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Ljubljana, this twenty-fifth day of December, two thousand and three.

--Dr. Dimitrij Rupel
Minister of Foreign Affairs



August Pust

Growing Up Slovenian in Collinwood

Wallpaper Cleaning – 1930s and '40s

by JOE GLINSEK

Today it's called "Wall covering" because there are so many choices. Back then, it was either wallpaper or paint, usually the former. And it was *paper*, not vinyl, not plastic-coated, not fabric-backed - just *paper*.

Since our home was heated by unfiltered hot air from a coal-burning furnace, wallpaper required Spring Cleaning along with the rest of the house. It wasn't washable, but with Wallpaper Cleaner available in cans at any hardware store, it could be dry-cleaned, *sort of*.

It was usually a Saturday when we gathered and began this 'rite of spring.' Almost a teen-ager, and the only kid in our extended family of five, I had the dubious honor of helping the adults. Selected as the wallpaper cleaner, I needed an apprenticeship with adult supervision and was given a crash course in this skill by my bachelor uncle.

The training began on the walls of an upstairs room seldom seen by company. Keep in mind that except for our kitchen and bath, every wall and ceiling was wallpapered. The ceiling training came later and would be a pain in the neck – literally.

We opened the first of several cans of cleaner and it released a clean, pleasant smell. The first step was to

grab a handful of the bluish-green stuff. It greeted your fingers and palm with a unique texture, soft and friendly. (Decades later, my kids played with a popular product with an almost identical feel and smell, and amused themselves by squeezing and shaping it like cookie dough.) My first job was to knead the cleaner as if it were bread dough. My uncle would tell me when it was ready.

Now the real skill came into play. Starting up high in the corner and with just the right amount of pressure, you drew this big wad down the wall like a giant eraser. Done properly, a satisfying stripe of clean wallpaper trailed your hand. After each swipe, the dirty side was kneaded inward to expose a clean surface on the wad. This continued until the cleaner began to shed little rubbery crumbs. This called for much heavy kneading, or failing that, starting over with a fresh batch from the can.

Seeing clean colors appear under your hand like a broad stroke of fresh paint was a small thrill that soon passed. It was boring and tiresome chore, seemingly endless. There were more walls in more rooms, also hallways and stairways. And ceilings – don't forget the ceilings. This was not a one-day job.

Years later, 'household management' decided that the walls didn't look much better after their annual cleaning. The local paperhanger was called and patterns were selected from just three sample books. Terms were agreed upon, and he would come on a chosen date next spring. The old paper would not be removed.

In the 1950s we finally considered painting the walls. Many people painted right over the paper. We didn't, because this would make any future attempt to remove the paper much more difficult. Our old house already had four coats of paper on the walls and three on the ceilings, and removing it was enough of a nightmare.

Since most houses built that long ago were meant to have wallpaper over the plastered walls, the grueling, tedious job of soaking and stripping the walls only rewarded us with a very rough plaster finish. It was fine for wallpaper, but would never do for a decent paint job. You can guess what it took to give the plaster a smooth finish, wait for it to cure, and then prime and paint. As any one who saw the finished job could tell, we did the job ourselves. Looking back, it might have been smarter to paint over the wallpaper and cross our fingers.

2 Bands + Dinner = \$9!

The Martin Krpan Society and the Newburgh Slovenian Home on E. 80th Street are sponsoring an unforgettable night of entertainment at a very affordable price on Friday, Feb. 20th.

A pork, sauerkraut, and potato dumpling dinner will be served from 5 - 7:30 p.m., with the Wayne Tomsic band playing from 6:30 to 9:00. They will be followed by the internationally acclaimed ensemble from Slovenia, Mlade Frajle. \$9.00 will cover one person for dinner and both bands. Without the dinner, admission is only \$6 at the door.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling (216) 341-6136.

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Florida Baraga Day Set

The annual Michigan Knights of Columbus and Bishop Baraga Day Festivities will be held this year on Saturday, Feb. 28 in Holiday, Florida.

The day will commence with Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Church followed by a delicious luncheon and informative

program at Father Farrell Council #6476.

The following numbers may be called to make your reservation for the luncheon. Map and directions are available upon request:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wegener, New Port Richey, FL 727-376-2743 or Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barry 727-375-5342.

St. Mary's Seniors Meet

St. Mary's Seniors (Collinwood) will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 1:30 p.m. Doors at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

A friend in deed, -- is a friend indeed! --Joseph Zelle

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REFLECTIONS BY RUDY

Remembering Ken Bruening

by RUDY FLIS

Olympic 1-0812 is a phone number I first dialed long ago on the evening of January 22nd. It was the phone number of a pretty young lady in my class at St. Boniface High School, and I was calling her for a date. My world started to come together as she answered my question with the word, "Yes."

This vivid memory is of Therese Bruening, and the call I made happened on the night before her birthday. That first date was superb, and it has never ended.

I wished to visit Therese often, but I didn't want to be obvious to her parents, so I visited my friend, her brother Kenny. I was obvious, but tolerated by the Bruening family, until I stole their beautiful daughter away to be my wife.

Kenny and I remained friends and all of our children enjoyed the visits of Uncle Kenny and Aunt Annette through all these years and our children were always special to them as were all my nieces and nephews.

They were just plain liked by the kids.

My oldest son, Mike, is a car nut as was his uncle Ken. Not once did Mike's uncle Ken ever refuse to help Mike in any of his requests, which was mostly about car problems. That is the way Ken was.

January 23rd was Therese's birthday and I drove her to visit and pray over Kenny's still body. It is a birthday she will not forget.

As we prayed, we remembered, we laughed and yes, we cried. The world will little notice that Ken is gone, but in our world all of us live with a new void, whether it be husband, dad, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, or friend.

As I pray for Ken and his family, I know that time is healing, but I implore God to soothe them, especially my wife with the fresh sting of a brother gone. May her sorrow lighten as her sons, daughters, and her grandchildren smother her with their belated celebration of their special mom's birthday.

Koline Dinner Featured at Lemont

LEMONT, IL – Koline is coming! Koline is coming! We, in Chicago - Lemont are happily anticipating the wonderful "domači praznik" of Koline when we observe the custom of feasting on home-made sausages and all the trimmings.

Sausages are a very popular Slovenian food – of course, being home-made is all the better.

It's very appropriate that Koline Dinner is on Sunday, Feb. 15th, just a few days before Lent begins, as it is also our "Pustna veselica."

The diligent ladies and men of the Slovenian Cultural Center will have a lot of work preparing the sausages for us so anyone wishing to enjoy some of the preparations can come on Saturday, from morning until evening when the crew will be working. There is plenty to do, so do come to the Center and enjoy the day.

On the Sunday menu will be "bujta repa, krvavice s prikuho" and "krofi" for dessert, all the standard pre-Lenten goodies.

An added highlight of the day will be the guest appearance of "Mlade Frajle" from Slovenia. These three lovely young women who sing and play their instruments will entertain us in Lemont on their tour of the USA and Canada. Can you miss this? I hope not. Tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$8 for children, at the door, or call

for reservations if you have a larger party. For telephone reservations call the Cultural Center at (1) 630-243-0670.

Some news on **advance events at the Center**. On April 18th we will host the "Deseti Brat" Men's Octet in concert. The day before they will be guests in Milwaukee so you can see them twice. On April 25th the dramatic group from St. Catharine's of Ontario, Canada will present a play on our stage.

The Slovenian Catholic Mission of Marija Pomagaj in Lemont will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on Sept. 18-19, 2004. Auxiliary Bishop of Ljubljana, Most Rev. Alojz Uran will be our special guest. On that Saturday we will begin the celebration with the Singing Litany followed by an informal reception. Sunday will be the Solemn High Mass followed by a banquet at the Center. Tickets for which will be available in advance. Fr. Metod Ogorevec, OFM, our pastor, invites all the families and individual parishioners to participate by having family photos taken for the pictorial remembrance book that the parish will publish. The photo sessions will be from Feb. 26th to 28th. To reserve the most convenient time for your family, you can see Julie or Darinka after Sunday Masses at the parish office (deadline is Feb. 15) or call Darinka Tkalec at (1) 630 971-1321.

On the four Sundays in March, a Lenten Mission will take place at the Slovenian Masses. We are happy to have Fr. Bernardin Sušnik, OFM, editor of "Ave Maria," who was a "priljubljen ljudski misijonar" in Slovenia, as our own mission homilist.

From now until September, there will be another exciting activity going on up on the Hill. The church bells that have been housed behind the monastery for many, many years will be brought to the front area of our church and placed into a bell tower that will be newly erected there. The bells will be tuned to ring on Sundays and special occasions. Fundraising for the construction work to be done by our own parishioners will begin soon.

In September we also hope to have a nice representation of Chicago and Midwest Baragans for the bus trip to L'Anse, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula to attend the annual Baraga Days Sept. 25-26. More on this later. Please keep the date in mind and plan to join our bus group.

And just a note of thanks.

Christmas at the Museum of Science and Industry Slovenian Program was on December 27th. Everyone said it was a wonderful presentation, under the direction of Ivanka Markun. There were a number of individual participants including Nandy Puc, Kristina Puc Ondracek, Joe Arko, and the folkdancers "Lipa" directed by Kristina Sovan.

We heard that the Slovenian program had the largest audience of the day. Thanks to all for making this annual event so nice. We had a full bus from Lemont to Chicago for that day. Special thanks to our wonderful Slavica Sovan and her family and the Novak family for decorating the Museum's Slovenian Christmas tree and to Nandy Puc for making the honey-cookie ornaments.

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100 WORDS MORE OR LESS
by John Mercina

STRIVING FOR MEDIOCRITY

On January 25, 2004, an article titled *Academic achievers losing bragging rights in Nashville schools* appeared in The Cleveland Plain Dealer, authored by Matt Gouras, of the Associated Press. The article contained (in part) the following verbatim information:

"The school honor roll, a time-honored system for rewarding A students, has become an apparent source of embarrassment for some underachievers. As a result, all Nashville schools have stopped posting honor rolls, and some are also considering a ban on hanging good work in the hallways – all at the advice of school lawyers. After a few parents complained that their children might be ridiculed for not making the list, Nashville school system lawyers warned that state privacy laws forbid releasing any academic information, good or bad, without permission. Some schools have since put a stop to academic pep rallies. Others think they may have to cancel spelling bees. Schools across the state may follow Nashville lead."

**DID APRIL FOOLS DAY COME THREE MONTHS EARLY? DO READERS
HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS? (Yours truly will only report the mediocre ones!)**



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Life in the Refugee Camps

1948

by Anton Zakelj, translated and edited by John Zakelj



Tuesday, April 6, 1948

I got up at 4 a.m., and finished last minute preparations for our move. By the afternoon, it started raining and we were still waiting for the trucks. The drivers said they wouldn't do any more trips, so we took everything back into our barracks. We set up the stove again and connected the electrical wires. We didn't put the beds back together, so we slept on the floor.

Wednesday, April 7, 1948

Everyone got up at 4:30 a.m., but the trucks didn't arrive until 7. Some people paid the truck drivers to take them first (thinking that this would allow them to choose the best rooms in the new camp). Mire paid a driver around 10 a.m., and we finally got into a truck around noon. After an hour's drive across some poor mountain roads we reached our destination – Trofaiach. During the trip I got so sick I felt half-dead.

At the new camp Cilka and I were assigned to a room with two other families, who were already there. They were very unfriendly to us and I had to use some strong words to convince them to let us have a corner that was just big enough for a small bed for the two of us. They each have their own bed, and they are holding a bed open for a friend who may be returning. I was so angry: these are devout, re-

ligious people, but they are willing to make us sleep outside just so they can have a room all to themselves. I am trying to understand why they are so unfriendly to us. Are they blaming me for not getting them a supplemental ration card in our previous camp? (Later, I learned they had received some inaccurate information about us. We corrected that and then we became good friends.)

Some of our previous roommates have it even worse than we do. The Kokelj brothers and Vinko Kržišnik are assigned to upper bunk beds with no place to put their things. Mire Kolenc and Janko Demšar are assigned to a barracks with people from St. Jošt and Karl Erznosnik and his family are assigned to live with the Jesenko family.

Thursday, April 8, 1948

I got up at 7. It was a nice day outside. In the morning I set up some shelves and exchanged our small bed for a larger one from Mire. Friends invited us to sleep in their room, but I declined since I heard all the arrangements will change again in a week. I gave Karl some of our boards so he could create some privacy for his family in Jesenko's room. He agreed to take care of Cilka's bicycle, since we do not have space for it in our room.

For breakfast and dinner, they gave us coffee, and for

lunch, pea soup and a little bread. You can get milk and white bread if you have a doctor's prescription.

In the afternoon, Mire, Cilka and I went for a long walk. We found a shoemaker named Franz Copi – a Slovenian! His father came from Slovenia, but he doesn't know Slovenian himself. We talked to him in German. He invited Cilka to sew leather for him and said he could use an assistant.

I like the surroundings here better than our previous camp. The spruce woods just behind the camp are specially beautiful. But the farmers seem less friendly.

Friday, April 9, 1948

At 6:30 a.m., we went to Mass in the camp chapel. The chapel has no windows and the floor is cold concrete.

At 9 a.m., Cilka, Karl and I walked to town and looked at the market and the stores. The market is a good half hour's walk from the camp. The storekeepers seem friendlier than the ones in Judenburg.

It is cold – we can see new snow up in the mountains.

Sunday, April 11, 1948

After Mass, I wrote letters to my sister Julka in Slovenia, and to our friends Silva and Tomaz. In the afternoon we watched a soccer game. It is very cold.

(To Be Continued)

New Kres Members Sought

Folklorna Skupina Kres is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. A performance has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11 in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. Preparations are underway and the group is accepting new members. New dancers must be entering grade 1 in September 2004 or older.

Please call Martha Gaser at 440-951-5126 or email j.gaser@worldnet.att.net with the following information: dancers name, phone number and current grade. Dancers who participated in last year's program do not need to register again.

The deadline for new member registration is Jan. 31 of this year.

Certificate Holders Annual Meeting

Slovenian National Home

6417 St. Clair Avenue
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Sunday, February 1, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

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4 Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Has anybody got any ideas on what to do with all this snow? I know what you are saying, "shove it!" I have been doing that and am running out of space to put it. Hold on, April is just two months away; sit tight.

Well, I was fortunate in getting some "court jokes" from my friend Joe Snyder of Sagamore Hills. (Thanks, Joe.)

Keep in mind that these are courtroom jokes. Judge: "Well, sir, I have reviewed your case and I've decided to give your wife \$275.00 a week." Husband, "That's fine your honor. I'll try to send her a few bucks, also."

Question: "What is your date of birth?" Answer: "July 15." Question: "What year?" Answer: "Every year."

Questions: "How old is your son, the one living with you?" Answer: "Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember." Question: "How long has he lived with you?" Answer: 45 years."

Question: "What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up?" Answer: "He said, where am I, Cathy?" Question: "Why did that upset you?" Answer: "My name is Susan."

Question: "Where was the location of your accident?" Answer: "Approximately at milepost 499." Question: "Where is milepost 499?" Answer: "Most likely between milepost 498 and 500."

Well, let's get back to Berea Hospital, and if memory serves me correctly, it was early 1960. Dad's legs were both amputated and needless to say he felt quite bad for now he knew his chances of walking again were over. He was down in the dumps and on the second night of visitation I went to the third floor first to see if by chance any of the nurses were still there that dad had when he was admitted back in 1957 and luckily "Big Mary" was still there on duty and when she seen me she said, "Pray tell, what are you doing here?" I told her about dad being on the second floor, having his legs amputated and he was quite down in the dumps. She assured me that the next day she would get some of the nurses that attended him back in 1957 and they would go down the next day to see dad.

The next night when we went to see dad, he was more chipper and said, "Do you know who came to see me?" Pray tell who, I said, although I knew. He said Big Mary and the crew of nurses

from upstairs and they brought me a big pot of coffee; they remembered me.

Fortunately, dad's stay at the hospital was not all that long considering the operations involved and he was back home within three weeks. The doctor forwarned me that the long road ahead would not be easy for now dad would be confined to the bed or sitting in a chair.

Dad was glad to be back home but unfortunately after a few months he developed bad bed sores on his back that were big and raw to say the least. The doctor gave me some special ointment to put on and said it would close up the wounds, but it will take a long time and to try to keep him shifting his weight, lying on his side.

This worked, for we propped pillows on his side to prevent him from lying on his back for too long a period and each night when I came home from work, I would carry him into the living room to sit in his lounge chair where we would watch TV and on occasions have people visit him. I can't say that it was easy going, but between mom and myself life was more bearable.

Dad belonged to the Maccabees lodge from West Park and at that time it was quite common to have members of the lodge visit those who were ill, and I'll never forget that one Saturday Rudy Jurca from the old neighborhood stopped by to see dad. He was up in years and drove up and came in the front door. When I opened the door, I asked him to hold on while I got newspapers to lay down for he had hip boots on that were loaded with mud, but fortunately he took them off at the door.

Dad was pleased and surprised to see him and asked, "How did you get your boots so full of mud?" He went on to say that although he was retired he worked part time, "on call" and he was on his way back from St. Mary's Cemetery in Brookpark Road where he dug a grave by hand, waited for the funeral, and then covered it up. He said that for each grave he dug, he received \$50. Perhaps back then that was a nice piece of change, but also hard work digging a grave by hand. It goes without saying that times have changed. Now the cost of digging a grave and closing is \$600 and now they are doing it with a front end loader. I am sure Rudy could not believe it today if he were still around.

Over the months, dad was fortunate getting visitors, not

only from the old neighborhood, but also guys that he worked with at the railroad which made him feel better talking over old times. On Sundays, mom and I were able to leave dad for an hour to run back to the old neighborhood to attend Mass, but otherwise, we were always home. With God's help and watchful eye, we survived.

Rather than drag out dad's story, unfortunately in November of 1961 dad had another fatal stroke which left him unconscious and we called an ambulance and took him back to Berea Hospital where they connected him up with intravenous feeding tubes, but the doctors warned me that dad was slipping fast.

The second night he was there we got a call at three in the morning informing us that dad was slipping fast, and so mom and I got ourselves back to the hospital and stayed at his side along with the house doctor. Within the hour, dad died. It was hard to accept, for good health or bad health, he was a companion to both mom and I and life would be empty without him.

The hospital staff called the priest before they called us and dad was given the last rites by a priest from St. Mary's in Berea. For all the heartaches and suffering that dad went through, the setbacks, dad was in a better place now, free of any discomfort.

Dad was buried from our old church in West Park, Annunciation Church. It goes without saying that life was empty coming home from work after that with time on my hands now, but mom and I survived all that, for life had to go on.

I guess I can say that over those four years, I got some fast lessons in First Aid, looking after dad and even got to know how to cut hair which came in handy later. Even though dad worked for the railroad for over 30 some years he did his share of walking the tracks and with such activity it was hard for me to understand that the amputation came about due to poor circulation. I guess for all of us, regardless of age and perhaps difficulty in getting around, my advice is to stay active in our old age. Walk; don't be a couch potato.

In closing this chapter, may the good Lord bless and watch over all of our readers, keep you safe and healthy for as I have said before, Good health is our greatest asset, our greatest gift from God. And remember to thank him from time to time.

Coming Events...

Sunday, Feb. 1

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School annual roast beef/pork dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets \$11.00 for adults, \$5 for children. For tickets call (216) 381-4591.

Feb. 6, 7, 8

Slovenian Ski Weekend at Windham Mts. Information call John F. Kamin, (212) 691-5553.

Sunday, Feb. 8

Slovenian Mission Circle annual dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium to benefit Catholic missions. On menu is chicken/roast beef. \$10 adults, \$5 children. Serving 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14

St. Valentine Dinner Dance at Holy Cross Church of Fairfield, CT. 4:30 Polka Mass; 6:00: grand buffet dinner and dancing until 11:30. Music by The Polka Quad of Steelton, PA. \$20 per person, children 12 and younger, free. Reservations 203-372-4595.

Sunday, Feb. 15

Koline dinner at Lemont Cultural Center Tickets \$15 for adults, \$8 children at door. "Mlade Frajle" from Slovenia will entertain.

Friday, Feb. 20

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH pork, sauerkraut, potato dumpling dinner. \$9 per person. Serving 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Music by W. Tomsic from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., followed by Mlade Frajle from Slovenia. Admission w/o dinner: \$6.00 (216) 881-2105.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Folklorna Skupine Kres Masquerade Dinner-Dance/Maskarada at Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Entertainment Mlade Frajle from Slovenia. Tickets \$22. For tickets call 440-944-9780 or 216 383-7091.

Sunday, Feb. 22

Slovenian Language School of St. Vitus Parish hosts Annual Benefit Dinner from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in parish auditorium.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Baraga Day in Holiday, FL. 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Vincent DePaul Church, followed by luncheon and program. For reservation call 727-376-2743 or 727-375-5342.

Friday, March 5

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Fish Fry, walleye or shrimp, pierogi or Mac & Cheese, \$9.00 per-

son. Serving 5 to 7:30 p.m. Music 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. by J. Novak.

Friday, March 12

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Fish Fry - walleye or shrimp, pierogi or mac & cheese, \$9.00. Serving 5 - 7:30 p.m. Music 6:30 - 9:30 by W. Tomsic.

Friday, March 19

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Fish Fry - walleye or shrimp, pierogi or mac & cheese, \$9.00. Serving 5 - 7:30 p.m. Music 6:30 - 9:30 by F. Moravcik.

Saturday, March 20

Federation of Slovenian National Homes Man/Woman of Year Banquet, at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. Doors open 2 p.m. Dinner 4 p.m. Program at 6 p.m., followed by music.

March 27 - April 3

Slovenian Ski Trip 2004 to Lake Louise, Canada. \$950 from Cleveland (2 per room) (includes round trip airfare from La Guardia via Denver to Calgary, all ground transportation, 7 nights lodging at Ptarmigan Inn, 5 days lift pass). Call John F. Kamin (212) 691-5551.

Friday, March 26

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Fish Fry - walleye or shrimp, pierogi or mac & cheese, \$9.00. Serving 5 - 7:30 p.m. Music 6:30 - 9:30 by W. Tomsic.

Friday, April 2

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH Fish Fry - walleye or shrimp, pierogi or mac & cheese, \$9.00. Serving 5 - 7:30 p.m. Music from 6:30 to 9:30.

Sunday, April 4

Annual benefit dinner in St. Vitus auditorium sponsored by Holy Name Society, Altar Society, and KSKJ Lodge 25.

Sunday, April 18

"Deseti Brat" Men's Octet in concert at Lemont Cultural Center.

Sunday, April 25

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, OH honoring John M. Hrovat, Slovenian Home Man of Year. \$18 person 2 p.m. Music by Frank Moravcik 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 2

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Annual Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Dinner served 2 p.m. Dance to Ray Polantz 3 - 7

In Fond Remembrance of Kati Srsen

Eulogy given by Tim Miller for his grandmother Kati on Nov. 15, 2003.

What to say? In a way a life well-lived is its own eulogy. There is nothing I or anyone else can say here that we don't each already know, in our hearts. But when I was asked to write something, a few things came immediately to mind: first, during Stari-ata's wake when, amid the mourning, you could see little kids playing, laughing, and running between the chairs. Second, just two days ago, at the Atlanta airport, an old man in a wheel chair stopped next to me, while next to him was a young couple and their ten-week old daughter. Both the old man and the baby smiled at each other with a look that told me life, in a way, is always a beginning. And third, the after-party to each Miller-Stroh and where, with so many people crowded around and walking and talking and full of life, the realization came that three-quarters or more of them wouldn't even be here if not for a little old woman sitting at one of the tables.

Now I don't know a word of Slovenian; whatever words Stara-mama and I exchanged were usually the few in English that she knew, so that in a way you could say I hardly knew her at all. But having spent 24 years with her daughter, my mother, along with holidays and birthdays and graduations and weddings with all of you, the rest of her children and grandchildren and friends, I think I can safely say that I knew her pretty well. She was a similar soul, and it's interesting to think that a stranger, seeing her walking to church every day, would probably never guess all she had been through.

Born toward the end of World War One and married after World War Two, she and Stari-ata made their odyssey to America under unimaginable circumstances. But that experience and the life they made afterward only indicate the amount of perseverance and love they had: first the simple and essential love of one another, the love of a marriage. Second, the love of family: they arrived at Ellis Island with three young children, and would have five more. Third, the love of the Slovenian heritage they were forged out of, and which they forged here in our own hearts. And finally, the love of God, their lifelong love and devotion to God, the faith and love for God without which the rest would have crumbled.

This is the essential immigrant experience this country is based on, and when we wonder how great fortitude and hope, and great gratitude for all of it – the loss and the fulfillment – we need look no further than her example, than her worn, beautiful, bright old face, and by extension our own faces, and into our own hearts. Because while we will never again be able to walk into a room and see her sitting there, and bend or kneel down, and kiss her cheek or lips, she is now within us, and we are now of her, and there are few greater gifts than that, and there are few better gifts to give back to her memory than what we are doing right now, or by the fact that she died, as she wanted to, quietly, peacefully, fulfilled, and in her own house, with the love and care of her own children around her in her last weeks.

There's a wonderful answer to those who only become more cynical in the face of loss and death, and it's this: take the grass in your front yard. Every two weeks some chap comes and cuts it down. What if the grass were to just say, "Well, for Pete's sake, what's the use?" The use or meaning being not that we are cut down, or that occasionally we are lifted up – but that we are *alive*, that we give of ourselves and accept of each other, and that we persevere. And if there is anything to be said about this wonderful woman who has passed from us, it is that she persevered, that she lived, and that she lived out of an unbreakable center the rest of us can only hope to find and hold. This is what she exemplified: real decency, genuine humility, and a deep, rich, life-vivifying and unforgettable humanity. And the language she expressed this in was a love that is like music: it can be recognized and heard by anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear.

Adapted from "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd" by Walt Whitman.

O how shall I warble myself for the dead one there I loved?

And how shall I deck my song for the large sweet soul that has gone?

And what shall my perfume be, for the grave of her I love?

Sea-winds blown from east and west,

Blown from the eastern sea and blown from the western sea, till here in America meeting,

These and with these and the breath of my chant,

I'll perfume the grave of her I love.

O what shall I hang on the chamber walls?

And what shall the picture be that I hang on the walls,

To adorn the burial-house of her I love?

Pictures of growing spring and Slovenian farms and homes,

With the Fourth-month eve at sundown, and the gray smoke lucid and bright,

With floods of the yellow gold of the gorgeous, indolent, sinking sun, burning, expanding the air.

With the fresh sweet herbage under foot, and the pale green leaves of the trees prolific,

In the distance the flowing glaze, the breast of the river, with a wind-dapple here and there,

With the ranging hills of her odyssey on the banks, with many a line against the sky, and shadows,

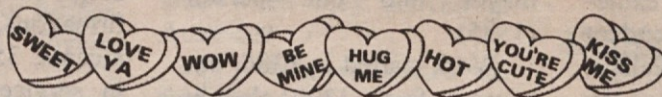
And the city of Cleveland at hand with dwellings so dense, and stacks of chimneys.

And finally, all the scenes of life in heaven, the shoemaker and his wife embracing and homeward returning.



Kati Srsen

God gave us our memories so that we may have roses in January.



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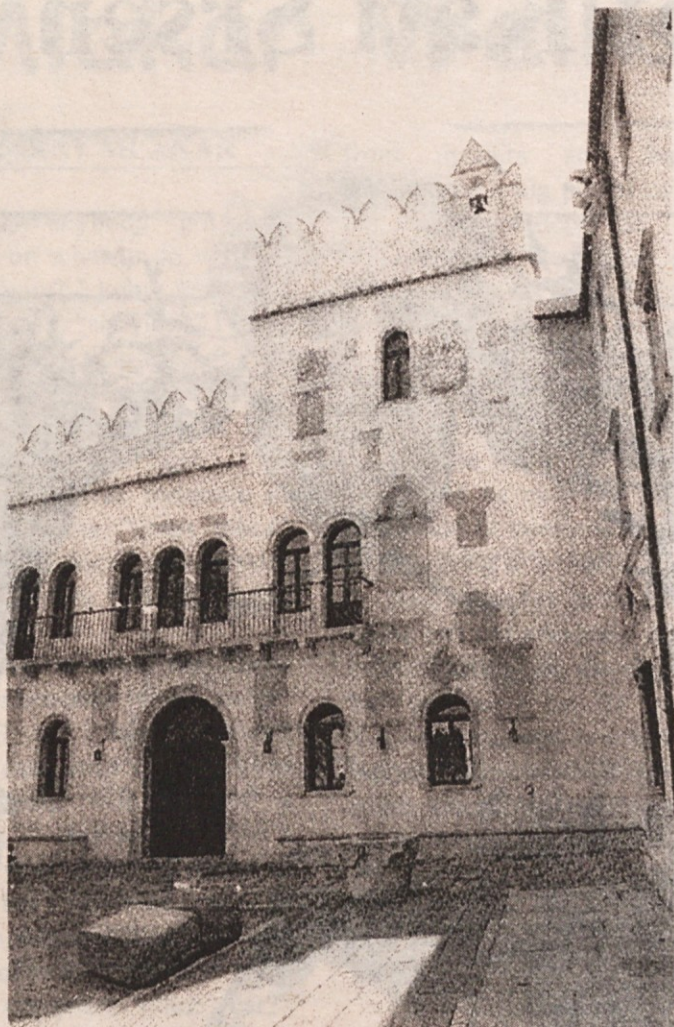
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Praetor Palace in Koper

Koper is one of Slovenia's oldest towns with its roots extending back to the pre-Romanesque period.

Its main square on top of an elevation, which used to be an island up until the 19th century, is framed by the town of Loggia, the cathedral with an independent tower and Praetor Palace, once the headquarters of the Venetian governors and captains.

Today's Praetor Palace is one of the town's most important architectural endeavors, yet it was formed out of two independent buildings joined in the middle of the 15th century.

Prior to that, the north, left or captain's palace was connected by a suspension bridge to the church bell tower, which can still be seen in the traces of doors and supports for the wooden beams in the walls of the bell tower. The captain's palace was most probably older, as the Koper mayors only started to be appointed in 1238.

The two palaces were constantly upgraded and renovated, since they were the targets of the military assaults during the revolt of the Koper people against Serenissima in 1348 and during the attack of Genovese soldiers in 1380,

when they were almost completely destroyed. Then the decision was made to merge the buildings into a single palace, itself probably influenced by the decision of the Venetians to integrate the functions of captain and mayor into one person (1385).

Work started in 1386, but sources from 1390 already report that the construction was seriously delayed. The present appearance of the facade with the typical Venetian Gothic elements (*quadrifora* on the left, the added right tower which is in fact merely for the purpose of maintaining a visual balance) was only created in the middle of the 15th century.

The building probably only received its rough coating in the mid 17th century, when it also saw its last major upgrade, like *ghibellino* merlons, with the statue of Justice between them, which is actually a Roman statue of a poet to which a woman's head and the signs of the goddess of Justice - a sword and scales - have been added.

After the extensive research and restoration work that started in 1991, the Palace reopened last year as the headquarters of the Koper city authorities.

Slovenians "R" Us

A charming custom in Slovenia is to greet friends at meal time with the simple and sincere words: "Dober Tek" which translates to, "Good Appetite to You!"

Forward to First Edition of
American Slovene Club Cookbook
January 26, 1946

Patience is the key to paradise. -Turkish proverb

St. Lawrence Parish During War Years

by JOSEPH T. SNYDER

The amazing thing about studying the old Vestniks is to get a glimpse of parish life at St. Lawrence (Newburgh area of Cleveland) during the war years, then think about the changes that have occurred in the past 60 years. Progress? Just recall. In general, the Vestnik described a short history, the pastors, assistants and the Slovenian priests in the Diocese of Cleveland.

In 1944, the Vestnik featured photos and a brief biography of some of the many servicemen who served our country during WWII. Part of the prayer that preceded the pictures was: "O Sacred Heart, inspire them with sorrow for sins, and grant them pardon. Mother of God, be with them in battle, and, if they should make the supreme sacrifice, obtain for them that they may die in the grace of Thy Divine Son. May their guardian angels protect them. Amen."

I do not remember most of the servicemen, but I did recognize Willy Chesnik, Clyde Hren, Joe Hrovat, Tony Kapela, August Kristancic, Frank Mahnic, Larry Petulin, and Joe Skerl.

The budget was \$45,000 income and \$36,000 dispersed. There were 25 weddings, 102 baptisms, 68 Confirmations, 84 First Communicants, 35 deaths, 610 men in service, 912 families in the parish, and the large donors gave \$200+. The average was about \$40 per family.

The trustees were pictured on page 5. Listed under the Sisters of St. Dominic were Srs. Assisium, Matthew Marie, Roch, and Rita Anne. The list of organizations, included the Dramatic Guild with leaders Anthony Valencic, Victoria Hovevar, Angela Petrich, Dorothy Strekal and Mary Jane Kenik.

The St. John Berchman's Altar Boys Society featured a photo on page 92 of five Jacinovic brothers: Lawrence, Donald, James, Paul and Joseph. I remember James playing "Dr. Einstein" portrayed by Peter Lorre in "Arsenic and Old Lace" in a student play at Cathedral Latin School in the late 1940s.

Each area in the parish had a pair of men representing their respective streets as trustees for the church board in 1945. Page 27 was devoted to the names, ages, birthplace, and date of death. Page 39 was a warning to men and women who like the strong stuff. First is a statement: "Drunkenness" is a strange wording for women traditional foe of alcoholism. But "drunkard" is a word for any woman drinking until she loses control emotionally, isn't sure of her words or her step, is ready to do and say things she wouldn't dream of when sober. Results, we won't discuss the mortal sins involved.

But notice the mind and body harm. Drink injures women more than men. A woman's body hasn't the hardness nor resilience of a man's. She possesses delicate organs involved with the very fiber of her life's happiness - the elements that make her attractive, beloved and happy. "Without these things she fails to reach the real object of her being alive at all. Much of woman's happiness depends upon men finding her lovable. They get maudlin, cry, go imaginative - things men hate. Hysteria, chronic nausea, migraine, drugs, hallucinations soon result from women's drinking." Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us.

Aside from a few sermonettes, Fr. Oman quoted Abraham Lincoln and inserted some inspirational poetry. The saying, "What would Fr. Oman think" was a household phrase that still is frequently resurrected even today in the 21st century.

NOTE: Vestnik was an annual report of the events at St. Lawrence parish. It covered a variety of subjects but was primarily a "profit and loss" statement with the list of donors. Many ads were present, which ran from 60 to 100 pages. The fun experience was to see how much our friends and neighbors donated.

Breakfasts, Fish Fries at Shrine

French Toast Breakfasts will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Rd., in Euclid, Ohio on Sunday, Feb. 1 and March 7. Included besides the French toast is sausage, and juice. Tickets are \$5.

Fish Dinners will be held on Feb. 25, March 19, and April 2.

Tammies in Euclid

The American Zagreb Jr. Tammies will perform at the Slovene Home for the Aged on Sunday, Feb. 8th at 2 p.m.

The 45 youngsters play the Tamburitza, sing and dance. The group rehearses at the Slovene Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio. They recently took part in the International Folk Festival at Lakeland Community College.

Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will hold a krofe and noodles sale on Saturday, Feb. 14 in the auditorium social room.

Improvements Installed at Euclid Polka Hall of Fame

Visitors to the Polka Hall of Fame and Museum in Euclid, Ohio during the Thanksgiving weekend were pleased and impressed by the new display modules and push-button audio talks.

Mike Jelenic of the Columbia Bay Co., of Elyria, Ohio, designed and built the display booths. With the addition of audio, visitors are able to listen to the history and music of four eras of Cleveland-style polka music. The four stages are: The Early Days, Polka Tops the Charts, Sounds of the 60s and 70s, and the 2/4 Beat Goes On.

The Polka Foundation is very fortunate to have some very talented trustees, who

were instrumental in completing this first phase of the project. First and foremost, Joe Valencic, prepared a script tracing the history, and selected several songs for each era. Joey Tomsick is the narrator, who takes visitors through development of the unique, unmistakable Cleveland-style sound.

The project, when completed, will cost \$25,000. Please keep the Polka Hall of Fame in mind for a donation to help. The American Slovene Polka Foundation, aka Polka Hall, is a 501(c)3 organization, and donations are tax deductible.

--The "Quarterly"

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In Memoriam

21st Anniversary



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2nd Anniversary of



Mary J. Pangonis

Entered Into Rest Feb. 5, 2002

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Pensioners News

Next meeting will be on Feb. 11. It will be a FUN day: all special birthday and anniversary celebrants will be honored. We'll have a "mock wedding," and lots of laughs. Stay tuned for further adventures of lovely "Gladys."

Feb. 11 meeting is "Pastry Day." You may bring goodies even if you are not on the sign-up sheet. The more the yummier. Make something colorful for Valentine's Day, red is so cheerful. All the calories will be "blessed away" by Fr. Stash.

More news next issue.

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St. Clair Pensioners Club

The St. Clair Pensioners Club is starting off the year by going to Casino Windsor, Niagara Falls, Canada.

Our trip is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 17. The bus will depart the Orr Arena at 6:30 a.m. and depart the Slovenian National Home at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$17.00 which covers two people.

Please make your check payable to St. Clair Pensioners Club and send to Jeanette Ruminski, 25801 Zeman Avenue, Euclid, OH 44132. Phone (216) 261-1667. Indicate on your check whether you will board the bus at Orr Arena or Slovenian National Home. Include your name, address and date of birth along with your check. This is also necessary if two different names appear on the check. This information is required by the Casino Windsor.

Since we are going into Canada, please be sure to bring one of the following items with you:

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For information purposes, the authorities want to check your photo which appears on these items. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Jeanette Ruminski.

CORRECTION: The Lakefront bus company contacted Jeannette Ruminski, our Tour Coordinator, and informed her you need to take BOTH your original (raised seal) birth certificate and also your driver's license. If you do not have a driver's license, please be sure you have your State Registration Identification Card with you. This is required by the U.S. Immigration Department for identification purposes.

PLEASE NOTE: Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. New members are most welcome.

--Sylvia Plymesser

Riddles from Phil Hrvatin

1) - An old fashioned bike has 21 spokes. How many spaces are between the spokes: 20, 21, or 22?

2) - Where did Pilgrims land when they arrived in America?

3) - Who succeeded the first President?

4) - When is the best time to have lunch?

5) - What makes a man bald-headed?

6) - What always ends everything?

7) - What is it that one needs most in the long run?

8) - What animal keeps the best time?

9) - Why should you always carry a watch when crossing a dessert?

ANSWERS:

1) - 21

2) - On their feet

3) - The second one

4) - After breakfast

5) - Lack of hair

6) - The letter g

7) - Your breath

8) - A watchdog

9) - Because it has a spring in it.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Shrove Tuesday Dinner Benefits Cultural Gardens

Welcome to 2004. The Board of the Slovenian Cultural Garden Association (SCGA) hopes you have had a good start to the New Year.

It is also the time in which we request your renewed SCGA membership. Your dues will be used to purchase a pedestal for the Bishop Baraga bust, continued landscaping, additional bust completion and work with the upcoming International Children's Games.

Membership dues are:

- \$10.00 for individual
- \$15.00 for family
- \$25.00 for businesses

The Slovenian Cultural Garden Association is also a 501(c)3 foundation. Your donations are both welcome and tax-deductible.

The Board of the SCGA invites you to our *Pustna*

Večerna (Fat Tuesday) Dinner on February 24. The meal will consist of a blood or rice sausage, fresh garlic sausage, home fries, sauerkraut, dessert and coffee. It is held in conjunction with St. Joseph's KSKJ Lodge #169 as a matching funds event.

Price is \$11.00. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at St. Mary's Collinwood school hall. Call Helena Nemec at (216) 481-0024 for reservations. Tickets will also be available at the door. Can't wait to see you there.

On behalf of the SCGA I thank you in advance for your continued support of our organization.

--Mary Ann Vogel
Chairperson

Slovenian School Annual Dinner

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School Annual dinner will be held on Sunday, Feb. 1 with serving of roast beef/pork in the school cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Donation is \$11.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

Tickets may be purchased from Slovenian School teachers, parents and also at the school door on the day of the event.

St. Valentine Dance in Connecticut

Feb. 14th Sv. Valentinov Ples (St. Valentine Dinner-Dance) at Holy Cross Church in Fairfield, CT. Beginning with 4:30 Polka Mass, 6:00 Grand Buffet, Dinner and Dancing until 11:30 p.m. Music provided by The Polka Quads of Steelton, PA. \$20.00 per person. Children 12 years and younger, free.

Please call Holy Cross Church to reserve a table for your family and friends at 203-372-4595.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to Marie Pivik of West Park from Eleanore Chem, family, and friends.

St. Mary's Seniors Meet

St. Mary's Seniors (Collinwood) will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 1:30 p.m. Doors at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Mission Benefit Dinner

The Slovenian Mission Circle is sponsoring its annual chicken/roast beef dinner to benefit Catholic missions on Sunday, Feb. 8 in St. Vitus Auditorium.

Donation is \$10.00 for adults and \$5 for children. Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dinner tickets may be purchased in advance at the parish office.

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Archivists Invited to Conference in Slovenia

The Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia in Cleveland announces The Republic of Slovenia's Office for Slovenians Living Abroad is offering an outstanding opportunity to a select number of professionals to participate in a conference concerning archivists. The program will be held in Ljubljana May 17 - 24th and is co-organized by the Institute for Slovenians Living Abroad and the Slovene Academy of Sciences and Arts (SASA).

The Conference will take into account the recording and conservation of all archives, library and museum conservation of heritage of Slovenian descendants. Qualified participants will have the opportunity to exchange their experiences of previous work with historical archives and to coordinate it with the intention of forming a collective Slovenian network of archives, libraries and museums.

Between 15 and 23 participants will be gathered from all parts of the world. Expenses will be covered by the organizer and will include economy class airfare and hotel expenses.

If interested, please send a formal letter of application to The Consulate General of the Republic of Slovenia, 1111 Chester Avenue, Suite

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6. - In case the participant would like to actively participate in the conference as a speaker, he or she should send (with a formal letter of application), a copy of the speech and also to abbreviate the version of the theme.

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– Vesti iz Slovenije –

Zapleti z izbrisanimi politično koristili SDS, sodeč po anketi javnega mnenja

Vsak mesec plačuje vlada anketo javnega mnenja, ki je znan kot "Politbarometer". Vprašanih v pravkar objavljenem je bilo 940 državljanov. Od prejšnje ankete je največ podpore pridobila SDS, ki ji načeljuje Janez Janša, in sicer pet odstotkov, kar je nenavadno veliko. Tako ima SDS sedaj oz. ob zadnji anketi podporo 15 odstotkov javnosti. Drugi zanimiv podatek pri tem je, da je SDS uspelo zmanjšati razliko v popularnosti napram LDS na pičlih šest odstotkov. V istem obdobju je LDS izgubila pet odstotkov podpore, vladna koalicija (premier Anton Rop je član LDS pa ima sedaj podporo 47 odstotkov javnosti, v prejšnji anketi pa 53 odstotkov. Vprašanje za anketirance je bilo tudi, ali podpirajo gradnjo džamije v Ljubljani. Število nasprotnikov je naraslo na 53 odstotkov.

Tobačne tovarne v Ljubljani ne bo več

Včerašnji Delo fax poroča, da britanski tobačni velikan Imperial Tobacco Group, ki je pred poldrugim letom kupil Reemstvo, nemško večinsko lastnico Tobačne Ljubljane, bo do konca maja opustil proizvodnjo v ljubljanski Tobačni tovarni. Brez dela bo ostalo 260 zaposlenih. Predstavnik podjetja v Ljubljani je novinarjem zelo hvalil sposobnosti zaposlenih in poudaril, da jih bodo nekaj skušali zaposliti v drugih delih podjetja, ni pa bil konkreten. Dejal je, da je bil glavni razlog ne kakovosti izdelkov, ampak količinski in ekonomski razlogi. Dodal je, da bodo zaposlenim izplačali odpravnine. Odločitev v Ljubljani je del prestrukturiranja proizvodnje v Evropi in tako je možno trditi, da gre tudi v tem primeru za določen učinek tkim. globalizacijskega procesa. To-

bačna tovarna v Ljubljani ima v mestu zelo dolgo tradicijo in je bila svojčas ena največjih podjetij sploh.

Raznovrstne droge ubijajo Slovence

V Sloveniji je bila leta 2002 največkrat uporabljena droga marihuana, najboj problematičen pa je heroin, meni Mercedes Lovrenčič z inštituta za varovanje zdravja. Zaradi težav z mamili je iskalo zdravstveno pomoč 2633 zasvojencev, zaradi zastrupitve je umrlo 38 mamilarjev, od tega 31 moških. Pri slovenskih mamilarjih je relativno nizka okužba z virusom HIV, več okužb je z virusoma hepatitisa B in hepatitisa C. Policisti so v letu 2002 zasegli 1100 kilogramov marihuane, 55 kilogramov kokaina, 68 kilogramov heroina in 539 gramov ter 7876 tablet ekstazija.

Tudi Slovenijo skrbi močan evro

Finančni ministri EU 25 (tudi Dušan Mramor iz Slovenije) so v Bruslju izrazili veliko skrb zaradi prehitre rasti evra, ki dosega rekordne vrednosti proti ameriškeму dolarju, s tem pa je prizadet evropski izvoz. Minister Mramor je povedal, da močan evro vpliva tudi na slovensko gospodarstvo, saj prizadene zlasti največjo slovensko partnerico Nemčijo. Ta teden je ameriški dolar vreden kakih 189 SIT, svojčas jih je prineslo kar več kot 250.

Nova ječa v Kopru

Pretekli teden je v Kopru minister Ivan Bizjak odprl novo ječo, ki je s tem prva v Sloveniji po 40 letih. 112 jetnikov bo v 72 celicah, imeli bodo delavnice, telovadnico in celo posebno sobo za invalide. Staro jetnišnico v samostanu sv. Ane so vrnili frančiškanom. Nova stavba je v neposredni bližini nakupovalnega središča v Kopru.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Kosilo Slov. šole—

V nedeljo, 1. februarja, ima Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti svoje vsakoletno kosilo z govejo pečenko in svinjskimi zarebrnicami. Kosilo bo v šolski dvorani s serviranjem od 11. do 1. pop. Dar je \$11 za odrasle in \$5 za otroke. Nakaznice bodo na voljo tudi pri vходу na dan kosila, sicer jih dobite tudi pri starših učencev. Pridite!

Kosilo MZA—

Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija (MZA) vabi na svoje vsakoletno kosilo v nedeljo, 8. februarja, v dvorani pri sv. Vidu. Serviranje bo od 11. do 1. pop. Ves dobiček je namenjen podporanju misijonarjev in njih delo po svetu.

Krofi in pecivo—

Oltarno društvo župnije Marije Vnebovzete bo imelo prodajo krofov in peciva v soboto dopoldne, 31. januarja, v šolski dvorani. Pridite in vse pokupite!

Občna zbor—

Slovenski narodni dom na St. Clairju ima občni zbor v nedeljo, 1. februarja, ob 2h pop., v Kenikovi sobi zadaj. Pridite skozi vrata zadaj. Vabljeni so lastniki certifikatov in zastopniki društev, ki certifikate lastujejo.

Novi grobovi

Frank J. Azman

Umrli je 84 let stari Frank J. Azman, mož Ann, roj. Kulosh, oče Laure Ziernicki, Franka in Edwarda, 2-krat stari oče, brat Williama, Edwarda ter že pok. Ann Petkovsek, Frances Orgel in Louisa, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriški vojski. Pogreb je bil 26. januarja v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Sv. Križa v Euclidu in pokopom na pokopališču Knollwood.

Frances P. Mickovic

Umrli je Frances P. Mickovic, rojena Cerar, vdova po Franku, sestra Petra, Stanleyja, Franka, Louisa, Vincenta, Mary Stafford in Molly Turk. Pogreb je bil 26. januarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Gregorija Velikega in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

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Zopet 12. februarja—

Naš list prihodnji teden ne bo izšel, pač pa zopet v četrtek, 12. februarja.

Sporočilo Slovensko ameriškega sveta—

SAS opozarja, da pripravlja skupno potovanje po Koroški in Sloveniji v času odkritja spominskih obeležij za dr. Valentina Meršola, predvidoma v prvih dveh tednih junija. Vsi, ki se zanimajo za to potovanje, so vabljeni na informativni sestanek **to nedeljo**, 1. febr., po sv. maši ob 10.30 pri Sv. Vidu in sicer v St. Vitus Village na Lausche Ave. v prostorih poleg Slovenske pisarne. Organizacijo potovanja bo vodila potniška pisarna TRAVELMAX.

Korotan vabi—

Pevski zbor Korotan sporoča, da prične ta petek, 30. januarja, z rednimi pevskimi vajami ob 7.30 zv. v SND na St. Clairju. Lepo vabljeni novi člani, kakor tudi bivši člani zbora. Pridite in se pridružite!

LILJA ima sestanek—

Odbor dramskega društva Lilija obvešča člane, da bo redni sestanek v ponedeljek, 2. februarja, ob 7.30 zv. v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Vsi člani prav prisrčno vabljeni. Nasvidenje!

Lilijina "Maškarada"—

Folklorna skupina Kres vabi na svoj maškaradni ples z večerjo, ki bo v soboto, 21. februarja, v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Vrata bodo odprta ob 6h zv., večerja bo servirana točno ob 7h. Za zabavo bo igral ansambel iz Slovenije "Mlade frajle". Vstopnica za večerjo in maškarado je \$22. Za več informacij in rezervacije: Kristina Sedmak (216-383-7091) ali Sonia Domanko (440-944-9780).

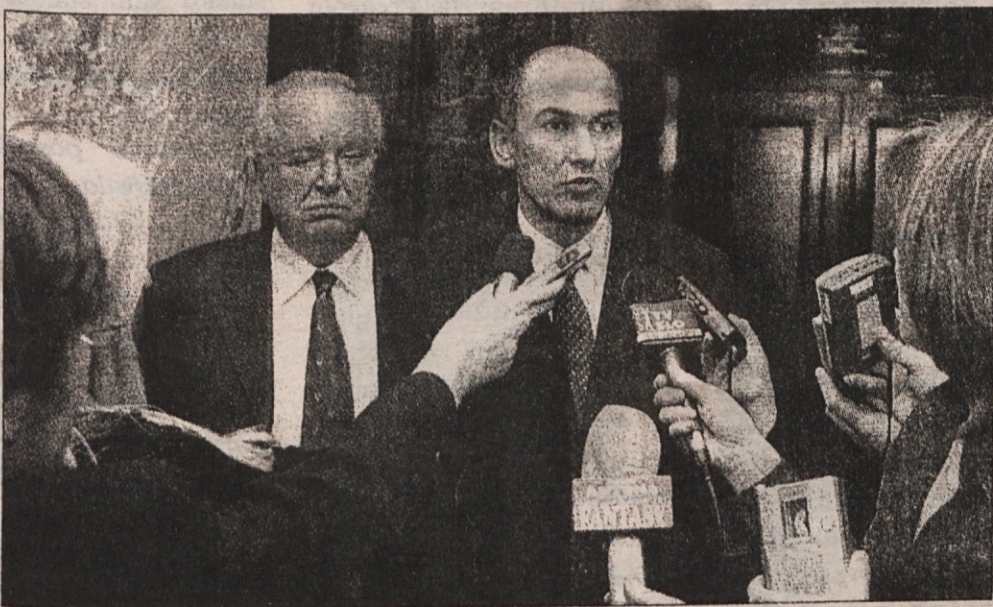
Kosilo šole pri sv. Vidu—

Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu ima vsakoletno kosilo v nedeljo, 22. februarja, v šolskem avditoriju. Serviranje bo od 11. dop. do 1. pop.

Občni zbor Čitalnice—

Slovenska Čitalnica, ki deluje v SND na St. Clairju in se bliža svoji stoletnici, bo imela občni zbor v nedeljo, 15. februarja, pop. ob 1.30. Člani in prijatelji vabljeni, da se ga udeleže.

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REŠITVE ZA VPRAŠANJE IZBRISANIH ŠE NI – V zadnjih tednih potekajo intenzivna pogajanja med sprtimi stranmi, kako bi izoblikovali kompromisno rešitev o vprašanju statusa tkim. "izbrisanih", pri tem pa tudi lahko sporazumno preprečili nacionalni referendum, o katerem se ustavno sodišče še ni spregovorilo dokončno, ali je sploh ustaven. Notranji minister Rado Bohinc pravi, da bo v naslednjih dneh njegovo ministrstvo začelo izdajati odločbe o stalnem bivališču prvim od skoro 18 tisoč "izbrisanih". Če bi to dejansko začel, pravijo predstavniki opozicije (v prvi vrsti SDS in NSi), bi Bohinca čakala interpelacija v državnem zboru. Na fotografiji sta predsednika NSi Andrej Bajuk in SDS Janez Janša, ko odgovarjata na vprašanja novinarjev po sestanku predstavnikov SDS in NSi ter LDS in ZLSD. Zaradi temeljitih razhajanj v stališču do izbrisanih je še vedno nemogoče videti skorajšnje rešitve te zadeve, katere potek opazujejo tudi drugod v Evropi, v prvi vrsti seveda v EU. Isto velja za še odprto vprašanje oz. za dokončen izid spora v zvezi z gradnjo mošeja v Ljubljani.

Alojzij Placid Grebenc

– Mučenec iz Stične –

WILLOUGHBY HILLS, O. – Fašistična in nacistična zasedba Slovenije med leti 1941 in 1945, še bolj pa medvojna in po-vojna komunistična revolu-cija sta zakrivali na ti-soče umorov nedolžnih žrtev. Nikdar ne bomo mogli povsem doumeti gorja in trpljenja tistih strašnih let in nikdar do-volj ceniti mučeniške kr-vi, ki je prepojila sloven-sko zemljo.

Zato smo hvaležni stiškemu opatu dr. Antonu Nadrahu za njegovo naj-novejšo knjigo *Popolna posvetitev Bogu*, s podna-slovom *Ob 60-letnici mu-čeniške smrti Placida Grebenca*. Patra Placida je sicer na kratko omenjalo že več knjig, od zlogla-snega, po komunistih na-ročenega Sajetovega *Belo-gardizma*, prepričljivega Žajdelovega razkrinkanja *Komunističnih zločinov na Slovenskem* in pretreslji-vega Lavrihovega pričeva-nja v *Primežu revolucije* do del poklicnih zgodovi-narjev kot Griesser-Pečar-jevega *Rožmanovega pro-cesa* in Ferencve knjige *Dies irae*. Zdaj pa ima-mo o njem in razmerah, v katerih je živel in u-mrl, odlično samostojno knjigo, ki jo je koncem leta 2003 izdala staroslav-na Cistercijanska opatija v Stični na Dolenjskem.

Odkod in kdo je pater Placid? Rodil se je 12. junija 1909 materi Mariji in očetu Francu Grebenc v Dolenjih Lazih v župniji Ribnica na Dolenjskem kot tretji od desetih otrok. Pri krstu so mu dali ime Alojzij. Globoko verna družina je vse otroke vz-gajala v dobre katoličane in zavedne Slovence. Nič čudnega, da sta kar dve Lojzekovi sestri postali redovnici: Marija, ki je

odšla k usmiljenkam in dobila redovno ime Milja-na, in Angela, ki kot se-stra Gizela preživlja jesen svojega plodnega življenja v čudoviti skupnosti Ma-rijinih sester v Dobrovi pri Ljubljani. Nekoliko mlajši brat Jožko je v stiškem samostanu delo-val kot pater Maver, po-zneje pa se je uveljavil med belimi menihi v Stamsu na Tirolskem – samostanski skupnosti, ki so jo precej zaznamo-vali tudi Slovenci.

Lojzek, ki je bil zelo rahlega zdravja, je naj-prej pet let obiskoval gi-mnazijo v stiškem samo-stanu. Leta 1924 so ga sprejeli v noviciat, kjer je dobil redovno ime Pla-cid. Prav za božič leta 1931 je v Stični pri pol-nočnici zapel svojo prvo glorio, dva dni pozneje pa je novo mašo ponovil v svoji rojstni župniji Ribnici.

Od rane mladosti je poudarjal, da želi svoje življenje popolnoma pos-vetiti Bogu – od tod to-rej naslov knjige. Po novi maši je služil Bogu kot redovnik in duhovnik, najprej v dušnem pastir-stvu, leta 1935 pa je moral prevzeti še odgo-vorno službo samostan-skega oskrbnika in eko-noma.

To je bilo v času, ko je bilo stiško gospodar-stvo na višku: poleg goz-dov se je ponašalo s 35 hektarji skrbno obdelanih njiv, z mlinom in žago, 60 glavami goveje živine, osem konji in okrog sto prašiči in več ribniki, kjer so gojili predvsem krape in postrvi. Samo-stan je imel tudi odlično mlekarno in sirarno. Pa-ter Placid je razvil še mesno industrijo, ki je kmalu zaslovela zlasti po



odličnih klobasah in sa-lamah. Po načelu "ora et labora – molij in delaj", so na poljih in v samo-stanskih podjetjih pridno delali samostanski bratje, samostan pa je nudil za-sluzek tudi okoliškim uslužbencem. Pater Placid si je spletel mnogo zaslug še pri obnovitvenih delih na samostanskih poslop-jih, v pripravah na slove-sno praznovanje 800-let-nice stiškega samostana leta 1936. Svoje odgovor-no in zaslužno delo je vestno in sposobno opravljal v božjo čast in ko-rist samostanske in slo-venske skupnosti vse do 9. sept. 1943, ko so ga ugrabili komunistični par-tizani in je začel svojo trnjevo pot mučeništva.

Kot vemo, ima stiški samostan, ustanovljen v daljnem letu 1136, velike zasluge tudi za slovensko kulturo. Pomislimo samo na sloviti slovenski stiški rokopis, napisan 1428, drugi del pa okrog leta 1440, ki ga omenjajo šte-vilni pisci, med njimi tu-di dr. Anton Slodnjak v svoji monumentalni knji-gi *Slovensko slovstvo*.

Spomnimo se na turške vpade in ropanja po Stični in okolici, kar vse je mojstrsko opisal ko-maj 19-letni pisatelj Josip Jurčič v zgodovinski po-vesti iz petnajstega stole-tja *Jurij Kozjak, sloven-ski janičar*, ki je bila po zaslugi Ferdinanda Kole-dnika prevedena v nad 50 jezikov, tudi v kitaj-sčino.

Pater Placid, ki je v Stični kot beli menih mo-lil in delal in doprinašal svoj častni delež k po-slanstvu stiškega samo-stana, je bil po komuni-stični zaroti izbran za montirani proces, muče-nje in umor. Po turških vpadih v petnajstem sto-letju je postal prvi znani mučenec belih menihov na Slovenskem.

Placidovo mučeništvo

Ni prostora, da bi tu navajali dolge lažne obto-žbe, ki so jih krvniki po Placidovi aretaciji 9. sep-tembra 1943 na montira-nem procesu podtikali patru Placidu in stiške-mu samostanu, ko so skoraj istočasno brez vsa-kega zaslišanja samo v Ribnici umorili 392 slo-venskih žrtev.

Poglejmo, kako je glav-ne komunistične laži zo-per samostan in patra Placida že po končani vojni strnil v razmeroma kratko lažno obtožbo nekdanji gimnazijski pro-fesor iz Ljubljane, pred-vojni "prijatelj" in obisko-valec Stične Juš Kozak, ki se je iz nekdanjega svobodomisleca hitro pre-levil v marksističnega pi-satelja in komunističnega propagandista.

Zavarovan s cenzuro je skušal s člankom o Stični in patru Placidu, ki ga je 3. novembra 1946 objavil vodni ko-munistični list *Slovenski poročevalec*, pred zmede-nim in ustrahovanim ljudstvom upravičiti ko-munistične zločine in kar najbolj osovražiti cisterci-jansko samostansko sku-pnost in pripraviti tla za nadaljnje zaplembe. Med drugim piše:

Ogromno posestvo se je obdelovalo s stroji, v obrat so stopile mesarija, sirarna in žaga. Okupa-tor se je naselil v samo-stanu, kamor so nekaj let pred vojno najbolj za-grizeni katoliški reakcio-narji prihajali snovat u-darne legije "Kristusa Kralja". Pater Placid je prevzel njihovo poročilo

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Intervju z nekdanjim generalnim tožilcem ANTONOM DROBNIČEM...

Veljavna sramotna sodba

(NADALJEVANJE in KONEC)

Ob zaključku prvega dela Drobničevega intervjuja, ki je bil objavljen pretekli teden, je beseda tekla o stališču slovenskega sodstva v zvezi z revolucijo oz. osvobodilnem boju med 2. svetovno vojno. Drobnič meni, da sodišča brezpogojno sprejemajo verzije zgodovine, ki jo je postavil bivši komunistični režim, in ne upoštevajo ugotovitev novejšega oz. drugačnega zgodovinopisja. Zoper dr. Anton Drobnič in njegov sogovornik.

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Kaj to konkretno pomeni?

Recimo, če je škof Rožman dovolil, da se v škofijskem dvorcu sestanejo politiki na pogovoru o vaških stražah, bi to bila podpora zločincem, če bi ti ljudje res bili nasprotniki boja proti okupatorju. Če so se vaški stražarji v samoobrambi uprli komunističnemu nasilju, pobijanju Slovencev, ki so ga revolucionarji prvih petnajst mesecev vojne izvajali popolnoma nemoteno, pa je Rožmanovo dovoljenje nekaj čisto drugega – je pomoč ljudem, ki pripravljajo zakonito obrambo pred zločinskimi nasiljem.

Od tega temeljnega dejstva, da je v okviru OF tekla nasilna komunistična revolucija, je bistveno

odvisna opredelitev vseh dejanj, očitanih škofu Rožmanu. Tega dejstva, ki je sedaj splošno znano in priznajo, pa sodišče noče videti.

Komu danes še "ustreza" obsojeni in ne rehabilitirani škof Rožman?

Saj ne gre za Rožmana, to je bila vendar sodba proti celotni katoliški Cerkvi, sodba proti Kreku pa, kot sem že dejal, sodba proti celotni nekomunistični politiki. Komu to ustreza? Pri nas tem ljudem navado rečemo kontinuiteta, ostanki in nasledniki totalitarnega sistema.

Toda če obrnemo zadevo – ali ne bi bila obnova postopka tudi v njihovem interesu? Ves čas namreč trdijo, da so dokazi iz sodnega procesa leta 1946 neizpodbitni. Ali ne bi potrditve teh dokazov tudi pred nerevolucionarnim sodiščem zaprla primera Rožmana za vse večne čase?

Pravilno razmišljate. Neodvisno sodišče, ki bi vnovič raziskalo ta primer in potrdilo obsodbo, bi jim koristilo, ker bi bilo konec govorjenja o revoluciji in revolucionarnem nasilju. Ampak oni dobro vedo, da sodišče takšne sodbe nikakor ne more potrditi. Toliko pa

so že realisti, da se zavedajo, da bi vsako sodišče, ki bi se spustilo v pravno oceno Rožmanove obsodbe, to moralo razveljaviti.

Tega se zaveda tudi sedanja generalna državna tožilka, ki je prav zato umaknila zahtevo za varstvo zakonitosti. To zahtevo sem vložil leta 1998, ko sem videl, da se obnova postopka nikamor ne premakne in jo bodo še dolgo zavlačevali.

Čeprav generalna državna tožilka sodnega spisa uradno ni poznala, je natančno vedela, da je Rožmanova sodba pravno tako nemogoča, da jo bo vrhovno sodišče tako rekoč za zajtrk razveljavilo. Tega se je ustrašila in že eno uro po prisegi, ko za kaj takega sploh še ni bila pristojna, izjavila, da bo zahtevo za varstvo zakonitosti umaknila.

Če se ne motim, je Zdenka Cerar umik zahteve za varstvo zakonitosti utemeljevala z narodnim interesom. Ali ste od nje kdaj izvedeli, kaj je s tem dejansko mislila?

Ne, z njo se ne srečujem. Tak pogovor tudi ne bi imel nobenega smisla, saj Cerarjeva ni človek, ki bi sprejemal argumente. On tudi veruje v NOB. Najbolj je to po-

Razpis za zamejce in izseljence

Ljubljana – Po precejšnji zamudi je zdaj končno uradno objavljen razpis za sofinanciranje programov in projektov Slovencev v zamejstvu in po svetu v letošnjem letu. Kandidati za ustrezne deleže iz razpoložljivih 1,55 milijarde tolarjev iz programa A in 83 milijonov tolarjev iz programa B, imajo zdaj na voljo mesec dni (do vključno 27. februarja) za prijave.

Prvi znesek je namenjen programom in projektom avtohtonih slovenskih manjšin v sosednjih državah ter sodelovanju z njimi, drugi pa Slovincem iz sveta in iz Slovenije, ki sodelujejo z rojaki zunaj domovine.

Razpis z vso dodatno dokumentacijo, ki jo je potrebno izpolniti, bo na voljo tudi na spletnih straneh urada www.sigov.si/mzz pod rubriko Slovenci v zamejstvu in po svetu. Prijave bodo, kot zagotavljajo na uradu, pregledali do 19. marca, predlagatelje vlog pa o izidu razpisa obvestili najpozneje v 45 dneh. D. B.

kazala prav s tem, ko je ob napovedi, da bo umaknila zahtevo za varstvo zakonitosti, izjavila, da takšna presoja zakonitosti ni v narodnem interesu. Zoper to zahtevo torej ni povedala nobenega pravnega razloga – ne takrat ne kdaj pozneje.

Odločati, kaj je narodni interes, pa seveda ni v pristojnosti generalne državne tožilke. Narodni interesi določajo zakoni. Edina naloga tožilstva je, da dela po zakonih in po nobeni drugi presoji o tem, kaj je ali ni v narodnem interesu.

Cerarjeva pa je v hipu presodila – ne vemo, na kakšni podlagi – da varstvo zakonitosti in presoja demokratičnega in neodvisnega Vrhovnega sodišča Republike Slovenije o sodbi totalitarnega sodišča ni v narodnem interesu.

Njena odločitev je torej bila povsem politična, vendar to ni edini primer, ko je svojo nezakonito odločitev pokrila s takim ali drugačnim interesom. Najbrže te opravičujoče interesa ugotavlja skupaj z Milanom Kučanom, ki Slovincem od nekdanj rad določa narodne, tj. partijske interese.

Prav ob tej sporni potezi prve tožilke v državi ste bili kritični tudi do Cerkve. Očitati ste ji nerazumljiv molk.

Ta kritika ostaja še danes. Ob tistem dejanju bi se morala demokratična javnost, intelektualci, zlasti pa Cerkev, ki je z Rožmanovo sodbo in politično odločitve Cerarjeve neposredno prizadeta, zgroziti, v kakšni državi živimo, da se kaj takega lahko zgodi. Nihče se ni oglasil.

Tudi sicer je Cerkev v Rožmanovem procesu bolj ali manj zadržana. Izjema je nadškof Šuštar, ki je večkrat javno rekel, da je treba proces obnoviti in Rožmana rehabilitirati. Na tej podlagi smo tudi formalno oblikovali pobudo tožilstva za obnovo postopka ...

... delno tudi na podlagi pobude, zapisane na straneh *Družine* leta 1994.

Res je, Razen tega se Cerkev doslej ni oglasila z uradnim javnim protestom. Niti Komisija za pravičnost in mir, čeprav je zadeva Rožman ena največjih krivic slovenskega pravosodja. To ni sodba kakšnega kočevskega "sodišča", ki je sodilo, kot sodi mafija. Povojno totalitarno sodišče resda ni bilo legitimno, toda bilo je legalno. In njegova sodba je pravno še vedno veljavna.

Ali so po sedanji odločitvi okrožnega sodišča in ob dejstvu, da na prvem tožilskem seдеžu sedi Zdenka Cerar, poti za rehabilitacijo škofa Rožmana zaprte?

Procesne možnosti so take kot v drugih sodnih (dalje na str. 12)

V BLAG SPOMIN

Obletnice smrti naših dragih staršev in brata



JOHN KOŠIR
ki je umrl
6. januarja 1998



IVANA KOŠIR
ki je umrla
28. decembra 1993



MIRKO KOŠIR
ki je umrl
27. januarja 1971
v Žireh, Slovenija

Vrsto let je že minilo,
odkar pokriva zemlja vaše gomilo.
Odšli ste od nas na vekomaj
in Bog Vam večni pokoj daj.

Žalujemo:

John, Frank, Angela in Vida z družinami
in ostali sorodniki v Ameriki in Sloveniji.

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Mučenec iz Stične

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 10)

in stopil na čelo doma-
čih krvnikov, s slado-
strastnimi občutki je pri-
sostvoval klanju sloven-
skih partizanov in muče-
nje deklet.

Angloamerikanski bom-
bniki so porušili starin-
ski stolp in še nekatere
dele. Beli menihi se niso
več zanimali za popravi-
la, čeprav so jim kot
starinski instituciji pustili
precej hektarjev zemlje
in gospodarskih obratov.
Zbor volilcev pa je zah-
teval zaradi tega popolno
razlastitev.

Takratni opat dr. Av-
guštin Kostelec je Jušu v
osebnem pismu 7. no-
vembra odgovoril in ga
prosil, naj "netočnosti",
ki jih je obzirno pripisal
"napačni poučenosti", v
interesu resnice in pra-
vičnosti javno popravi,
do česar seveda ni pri-
šlo. Med drugim dr. Ko-
stelec ugotavlja:

Kakor je bil Stiški sa-
mostan ljudstvu skozi
stoletja – o tem priča
zgodovina – prava kme-
tijska šola, ker se je po
obvezni tradiciji svojega
reda preživil v prvi vr-
sti z obdelovanjem zem-
lje in upravljal nad 30
velikih župnij ter bil ta-
ko v stiku s slovenskim

kmetom skoraj po vsej
Sloveniji, tako je tudi v
sedanjem času (1946)
dvigal pri ljudstvu na-
predno gospodarstvo.

Z besedo in zgledom
smo učili ljudi napravlja-
ti moderna gnojišča, upo-
rabljati gnojnico in umet-
na gnojila. Ob cesti smo
na tablicah označili, s
kakšnim umetnim gno-
jem so bile posamezne
parcele pognojene, obe-
nem pa tudi majhen del
zaznamovali s tablico
"Brez umetnega gnojila",
da so ljudje spoznali u-
činek umetnega gnojenja.

Prirejali smo gospodar-
ska predavanja in tečaje,
skrbeli za najboljšo gove-
jo in prašičjo pasmo in
pošiljali plemenjake v
razne kraje na Kranjsko
in tudi na Štajersko.

Da smo se pri obdelo-
vanju zemlje posluževali
strojev, je samo zname-
nje, da smo šli s časom.
Zdi se me, da bi zato
prej zaslužili pohvalo ka-
kor grajo.

Potem nadaljuje:

"Ogromno posestvo" je
znašalo 81 hektarjev ob-
delovalne zemlje, med te-
mi ca 35 ha njiv, kar je
ustrezalo samostanski
družini, ki je imela zad-
nja leta pred vojno ca



52 članov in ca 24 uslu-
žbencev. Poleg tega smo
imeli tudi večje število
gojencev.

Gospodarski obrati so
vsi taki, da služijo splo-
šni ljudski koristi, zlasti
povzdigi kmetijstva, in so
nastali iz gospodarske
nujnosti. Ni treba doka-
zovati, da je bila naša
mlekarna za povzdigo ži-
vinoreje velikega pomena.
Nismo namreč z mlekom
kupčevali, ampak smo
izdelovali čajno maslo,
zlasti sir. Naš namen je
bil vnovčiti ljudem vse
mleko, tudi v vročih me-
secih, ko ga je največ,
nevarnost pa, da se po-
kvari, največja. Zato smo
poslali svoje sirarje na
Holandsko in v Švico,
da so se tam v tej stro-
ki popolnoma izučili. Ta-
ko smo izdelovali sire,
po katerih je naša tovar-
na slovela. Zato smo lah-
ko vnovčili izdelke, lju-
dem pa mleko.

Isto velja glede mesari-
je, ki je nastala na željo

ljudstva, da bi moglo bo-
lje vnovčiti svoje blago,
kar smo dosegli s prvo-
vrstnimi izdelki.

Dr. Kostelec prepričljivi-
vo zavrača očitke, da se
po bombardiranju niso
zanimali za potrebna po-
pravila. Vkljub pomanj-
kanju opeke so veliko
popravili, kar zlahka pre-
pričljivo potrdi tudi pri-
merjava slik. Zavrača ob-
tožbo, da so se v samo-
stanu naselili italijanski

vojaki s trditvijo, da si
takih stanovalcev nihče
ne želi, nemogoče pa je
to med tujo zasedbo pre-
prečiti.

O patru Placidu pove,
da je bil milega značaja
in nezmožen zločina. Ni-
komur ni želel smrti.
Nikdar ni bil navzoč pri
kakem umoru. Pri Itali-
janih je večkrat interveni-
ral tudi za partizane in
jih mnogo rešil. (Na mon-
tiranem procesu je p.
Placid sam naštel števil-
na imena oseb, ki jih je
rešil s svojimi intervenci-
jami, kjer je Italijane
marsikdaj tudi podkupil,
da je rojake otel pred
smrtjo ali internacijo –
in nihče ni mogel njego-
vih navedb zanikati, kot
mu tudi niso mogli do-
kazati neresničnega podti-
kanja, da je bil med us-
tanovitelji vaše straže.)

Opat Kostelec še pou-
dari, da mu ni znan niti
en primer, da bi bil p.
Placid koga zatožil, če-
prav je res, da je kot
duhovnik odklanjal brez-
božni komunizem. Potem
nadaljuje:

Še danes ne vem, za-
kaj je bil ustreljen. Dne
9. septembra 1943 so ga

(dalje na str. 16)

V BLAG SPOMIN

ob peti obletnici smrti

našega ljubega moža, očeta, starega očeta, brata,
svaka in strica



MATIJA HOČEVAR

ki nas je prezgodaj zapustil
29. januarja 1999.

Dragi mož in ata, rahla zemlja naj Te krije,
luč nebeška naj Ti sije.

Saj Jezus nas tako uči, da vid'no se nad zvezdami,
kjer skupaj bomo srečni vekomaj!

Žalujoci:

Marija, žena

Nena in Marjanca, hčeri

Toni in David, sinova

Livija, Tone Cerer, Richard Trivisonno,
snaha in zeta

Tonč, Edi, Anton, Kristopher, Andreja in Richard,
vnuki, brat, sestre in ostalo sorodstvo
v Ameriki, Kanadi in Sloveniji.

Anton Drobnič:

Intervju

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

postopkih. Zoper zavrnil-
ni sklep je možna prito-
žba. Pritožbe so že vlo-
žene. Tudi tožilka jo je
vložila, vendar je njena
pritožba vsebinsko popol-
noma prazna, saj s sod-
nim stališčem v celoti
soglaša, pritožbo pa je
vložila samo formalno.

Čas pa teče ...

Čas pa teče. In če bo
šlo po dosedanji izkušnji,
bo odločitev višjega sodi-
šča znana čez eno leto.

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Neizbrisno zaslužen kulturnoprosvetni delavec

Ljubljana – Ko se je lani tako rekoč prvič po polstoletju zgodilo, da iz Trsta ni bilo božinih in novoletnih voščil, me je resno zaskrbelo. In res, v soboto, 10. januarja 2004, je prišlo sporočilo, da je dr. Martinu Jevnikarju odpovedalo srce. Z njim je ugasnil eden od najvestnejših kulturnih kronistov druge polovice minulega stoletja ne le za Trst, temveč po svoje tudi za širši, kar vselovenski prostor.

Kmečki fant s Spodnje-ga Brezovega pri Višnji Gori, rojen 1. maja 1913, otroško zaljubljen v domače okolje, je leta 1934 opravil maturo na Škofjiski gimnaziji v Šentvidu nad Ljubljano in se z menoj vred vpisal na slavistiko in slovenistiko na ljubljanski Univerzi. Stanovala sva skupaj kot nerazdružljiva dvojčka in skupaj študirala in si služila študentski kruh, on bolj študiral, jaz bolj delal.

Kljub bližajoči se vojni se je dobrodušni, zmeraj nasmejani Dolenjec zaupljivo pripravljaj na mirno učiteljsko službo, in res je že leta 1940 nastopil suplentsko mesto na Četrtni realni in jo nadaljeval na Klasični gimnaziji v Ljubljani.

Vendar jo je vojna tudi njemu grdo zagodla. Leta 1945 se je umaknil na Koroško in naprej v Italijo, kjer se je službeno zasidral na begunski gimnaziji v Monigu pri Trevisu in na Trgovskem tehničnem zavodu Žiga Zois v Trstu.



Dr. Martin Jevnikar

In takrat se je odločil za korak, ki nas je vse presenetil. Dotlej z vsem zadovoljni in znanstveno nestremuški fant se je v Trstu ne le poročil, temveč izredno hitro presodil, kako pereča je potreba po slovenskih delavcih na dvojezičnem Svobodnem tržaškem ozemlju in zaledju, kjer je fašistična diktatura več kot dvajset let neusmiljeno zatirala vsakršno slovensko, zlasti besedno dejavnost, in takoj tudi ustrezno ukrepal: napravil je profesorski izpit, v Rimu nostrificiral ljubljansko diplomu in leta 1962 doktoriral z disertacijo o vplivu nemške mladinske povesti na slovensko književnost.

S tem je njegovo splošno kulturno in posebej profesorso delo dobilo potrebno strokovno zaslonbo, tako da je od leta 1963 do 1970 poučeval slovenščino na Univerzi v Padovi, od leta 1972 pa je bil stabilizirani profesor za slovenski jezik in literaturo na Fakulteti za tuje jezike in literature v Vidmu (Udine), kjer je imel od leta 1975 tudi stolicu za srbski in hrvaški jezik in je bil od 1973 do 1979 ravnatelj Inštituta za slovansko jezikoslovje.

Prepričan sem, da bi se večina z vsem tem službenim delom zadovoljila in se potem brezskrbno sončila v zaslužnem ugledu v družbi.

Dr. Martin Jevnikar se je pa preveč boleče zavedal praznin in vrzeli v slovenskem kulturnem in prosvetnem življenju. Čeprav je bil po naravi boječ in nagnjen k samotarstvu, je postal član vseh mogočih odborov, strokovnih komisij in skupin ter seveda predavatelj po društvih in na prireditvah.

Eni od panog pa se je še prav posebej zavzeto posvetil: delu na Radiu Trst A. Pri tem se je sebi prav nepodobno preselil v garaško kožo svojega nekdanjega študentskega dvojčka in se ni ustavil pred nikakršno nalogo; pridno je dramtiziral dela slovenskih pisateljev, še več pa preve-

Ljubljana – Publikacija Inštituta za izseljenstvo Znanstvenoraziskovalnega centra Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti (SRC, SAZU) v novi številki prinaša razprave Andreja Vovka (Pomembnejši slovenski biografski prispevki o misijonarju in izseljenkem duhovniku Francu Pircu), Staneta Grande (Gospodarske razmere na Kranjskem v Pirčevem času), Bogdana Kolarja (Izvirne poteze delovanja misijonarja Franca Pirca, Majde Kodrič (Franc Pirc in nastanek prvih slovenskih naselbin v ZDA, Marjana Drnovška (Pismo Apolonije Noč od Sv. Jožefa/St. Joseph, Minnesota – 1855), Marjete Humar (Pirčeva strokovna, literarna in dopisovalna slovenščina), Marije Lukšič Hacin (Vloga izseljenk za ohranjanje nacionalne identitete v kontekstih, ki jih konstituira patriarhalni odnosi in spolna dihotomija), Mirjam Milharčič Hladnik (Iz Slovenije v Ameriko – stopinje skozi čas v avto/biografskih knjigah slovenskih avtoric), Irene Gantar Godine (Izseljevanje slovenskih intelektualcev na Hrvaško do leta 1848), Kristine Toplak (Umetniška šola Slovenske kulturne akcije), Cataline Branko in Pabla Mauzakisa (Slovenska emigracija v Argentini med obema svetovnima vojnama), Bernarde Zubrzycki in Marte Maffia (Poljske izseljenske skupnosti in njihovi potomci v Provincii Buenos Aires v Argentini), Jurija Zalokarja (O multikulturi in pomenu različnosti narodov, jezikov in kultur), in Ksenije Batić ("Domovina je tu in domovina je tam". Raziskava med primorskimi izseljenci o njihovi vrnitvi v Slovenijo).

Rozina Švent je prispevala portret ob stoti obletnici rojstva Tineta Debeljaka, sledijo še poročila, razmišljanja in knjižne ocene Daše Hribar, Jerneja Mlekuža, Janje Žitnik in Marjana Drnovška

Književni listi

14-dnevna knjižna priloga časnika Delo, 5. jan. 2004

del del tujih avtorjev ter domiselno sodeloval v vseh oblikah kulturnega in prosvetnega dela na Radiu.

Tej vnemi je ostal zvest tudi na drugih delovnih področjih: sodeloval je pri nešteti publikacijah in revijah in jih nekaj tudi sam urejal (Izvestje srednjih šol Trst, Literarne vaje) in v njih (in na Radiu), ne glede na ideologijo in politiko, zlasti vestno poročal o vseh knjižnih izdajah v domovini, zamejstvu in zdomstvu. To je bila ena od najdragocenejših vse-slovenskih kulturnih vezi skozi dolgo obdobje po vojne nestrpnosti.

Druga njegova podobno neprecenljiva zasluga je bilo uredništvo Primorskega slovenskega biografskega leksikona. Za tako mogočno strokovno delo je bil nujno potreben kar precejšen štab ljudi, pa je sredi dela omagal, ampak Jevnikar je potem imel moč in sposobnost, da je odlični projekt rešil in ga srečno izpeljal do konca.

Pri tem mu je seveda zmanjkovalo časa in moči za samostojno strokovno in znanstveno delo, zato je kot literarni zgodovinar ob nekaj manjših razpravah (Slovenska mladinska igra, Veronika Deseniška v slovenski

(dalje na str. 14)

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Med godovi tega meseca je med našim ljudstvom najbolj znani praznik svečnica, 2. februarja, štirideset dni po Jezusovem rojstvu, ki se v bogosložju imenuje praznik Jezusovega darovanja v templju; vključen je spomin "Marijinega očiščevanja". Marija - Gospodova dekla - se je v vsem podvrgla tedanji judovski postavi. Ob Jezusovem darovanju sta bila v templju navzoča starček Simeon in prerokinja Ana. Simon je Jezusa vzel v naročje in zahvalil Boga:

"Zdaj odpuščaš, Gospod, svojega služabnika v miru, kakor si obljubil s svojo besedo. Na svoje oči sem videl Zveličarja, ki si poslal vsem ljudstvom: luč v razsvetljenje vseh narodov in slavo Izraela tvojega ljudstva."

Na besede starčka Simeona - luč v razsvetljenje vseh narodov - se nanaša starodavni bogoslužni običaj blagoslova sveč - svečnica. Zato se na ta praznik blagoslavlja božjo slu-

žbo in za domove. Naj bi bila blagoslovljena sveča v vsaki družini. Z besedami starčka Simeona pa naj bi vsak od nas prosil za srečno zadnjo uro.

God sv. Blaža, škofa in mučenca, je 3. februarja. Sv. Blaž je poseben zavetnik zoper bolezni v vratu, zato tudi blagoslov grl na priprošnjo sv. Blaža - Blažev žegen.

Pepelnica, pričetek 40-danskega posta, bo letos v sredo, 25. februarja. Postna postava, ki jo je določila ameriška škofovska konferenca, je zelo enostavna: strogi post je na pepelnico in na veliki petek; vsi petki v postu so brezmesni. Vsak vernik naj bi si pa poleg tega sam določil osebni post, predvsem več molitve in po možnosti dnevna udeležba pri sv. maši.

Od sobratov ta mesec goduje p. Blaž Chemazar (3. februarja).

Februarja so umrli naslednji sobratje: p. Beno Korbič (2. febr. 2002); p. Leonard Bogolin (3. febr.

2000); p. Pashal Esser (5. febr. 1937); p. Aleksander Urankar (9. febr. 1958); p. Alfonz Miklavčič (10. febr. 1931); p. Kalist Langerholz (16. febr. 2002); br. Fidelis Jagodic (23. febr. 1934); p. Bonaventura Sovinski (27. febr. 1930). Naj jim sveti večna Luč.

Vsak mesec darujemo sv. mašo za žive in rajne naročnike našega lista. Iskrena zahvala vsem, ki redno poravnate naročnino, nekateri že za kako leto naprej. Prav tako naročnikom iz Kanade, ki pošiljate v US-valuti ali pa upoštevate razliko.

Pa smo pri tem, žal, ugotovili tudi nekaj zamudnikov, nekateri morajo že več let. Sprašujemo se, kaj je vzrok, ali samo pozaba in spregled, ali so ekonomske težave ali kaj drugega. Radi bi vedeli. Če ne bomo prejeli sporočila in obvestila, ne bomo zamudnikom mogli več pošiljati. Hvala za razumevanje.

V septembrski številki naše revije je p. Bernardin Sušnik priobčil članek z naslovom Biseromašnik dr. Jože Gole. Medtem je naš slavljenec daroval zahvalno sv. mašo ob 60-letnici mašniškega posvečenja v svoji rojstni župniji v Doberniču na Dolenjskem. Zaradi vojnih razmer leta 1943 nove maše ni mogel peti v domači župniji, daroval jo je v cerkvi sv. Petra v Ljubljani.

Martin Jevnikar

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

književnosti, Italijanski vpliv na začetke slovenske književnosti) ostajal večidel pri poljudni publicistiki (Vsebine slovenskih leposlovnih del, Finžarjeva pisma Ferdinandu Koledniku) in pri šolskih učbenikih (Zgodovina slovenskega slovtva).

Podobno pot je ubral tudi kot slovničar (Prepovedane besede in zveze) pri Slovenski slovniči pa zlasti veliko sodeloval z drugimi.

Zdaj se je v Trstu sicer preselil k Sveti Ani, kjer bo kot priseljenc tudi ostal, vendar neizbrisno zaslužen kulturno-prosvetni kronist in nepogrešljivi vezni člen vse-slovenske enotnosti v usodno kriznih časih.

Delo, 16. jan. 2004

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Sedaj uživa pokoj, pa pri tem ne zapusti rojakov, kadar potrebujejo njegove duhovne pomoči, prav tako ne prezre bogoslovcev, kadar se obračajo k njemu v osebnih zadevah, ali pa s sveto-pisemskimi vprašanji.

Naš predstojnik, p. Metod, je dr. Jožeta Goleta ustno in pisno povabil, da bi v cerkvi Marije Pomagaj v Lemontu daroval sv. mašo ob biser-nem jubileju mašniškega posvečenja. Rad se je odzval in je v nedeljo, 16. decembra, ob vstopu zadonela "Biseromašnik bod' pozdravljen, od Boga si nam poslan".

Kdo bo pridigal? "Pridige ne bo, bom samo sam malo povedal" je bil odgovor in je res pripovedoval o svoji življenjski poti skozi 87 let. Po maši je bil v dvorani kulturnega centra banket s kratkim programom. Naj Vas, gospod biseromašnik, Bog še vnaprej ohranja pri zdravju in v vsem dobrem.

Božič smo v Lemontu lepo praznovali. Jaslice je postavil in okrasil Peter Jakopec z ženo Marjano. Na sveti večer je bila ob 9. sv. maša (zgodnja polnočnica) za angleško govoreče. Pol ure pred polnočjo je zbor izvajal naše lepe božične pesmi.

Polnočnico je daroval p. Metod, z diakonom Janezom Vidmarjem in bogoslovcem Petrom Zorjanom, ki je sin rojakov Karla in Marije Zorjan. Upamo, da bomo kmalu imeli novomašnika. Med prazniki so nas obiskali koledniki. Menda so ti mladi fantje in dekleta obiskali okrog 60 družin in jim z domačo besedo približali božično skrivnost. Hvala, koledniki!

Družina, verski list slovenskih škofij, ki izhaja v Ljubljani vsak teden, je v božični številki obja-

(DALJE na str. 15)

V LJUBEČ SPOMIN

ob petindvajseti obletnici

Dr. Martin Scancar

1912 - 1979



Z biseri posuti poljani

Sameva gomila v snežni odeji

V družji Križa, Ljubezen blesti.

*Leto za letom, vrsta let je dolga;
Spomine sladke, dragocene, slika
Nepozabne, v milini skrivnostne lepote Božiča.*

*Se tiho poslavljala je Tvoja blaga duša;
V veličasten objem Sv. Treh Kraljev je zašla,
Kjer v zavetju zvezd našla je počitka.*

*V Ljubezni, Večnosti lepote Ti duša sladko sniva;
Bogastvo Tvojega srca zatega naju spremlja;
Roka Tvoja, ljuba v sanjah naju boža, blagoslavlja.*

*V objemu sladkem, besede mile šepče nama duša,
"Da nekega dne nad zvezdami", obljublja,
"Za vedno bo družinica mala združena."*

Dobri možek, zlati ata

pogrešava Te

Vedno Tvoji Vlasta in Sonja

Januar 2004

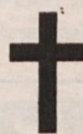
V drag in ljubeč spomin

Ob deseti obletnici, ko je po odločitvi Božje volje, zaspal v Gospodu naš dragi mož, ata, stari ata, tast, svak, brat in stric



DAMIJAN ZABUKOVEC

ki ga je Bog poklical k sebi dne 4. februarja 1994.



*Večna luč naj
Ti sveti.
V naročju božjem
se odpočij!*

Žalujoči:

Lojzka (roj. Koželj), žena
Lojzi Frank, Mitzi Sejnowski in Michele Alter, hčere
Larry in Tom, zeta
Danny, Gregory, Michael, Laura, T.D., Jessica
in Scotty, vnuki in vnukinje
Nežka Tomc, svakinja z družino
Jože in Lojze Koželj, svaka z družinama, Toronto
in ostalo sorodstvo v Ameriki, Kanadi in Sloveniji

LEMONTSKI ODMEVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 14)

vila intervju z urednikom Ave Marije p. Bernardinom Sušnikom, OFM. Iz tega članka/pogovora je razvidno, da p. Bernardina visoko cenijo kot urednika in teologa, zlasti v svetopisemskem merilu.

Mnogim rojakom, ki nimajo možnosti prisostvovati sv. maši v domačem jeziku, so "Nedeljske misli" v Ave Mariji v tolažbo in osnova za pre-mišljevanje. Pa tudi duhovniki radi povedo, da so jim v pomoč, ko pripravljajo nedeljsko homilijo. Naj bo dodano še to, da so naročniki Ave Marije raztreseni po vseh kontinentih. Tudi v Slovenijo vsak mesec pošlje-mo precejšnje število izvodov.

P. Bertrand Kotnik, OFM, je 12. decembra 2003 dosegel 90. leto življenja. Veliko let je preživel v Lemontu, kjer je poleg duhovniškega dela veliko ur posvetil študiju spisov svetniškega škofa Friderika Barage.

Sedaj živi na Koroškem, kjer mu je tekla žibelka, in raziskuje in objavlja zgodovino koroških rojakov in njihovih imen. Do sedaj je izšlo osem publikacij poleg člankov v raznih revijah. Za 90-letnico je v rojstni fari v Rožeku daroval zahvalno sv. mašo, kar so organizirali rojaki, in so sorodniki, ki delujejo pri Celovski Mohorjevi družbi. P. Bertrand, naše če-

V blag spomin

ob četrti obletnici, odkar nas je zapustil dragi mož, oče in stari oče



IVAN RAJK

Umrli 2. februarja 2000

Štiri leta so že minila, nam pa žalost srca trga, rosijo solzne oči. Dom je prazen in otožen, odkar te več med nami ni. Žalujemo:

- ♥ Žena - Malči
- ♥ Sin - Ivan
- ♥ Hčerka - Vlasta

stitke in Bog naj Te ohrani pri zdravju in vedrosti še vnaprej.

AVE MARIA
Februar 2004

NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 9)

Caroline M. Kovac

Dne 23. januarja je umrla 91 let stara Caroline Martina Kovac, rojena Sorn, vdova po Paulu, mati dr. Carol A. Kovac, Frances M. Kovac in Paula J. Kovac, 3-krat stara mati. Pogreb je bil privaten, družinski.

Harry Morll

Umrli je 76 let stari Harry Morll, mož Virginije, roj. Dezelan, brat Stephanie Persic, Edwarda Morell in Dorothy Morll. Pogreb je bil 24. januarja v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Martha A. Marincic

Umrli je Martha A. Marincic, rojena Kinkoph, vdova po Rudolphu, mati Bernarda, Lorette Slattery in Kennetha, 8-krat stara mati, 6-krat prastara mati, sestra Josephine Muhic. Pogreb je bil 27. januarja v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Pavla na Chardon Rd. s pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

KOLENDAR

FEBRUAR

1. - Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti ima kosilo v šolski dvorani. Serviranje bo od 11. do 1. pop.

6., 7. in 8. - Slovenska poslovna skupnost v New Yorku organizira 13. letno smučarsko srečanje in tekme v Windhamu, NY. Ivan Kamin: 718-424-2711.

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22. - Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu ima kosilo v šolskem avditoriju. Serviranje od 11. dop. do 1. pop.

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MAJ

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JUNIJ

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JULIJ

11. - Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

25. - Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu ima piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

AVGUST

29. - Društvo SPB sponzorira vsakoletno romanje k Žalostni Materi božji v Frank, O. Sv. maša ob dvanajstih, druge pobožnosti ob 2.30 pop.

SEPTEMBER

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12. - Oltarno društvo fare sv. Vida ima kosilo v šolskem avditoriju.



V BLAG SPOMIN

NAŠE LJUBLJENE SESTRE IN TETE,

NIKOLI POZABLJENE

Micke (Mary) Ivec

ob enajsti obletnici smrti



Umrli je 3. februarja 1993

Srčno ljubljena nam Micka, šla prezgodaj si od nas. Dobra, skrbna si nam bila, kako brez Tebe je dolg čas. Spomin na Te je naš zaklad, saj vsak od nas Te imel je rad. Žalujemo ostali: Angela Hutar - sestra Nečaki in nečakinje v Ameriki in Sloveniji, ter ostalo sorodstvo.

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Prvo nagrado prejme novela "Branka", ki je prispela pod geslom Ledene rože. To je dobro napisan in zanimivo pričevalen sestavek o slovenskem povojnem življenju in usodi glavne junakinje, ki je znala kljubovati hudi telesni prizadetosti.

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Prav lepo ste vabljeni, dragi bralci Ameriške domovine, in vaši prijatelji, da se udeležite tega kosila. Ves dobiček tega dne bo šel v sklad za naše misijonarje, ki širom sveta pomagajo bližnjemu in obenem širijo božje kraljestvo.

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Vsem dobrotnikom prav iskreno: Bog povrni! Po vrsti, kakor je prihajalo, tako je tudi napisano. Naj vas vse spremlja božji blagoslov in ne pozabite, da je druga nedelja v februarju misijonska, ko bo kosilo za naše misijonarje.

Prav lep misijonski pozdrav od vseh sodelujočih in

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Alojzij Placid Grebenc

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 12)

partizani odvedli v Trebnje, kjer je bil sojen in pomiloščen. Par dni pozneje so ga znova odpeljali v Novo mesto in nato v Kočevje. Vita Kraigherja in dr. Metoda Mikuža sem pri njunem obisku v Stični dne 14. oktobra prosil za intervencijo, da se p. Placid vrne v Stično. Zagotavljala sta mi, da se mu ne bo nič hudega zgodilo. ... Toda že deset dni potem je bil ustreljen.

Ob bližajoči se nemški ofenzivi so se morali tudi revolucionarji umakniti iz Kočevja. P. Placid je bil med trpin, ki so jih po 19. oktobru prepeljali v Grčarice. V gozdu pri Grčaricah so 24. oktobra umorili 23 žrtev, med njimi tudi komaj 34 let starega p. Placida.

Takole v svojem dragocenem pričevanju pripoveduje domala čudežno preživela priča tistih strašnih dni, upokojeni župnik Ivan Lavrih, ki zdaj živi v Kansasu:

Ker so se tudi Grčaricam začeli približevati Nemci in je 24. oktobra prav nad Grčarice večkrat prišel nemški aeroplan, se je bilo treba pripraviti na pot v gozd. Ker nas je bilo preveč, so se nas hoteli vsaj nekaterih iznebiti. Zato je zgodaj zjutraj prišel v sobo politični komisar in prebral imena trindvajsetih. ... Jetnike so pos-

tavili v vrsto pred župnišče, ravno pod našim oknom. Zvezali so jih z žico. ... Za nas je bilo jasno, da jih peljejo v smrt. ... Videl sem župnika Viktorja Turka in patra Placida Grebenc iz Stične. Poklical sem Turka. Videl me je. Pater Placid se je obrnil proti oknu, spoznal me je in rekel: "Absolutio!" Jaz sem njemu in vsej koloni dal odvezo, po latinsko. ... Kmalu nato so kolono odpeljali proti gozdiču nad Grčaricami.

Tam so vseh 23 jetnikov še isti dan po hudem mučenju umorili. Domobranci so grob, ki je meril okrog pet kvadratnih metrov in kjer je bil pokopan p. Placid skupaj z 22 drugimi žrtvami, 11. avgusta 1944 izkopali. Pri izkopavanju sta bila navzoča tudi Placidov brat, pater Maver in duhovnik Lavrih. Truplo Placida sta takoj spoznala. Za vratom je imel duhovniški kolar in rožni venec. Po vsem telesu je imel velike rane in podplutbe. Iztrgali so mu zlate zobe in razbili čeljust.

Domobranci so vsa trupla prepeljali v Ribnico-Hrovačo in pokopali v skupnem grobu, patra Placida pa med duhovniki sobrat. Pater Maver še pove, da so partizani grob – kot toliko drugih grobišč – kasneje uničili. Komunistični revolucio-

narji so hoteli skriti svoje grozne zločine, a jim ni uspelo.

Po komunističnem receptu vsak znani fizični umor spremlja moralni umor, lažne klevetge in podtikanja, s katerimi naj se žrtvam za vedno uniči tudi dobro ime. Žrtev fizično umre samo enkrat, moralno pa jo navadno ubijajo leta in leta.

Tako je p. Placid marksist Juš Kozak moralno ubijal še dobra tri leta po umoru v gozdu pri Grčaricah. Tako komunisti in njih dediči še danes moralno ubijajo svoje med vojno in po vojni pobite žrtve.

Če zdaj svojih najbolj nevarnih nasprotnikov ali nesomišljenikov ne morejo več fizično, jih vse prevečkrat še vedno poskušajo vsaj moralno ubiti. Bojijo se resnice o mrtvih in kadar jim kdo živih postane prenevarna, ga z javnimi občili in drugimi razpoložljivimi sredstvi kot na povelje (ali na tajno povelje) skušajo moralno razvrednotiti ali, če uporabljamo Kučanov izraz, "diskreditirati", kot dokazujejo primeri Janše, Peterleta, Bajuka, Arharja, Barbare Brezigar, Dušana Lajovca in seveda nadškofa in metropolita dr. Rodeta, da omenimo le nekatere. Upajmo, da narod spremljuje in bo – tudi po zaslugi knjig, kot je Nadrahova – končno spremljal.

Morda je – ali bo – lahko o tej dr. Nadrahovi knjigi kljub visokim letom kaj napisal tudi preživeli pričevalec tistih strašnih dni g. župnik Ivan Lavrih, avtor pri Družini izdane knjige *V primežu revolucije*.

Upajmo!

Naj omenim, da sta med viri poleg daljših navedb nepogrešljivega g. Lavriha nekajkrat omenjena še dva druga ameriška Slovenca: bivši stiški brat Damjan, ki ga v Clevelandu poznamo kot dobrosrčnega in marljivega, zdaj že nekaj nad 90 let starega Franka Kuhla, in znani, zelo zaslužni kulturni delavec, stiški rojak Ivan Hauptman.

Knjiga bo na voljo v Slovenski pisarni (St. Vitus Village) in požrtvovalni knjižničar Tone Oblak bo gotovo sporočil vse potrebne podrobnosti.

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*Gospod, daruj jima mir,
naj večna luč jima sveti;
ker si dobrote vir,
uživata raj naj sveti.*

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Tone, sin, z družino

Pepca, Mara, Vida in Ani, hčere, z družinami
in ostalo sorodstvo v ZDA, Kanadi in Sloveniji