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Dole urges recognition of Slovenia and Croatia

In a fax to the American Home newspaper, dated January 23, U.S. Senator for Kansas and Senate Republican Leader, Bob Dole issued the following statement:

Today I am introducing a Resolution urging U.S. recognition of Croatia and Slovenia. I am joined by at least 27 of my colleagues, including the ranking Republican on the European Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Pressler, the ranking Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Helms, and the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Pell.

Recognizing these two nations is recognizing reality. Yugoslavia is like Humpty Dumpty — all the king's horses and all the king's men are just not going to put it together again.

Recognizing these two nations is doing the right thing — consistent with America's fundamental commitment to freedom and self-determination for all people; consistent with our fundamental interest in fostering long-term stability in Central Europe.

Merely applauding the collapse of communist states such as the Soviet Union, or passively observing the dissolution of communist states such as Yugoslavia, does not represent an effective American policy. We have learned that in dealing with the new republics of the former Soviet Union. We must relearn it in forging a sensible, realistic policy toward Croatia and Slovenia.

Thirty-nine countries understand this lesson and recognize this reality. Thirty-nine have already extended diplomatic recognition to Croatia and Slovenia. The European Community, the former Warsaw Pact countries, the Baltic States, our neighbor Canada — all have recognized Croatia and Slovenia. We like to call ourselves the leader of the free world. It is high time we show that leadership by joining our fellow free world nations in this act.

This Resolution urges the President to immediately extend diplomatic recognition to Slovenia and Croatia, and to begin the process of establishing and implementing mutually beneficial relations with both states.

Committed to Democracy, Freedom

The people of Croatia and Slovenia have committed themselves, over the last year and a half, to democracy and

freedom.

The Slovenians voted for a democratic government in the spring of 1990. In December of 1990, they voted overwhelmingly for independence. Only a day after the Slovenian government declared independence, the Slovenians fought to defend their right to freedom. Tragically dozens of Slovenians lost their lives fighting against the Yugoslav army. Once entrusted with the defense of Slovenians and the other people of Yugoslavia, this army had become the last bastion of communism, with total allegiance to hardline Serbian President Milosevic.

It wasn't easy to stomach some of the scenes we saw on CNN: Ill-equipped but brave Slovenians trying to defend their country against the heavily-armed Yugoslav army.

And, little did we know at the time, Slovenia was only an appetizer. The Yugoslav army was really hungering for a big chunk of Croatia.

The people of Croatia, like those of Slovenia, also voted for Democracy in April of 1990, and for independence in May of 1991. However, after



Senator Bob Dole

the Yugoslav army was rebuffed in Slovenia, Croatia became the target of Milosevic's plan to carve out a "Greater Serbia." The Yugoslav army, together with Serbian guerrillas, launched an all-out war against Croatia — its people, its culture and its economy.

This war has resulted in over 10,000 deaths, mostly civilians — women and children. Hospitals, churches, schools and homes have been destroyed. Yet, the citizens of Croatia have not wavered in their determination to win

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Congressman Hamilton explains why no US recognition of Slovenia

In a letter to Paul Barbarich of Indianapolis, Congressman Lee Hamilton (Indiana) gives his views on the Slovenia situation.

Under the Constitution of the United States, the power to recognize foreign governments rests solely with the President. It is my understanding that the President has no interest in recognizing Slovenia or Croatia at this time, despite movement by the European Community and individual states in Europe in the direction of recognition of both Slovenia and Croatia.

The Administration has explained its opposition to recognition of Slovenia and Croatia as follows:

First, recognition would be interpreted in Croatia as a promise of support, when the Administration plans no steps to assist Croatia.

Second, the Administration believes that recognition by the U.S. and others would lead to an all-out attack by Serbia and the Federal Army on Croatia. What has happened on the ground does not in my view support the conclusions the Administration has had.

I think we need to keep our attention and efforts focused sharply right now on the central problem, which is implementing a durable cease-

fire and getting the killing stopped. Lives are being lost unnecessarily in Croatia, and the United States should take a more active role in seeking a peaceful settlement.

I strongly support the Mission by former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and the efforts by the United Nations to implement a cease-fire and help create an environment in which an international peacekeeping force can be deployed while a cease-fire is in place and political negotiations are proceeding among the republics.

Members of Congress are frustrated with the lack of progress. They are frustrated that the U.S. has played such a passive role. They want the President and Secretary of State to speak out and work together with other leaders and governments — as they did during the Gulf crisis — to achieve a cease-fire. I share your concerns that further action is necessary by the U.S., and I have so written to the President.

Lee H. Hamilton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Europe
(Congress of the United States, Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515)

Slovenia's Effort for International Recognition Gains More Support

This week Brazil was the 40th and Uruguay the 41st country to recognize Slovenia. Last Tuesday, Warren Zimmerman, the United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, visited Slovenia and had discussions with Foreign Minister Dimitrij Rupel and others. In a statement on Slovene television later, Rupel noted signs of changes in American policy that will lead to recognition of Slovenia. Sources in Washington also speak of a reevaluation of U.S. policy. These reports mention late February or early March as a possible time-frame for U.S. recognition.

While encouraging, we must emphasize that such reports have circulated in the past without anything positive happening.

We are informed that after returning from a visit to Germany earlier this week, where he met with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Slovene Prime Minister Lojze Peterle secured promises of very extensive German financial and technical assistance. This report comes from a broadcast over Zagreb radio. Since Germany spearheaded efforts in the European Community to secure recognition of Slovenia and Croatia, it is likely that

Germany will want to develop very close economic and political ties with Slovenia.

More evidence of Slovenia's growing success in finding its place in the world community comes with the decision of the International Olympic Committee to allow Slovenia to have its own team in the upcoming Winter Olympics, due to start February 8 in Albertville, France. Television coverage of the opening ceremonies may well show the Slovene team marching in the procession under the Slovene flag. The team will have about 30 members, along with 20 coaches and other staff.

Recent statements by Slovene leaders, including Peterle, Slovenia's President Milan Kučan, and economic specialists agree that 1992 will also be a difficult year, although it is also expected that by the end of the year the worst will be over and the groundwork laid for an upturn in 1993. For this to happen, however, Slovenia must adopt a series of laws institutionalizing a market-based economic system. The country also will need an infusion of economic assistance and foreign investment. Unemployment is about 11 1/2 %.

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel

Fr. Bill Jerse wins pool tournament



(Photo by Tony Grdina)

Winner Fr. Bill (right), being congratulated by Steve Piorkowski, commander of the post.

On December 1st, the St. Vitus Post 1655 of the Catholic War Veterans held their 8th annual "Red Kuhar Memorial" pool tournament at their post, 6101 Glass Ave.

First place went to Fr. Bill Jerse, assistant chaplain to the post. Second place winner was Harrison Cross, and 3rd

honors went to Steve Piorkowski, commander of the Vets.

A trophy was presented to Fr. Bill by Jean Kuhar at the post's Christmas party held on December 21 attended by 93 members, spouses, widows and friends.

United Americans write personal letters to Members of Congress

The "United Americans for Slovenia," (UAS) has been busy this past weekend writing personal letters to our federal legislators.

"These letters are not just form letters with each person's name and address, but rather individually written emphasizing the activities in which Slovenians are involved in their districts or states," said Edmund J. Turk, UAS chairman.

Stanley Zihrel, National President of American Mutual Life Association, (AMLA), whose fraternal insurance organization has graciously offered the facilities of the fraternal headquarters building on South Waterloo Road to the UAS for business purposes during the Sunday and Monday evening mailings, said, "The letters went to every Senator and Member of Congress, and were about one type-written page long."

Joseph Valencic, chairman of the event who composed each letter and entered it into the computer, emphasized, "If a Congressman or Senator helped us, we sent a letter of thanks and asked for continued assistance; to those who have not yet jumped on the bandwagon, we requested their support."

John Pestotnik, headed the two day mailing operation with the help of his daughters Linda Cimperman, and Marsha Pestotnik, and wife Bea, and friends Bernie Kotorec and Vern Perme, which lasted Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Monday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Edmund Turk, Stanley Zihrel, and Joseph Valencic were also busy the two days lending their skills to the two day communication process.

Persons of Slovenian heritage and those who are in agreement with effort of recognition of Slovenia are asked to call the White House Comments line the week of February 10 and ask the President to recognize Slovenia. On Lincoln's birthday, February 12, everyone is requested to call at least 10 times — **1-202-456-1111**. We want to get the President's attention on this matter. In his State of the Union message on Tuesday evening he did say he is supporting freedom throughout the world and announced we had won the Cold War. We hope he doesn't forget the war for liberty and democracy being waged right now in Slovenia and Croatia.

Rumor has it that the United States will recognize Slovenia by March, but we don't want the President to think we're sleeping on the job or not paying attention. Relentless effort is the shibboleth.

—J.V.D.

Another letter to the President

The following letter was faxed to the President of the United States on Monday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m.:

Honorable George Bush,
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, DC 20500

January 27, 1992

Dear Mr. President:

Over a million persons in the United States who can trace their heritage to Slovenia are frustrated at our government's position of choosing to not give formal recognition to the republic of Slovenia.

Slovenia is not at war. They have no boundary disputes with anyone. They have steadfastly adhered to the policy of respect for human rights of the every citizen of their country, including all of the few minorities.

They have held free elections which have been monitored by representatives of the free world and declared to be absolutely unimpugned. The citizens of Slovenia have voted by an overwhelming 91% to leave the shackles of communism of the Yugoslav nation and become a democratic, free-market economy.

As of January 23, 39 countries have given formal, diplomatic recognition to Slovenia including the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada, close allies of the United States.

Slovenia has the desire and ability to become a successful sovereign, and democratic nation that the United States will be proud to call a close ally.

The citizens of the United States of Slovenian heritage respectfully request this country give full diplomatic recognition to the republic of Slovenia. We anxiously look forward to your favorable response.

With deepest respect, I sincerely extend warmest and best personal regards to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,
James V. Debevec
President and Publisher
Ameriška Domovina
(American Home) newspaper

Kuhar comments

Editor:

All people of Slovenian descent and others of good will cannot but be glad for this historical moment in that tiny Alpine paradise which has been dominated for 1,000 years, most cruelly for the past 45.

At the same time, we would — again do well to remember while Slovenija's destiny has been democratically determined at the ballot box and in her parliament, we must not lose sight from whence emanate the rights so eloquently proclaimed in the A.D. pages these past two years or so: "... freedom is a God-given right," as correctly stated by Bishop A. Edward Pevec in the 16 Jan. 1992 issue of A.D.

Would the leadership of the newly independent and internationally recognized Slovenija do as did President Landbergis of Lithuania: consecrate the country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bogomir M. Kuhar
Ingomar, PA

Grudgingly renew

Editor:

We grudgingly renew our subscription. Your editorial policy of support of and constant begging of the Bush administration is sickening.

The Poles used to say, "It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees." It is deplorable that a people would so easily and fervently bootlick. The Republican party has been morally bankrupt since the day Lincoln died and George Bush is the epitome of the dark empty depravity at the fore of the Republican party.

For balance and recognition of some of your readership you are obliged to print our opposing view. Or you can continue to be blind.

Stanley Zadnik
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St. Vitus Endowment Fund News

St. Vitus Parish, 6019 Glass Ave., Cleveland, 44103 is pleased to announce the first results of its Endowment Trust Campaign since its beginning on November 11.

Over \$78,445.50 has been donated or pledged. The campaign has realized 38 "pace setters," that is, persons, organizations, foundations, and others who have donated or pledged a minimum of \$500 or more. Pace-setters may make the donation over a two-year period.

Donor names and amounts will be forwarded to parishioners and friends in

February along with a pledge card and request letter. Thereafter, names and amounts will be published on a bi-monthly basis in the parish bulletin.

The St. Vitus Endowment Trust is part of the overall endeavor for the parish's centennial program scheduled in 1993 with a minimum goal of \$750,000. Approximately \$355,445.50 has been raised to date. This is 52.6% of the minimum goal.

An informational brochure, in English and Slovenian is available by contacting the parish rectory during normal business hours at (216) 361-1444.

The chairman for the Endowment Trust is Thomas G. Lobe, L.P.A. Father Joseph P. Boznar is pastor with Father William M. Jerse as Associate Pastor.

Remaining board members are Josephine Ambrosic, Joseph S. Baskovic, Joseph V. Hocevar, Stane J. Kuhar, and Frank Segal.

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freedom.

The people of Slovenia and Croatia have paid and are paying a high price for freedom. We can't turn away from them now.

Traditional Support for Self-determination

The United States has historically supported the rights of nations to self-determination. The Reagan-Bush policies have been vindicated — the United States won the Cold War. Having supported these principles unswervingly for decades, we must now support those nations which have turned these principles into reality for their people. We must embrace new democratic countries like Slovenia and Croatia. Diplomatic recognition is the first crucial step.

I would like to quote from a letter sent by former President Reagan to Croatian President Franjo Tudjman on January 15, the day the EC countries recognized Croatia and Slovenia. President Reagan says: "This is a proud day for freedom loving people around the world." On the same day, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher also wrote to President Tudjman: "At this time, your friends also remember those who gave their lives and those who suffered grievously in this terrible war. The injured and those who have lost their homes will need practical help to rebuild their shattered lives. For them and for all Croatians today offers a new beginning and brings new hope."

Slovenians and Croatians have died for their freedom, as many Americans did fighting for independence over two hundred years ago.

It is time for us to live up to our history, and do what is realistic and right.

I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this Resolution.

Dole Resolution on the Recognition of Croatia and Slovenia

To express the Senate's sup-

port for the recognition of Croatia and Slovenia.

Mr. Dole (for himself, Mr. Pressler, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Pell, Mr. McCain, Mr. Brown, Mr. Gorton, Mr. D'Amato, Mr. Seymour, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Riegle, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Wallop, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Gore, Mr. Garn, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Specter, Mr. Mack, Mr. Wofford, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Roth, Mr. Kasten, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Symms)

Whereas, on December 23, 1990, the people of Slovenia voted overwhelmingly for freedom and independence;

Whereas, on May 19, 1991, the people of Croatia voted overwhelmingly for freedom and independence;

Whereas, on June 15, 1992, the governments of the Republics of Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence;

Whereas, the attack by the Yugoslav Army on the Republic of Slovenia resulted in over one hundred casualties before the agreement on the Yugoslav Army's withdrawal from Slovenia was reached on July 10, 1991;

Whereas, following the Croatian declaration of independence, the Yugoslav Army, in conjunction with the communist leadership of the Republic of Serbia, began waging a brutal war against the Republic of Croatia, a war which has resulted in the deaths of over 10,000 people, primarily innocent civilians, and the large scale destruction of hospitals, schools, churches and industry;

Whereas, since September 7, 1991, the governments of Croatia and Slovenia have been negotiating in good faith at the European Community sponsored peace conference and have met the criteria established by the EC regarding commitment to democracy and the protection of human rights;

Whereas, on January 15, 1992, the twelve nations of the

European Community, in accordance with EC criteria and procedures, extended diplomatic recognition to Croatia and Slovenia;

Whereas, as of January 23, 1992, the following countries have extended diplomatic recognition to Croatia and Slovenia: Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czech and Slovak Federation, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lichtenstein,

Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, Uruguay, United Kingdom, the Vatican;

Whereas, it is in the national interest of the United States to establish friendly diplomatic relations with new and democratic countries which have emerged from former communist multinational states; Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That:

(1) The U.S. Senate congratulates the governments and people of Croatia and Slovenia on the occasion of the recognition of their independence by thirty-nine countries.

(2) The U.S. Senate believes it to be consistent with the traditional American commitment to freedom and self-determination, and in the interest of stability in Europe, to support new democratic countries which have emerged from communist multinational states such as the former Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union.

(3) The U.S. Senate urges the President to immediately extend diplomatic recognition to Croatia and Slovenia and establish mutually beneficial relations with these new countries.

Indy Slovenes hear homeland talks

by Paul Barbarich

Members of the Slovenian Cultural Society of Indianapolis recently held their annual meeting for 1992 on January 19th at the Slovenian National Home in Indianapolis.

Special guests for the meeting were Drs. Dušan and Neža Mramor from the University of Ljubljana. Dušan Mramor holds a doctorate in Economics and is assistant professor of Finance at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana. Neža Mramor has a doctorate in Mathematics from the University of Ljubljana and is currently an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Ljubljana. Both professors are on a one year sabbatical at Indiana University.

Dr. Mramor presented a brief history of events leading up to the war following Slovenia's declaration of independence this past June and both professors gave their personal account of the events in Slovenia. It was very intriguing to hear their view of the war and of a struggling new independent Slovenia.

After the presentation it was time for questions and answers from the audience. The afternoon proved to be a very enlightening and interesting one for the members of the Slovenian Cultural Society.

Following the presentation by the Mramors, a video titled, "Slovenia at the Baricades," was shown. This English language video was sent to one of our members by relatives in Nova Gorica. The video detailed the events of the ten day war and how the Slovenian forces beat the Yugoslav federal army.

Of particular interest in the video was the manner in which the Serbian generals spoke of the actions by the Slovenians, and how the conscripts were told they were leaving the barracks in Slovenia to protect Yugoslavia from an enemy invading from the north. With an abundance of actual live footage, watching the video made it seem as if you were in the middle of the war.

The new board of directors of

the Slovenian Cultural Society for 1992 are: Joseph Luzar, Joanne Butorac, Margaret Switzer, Clara Hedden, Mike Milharic, Larry Fon, Stephen Fon, Nancy Stroy, Joe Banich, and Marilyn Hendry.

Lost

Anyone finding a ring at the Pristavska noč on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair, please call 267-4113. There will be a reward.

Birthdays

Happy belated 25th birthday to Jacqueline Timko on January 20th from the Timko and Pollino families and grandma Turk and friends.

Happy birthday to Mary Turk from the Timko and the Pollino families and friends.

Events...

Saturday, Feb. 8

U.S.S. Band annual concert, Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, 6 p.m. Tickets \$7 at Polka Hall of Fame, 291 E. 222 St., phone 261-3263.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Button Box Jammer at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St. For tickets call club 941-3224 or Helen 884-2805.

Sunday, April 5

Holmes Avenue Pensioners 30th Anniversary dinner-dance at Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Tickets \$12. Louise 261-1678 or Matt 943-3784.

Annual Meeting - (Letna Seja)

Membership Certificate Holders of Slovenian Society Home

20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio
Sunday, February 9, 1992 at 2 p.m.

We invite all certificate holders and Lodge representatives to attend this important meeting.

Max Kobal, President

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ANNUAL MEETING

(LETNA SEJA)

Membership Certificate Holders of Slovenian National Home No. 2

3563 E. 80 St., Cleveland, Ohio

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JOSEPHINE ZUPANCIC

Josephine (Peggy) Zupancic (nee Strohen), 76, daughter of the late Joseph and Josephine (nee Krall); sister of Pauline Farrell and Joseph, Albin dec.); aunt of Larry and Albin, Stephen, Leonard, James Farrell and Mary Opaskar; great-aunt of Becky, Mack, Matthew and Peter Opaskar and Lenny J. Farrell.

Josephine was a member of Woodmen of the World, Slovenian Women's Union, and St. Vitus Altar Society.

Friends received at Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Funeral Thursday 9 a.m. with chapel services followed by 9:30 Mass at St. Vitus Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

BETTY SELICK

Betty Selić (nee Pavlik), 79, wife of the late Nicholas; mother of Patricia Prosser; sister and grandmother.

Family will receive friends Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave., followed by a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Andrews Church. Interment Calvary Cemetery.

In Loving Memory

Of Our Dear Mother



Rose Urbancic

Born: Aug. 31, 1885
Died Feb. 12, 1962

The memory in our hearts today

The passing years can't take away

An empty place no one can fill.

We miss you all and always will.

Sadly missed by:

Son - Frank Macerol (Cleveland)
Daughters Molly Skrajner (Euclid)
Dorothy Horvatich (Avon)

Waterloo Pensioners Club News

The Christmas dinner in December was very festive and all who attended claimed it was the best ever. The dinner catered by Mary Frank included soup, swiss steak and all the trimmings with strudel for dessert.

After dinner we were entertained by the "Silver Aires" and our own accordionists Tony Kristoff, Don Gorjup, Louis Prebevsek (our marrying judge), George Prokopovich and Fred Sclaris.

Our 3 for \$1 raffle was also a success to the treasury, thanks to shoppers and wrappers Ann Otonicar, Tillie Vranekovic and Helen Vukcevic.

In the month of December we had many ill members; hope you are all now feeling much better. Our sunshine gal Dorothy Silc sees to it they all receive get-well cards.

Justine Prhne has volunteered to get speakers and entertainers for our meetings. If you have any suggestions to offer, see her after the meetings.

Our 50th anniversary gal is Mitzi Yeray. Call her at 951-9926 if you or anyone you know are celebrating a golden anniversary.

Sandwiches are served at the February, April, June, August and October meetings. They are 50¢ for a sandwich and

coffee. Also you may get your sandwich before or after the meeting.

Our February meeting will be on the 11th and we will have a speaker from the Cleveland Water Department. In March our meeting will be held in the upstairs hall as we will present the "Prime Players." Be prepared for a funny show.

The annual picnic will be Wednesday, June 24th at SNPJ grounds.

Happy anniversary to all celebrating their day and also happy birthday.

Dues for 1992 are payable in February and March.

-H.V.

Gift subscription available

Editor:

Last Christmas I received from my sister, Sylvia Pisorn, one of the best Christmas gifts ever. It came every week for a whole year. It was the "Ameriška Domovina."

What a great gift!!!

This year I thought I could pass on the same gift to someone else. So along with my renewal subscription for one year, I have enclosed \$25.00 for a gift contribution, and an additional \$25.00 for a gift subscription. I'm sure the American Home Publishing Co. can find some individual or family who could use this "vital link" of information - Ameriška Domovina. (If unable to do so, this money can be used as a donation.)

Thanks so much for helping us stay in touch with our Slovenian community and also our brothers and sisters in Slovenija and throughout the world.

Stan and Denise Krulc
Willowick, Ohio

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In Memory

Andreja Bell of Arlington, VA donated \$50.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of her mother, Marija Glusic.

In Memory

Paul Vrečar of Bessemer, Pa. donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of the 21st anniversary of the death of her husband, Frank Vrečar.

In Loving Memory

Of The 3rd Anniversary

Of Our Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Mother-in Law



Anna Tomsick

Died Feb. 1st, 1989

God watched you as you suffered,
He knew you had your share;
He gently closed your weary eyes,
And took you in His care.

Your memory is our keepsake,
With that we'll never part;
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our heart.

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Bill and Pat Tomsick

In Loving Memory

of 1st Anniversary of



Michael M. Kolar

Jan. 29, 1991

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.

Sadly missed by
Mary Kolar - wife
daughters, sons
grandchildren and
sister Anne Larko
and remaining relatives

Cleveland, O, Jan. 29, 1992.

IN LOVING MEMORY

40th anniversary

9th anniversary



John Zupancic
(1894-1952)



Mary Ann Jerse-O'Connor, M.D.
(1954-1983)

Fondly remembered by:

Cecelia Yurka, Joseph and Mary Jerse, Joseph O'Connor
Cecelia Dedich, Jeanette Hrisko, Fr. Bill Jerse, Joe, Ed
Jim Dedich and Juliana Jerse

ANNUAL MEETING

Membership Certificate Holders of the Slovenian National Home

6417 St. Clair Avenue

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1992

In the annex of the Slovenian National Home, 2 p.m.

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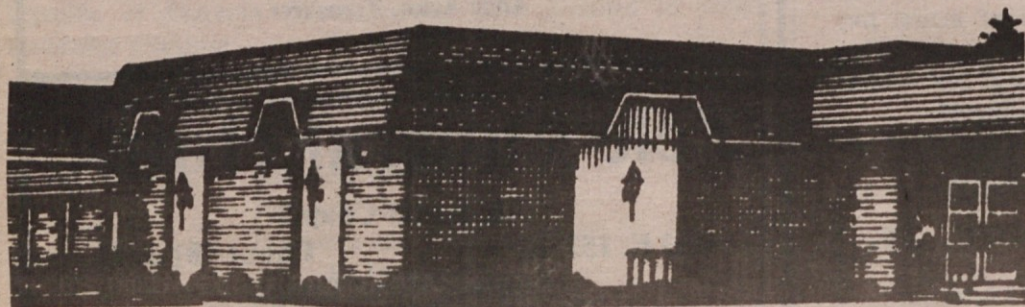
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Visiting Tulsa for a baseball game

by Fran Mauric

On this miserable, first big snowy, stormy day of the winter, our minds harken back to our trip to the Southwest in August.

On the first day we stopped in Collinsville, Ill. and called our good friends the Spillers from St. Louis, Mo. After dinner, John drove us in his air conditioned Lincoln to view the mounds of the Karioke Indians. Collinsville is purported to be the garlic capitol of the world, but we ourselves could not verify it by smell.

The next day we ventured to Quincy, Missouri where my brother lives. We rested at his place before continuing on to Oklahoma. We were on our way to attend the wedding of old friends who once lived in Richmond Heights, Ohio. The wedding was elegant at the grand Double Tree hotel.

However, what we really want to tell the *American Home* readers is our visit with our cousin Joey's son, Joe Preseren. Young Joe lives in Tulsa with his lovely wife Diane and completely precocious daughter, Lauren and then newly arrived Katherine.

Joe is the business manager of the Double A baseball team, the Tulsa Drillers. We attended a game which unfortunately they lost. We met the owner, Mr. Hubbard who apologized for losing the game. I mentioned to him that we were from Cleveland and their baseball team hasn't won

a pennant in 40 years so we were used to seeing the home team lose. Joe's business success with this team certain is not negligible and many articles about him have been written in the Tulsa newspapers.

Joe graduated from Bowling Green in Ohio as did his brother Ken who was named to the Bowling Green Hall of Fame this past year. Joe furthered his education at Ohio University. People who grew up in the St. Clair area will remember the boy's father Joe Preseren (Dimagg) who was an active sportsman there. We are very proud of cousin, Joe.

We then traveled back to our brother's place for a couple days more of rest and then headed to St. Louis for a dinner dance. Later we ventured to Auburn, Illinois where they have an annual picnic that brings in 3,000 persons or more. For many years the event was hosted by the Spillers for the benefit of the Home for the Aged.

We made it safely back home in Richmond Heights, Ohio where we are always glad to be no matter how exciting the traveling.

In Memory

Anne Parker of Euclid, Ohio donated \$20.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of the 6th anniversary of the death of her husband, **Joe Parker**, who died on February 2nd, 1986.

Senator Gore Writes to Abbott

Editor:

I thought you might be interested in reading a reply I recently received by Senator Gore. My letter was prompted by an article in your paper November 14 by Joseph Zelle regarding several bills coming up in Congress.

The American Home Newspaper has been most informative in providing interesting comments and articles on Slovenia's history, its struggle for independence, and now its recognition by the E.C. For all this I must tell you how grateful I am to have a newspaper such as this. May you continue to encourage us, your readers, to do our part in seeing that the President of our United States is made aware of the need for recognition of Slovenia.

Just as my mother, Anna Jesenko (who passed away July 31, 1991, I, too, look forward to receiving the paper.

Ruth (Jesenko) Abbott
Senator Gore's letter in part is reprinted here:

December 31, 1991

...I have been speaking out on the Senate floor about Yugoslavia and have joined Senator Pell of Rhode Island in introducing Senate Resolution 213, which recommends fundamental changes in American policy.

Close to one-third of the Senate has now signed on to S. Res. 213 as modified to attract additional support. This modified version expresses the sense of the Senate that, assuming Croatia and Slovenia continue to cooperate with the European Community's (EC) peace proposals and Serbia continues to violate them, America should consult with other governments on the recognition of the independence of Croatia, Slovenia, and other Yugoslav republics declaring their sovereignty.

In addition, the resolution says the United States should bring itself in line with the EC sanctions, signalling that continued aggression will leave the Serbian government diplomatically and economically isolated.

S. Res 213 also notes that Slovenia, Croatia, and other parts of Yugoslavia seeking formal recognition must work to protect the rights of ethnic minorities within their borders.

The Senate must send a strong message to stop this war.

A Europe whole and at peace is crucial to our hopes for a better future.

If Belgrade is allowed to create a Greater Serbia, it would represent a gross violation of the principle that borders should not be changed by force.

Albert Gore, Jr.
United States Senator



Enjoying the ball game are (from left) author Fran Mauric, husband John Mauric, Joe Preseren, daughter Lauren.

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AVIGNON, France — Archaeologists have discovered the lost summer palace used by popes in exile in Avignon in the 14th century. The summer palace was in the town of Sorgues, about six miles from Avignon.

Pope Clement V took the papacy to Avignon in 1308 as the result of conflicts with the church hierarchy, political turmoil in Italy and the intention of King Phillip of France to try posthumously Pope Boniface VIII, who had threatened to excommunicate him for taxing the clergy.

Construction of the summer palace began in 1318, during the reign of Pope John XXII. Archaeologists have reconstructed the ground plan and position of various rooms in the castle-like building of which only one fragment remains standing. The residence was destroyed by Protestants in the 16th century and demolished after the French Revolution.

Pre-Lenten dance in Chicago

You are invited to the first event of the Year (of the Slovenian Cultural Center in Lemont) "Koline - domači

praznik - pre-Lenten dance on Saturday, Feb. 22 at St. Stephen's Gym Hall beginning at 7 p.m.

Our butchers and cooks will prepare a fantastic Slovenian sausage dinner while entertainment will be by the Jolly Slovenians of Sheboygan. Hope to have guests coming from Wisconsin for this event, too.

Cost is \$20 per adult.

We would like to start work on the building of our Center this spring. It will be up to all of us to roll up our sleeves, show our good will, help out financially, so we can really start. This is our dream — that all Slovenians will have a place

to call their own, where we can gather, uplift our spirits in music and dance, learn, teach, play and keep up with our Slovenian interest.

From all over the country we will have visitors and supporters but it is up to us to make the dream come true.

We must protect everything we can of our Slovenian culture, art, language, for the future. The Franciscan Fathers will be our spiritual guides and together we can accomplish much, under the watchful spirit of Marija Pomagaj.

Committee

Valentine Dinner

The Slovenian choir of St. Marys Church, (Holmes Ave.), "Marije Vnebovzete" is sponsoring a Valentine Dinner on Sunday, February 9 in the school cafeteria.

Serving of the pork chop and chicken dinner will begin after the 10 a.m. Mass.

The proceeds of this dinner will be for the benefit of the church.

All parishioners and friends are most welcome.

Tickets are available from the choir members.

—Ann Tercek



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What happens when a donation is made to the endowment trust?

All gifts, contributions, bequests to the endowment fund are deemed irrevocable. That is, they cannot be returned once donated to the endowment trust.

Are there any restrictions on the use of the endowment trust?

If there are any specific gifts donated with restrictive conditions or reservations then the trustee will take advice from trustees and discuss all restrictions on the use of the endowment trust and make a determination whether or not to accept the gift.

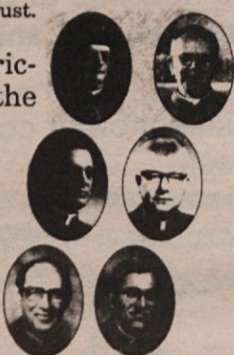
Any gift, however, cannot be made contrary to the purposes for which the endowment trust was established.

How can we be reassured about the accountability of the endowment trust?

A copy of the annual statement is submitted to the financial office of the Diocese of Cleveland on or before each September 30 annually as the fiscal year of the endowment trust is from July 1 to June 30 each year.

Once assets reach \$100,000 or greater the annual statement is to be in the form of an audited statement.

In any case the annual statement is to be signed by the trustee (pastor of parish) and a majority of trustees.



What is the St. Vitus Endowment Trust?

It is a declaration of trust (agreement) between St. Vitus parish and Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, Diocese of Cleveland. The declaration was signed on April 3, 1989, as a legal document enabling parishioners and friends of St. Vitus parish to make contributions to a parish endowment trust fund to continue its mission as a parish.

What is the mission and purpose of the St. Vitus Endowment Trust?

The mission and purpose are to establish a charitable endowment trust fund to provide support for the operation, maintenance, capital requirements, student scholarships, and continued existence of St. Vitus parish.



What is the legal name for this "endowment trust fund"?

The legal name is "St. Vitus Endowment Trust." For purposes of clarity we will refer to St. Vitus Endowment Trust as "endowment trust" hereinafter.

Who signed the endowment trust agreement with Bishop Pilla?

The signers were the trustees for this endowment trust. They were: Father Joseph P. Boznar, pastor of St. Vitus; Mrs. Josephine Ambrosic; Mr. Joseph S. Baskovic; Mr. Joseph V. Hocevar; Mr. Stane J. Kuhar; Mr. Thomas G. Lobe, L.P.A.; and Mr. Frank Segal.

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What type of gift(s) can the endowment trust accept?

The endowment trust can receive any type of property commonly divided into two categories: real and personal.

These two categories can include but are not limited to the following: land; housing structure; gift (cash and/or check); stocks; securities; governmental instruments (e.g. treasury bills, bonds, etc.); bequests (from an individual, foundation or corporation—public or private); distributions from a legally established will; and for the purposes described in the purpose clause of the declaration of trust.

Are gifts and contributions tax-deductible when made to the endowment trust?

Under current federal income tax laws, section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service, contributions which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) are allowed. Any donor should consult with a qualified tax attorney or accounting professional for current rulings on this matter. The endowment trust does have a (tax-exempt) federal identification number.



What is the goal of the endowment trust?

The goal of the endowment trust is to raise a minimum of \$750,000 by the end of 1993 to coincide with the parish's centennial anniversary (1893-1993). The endowment trust currently has raised \$316,000 through several bequests, calendar fund drives, and various individual donations.

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The signing was announced in the parish bulletin and in the "calendars" used during the past years for the calendar fund efforts.

Is there a committee responsible for the endowment trust?

The legal term for this "committee" is "trustee advisors" (referred to as "trustees"). These consist of the above named signers, plus one additional position that is currently vacant due to a member's moving out of state. This position will be filled in by a nominating committee of the trustees.

From time to time, a special "advisory board" may be included as part of this process depending upon need of specific skills, such as legal, financial, accounting, etc.

What are the functions of the trustee advisors?

The Trustees advise the pastor of the parish in matters relating to the endowment trust under the concept of "shared responsibility" as established by the Diocese of Cleveland. The Trustees may also establish, provide, and determine the policies and procedures for the operation of the endowment trust, such as invest funds, receive and collect all contributions, retain, manage funds, pay and provide payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses for assistance to administer and manage the endowment trust.



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How is the endowment trust supposed to work?

There are three levels of control of the endowment trust.

First, the endowment trust must exceed \$250,000 before any funds may be disbursed.

Second, only interest income may be disbursed when the endowment trust is between \$250,000 and \$750,000.

Third, interest income and principal may be disbursed only after the endowment trust exceeds \$750,000.

In all instances, the trustees must give approval on any and all disbursements made from the endowment trust.

These three levels ensure accountability, integrity, and obligation to the purpose of this endowment trust.

Can the endowment trust be transferred to the diocese?

NO! The specific purpose of having a legal document for the endowment trust is to have the parish maintain its obligations, responsibilities, and rights as outlined in the document between the diocese and the parish. Bishop Pilla, as the legal representative of the diocese, signed this endowment trust agreement and thus gave approval of the articles and items contained in the St. Vitus Endowment Trust.

What happens if the endowment trust ceases to exist?

There is what is called a "dissolution" clause in the endowment trust detailing who would receive the net proceeds from the



How will new trustee advisors be chosen?

Members will be chosen by a nominating committee from the current trustees and will serve staggered terms. At least 2 times the number of persons needed are to be named to fill vacant positions. No member may serve more than 2 successive terms but may be eligible for reappointment as a trustee advisor after an absence of at least 1 year.

Are trustee advisors liable?

Trustee advisors and the trustees are responsible to exercise good faith in carrying out the provisions of the endowment trust. As such, they may be bonded to the administration and duties of the endowment trust.



Isn't the endowment trust the same as the 1982 Jubilee Fund or any other fund?

The endowment trust and the 1982 Jubilee Fund are **TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT** funds, each serving a specific purpose and need as is any other defined fund administered by the parish.

The 1982 Jubilee Fund is a restrictive account not related in any manner to the endowment trust. The 1982 Jubilee Fund is to be used solely for the renovation of the interior of the church and no other purpose.

Donations made to the endowment trust will not, repeat, WILL NOT BE USED FOR THE 1982 JUBILEE FUND or vice versa.

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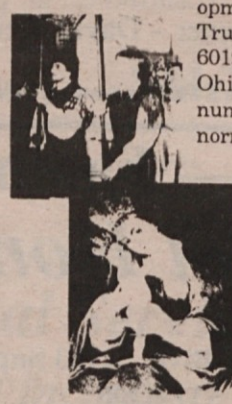
funds in the endowment trust at the time of its dissolution. This clause is to be reviewed every 5 years in the event that one or more recipients no longer exists or a new recipient may be so designated.

The following recipients are so stated in the current endowment trust: Slovenian parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio; Cleveland Diocesan Institution for training of candidates for the priesthood; Slovenian Franciscan Fathers in Lemont, Illinois; The Slovene Home for the Aged, Cleveland, Ohio; and Bogoslovno Semenišče (Slovenian Seminary under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Ljubljana, Slovenija).

If we should have any additional concerns whom may we contact and how should my donation be made?

You may contact the Director of Development, St. Vitus Endowment Trust, c/o St. Vitus Rectory, 6019 Glass Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. The telephone number is (216) 361-1444 with normal calling hours between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All donations should be made in the name of: **St. Vitus Endowment Trust**. For safety reasons, cash should never be forwarded through the mail to the above address if a donation is made.



We hope this brochure has been able to answer any concerns you may have regarding the **St. Vitus Endowment Trust**. We thank you for taking the time to review the material and encourage your support for this project.

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Slovenia embraces statehood

Los Angeles Times
by Carol J. Williams

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia — Masters of their own affairs for the first time in 1,400 years, Slovenians embraced their new statehood by wheeling and dealing with Germans, seizing control of their airspace and heaping European bankers with plans for new highways and modern transport.

The scars of last summer's war have not all healed, and Slovenia still faces an uncertain battle for recognition by the United States and Russia. But the 2 million people of this serene republic, tucked between the Alps and the Adriatic, have emerged from the wreckage of Yugoslavia with their dreams and their dignity intact.

Doubts about the future are drowned out by the hum of fax machines and the roar of heavy equipment deployed to repair the bruised economy.

War with rival Serbia and the Yugoslav federal army still confronts neighboring Croatia, and the four other republics still unrecognized after Yugoslavia's demise have been left in a diplomatic limbo.

Of the six Balkan republics bound for 73 years by the Yugoslav alliance that has finally collapsed, only Slovenia has been given much chance of going it alone. Manageably small and unusually cohesive, some believe Slovenia could even outpace most of Eastern Europe in the race to secure Western lifestyles.

Slovenian leaders proudly point to the grip they now have on both internal and foreign affairs, having divested themselves of all federal controls since declaring independence June 25.

They have the advantage of having no common border with Serbia or large populations of Serbs that have exposed all other republics to insistent territorial claims by the dominant republic.

The broad coalition of political parties governing Slovenia is the most stable leadership in the troubled Balkans. Despite 10% unemployment, an "interim" currency, declining production and shrinking real incomes, the economy now appears to be stabilizing and there is little threat of labor unrest.

Yet Slovenian leaders, espousing the no-nonsense determination that allowed

the tiny republic to boot out the Yugoslav army Goliath after only a 10-day war, say that achieving statehood was the easy part. "We have to become an autonomous and prosperous state," President Milan Kucan said after a dizzying day of diplomatic exchanges and business chats. "Our public is aware of the situation, but will get impatient if we do not show them results."

He also expressed concern that without the diplomatic blessing of Washington and Moscow, Slovenia will not have achieved full independence. "Without the recognition of the United States of America, we don't have all the elements necessary to pursue our policies and become a full-fledged member of the international community," said Kucan, 51, who has guided Slovenia since it was still a Communist component of Yugoslavia in the mid-1980s.

America-bashing has become a favorite sport of Croatian officials irritated by Washington's reluctance to acknowledge the Balkan federation's breakup. If Slovenian leaders share that view, they prudently cover their disappointment with diplomatic niceties.

"We hear our representatives in Washington that the climate in the State Department may be about to change," said Deputy Foreign Minister Zoran Thaler. "We understand that a supertanker can't change course in a short time, but hopefully the movement will start soon."

The lack of American recognition will prevent Slovenia from joining the United Nations or gaining membership in organizations vital to its economic recovery, such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

One of the most significant boosts from recognition was Slovenia's recovery of the right to reopen its airports after a six-month closure imposed by the angry Yugoslav government after Slovenia defeated a bungled federal army invasion this past summer.

On Slovenia's first day of recognized independence, officials signed an interim agreement with Austria to manage air traffic. They brought in international experts to test and verify landing and ground control

The St. Vitus Veterans enjoy life...



Waiting for the food at the Christmas party are, from left, Al and Shirley Lipold, Jean and Bill Lipold, and Sue and Pete Osenar. The party was held on Dec. 21 at the Spanish Manor.

(All photos by Tony Grdina)



St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans who participated in their famous and ferocious pool tournament are, from left, Tom Kirk, Dick Mott, Joe Baskovic, Bob Mills, Fr. Bill Jerse, Frank Ljubi, Bob Dulc, Jim Logar, and Bob Novak.

systems, said Information Minister Jelko Kacin. "The airports will be open and we will be resuming flights soon."

Thanks to Rudy Menart of Los Angeles for faxing in this article within minutes after it appeared on the West Coast. Everybody in Cleveland fondly

remembers Rudy for his radio engineering skills and informative voice on Cleveland's ethnic airwaves.

Travel Film on Yugoslavia in April

Calling all arm-chair travelers. Remember the wonderful travel films we saw years ago sponsored by the West Shore Travel Club held at the Masonic Auditorium on Euclid Avenue? The same group has for a number of years now been showing films at the Lakewood High School Auditorium bringing programs of quality by the leading speakers in their field.

On Sunday, April 12 there is a showing on Yugoslavia with Frank Klicar as narrator. The Istrian Peninsula with its Roman ruins starts off this trek through the Yugoslav countryside. He covers the story of a country now in the news. From its royal history to the home of Marco Polo, from the national parks to modern Belgrade; a wonderful journey through a rarely seen land. This film will be especially interesting since it will probably show Yugoslavia in all its beauty before the outbreak of the current war.

Admission is \$3 and tickets may be purchased at the door. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium, 14100 Franklin

and West 140 Street.

You may go either by way of Lake Shore Blvd., Edgewater Drive to Clifton, to West 140 Street, left (south), cross Detroit Avenue and next light is Franklin, turn right (west) to parking lot (no charge) in front of the auditorium.

Or you may take Interstate 90 to West 140 Street exit, turn north to Franklin, and then west to parking lot.

The films presented by this

group are outstanding and you will be well satisfied seeing this presentation. Mark your calendars: April 12.

—Eleanor Pavey

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Also featured on the album are two songs by alumni of the group, guest entertainers "Zeke and Charlie" (Vrtovšnik). These two unique performers had a crowd of more than a thousand at the record premiere and Children's Choral Concert in a frenzy and were shown on Cleveland television. These crowd-pleasers are heard in the St Clair Boys Polka, and the Thanks for the Party Polka which includes the Dummy Model Polka.

Other songs were translated into English from Slovenian by the group director Cecilia Dolgan. One of the songs, Polka Rock & Roll boosts the image of polkas, stating "Polkas are number one, and everybody wears a smile because the polka's back in style." The kids also sing, "We can polka, we can waltz, and we can rock and roll."

The translation of "Old MacDonald had a Farm" into the Slovenian language has been associated with the Junior Chorus for the past five years. Authentic bluegrass banjo pickin' is included in the arrangement to add a little "Americana" to the button accordion sounds.

Anyone who has visited Eastern Europe will recall the sizzling outdoor grills at restaurants and hotels in the big cities. These spicy delicacies are recalled in the tune "Čevavp-žiči and Slivovitz" polka.

Two young duet teams are introduced in the "Girl in the Garden Waltz" with Christine Wojtila and David Skrajner, age 9 and 10. They are children of two members of the Don Wojtila Orchestra.

"Girl with the Curl Polka" is sung by Ann and Bob Dolgan, age 13 and 15, children of the chorus director. All the English lyrics on the children's songs were written by Cecilia Dolgan.

Cecilia Dolgan "Cilka" was inducted into the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame for lifetime achievement in November, 1990, for her

contribution as a vocalist, lyricist, writer, music director and radio host in the American-Slovenian music world.

The Sumrada Brothers Band, headed by Chuck and Ed, recently received the 1990 award for Best Young Polka Band at the same Hall of Fame ceremony.

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Complaints have little success

Editor:

One of your readers residing in 44123 Euclid zip code zone complained about receiving the "Domovina" a week late.

Following your advice about demanding better service the post office sends a form to fill out to that they can follow the process of delivery.

After three such complaints with little success I spoke to someone at the Noble office and was informed that the problem seems to be downtown since they deliver the paper the day after it is received.

Since we have a very conscientious mailman, I am inclined to believe this is the problem.

Fortunately your "Coming Events" column alleviates some of the problem of planning if one wants to attend any of the events instead of reading about them after they have occurred.

It is still frustrating to receive the paper almost a week after its date of publication.

Keep up the good work, we enjoy the paper.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Joseph Jerse
Euclid, Ohio

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EVENTS.....
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Serbs denounce Yugoslav breakup

Leaders of Serbia and the Serb-controlled Yugoslav Government denounced as illegal and dangerous the formal recognition of Croatia and Slovenia by the European Community, which effectively closed the book on Yugoslavia as it had existed since the end of World War II.

"The presidency considers this an international breakup of Yugoslavia and stresses that it does not solve the Yugoslav crisis but only worsens it," a statement by the Serb-controlled Yugoslav presidency said.

The statement said recognition of Croatia and Slovenia violated the United Nations Charter and other international accords.

All 12 European Community nations agreed last Wednesday to recognize Slovenia and Croatia within their official borders under a proposal pushed through by Germany last month. Both Croatia and Slovenia declared their independence on June 25, sparking a civil war that has killed thousands and brought widespread destruction.

The European Community countries have stressed they will not recognize changes to Yugoslavia's internal borders made by force, including the takeover of about a third of Croatia's territory by Serbs and the Serbian-led Yugoslav Army.

Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the St. Vitus Mothers Club will be on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Father Bednse of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will be the speaker. We will have our founders day ceremonies. This is also dad's night.

Sharon Fakadej
Publicity

Button Box Jammer

A Button Box Jammer will be held Sunday, Feb. 9 at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130th at McGowan (I-480-right on W. 130 - I-71 left). The club phone number is 941-3224, or call Helen at 884-2805. Call early for tickets.

Button box groups participating are West Park Group, Maple Heights, Lake Erie, Kusar's Gang, Buttonaires, Northern Ohio.

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Donations:

Thanks to the following for their donations to the Ameriška Domovina:

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Jokes?

- Cannibal: "Am I late for dinner?"
- "Wife: "Yes, everybody's eaten."
- *
Camper: I see green, yellow and blue spots in front of my eyes.
- Nurse: Did you see the camp doctor?
- Camper: No, just green, yellow and blue spots.
- Customer: Waitress, why is my doughnut smashed?
- Waitress: You said you wanted a cup of coffee and a doughnut, and step on it.

GERMAN LENTIL SOUP

- 4 slices bacon, diced
 - 2 medium-sized onions, sliced
 - 2 medium-sized carrots, sliced
 - 1 large celery stalk, diced
 - 1 ham bone with 2 cups meat left on
 - 1 16-ounce package dry lentils
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- About 1-1/2 hour before serving:

1. In 5-quart Dutch oven or saucetop over low heat, cook bacon until browned; push to side of Dutch oven. Add onions, carrots, and celery; over medium heat, cook until vegetables are tender. Add ham bone, lentils, bay leaf, pepper, thyme, and 8 cups water; over high heat, heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour or until lentils are tender. Discard bay leaf.

2. Remove ham bone to cutting board; cut off meat and discard bone. Cut meat into bite-sized chunks and return to soup. Stir in lemon juice. Makes about 11 cups or 6 main-dish servings.

What are lentils?

Lentils — long a part of many Old World cuisines — fit right in with today's eating; they are easy and quick to prepare, highly nutritious, inexpensive, and have a delicate nutty flavor that combines well with many different foods.

Lentils always come dried, never fresh; look for the grayish-brown type, or the new orange-red Red Chief lentils, which cook in much less time. Both are a good source of carbohydrates, plant protein, iron, and fiber. And they're great food "stretchers," traditionally paired with small amounts of proteins like meat, poultry, fish, eggs, or cheese for a well-balanced meal.

Basic cooking

Stored in their package or a jar in a cool, dark, dry place, lentils will keep indefinitely.

Before cooking, rinse and drain the lentils but don't soak them — even if a recipe tells you to. Soaking will affect flavor and texture. To cook, heat to boiling 1 pound lentils and 1 to 2 teaspoons salt in 5 cups water. Over low heat, simmer lentils, covered, 20 to 30 minutes for brown lentils, 8 to 10 minutes for Red Chief lentils. When cooked they should be tender but still hold their shape. In soup, cook lentils until they mash easily. One pound of lentils (2-1/2 cups uncooked) makes 6 servings, about 160 calories per serving.

EASY RECIPES

- **Lentil salad:** Chill drained, cooked lentils and combine with diced celery, chopped sweet onion, diced green pepper, sliced tomato, shredded carrot, etc. Serve on salad greens and top with French or Italian dressing.
- **Lentil sauté:** Cook diced bacon and onion until bacon is crisp. Add drained cooked lentils and some chopped parsley; heat, tossing to mix. Serve as a vegetable dish.

Donation

Frank and Justine Picman of Euclid, Ohio donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina. Thank you very much.

U.S.S. Band Concert Feb. 8th

The fourteenth annual concert of the United Slovenian Society Concert Band will be held this year at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue in Euclid, on Saturday, February 8.

Curtain time will be 6 p.m. for the big band show including some old and new Slovenian as well as American selections. The much talked about "Phantom of the Opera" will be a highlight along with a Dixieland Medley featuring Gary Novak on trumpet, Gene March on trombone, Ed Rusch on tenor sax, Sue Novak on clarinet, and John Wojtila on tuba.

Norman Novak is director of the U.S.S. Band and will present his new arrangement of the "Just Because Polka" plus for the Slovenians abroad, recognition for their declared in-

dependence with the song "Moja Domovina" or "My Homeland."

A benefit bake sale in conjunction with the concert will take place throughout the afternoon and evening at the hall and a dance featuring Tony Klepec's Orchestra of Girard will follow the performance at 8 p.m.

\$7 admission tickets including the concert and dance will be available at the door or in advance from the Polka Hall of Fame, 291 East 222 St., in Euclid. Phone 261-3263.


Give the U.S.S. Band a boost by patronizing their annual event. You're certain to come away with a warm feeling on a cold winter's night.

—Tony Petkovsek

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Ameriško priznanje se bliža

Iz raznih zornih kotov je slišati zadnji čas, da se približuje tudi ameriško priznanje neodvisne Slovenije. Nekatere te govorce prihajajo iz Slovenije, spet druge pa iz Washingtona in to iz več kot enega vira. Na tem mestu že dalj časa trdimo, da je ameriško priznanje Slovenije le vprašanje časa. To še bolj velja sedaj, ker je ta teden že 40. država — Brazilija — uradno priznala Slovenijo (in Brazilija ni nepomembna država), poleg tega bodo na stotine milijonov ljudi po svetu ter več deset milijonov tu v ZDA videli ob odprtju letošnjih zimskih olimpijskih iger 8. februarja na televiziji slovensko olimpijsko ekipo, kakih 50 športnikov in drugega osebja, ki bodo vkorakali v osrednji stadion pod novo slovensko zastavo. Morda bo to opazil tudi sicer vnet športnik George Bush.

Najbolj optimistične govorce o naglo prihajajočem ameriškem priznanju Slovenije pravijo celo, da se je Bushova administracija že odločila za priznanje Slovenije, da pa bodo čakali še morda do prvih dni marca ali konca februarja, predno bodo ta sicer nepreklicni korak potrdili javno. Edina zadržanost glede vsega tega je v tem, da gre še vedno za govorice, ki niso nikjer črno na belo potrjene s strani vlade, to pa pomeni, da se lahko zadeva zopet zatakne. Baje želijo ZDA videti določene napredke v nekaterih drugih delih širše jugoslovanske krize.

Naj bo tako ali drugače, Slovenija je najhujše ovire glede mednarodnega priznanja že premagala in poti nazaj v kakšno na novo kreirano jugoslovansko močvirje ni in ne bo. Izgleda tudi, da bo druga pomembna država, Rusija, v doglednem času Slovenijo priznala. Tudi to je pomembno, ker po priznanju mora Slovenija najti mesto v Združenih narodih in drugih mednarodnih ustanovah, brez podpore ZDA in Rusije pa ne bi bilo s tem nič. Druga velika ovira je sicer Kitajska, vendar ni verjeti, da bi Kitajci na lastno iniciativo delali prevelike preglavice.

Tudi po ameriškem priznanju bo Slovenija imela razne težave, pri katerih reševanju bi mogli biti vsaj posredno koristni rojaki, živeči v raznih državah po svetu. Vendar je tu vprašanje, če bo mogoče navdušenje za neodvisno Slovenijo in njeno priznanje, ki je tako silovito razplamtelo med rojaki, ki so prej bili več ali manj pasivni, obdržati. Navdušenje za neodvisno slovensko državo, za demokratično slovensko državo, ki je enakopravna v mednarodnem pojmovanju z vsemi drugimi državami sveta, to navdušenje je bilo sorazmerno lahko spodbujati in tudi vzdrževati pri življenju. Po ameriškem pri-

znanju bo težje, ker bodo pereča vprašanja slovenske koristi za povprečnega člana naše skupnosti bolj banalnega značaja, ali pa tudi prezahtevnega značaja. Treba je po priznanju pričakovati skrčevanje števila tako posameznikov kot njih organizacij, ki bodo pripravljene ostati aktivni na tem polju. Marsikdo bo pač rekel: opravil sem svojo dolžnost. Na pozitivni strani bo dejstvo, da bodo tisti, ki bodo ostali aktivni, morda lahko bili učinkovitejši, ker ne bo več treba toliko iskati tiste ravni, ki je dovolj splošna, dovolj nizka če želite, da se ne bo mogoče nobenemu zameriti. Tu v ZDA se še vedno ukvarjamo s to situacijo, kakor pa kažejo današnja poročila iz Kanade, jim je tam uspelo precej teh težav premostiti ali omiliti, za kar zaslužijo vso pohvalo. Okoliščine, točneje bi zapisali: osebnosti, so v ZDA bolj zapletene, s tem pa ni rečeno, da je koristno delovanje onemogočeno, morda celo ne bistveno oteženo, potekalo bo namreč bolj vzporedno kakor bi sicer, z več ponavljanjem istih ali podobnih potez, potekalo pa bo. Če kaj, ta zapletenost razmer v ZDA, ki smo je sicer tu vajeni, utegne delati preglavice predvsem rojakom v Sloveniji in njih ustanovam, kajti bo zanje izgledalo — če že ne — kot pravo minsko polje.

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel**IZ NEWYORŠKE PROSVETE**

Navadno posvetimo prvo uro v letu, to je januarjo, slovenski mladini. Zadnje nedeljo smo ji posvetili samo drugi del, to pa zato, ker nam je v prvem delu dr. Majda Mazovec, zdravnica iz Ljubljane, opisala v slikah in besedi naravne lepote Slovenije. Gospa je na obisku pri svojem bratu, našemu župniku p. Robertu. Mislim, da smo bili s spremembo vsi zadovoljni; tisti, ki smo tam preživeli svojo mladost in del zrelosti, kakor tudi tisti, ki imajo tam samo korenine, tudi če še niso bili tam.

Kljub mrazu — tretja nedelja jebila najbolj mrzel dan v letošnji zimi — je bila dvorana nabito polna in kakor sem ugotovil po uri, so bili prosvetarji navdušeni nad sporedom, čeprav je bil mnogo daljši kot običajno. Domovina — čeprav izgubljena — je pač dežela, ki je ne moremo in tudi nočemo pozabiti.

Sporod je začela naša priljubljena, vedno nasmejana zvezdica Vanesa Solar. Z občutkom in odlično tehniko je igrala na klavirju skladbo »Minuet«. Za njo je ga. dr. Dominika Lango zapela s svojim lepim, šolanim glasom Sattnerjevo »Legendica«. Na klavirju jo je spremljala naša črnogorska prijateljica Roksanda Cerović. Obe sta bili odlični.

Nato je nastopila v glavni točki sporeda dr. Majda Mazovec in nam v približno 100 slikah pokazala in opisala naravne lepote Slovenije. Zanimivo je, da sem nekaj dni prej naletel v zdravnikovi čakalnici na mlado Zagrebčanko, ki mi je naštel vse kraje Slovenije, kjer je že večkrat bila in zaključila: »Slovenija je raj na zemlji. Poleg nešteti naravnih lepote imate morje in Alpe, številne toplice in največje podzemne jame v Evropi.«

In to lepoto nam je v lepih besedah in še lepših slikah pričarala na platno dr. Mazovčeva.

Videli smo škofjeloško pogorje — kar je zelo razveselilo mene — Julijske Alpe s Trigla-

vom od vseh strani in z dohodi, sedem prekrasnih Triglavskih jezer, Bohinj in Bled z jezeri, Jalovec, Martuljkovo skupino, najvišje vrhove v Alpah, Karavankah, Kamniških planinah, zanimivosti na Štajerskem in Prekmurju. Bil je skoraj tako, kakor da bi bili doma in občudovali lepote slovenske zemlje.

Zaključila pa je prvi del druga zvezdica naših ur, ljubka in sposobna Elizabeta Solar. Na klavirju je zaigrala »Fascination«.

V odmoru smo prečitali zahvalni pismi za naša božična voščila in dobre želje za novo leto, ki sta nam jih poslala nadškof dr. Šuštar in škof dr. Kramberger. Oba nam pišeta, da sta zato tako pozna, ker več tednov ni bilo nobene zračne pošte in je ljubljansko škof pismo, ki smo ga oddali na pošti 15. decembra, prejel šele 13. januarja.

Opozorili smo navzoče na misijonsko prireditev, ki bo 9. februarja v cerkveni dvorani po deseti maši.

Drugi del sporeda, posvečenega slovenski mladini, je začela najmlajša umetnica naših ur, mala Metka Zupančič. Ona poje solo in deklamira v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku. Tokrat je recitirala pesem »Slovenija«, ki jo je zložila 14-letna Vanja Koderman. Bila je odlična.

Peter Remec je prebral zgodbo »V nemški šoli«, ki opisuje, kako so mladi slovenski učenci poskakali skozi okna iz šole, ko jim je nemška učiteljica grozila s palico, če bodo vedno trdili, da so Slovenci. Zunaj so se učenci zbrali in na ves glas zapeli pesem »Slovenec sem, od zibelke do groba«. Takšni naj bi bili tudi naši mladi! Zaveden Slovenec je vedno tudi dober Amerikanelec.

Sporod je zaključila Metkina mama Marinka. S svojim ljubkim, lepim glasom je zapela mehko in predano pesem »O, nepričakovani dar!«

Začeli smo dobro. Daj Bog, da bi bile tako uspešne naše ure vse leto! Hvala vsem — nastopajočim in poslušalcem.

Dr. Zdravko Kalan**Misijonska prireditev pri MZA New York**

Dragi misijonski dobrotniki in prijatelji!

Staro leto je minilo, in z letom tudi težave in vznemir. Novo leto nam pa olajša skrbi z upanjem, da začnemo z novega, da bodo sledili boljši dnevi, da nas bosta Božja milost in blagoslov varovala proti nesreči in bridkosti. Želimo vam vsem srečno in zdravo Novo leto!

Ne pozabimo pa naše brate in sestre, uboge in revne, velikokrat tudi brezverne, ki so razkrojeni po celem svetu. Ni treba niti daleč iskati, da vidimo, koliko je tistih, ki umirajo od lakote in bolezni. Vsak dan narašča njih število. Če le človek posluša ali bere vsakdanje novice, lahko najde tiste, ki jim primanjkuje telesna ali duševna hrana.

Zato se obračamo k vam, dobrotniki, ki ste voljni žrtvovati ubogim, in podpirati delo slovenskih misijonarjev, ki njim služijo. Božja ljubezen in beseda se lahko razširjata le z našo pomočjo, z našo molitvijo in z denarno podporo.

Pri lanski misijonski prireditvi smo nabrali \$1528. Ta vsota se je razdelila na dve strani: \$300 za vzdrževanje študija misijonarja v Afriki, ostala vsota za delo slovenskih misijonarjev. Poskusimo biti letos še enkrat tako radodarni!

Vabimo Vas na letošnjo misijonsko prireditev v nedeljo, 9. februarja, po deseti sv. maši v dvorani sv. Cirila. Vstopnina (\$3) se bo pobirala samo za tiste med 15. in 60. letom. Zabaval nas bo s slovensko pesmijo pevski zbor Zvon iz Bridgeporta, in naš zvesti prijatelj, g. Karl Klesin, s svojo harmoniko. Na razpolago bo kosilo in pecivo. Naprošene ste naše dobre faranke in prijateljice, če lahko prineso pečene dobrote! Na svidenje!

Marjana Burger**Nekaj za »drobtiničarja!**

Tudi jaz se oglasam iz daljne Minnesote, da sem pogrešal njegove »drobtinice«, ravno tako kot tista gospa B., katera ga je vprašala, zakaj drobtinice ni, odgovoril ji je pa, da ga noga boli. Rekla mu je, saj z nogo ne pišeš.

No, čeprav se res redko pripeti, da bi z nogo pisal, je tudi res, če je bolečina v nogi huda, tudi roka nima veselja za pisanje.

Tudi jaz zelo rad berem »drobtinice«. Ko dobim Ameriško domovino, najprvo pogledam za drobtinice, ker naš »Drobtiničar« vse napiše tako, kot on misli, da je prav. Takih misli sem tudi jaz. Zraven pa še doda kakšno okroglo, tako da imamo še malo razvedrila, da nismo tako čemerni. Tako pisanje je še pose-

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