own, going with the great gang of Lodge 44 headed by Johnnie Opeka.

As guest of the famed Betsy Ross in Cleveland we bowled them in the main attraction and "crippled" a few pins and possibly some pin boys. The teams split the return series.

After bowling set out on a new venture. Visited former Barbertonian Jerry Zupec at his Cafe in Euclid. We had a grand time. Refreshments in the form of klobase, schnapps, and beer were the main attractions after which the gang began singing their defeat of Napredok's—their next slated victims at the East 185th Alleys Saturday night.

'Tis rumored in Barberton that Ohio will have their own tournament. Sounds good to me. Let's trust that something is being done about it. I hope that it will be held in Barberton.

— Nosey Janes from Lodge 44.
Anthony Okolish Jr.,
Lodge 44, AFU.



8th Annual AFU Tenpin Tourney in Barberton, O., April 17, 18, 19

Lodge 44 Will Sponsor Annual Event in New Slovene Center Alleys; All Lodges Are Invited to Participate

Cleveland, O. — In a splendid wartime demonstration of fraternalism, Lodge 44, AFU., of Barberton, Ohio, has accepted the job of sponsoring the 8th Annual AFU Bowling Tournament and have set the dates for April 17, 18, and 19. The event will take place in the new Slovene Center Alleys.

This news was released following an informal conference with Bro. John Opeka, athletic supervisor of the St. Martin's Lodge 44, who came to Cleveland Saturday especially to discuss the affair. In discussing the matter, Bro. Opeka and Little Stan visited with Bro. John Lunka, former secretary of Betsy Ross Lodge 186, and Frank Krall, treasurer of the same lodge. Bros. Joe Kozar and Stan Zagorec could not be reached at the time because of working hours.

Since the Supreme Board suspended the athletic fund and held it for rehabilitation of our soldier-members who are in the army, the question of staging this annual affair was in doubt. Barberton—better known in Ohio as the "Magic City"—arose to the occasion and decided to conduct the affair on a self-financing basis.

According to Bro. Opeka, arrangements for the entertainment of bowlers, friends and visitors were going to be elaborate; that everyone participating would be assured of a grand time.

Entry blanks will be mailed to all teams in Ohio and vicinity, including those teams who are active in Illinois, Indiana, New York, Pennsylvania and other points. Should any other team wish to enter, they are requested to write to the athletic commissioner at 6233 St. Clair avenue immediately.

It will be imperative that

every team intending to enter the tournament send in their entry blanks with fees immediately as prize money to be available must be known at least two weeks before the tournament takes place.

ENTRY FEES WILL BE \$1.50 PER PERSON FOR EACH EVENT FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. DEADLINE FOR ENTERING WILL BE: SAT., APRIL 4th! ALL ENTRY FEES AND BLANKS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO STAN PECHAVER, 6233 St. Clair avenue, Cleveland, O. Your entry fee will cover the cost of bowling and additional cash prizes.

Every member of the AFU is eligible to participate in this 8th annual affair, provided he or she has been a member in good standing for at least 30 days prior to the tourney.

Barberton has extended a welcoming hand to all bowlers and visitors. There will be dancing and other entertainment to be climaxed by a banquet at which prizes will be awarded to winning bowlers and teams. All entry blanks will be sent to lodge athletic supervisors who are requested to move fast and send them in with the entry fees immediately. Time is short. The committee swings into action, and speed is necessary to help make this tournament one of the most outstanding ever held.

INDIANAPOLIS ALREADY HAS SIGNIFIED INTENTION TO BE PRESENT THROUGH LEFTY LOU MILHARCIC.

IT'S ON TO BARBERTON, O., FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL AFU BOWLING TOURNAMENT APRIL 17, 18 AND 19th! Further details will be announced in forthcoming issues.

Serving Their Country

Ely, Minn. — This Home Office city of the American Fraternal Union is not only investing its funds (\$75,000 to date) in United States Defense bonds and contributing funds to other war relief agencies, but is also contributing a large percentage of the nation's manpower in armed forces of the United States.

In Range Facts, weekly newspaper on the Iron Range of Minnesota an "Honor roll" reveals that about 129 young men are already in the service. Of this number, 84 are young Americans of Slovene nationality.

With the population of Ely, Minn. figured about a little over 50 per cent Slovene, the number of our young men in the service represents about two-thirds of the enlisted men of Ely—which is truly setting an excellent example of patriotism by our people.

Four From One Family

Ely, Minn. — From "Range Facts"—largest weekly newspaper in Minnesota, serving primarily the famous Iron Range sections of that state, we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perushek of 48 East Camp street, Ely, Minn., have four sons serv-

ing the armed forces of the United States. Mr. Perushek is secretary of Lodge No. 2, AFU and the entire family are good members of our organization. Bro. Perushek was also a delegate to several quadrennial conventions of our society.

The story from Range Facts is quoted as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perushek of 48 East Camp street, have four sons in the Army serving our country.

"Stanley, 25 years old, enlisted six years ago and is stationed at Long Beach, Cal. Battery H. 78th C. A. He was just recently promoted to rank of sergeant.

"Anton, 21 years old, is a private, 1st class and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He enlisted in Oct. 1940.

"Private Joe S., 27 years old, was inducted into the Army, May, 1941, and is stationed at Fort Rosencrans, Cal.

"Edward, 23 years old, is a first class private, stationed at Fort D. A. Russell, Marja, Tex., in the Tr. 5th Batt. Cavalry. He has just completed one year's service.

"Another son, Louis, 30, of Detroit, Mich., expects a call in the near future."

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Perushek (Continued on page 4)

AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

Founded July 16, 1898

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MINUTES

Annual Session of the A. F. U. Supreme Board Held in the Home Office, Ely, Minn. From Feb. 9 to Feb. 11, 1942

First Session

Supreme president Janko N. Rogelj opened the first meeting of this session Monday, Feb. 9th at 9 a. m., central war time, with an appropriate address of welcome.

Present are the following supreme board members: Janko N. Rogelj, supreme president; Frank Okoren, first supreme vice-president; Paul J. Oblock, second supreme vice-president; Anton Krapenc, fourth supreme vice-president; Joseph Sneler, fifth supreme vice-president; Mary Predovich, sixth supreme vice-president; Anton Zbasnik, supreme secretary; Frank Tomsich, Jr., assistant supreme secretary; Louis Champa, supreme treasurer; Dr. F. J. Arch, M. D., supreme medical examiner; Anton J. Terbovec, editor-manager Nova Doba; John Kumse, chairman, supreme board of trustees; Frank E. Vranichar, first trustee; Matt Anzelc, second trustee; Andrew Milavec, Jr., third trustee; Frank J. Kress, fourth trustee.

Joseph Kovach, third supreme vice-president is absent and sent a communication explaining his inability to attend. The supreme board accepted his reasons for not being present.

Anton J. Terbovec was named recorder for the session with the usual compensation.

Read and approved are the minutes of the last semi-annual session held in Aug. 1941.

The meetings are to be held from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 1:30 to 5:30 p. m. At this time it was unanimously adopted that the following greetings be sent to the President of the U. S. A.:

"Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
 President of the United States,
 Washington, D. C.

The Supreme Board of Directors of the American Fraternal Union, a fraternal benefit insurance society operating in 22 States and having a membership of over 25,000, extend to you, Mr. President, their sincere greetings and best wishes for your continued good health. Permit us, Mr. President, to re-assure you of our unshaken confidence in your leadership, and to renew, on behalf of our entire membership, our pledge of loyalty to our beloved country—The United States of America.

AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION,
 By Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary."

Follow reports of supreme officers:

After the reports are read and approved, various letters from Anton Okolish, chairman of the supreme judiciary, are read and recorded.

Presented for examination are the bonds of the supreme board members, supreme judiciary, lodge officers and bonds of the printery where our official organ, Nova Doba, is published. All are found to be in order.

The supreme secretary requests the supreme board to interpret Section 378 of our By-Laws, regarding the qualifications and eligibility of lodge officers. The supreme board unanimously decides that only members who are in the adult department at least 6 months may be candidates, and previous membership in the juvenile department cannot be taken into consideration.

By a unanimous vote it is decided that \$50,000.00 be invested in U. S. Defense bonds. As \$25,000.00 had previously been invested in Defense Bonds we will now have a total of \$75,000.00 invested in such bonds.

The supreme secretary is instructed to request all the lodges of our organization to inform the Home Office as to the amounts invested in U. S. Defense Bonds, so that the total amounts invested by the lodges and also our Union can be made known and recorded.

Second Session

The second meeting was opened by the supreme president, Monday, Feb. 9th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all supreme officers that attended the first meeting.

The supreme secretary next submits the following matters for consideration.

Mihael Pozega, member of Lodge No. 6, requests benefits from the welfare fund. Adopted the member be informed such benefits may be obtained under Section 360-A of our By-Laws.

Frank Mehle, member of Lodge No. 15, suffered an operation for which benefits are not payable according to our By-Laws. After information is given by the supreme medical

examiner it is adopted a special benefit of \$50.00 be granted under Section 307, subsection 12.

Frances Knaus, member of Lodge No. 20, who is suffering from diabetes, and is not insured for sick benefits, being only insured for welfare benefits, is awarded \$15.00 in special welfare benefits.

The petition of Anton Skerjanc, member of Lodge No. 25, cannot be considered as it was not first presented to the lodge and recommended by same.

Lodge No. 27, requests that assessments be paid for Mary Arko, member of said lodge who has been sick for many years; together with a small amount still due the lodge. Adopted the member's assessments continue to be paid under Section 360-A, together with the amount due the lodge.

Louis Prebil, member of Lodge No. 30, who has exhausted all his benefits and is still disabled, petitions for some special benefits. As he is still insured in plan A he is informed he may change to Plan AA and then can obtain a loan.

Joseph Petrich, member of Lodge No. 37, aged and destitute, requests some special benefits. He is awarded \$25.00 in special benefits.

Lodge No. 37, requests the supreme secretary Anton Zbasnik, to attend as guest speaker the 40th anniversary celebration of aforementioned lodge which will be held Sept. 20, 1942. The request is granted.

Read is a letter from Anton Drenik, member of Lodge No. 71, who is now in the armed forces of the U. S. A. The contents of his letter are heard with interest and acknowledged with the hope being expressed that continued good fortune stay with him.

Stefan and Frances Pavlisich, members of Lodge No. 85, petition for some benefits to pay their assessments. The lodge secretary, Bro. Anzelc, recommends payment. However, as both still retain certificates under Plan A., they are requested to change to Plan AA and they will be eligible to receive a loan.

Margaret Sharka, member of Lodge No. 88, cannot be granted sick benefits. However, she is allowed \$10.00 from the Welfare Fund.

Joseph Lickovitch, member of Lodge No. 99, underwent an operation for which no benefits are payable during the first year of membership. He is awarded \$25.00 under the provisions of Section 307.

Louis M. Kochevar, member of Lodge No. 112, requests that operation and sick benefits which were previously rejected, be allowed him. The request cannot be granted because it is definitely stated on his claims that symptoms of his ailments were present before his admittance to said lodge and our Union.

Lodge No. 114 recommends that our Union give honorary emblems to all members who have been in the organization 25 years or more. At present only members in the Union for a period of 40 years are eligible to receive such emblems. Adopted the decision previously rendered by the supreme board be retained.

Frank Kirn, member of Lodge No. 116, underwent an operation for which the By-Laws provide no operation benefit. After information is given by the supreme medical examiner he is granted \$25.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 307, subsection 12.

Teresa Petkovsek, member of Lodge No. 137, underwent an operation for which no benefits are provided. However, she is awarded \$25.00 in special benefits. Regarding the sick benefits, it is found the member was paid in full as provided in the By-Laws.

Richard Skena, member of the Juvenile department of Lodge No. 138, underwent an appendectomy and his parent petitions for some special benefit to help cover the cost of the operation. Because the member is still in the juvenile department, no benefits can be approved.

Mary Kranc, member of Lodge No. 149, who was forced to undergo an operation for which no operation benefits are provided, requests some special benefit. The request cannot be granted even under Section 307.

Kate Plantan, member of Lodge No. 182, petitions for some special operation benefits for a type of operation not listed in our By-Laws. She is granted \$25.00 in special benefits.

Theresa Koschak, member of Lodge No. 184, petitions for some special benefit for an operation which is not covered by our By-Laws. She is awarded \$25.00 in special benefits.

Angela Koshier, member of Lodge No. 200, was operated when not a member for a sufficient length of time in the Union in order to be eligible to receive operation benefits. Her petition is denied.

The Colorado Federation of AFU Lodges in the State of Colorado, will hold a session some time this spring at Canon City, Colorado, and request the presence of Frank Okoren, first supreme vice-president, who resides in Denver, Colo. The request is granted.

Follows a wide discussion relative to the continued financing of our lodges and Union's sports activities from our organization's Sports Fund. Question arose whether such grants should be discontinued during the War emergency. It was discovered that many who were interested in sports activities, have been called to the colors, and many more will undoubtedly be called in the near future. Longer work weeks in defense industries will leave very little time for sports; also there may be lack of transportation facilities. Our sports fund, which is not large, should be zealously guarded, so it becomes larger in order to help rehabilitate our soldiers—members when they return from service. Present and future conditions are so uncertain that we should keep our Sports Fund intact for other unforeseen and important causes. After a lengthy discussion it is adopted, that further financing of sports activities be temporarily discontinued from the Sports Fund, said decision to remain effective until the supreme board rescinds or changes the action.

The second meeting of this session adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Third Session

The supreme president opened the third meeting of this session Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 9 a. m. Present are all supreme board members that attended the two previous sessions.

The recorder reads the minutes of the first and second meetings which are approved as read.

On the calendar now comes an initiative motion, which is sponsored by Lodge No. 124. After examination, it was found that the initiative motion is not properly constructed. The supreme secretary is instructed to return same to the lodge for correction, in order that all proper sections be covered if the motion is to be approved. Considering the Section now mentioned

in the initiative motion the following sections should also be taken into consideration, which are not listed in the motion as presented; 321-A, 321-B, 321-C, 323, 324, 324-B, 324-C, 357, and 360-A.

Instead of suspending several juvenile assessments, it is adopted, that all members of the juvenile department as of Mar. 31, 1942, be given a dividend in the form of 50-cents in Defense Stamps. This dividend will be paid from the juvenile Mortuary Fund.

Read are certain letters in regard to the juvenile convention held in August, 1941. The suggestions regarding the system of future juvenile conventions will be given consideration at some future date, for the supreme board does not contemplate a juvenile convention this year.

The supreme secretary and supreme treasurer are authorized to sell a block of \$5,000.00 in Mercedes, Texas, Independent School District bonds.

The supreme secretary is authorized to purchase certain articles necessary for the Home Office.

The publishers of Glas Naroda in New York, request an advertisement in their calendar to be published the following year commemorating the 50th anniversary of the aforementioned publication. Adopted a one page advertisement be approved.

Common Council for American Unity request a donation as in the past year. An appropriation of \$25.00 is approved.

A sum of \$100.00 is donated to the United Service Organization (USO) and a similar amount to the Russian War Relief, Inc. The American Legion Auxiliary, Iron Lung Committee, Ely, Minnesota, requests aid for an "Iron Lung" which may possibly be useful in saving the lives of some of our members. Adopted \$25.00 be donated.

Considering the present importance of the American Red Cross organization in these critical times of war, it is adopted \$1,000.00 be donated from the Sports Fund for this worthy organization. The sum is to be sent direct to the national headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The third meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Fourth Session

The fourth meeting of the session was opened by the supreme president Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 1:30 p. m. Present are all supreme board members that attended the three previous meetings, with the exception of supreme trustee Andrew Milavec, Jr., who was excused on request and left for his home.

The supreme secretary gives a detailed talk on the action taken relative to obtaining a license in the State of California. The action taken is approved.

Letter from The North American Bank Co., requesting deposits is recorded.

The monthly salaries of the staff in the Home Office are to be as follows: Barbara Matesha, \$165.00; Katherine Peshel, \$130.00; Margaret Mlakar, \$85.00; Frank Shepel, \$80.00; Elizabeth Sever, \$75.00, said salaries effective as of Feb. 1, 1942 hence.

Adopted the American Fraternal Union continue to be a member of the Yugoslav Relief Committee, Slovene Section, and our representative Janko N. Rogelj is instructed to recommend that all donations received to date be invested in Defense Bonds of the U. S. A., until such time when said funds can be sent safely to Yugoslavia. It is further decided that our president Janko N. Rogelj, represent our Union at the conference of representatives of Slovene Benefit Societies which will take action to safeguard the interests of Slovenes in promoting the establishment of a Yugoslav Democratic Federation.

Read and recorded are the minutes of the two sessions of the sub-committee of the executive committee held Sept. 23rd and Oct. 22, 1941.

Adopted the following members again be named to select calendars for the coming year, Janko N. Rogelj, Frank E. Vranichar and Frank J. Kress.

Adopted that the war clauses now contained in our By-Laws and certificates remain unchanged on recommendation of our actuary.

Frank Tomsich, Jr., is named delegate to the National Fraternal Congress, to be held in Chicago, Anton Krapenc, alternate.

The following were named to attend the state fraternal congress sessions: For Minnesota: Matt Anzelc, delegate, Louis Champa, alternate; for Illinois: Frank E. Vranichar, delegate, Anton Krapenc, alternate; for Ohio: Janko N. Rogelj, delegate, John Kumse, alternate; for Pennsylvania: Paul J. Oblock, delegate, Frank J. Kress, alternate; for Colorado: Frank Okoren, delegate, Steve Mauser, alternate; for Washington-Wyoming: Mary Balint, delegate; for Montana: Mary Predovich, delegate.

The fourth meeting adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

Fifth Session

The fifth meeting was opened by the supreme president Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 9 a. m. Present are all supreme officers that attended the fourth meeting.

Read are the minutes of the third and fourth meetings of this session and they are approved as read.

The supreme secretary gives a detailed report regarding the conduct of the New York Insurance Department in regard to our sick benefit system. The matter is referred to our actuary.

Follows a far reaching discussion relative to a membership campaign for enrolling new juvenile members. It was adopted the awards be increased by 50 cents per new Juvenile member. The present awards will remain in effect and an additional 50 cents will be paid during the campaign. For example, by enrolling a new juvenile in Plan "JA" an award of \$1.00 will be paid, for each juvenile enrolled in Plan "JB" \$2.50, etc. Five additional cash prizes will be awarded to the five lodges that enroll the largest number of juveniles during this campaign. They are first prize \$100.00, second prize \$75.00, third prize \$50.00, fourth prize \$25.00, and fifth prize \$10.00. These additional prizes will be paid to the lodges after the close of the campaign. Said campaign began Jan. 1, 1942 and will continue until Dec. 31, 1942.

All matters brought before this session are now decided, so the minutes of the fifth meeting are read and approved.

The supreme president thanks the supreme board members for their undivided attention and cooperation and expresses the hope they return safely to their homes and recommends and urges further that they endeavor at all times to work for the progress and welfare of our American Fraternal Union.

The fifth meeting and the annual session of the supreme board adjourned Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1942 at 11 a. m.

JANKO N. ROGELJ, ANTON J. TERBOVEC,
 Supreme President, Recorder.

Maryton Cafe Tops Chi AFU League

Chicago, Ill. — One of the best individual exhibitions of record-breaking feats for a lassie thus far in the season was put on by Jennie Zorko on Feb. 20th. Jennie, who bowls on the Gottlieb Florists team rolled a 176 game and almost made the gentlemen of 200-circle team take their seats. In the 17th frame, throwing the ball for a perfect pocket hit, the old meanie No. 9 pin remained standing after about 20 minutes after that shot that she missed the spare.

During this performance, Gottlieb's Florists took a two game victory, stopping Wencil Dairy's dead in the two games. Chester, Harry, 182 count was high for the winners and Frankie Kovach's 176 was best for the losers.

Meantime Maryton's Club was tripping up the league leaders for two games. Taking advantage of golden opportunity the Maryton's climbed into first place by virtue of this over Zefran's highly-touted Morticians. The latter team occupied the top spot over the season. Anton Golob, sponsor of Maryton's team, high honors with his 188. Captain Joe Tabor and Anton Krapenc both with 179 were best for the Morticians.

Following week, Feb. 21st, Wencil Dairy mixed it with the Morticians. The milkmen got off to a flying start, winning the first game by over 100 pins. But the going was tough, that as the Morticians came to take the last two, getting final by a mere four pins. Captain Joe Tabor came through championship form in the game, banging out a 190 in the bag. Frankie Kovach's 174 game put the Wencil Dairy's with a game and a total series of 174.

In the encounter between Maryton's and Gottlieb's peculiar thing happened. M. Ferenchak, Maryton's leader had the misfortune of falling into a beauty of a 3-point hole, almost midway down the pins. — Must be the handsome pin-boy eh, Mary?

Two rival captains met at Chester Harey of the Florists and Louis Dolmovich of the Cafe five. Harey tried to gain revenge for the last game, but I guess he tried too hard. Dolmovich won a series with a 194 high and a series ringed 195 then lost his ending with a 494 series.

Standings to date:
 Maryton Cafe
 Zefran Morticians
 Wencil's Dairy
 Gottlieb Florists
 Louis Dolmovich
 Lodge 70, 1st

Serving Their Country

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have raised a family of children, three girls and boys. Youngest son, 15, is a junior in school. Both parents came from Yugoslavia and have been in the U. S. for more than 10 years. Both have been active in fraternal lodge work, especially with the American Fraternal Union where Perushek has been secretary over 16 years.

They don't regret having sons serve our country and preserve our democracy. Mr. Perushek: "We are a great sacrifice and know it is at stake. However, we call our great country first." Mr. Perushek has been in the mines at Ely since

Ivies No. 1 Break Boosters Streak

Cleveland, O. — It took the Ilirska Vila No. 1 brigade to put a halt to the Collinwood Boosters' string of wins...

American Fraternal Union Standings, Feb. 27, 1942

Table with columns W, L and rows for various teams like Betsy Ross, Collinwood Boosters, etc.

Team High 3 Games

Table showing team high scores for 3 games.

Team High 1 Game

Table showing team high scores for 1 game.

Individual High 3 Games

Table showing individual high scores for 3 games.

Individual High 1 Game

Table showing individual high scores for 1 game.

Individual Averages

Table showing individual averages for various players.

Schedule for Friday, March 6th

Schedule of events for Friday, March 6th, including bowling and bridge.

Claridge Alleys Crowded

From the Jeanette (Pa.) News-Dispatch, it was learned that the Claridge alleys were crowded to capacity Feb. 25.

A large group of Youngwood, Pa., women bowlers played a return engagement against the Claridge SNH women.

Another group of Claridge women headed by Captain Mary Yakovich, and including, Mary Olszewski, Lucille Smuch, Florence Falta, Helen Falta, and Anne Yerina won a match by 120 pins against Mt. Pleasant women.

Four men who came from Mt. Pleasant — Ike Oswald, Art Myers, George Galley, and Joe Gaglian played against Claridge's Firpo Bianchetti, Mike Baloh, Andrew Rizzardi, and Frank Supancic, latter winning by 157 pins.

In the Claridge Community league the AFU men hold third place and the AFU women, second place.

Western Pennsylvania Federation of AFU lodges in conjunction with Lodge 149, Strabane, Pa., will commemorate American Fraternal Union Day with a picnic at Drenik's Park, Sunday, July 4th, 1942.

With the G-W's Lodge 42 Notice



Little Stan

Cleveland, O. — Next Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p. m., G-W's will gather in the inner building, room 4, of the Slovene National Home on 6417 St. Clair avenue to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the lodge with a social to follow immediately after the regular meeting.

Arrangements have already been completed and everyone who turns out will certainly have a pleasant time. Let's all get together and get reacquainted at this affair. It's been decided that the 8th National Tenpin Tournament will be held in Barberton, April 17, 18, and 19th, and we G-W's ought to scrape up a team to participate in this event. Maybe two teams!

Frankie Stopinsek, one of our G-W's hails from McIntyre, Pa., where he served as secretary of one of our AFU lodges. When paying his dues one day last week, he declared that quite a number from McIntyre were now living in Cleveland. The Lorenzi's are G-W's who formerly lived in McIntyre. Also somewhere in Cleveland is Frank Camloh Jr., who was once a juvenile convention delegate, and if he reads this, we'd like to have him join up with the G-W's. Upon leaving, Stopinsek declared: "Well, I have another lodge assessment to pay—a big one—Uncle Sam!" Yep, "Twas income tax time!" Among others dropping in to pay their dues were Pugs Opalek, Joe Kogoy, and John Zalaznik, latter who is foreman at Cyclone Fence Co. New transfers to G-W's are Pauline Sternisha from Betsy Ross and Mrs. Louis Zgonc of Gilbert. Tommy Danhoffer is a new juvenile member.

It's last call—everyone who possibly can is urged to turn out to help commemorate George Washington's 15th Anniversary—Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Opeka and daughter Betty drove up Saturday. Opeka wanted to discuss 10-pin tournament matters and an expected hour's stay developed into several hours as with the Little Stan's visited with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lunka and Blackie Krall, finishing off a nice afternoon and evening before parting. But the Opeka's will be back again this Saturday when the Lodge 44 bowlers tackle Napredok's of Euclid at the East 185th Recreation Alleys Saturday night in a return match.

Next day drove Mary Kerze to the station where she took a train for Minnesota. And later on in the afternoon were pleasantly surprised by Mr. and Mrs. Drobnic (nee Mary Mrack) and Sophie Mrack. Later on who should come in but Mr. and Mrs. Ham Laurich and daughter Beverly and Ham's mama. Had a nice tete-a-tete and it really made Sunday afternoon a very pleasant affair.

Got word from Louis (Doc) Zgonc, new secretary of Lodge 1, AFU., in Ely, Minn., that he has accepted a challenge to participate in the 1942 juvenile membership campaign drive. The contests, separate from the one sponsored by our Union will be between Doc Zgonc and Little Stan. Loser—the one who gets the least number of new members will have to purchase a quart of The Best—for the other. So watch our smoke!

Thanks to Frankie Znidar for sending the pix. We certainly did enjoy them—and to press until next week!

Napredok Lodge 132, AFU of Euclid, O., will sponsor a picnic at Stusek's Farm June 21st.

Pueblo, Colo. — Members of Lodge 42, AFU., who did attend the February meeting are hereby notified that during the month of March all members of our lodge will be required to pay an extra local lodge assessment of 5 cents. This assessment will go into our own lodge treasury and will remain in effect until it is recalled. Reason why this extra assessment has been levied is because lodge expenses have increased while the income remained the same. Present funds were not enough to take care of these expenses.

Those members who send in their assessments by mail or other channels are requested to add the five-cent assessment to their regular dues of all adult members to cover this additional lodge assessment.

In addition, I would like to remind those members to send their dues in time so that they will reach me before or on the last day of the month, so that our lodge money can be sent to the Supreme Treasurer at the proper time. Because of this it is important that every member pay his dues on time.

Members in arrears the second month are notified that their dues will not be paid out of the lodge treasury. Instead their dues will not be sent to the Union, and they will be suspended from the lodge.

Frank Ruper, secretary, Lodge 42, AFU.

Stay-at-Homes Gathering Scrap for Uncle Sam

Uncle Sam's war factories are literally crying for paper, rags, metals and old rubber. These four are very important items in the Salvation Salvage Program. We Stay-At-Homes have a big home work job of gathering as much of the above listed waste materials as we possibly can.

Adjutant Peter J. Hofman, of the Salvation Army Social Service Center, suggests that you "give a corner of your cellar to Uncle Sam and the Salvation Army," and save your paper until the pile "is at least a broom-stick high" before you ask for a special pickup, then call Henderson 5357 or send a postal to 2179 E. 55th Street.

Ill., Ind., and Wis., Federation of AFU Lodges Will Meet April 26, 1942

Indianapolis, Ind. — The Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin Federation of AFU Lodges will hold their next meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 26th, 1942. This will mark the first time in history that the Federation will meet in Indianapolis, and elaborate entertainment plans for the representatives of various lodges are being made.

Idle Chatter

Enumclaw, Wash. — It's snowing outside. After a month and a half of grand spring weather, who'd think it would snow. But that's what makes Washington so nice. It's always full of surprises.

Speaking of surprises—what a lot of them were packed into the past week-end.

Surprise number one. Went to a wedding reception and was pleasantly surprised to learn that the genial couple I had been conversing with were none other than the Raymond Kladnik's of Cle-Elum. Both are very active in the Cle Elum AFU lodge functions. Before the crowd dispersed that evening we had their promise that they would drop in at the house next day before leaving for home.

Had a very nice visit with the folks. As both are genuinely interested in matters concerning our AFU, we had a lot in common.

What impressed me most was the fine cooperation of their members at their social functions. Mrs. Kladnik reported that a net sum of nearly \$100.00 was realized from a recent dance. She stressed the fact that the fine cooperative spirit of their Slovene Mayor Mr. Shobar, always added immensely to the success of their social functions.

We also had a lengthy discussion about war relief for our Slovene folk in Jugoslavia, but it seems that enthusiasm in this respect is a little lax over there.

Sometime ago, readers of this column will recall a ball was started rolling for Yugoslav relief so when our Cle Elum rooters read the report a little farther on I hope we'll be hearing from them too.

The Kladniks also said some complimentary things of their neighbor lodge in Roslyn. They told of the fine work of the Segota family in keeping the number 39, AFU family intact.

But gosh, time just flew and our friends had to depart much too soon. I do hope we'll be seeing you real soon again.

Surprise number two also came from east of the mountains and this time it was the two nice letters from Miss Segota. Was glad to hear from you Agnes—thanks for the convention snapshots. And by the way I hope we can put that idea over. Here goes one right over the right field fence for me! If there'll be any stray cattle around—it'll be hamburger steak for supper! Heh, heh, heh! Ain't I wacky? Or could it be Crosby cider?

Now all kidding aside and comes surprise number three. It was the generous spirit of our AFU members of 162, relative to Yugoslav War Relief, S. S. When paying their dues they inquired how the campaign was progressing, and really opened up their hearts and gave generously. I believe it's the

duty of every Slovene, American born or otherwise to contribute whatever they can for if ever we gave for a worthy cause, this surely is it.

This ball that we mentioned that was started rolling a month or so ago is slowly but surely gaining speed. The original contribution of \$10.00 by Y. T. has swelled to the amount of \$29.00 by contributions from the following. Mrs. Josephine Richter, \$5.00; Mrs. Matilda Petchnick, \$5.00; Mrs. Mary Mehlich, \$2.00; Mr. Jerry Kraschovetz, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Petchnick \$2.00 and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mlachnik, \$3.00.

Thank you very kindly and I hope I'll hear from every single one of you. And I hope our other AFU units will all fall right in line. "A rolling stone gathers no moss," so let's keep 'er rolling!

The King County Draft Board announced another call of draftees this week which included a number of our Slovene boys from Enumclaw. Several of 162's boys are already in the service and in the last call another member, John Omana Jr. was called.

The boys reported at Fort Lewis, where they were inducted into the U. S. Army.

The call for men is expected to be greatly accelerated to fill the ranks of the U. S. Army in its endeavor to meet the rapidly growing crisis of war.

Other lodge members expected to leave soon are the Potocnik boys, Frank and George, Frank Sinkovik, Otto Pogorelec and Elmer Petchnick.

With the continued drafting of men and the movement of the men to coastal cities where defense industries are expanding will cause serious problems in the Eastern Washington farming areas.

The pea and wheat crops will be planted and harvested only with difficulty. Professors of the various learning institutions and business men located in the wheat-belt towns are being asked to spend their time and vacations working as harvest hands to compensate for the exodus of young men to the Army and defense industries. Hundreds of men have been lost to plants such as Boeing Aircraft Company and the Puget Sound shipyards.

In what was termed as the greatest raid on fifth-columnists and suspected spies since the U. S. entered the war, federal agents and local law-enforcement officers on the Pacific Coast, arrested more than 300 Japanese, German and Italian aliens. Included were 101 Japanese from Seattle.

FBI authorities declared the surprise raids were directed at seizing enemy nationals identified with secret societies and propaganda groups operated out of Berlin, Tokyo and Rome. Each prisoner was allowed to take a small amount of baggage with him.

And with the approach of the yachting season pleasure-craft owners were notified that there must be no night cruising. Vessels must be operated between sunrise and sunset. The abolishment of moonlight cruises will bring keen disappointment to young romanticists. And which incidentally bring to mind a conversation—Y. T. once overheard.

Two young things leaned over the boat rail and gazed into the swirling waters below. Overhead a large, bright moon twinkled brightly. He was a backward lad and a little at loss for words. "You know," he said, "I've heard the moon affects the tide." "Uh-huh," she replied, "I've heard it affects the untied tool!" (Heh! Heh!)

And now as Little Stan says, "It's time to go to press." Mary Balint, Lodge 162, AFU

Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor

SLOVENSKA SEKCIJA

Moje zadnje poročilo, katero je bilo priobčeno dne 17. januarja, je izkazovalo v blagajni JPO,SS vsoto \$12,735.69. Do 19. februarja 1942 sem prejel še sledeče prispevke:

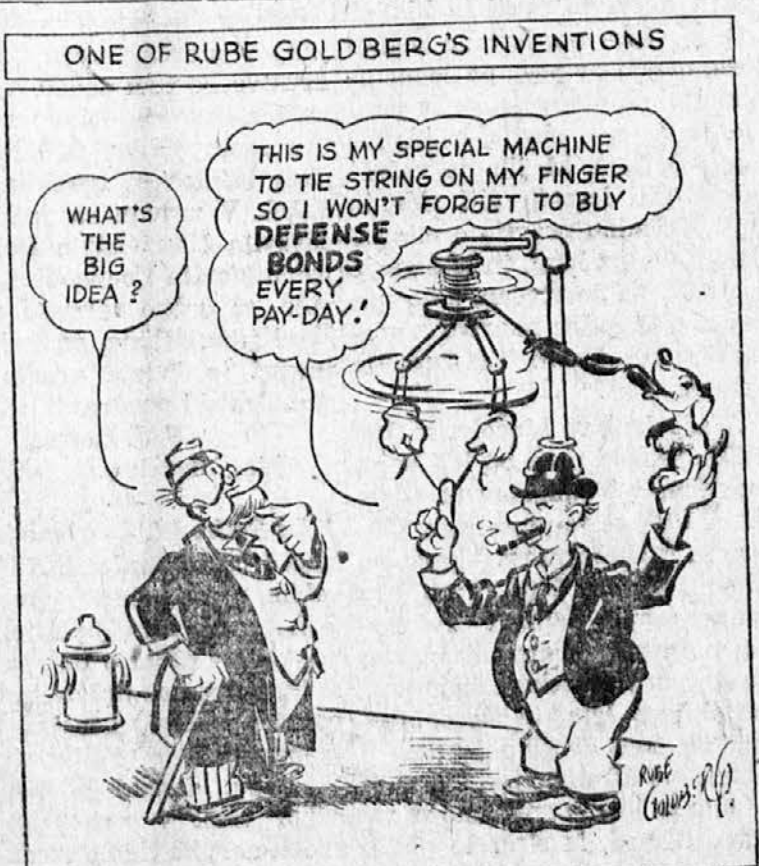
John Lovshin, lokalni odbor št. 19, Aspen, Colorado, \$59.00; društvo Danica, Chicago, Ill., \$25.00; Joseph Germ, lokalni odbor št. 13, Sharon, Pa., \$150.00; John Petrovič, Chicago, Ill., \$5.00; John Premru, E. Norwalk, Conn., \$7.00; Glas Naroda, Neimenovani, \$2.00; tajnik društva Sv. Janeza Krstnika št. 65 KSKJ, \$27.00; Mary Meglich, Loretta, Wis., 50 centov; Agnes Benchan, Chicago, Ill., \$1.00; Anton Cvetkovich, Brooklyn, N. Y., \$516.46; John Jerič, Klub Ljubljana, \$40.03; Amerikanski Slovenec, John Jerič, \$11.00; Glas Naroda, Neimenovane, \$15.00; in Emma Shinkus, lokalni odbor št. 22, La Salle, Ill., \$204.75.

Nabranega do 19. februarja \$13,799.43

Cekovna knjiga 2.00

Ostane v blagajni \$13,797.43

Imena darovalcev v La Salle, Ill.: društvo Edinost \$25.00; po \$5.00 so darovali: Frank J. Bruder; Frank Spitzmiller, Frank Setinz, družina Jos. Furlan, Anton Ovnik, Mary Kastigar, in Charles Shinkus; po \$3.00 so darovali: Mrs. Frances Peterlin, Anton Piletič in Mary Hrovat; po \$2.00 so darovali: Leo Zevnik, Anton Mahnich, Sr., John Prazen, Janko Bros., Frank Struna, Alojzija Jeruc, Anton Baznik, Andrew Urbanc, Mrs. Frances Gende, Mrs. Frank Janc, Mary Ajster, st., Frances Oterpec in Joseph Ajster; po \$1.00 so darovali: Charles Pohar, Joseph Posevina, Louis Kosem, Jos. Majcen, Frank Yalich, Anton Knafelc, Jos. Bregant, Louis Spelic, Mrs. Martin Novlan, Ludwig Lushina, John Podbregar, John Klopčic, Jos. Simoncic, Mrs. Theresa Jordan, Carl Jordan, John Strell, Steve Mahnich, John Uranich, Jakse & Fritz, Jos. Jakse, Jos. Rady, Paul Ferentchak, Henry Lushina, Peter Tomshic, Jos. Miklavcic, Jos. Spelic, John Pohar, Frank Mlakec, Frank Malley, Anton Homan, John Ojstersek, Jos. Pohar, Jos. Brate, Henry Rady, Jos. Senica, Frank Kobilsek, Frank Udvanc, Louis Kastigar, Carolina Mrezar, Frank Misjak, Jos. Kurne, Anton Setinz, Frank Kovacic, Martin Sever, Rudy Trdin, Jos. Jurjevce, Mrs. Frank Furar, Matt Bergels, Jennie Cigolle, Frank Bruder, Sr., Anton Klopčic, Frank Frankovic, Mary Janko, Mary Meznaric, Frank Kastigar, John Baznik, John Rogel, John Cios, Frank Lopac, Frank Drnac, Matt Podlinshek, Anton Cvelbar, Hedi Verderbar, Frank Bobek, Mary Savnik, Jos. Gorisek, Anton Strukel, Frank Dolanc, Annie Dular, Matt Starovansik, Mrs. Mary Borishek, Louis Hoffman, Jr., Mrs. Louis Podversek, Mrs. Frank Terselic, Frank Martinjak, Anton Sotosek, Frances Sotosek, George Bizjak, Agnes Gorisek, Antonia Retzler, Louis Dolanc, Alex Sever, Anton Predanich, Mary Frkol, Louis Johns, Frank Bozik, Jos. Novak, Anton Remenih, Vence Obid, Jos. Potokar, Mary Piltaver in Anton Ajster; po \$1.50 so darovali: Katherine Tostoversnik, Agnes Filipek, Anton O'Kleson, John Ovnicsek in Michael Zokal; po 50 centov so darovali: Mrs. John Plazar, Mrs. Frank Hrovat, Mrs. John Uranich, Jos. Klansek, Mrs. John Mocilar, Marija Urbanija, Theresa Strehar, Mike Hartel, Mary Petek, Louise Korosec, John Klobucar, Mary Stukel, Jera Pecko, Joseph Anslevar, Mike Veligosek, Jos. Strukel in Frank (Dalje na 6. strani)



ONE OF RUBE GOLDBERG'S INVENTIONS

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? THIS IS MY SPECIAL MACHINE TO TIE THE STRING ON MY FINGER SO I WON'T FORGET TO BUY DEFENSE BONDS EVERY DAY!

