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## Akcia JPOSS ima zaupanje pri narodu

Glavni blagajnik Jugoslovenskega pomožnega odbora, slovenska sekcijska, Leo Jurjovec mi posiljal poročilo o dohodkih v mesecu juniju. Ni tako slabo, ampak še boljše bi bilo lahko, ako bi se povsod takoj zanimali za pomožno akcijo, kakor kaže juniski poročilo.

No, ni tako slabo, da bi jo kralj, saj za mesec junij so bili dohodki \$2,242.29, za mesec maj \$2,442.23 in za mesec april pa \$1,412.14, skupaj za tri meseca \$6,096.66. Narod še mora imeti zaupanje v JPOSS, da je prispeval v treh mesecih nad šest tisoč dolarjev.

V blagajni JPOSS je bila dne 30. junija 1943 že lepa vstopna, namreč \$53,337.02. Od tega denarja je bilo istega dne že vloženega \$48,655.00 v ameriške vojne bonde, v pomoč naši novi domovini — Ameriki.

V mesecu juniju je glavni blagajnik sprejel prispevke od slednjic:

Andy Milosovich in prijatelji, Trinidad, Colo., \$5.00; lokalni odbor št. 1, Joliet, Ill., \$72.00; Jakob Zadnik, Kenosha, Wisc., \$5.00; lokalni odbor št. 34, Detroit, Mich., \$7.50; John Kaušek, Evert, Minn., \$5.00; podružnica št. 9 SANS, Willock, Pa., \$7.95; lokalni odbor št. 29, Bridgeport, Baysville, Ohio, \$50.00; Slovenska ženska zveza, \$800.00; podružnica št. 44 SANS, Traub, Mich., \$50.00; lokalni odbor št. 30, San Francisco, Calif., \$275.00; lokalni odbor št. 21, Denver, Colo., \$123.00; lokalni odbor št. 9, Waukegan, Ill., \$250.00; lokalni odbor št. 17, Rock Springs, Wyo., \$57.82; Waukegan and North Chicago War Chest \$450.00; in obresti \$2,242.29.

Hvala lepa vsem v imenu vseh trepičnih in zanjenih bratov in sester v domovini, ki bodo dobili pomoč, bo vojna končana.

Prvo in častno mesto v prijateljstvu ima Slovenska ženska zveza, ki je prispevala \$800.00. Predsednica SZZ, Marie Pris, je neutrudljiva zagovornica naše pomožne akcije, in takoj tudi tajnica SZZ, Josephine Erjavec, ki je podpredsednica JPOSS.

Naši Sloveni in Slovenke v Waukeganu, Ill., v ameriški Ljubljani, imajo prava in načrte vseh trepičnih in zanjenih bratov in sester v domovini, ki bodo dobili pomoč, bo vojna končana.

SLOVANSKI SHOD

V nedeljo 18. julija se bo v Hamtramku, Mich., vršil slovenski shod, ki ga aranžira Ameriški slovenski kongres v Michiganu. Shod se bo vršil v štadionu Keyworth. Kot častni gost bo na tem shodu predstavljen korporal John T. Jackson, ki je despol na 30-dnevni dopust iz Guadalcanala na Pacificu.

ODSOTNOST OD DELA

Federalni delavski departement poroča, da je preiskava dokazala, da so glavni vzroki izostajanja dela razne bolezni delavev, posebno prehladi in želodčne neprilike. Poškodbe pri delu povzročijo le 8 odstotkov izostajanja.

LOV ŠPIJONOV

Agenti federalnega preiskovalnega biroja so pretekli teden v New Yorku aretirali dva nemška špijona, ki sta priznala, da bi tudi prispevali. Da bi takoj dolar je dober. Le še kaj dolar je najprav (Dalje na 4. strani)

## SPLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

### VOJNA SITUACIJA

Vojna aktivnost na Pacifiku je postala živahnješa. Pretekli teden so ameriški in avstralske vojne sile zavzete od Japoncev kontrollirani otok Rendova, nekaj manjših otokov in nekaterih drugih pozicij v okrožju Salomonskih otokov, od koder ogrožajo japonske postojanke. Japonci so v defenzivni izgubili nad 150 letal. Ameriški letalci so spet z veliko silo napadali otok Kisko, edino japonsko postojanko v verigi aleutskega otočja v severnem Pacifiku.

Ameriški in angleški letalci skoraj brez odmora napadajo Sicilijo, Sardinijo in italijansko celino, kakor tudi Nemčijo in Nemčijo zasedene kraje severozapadne Evrope. Na russki fronti vzplamtevajo lokalni boji na raznih točkah, toda edino večjo ofenzivo so dosedaj podvzeli Nemci v okrožju Orla. Splošno pa se v bližnji bodočnosti pričakuje zavezniške invazije južne in zapadne Evrope in obenem velike ofenzive na russki fronti.

### DOHODNINSKI DAVEK

Od prvega julija naprej bomo plačevali naše dohodninske davke sproti, to je, da nam bodo odgovarjajoče vsote sproti odtrgovane od naših tedenskih ali mesečnih plač. Dohodninski davki znaša 20 odstotkov in tem je vključen tudi davek "za zmago." Oproščen davka je zaslužek \$12.00 na teden ali \$624.00 na leto za samske osebe in \$24.00 na teden ali \$1,248 na leto za oženjene. Za vsako odvisno osebo je oproščeno davka \$6.00 na teden ali \$312.00 na leto. Od zaslužkov, ki presegajo gori označene vsote, bomo plačevali 20 odstotkov dohodninskega davka.

### VAŽNA DOLOČBA

V zvezi z dohodninskimi davki, ki se bo zdaj plačevali sproti in za tekoče leto, je važno, da vsak delavec ali uslužbenec, ki dobiva tedensko ali mesečno plačo od družbe, korporacije ali posameznega delodajalca, izpolni posebno tiskovino, imenovana "Exemption Certificate." Na podlagi podatkov na omenjeni listini bo delodajalec vedel, koliko mora delavcu ali uslužencu odbiti za davki. Brez takih podatkov mora delodajalec odbiti davčni prispevki od vsega zaslužka.

ČETATELJE ponovno opozarjamo na zanimivo črtico "What Hitler Did to My Friends," ki jo je napisal naš pisatelj Louis Adamit in ki je pričebena v reviji "The Saturday Evening Post" z dne 3. julija. Iz črtice odseva lepota slovenske zemlje in bolest in tragedija slovenskega naroda. Čitali naj bi po posebno tukaj rojeni Slovenec in naši ameriški prijatelji. Črtica je ilustrirana in prinaša tudi avtentično sliko slovenskega pesnika Ottona Župančiča. Reprodukcija je vzeta po sliki, ki jo je upravi Saturday Evening Posta dalno na razpolago uredništvo Nove Dobe. V razširjeni obliki bo omenjena črtica tvorila del prihodnje Adamitove knjige "My Native Land," ki bo izšla to poletje ali zgodaj v jeseni pri Harper & Brothers v New Yorku.

Med italijansko celino in otokom Sicilijo se vleče dve milijoni širok morski preliv; s celino je zvezan otok z železniškim brodom. Večina Sicilije je gorata ali hribovita. Najvišji vrh je ognjenik Etna, ki se dviga 10,886 čevljev nad morsko gladino. Na severni in severovzhodni obali so najboljša pristanišča; najznamenitejše med njimi je Palermo. Železniških prog je malo in šteje to po večini bližu obale. Glavno prometno sredstvo tvori plovba. Osrednji del Sicilije tvori visoka planota, pretrgana tu in tam z gorovjem. Podnebje v Siciliji je vrolo (Dalje na 4. strani)

## POROČILA O ZADEVAH JUGOSLAVIJE

### ZMAGOVALCI:

Društvo št. 21, Denver, Colo.; društvo št. 114, Ely, Minnesota; društvo št. 2, Ely, Minnesota.

Društva, ki imajo deset točk ali več:

Društvo št. 225, Milwaukee, Wis., 34 točk; št. 70, Chicago, Ill., 33; št. 28, Kemmerer, Wyo., 28; št. 190, Butte, Mont., 23; št. 55, Uniontown, Pa., 20%; št. 66, Joliet, Ill., 20; št. 101, Walsenburg, Colo., 19; št. 132, Euclid, Ohio, 18%; št. 84, Trinidad, Colo., 15; št. 229, Struthers, Ohio, 14; št. 43, East Helena, Mont., 14%; št. 1, Ely, Minn., 13%; št. 44, Barberton, Ohio, 12; št. 88, Roundup, Mont., 12; št. 140, Morley, Colo., 12; št. 37, Cleveland, Ohio, 12; št. 57, Export, Pa., 11%; št. 120, Ely, Minn., 11; št. 170, Chicago, Ill., 11; št. 30, Chisholm, Minn., 10; in št. 40, Claridge, Pa., 10 točk.

Društvo št. 120, Ely, Minn., je zadnji teden prekoračilo med-jesetih točk, tako da imamo teh društev sedaj 21 v tekmi.

Pri društvu št. 120 je tajnica sestra Rose Svetich, ki je druga glavna poročnica Ameriške bratske zveze. Društvo je bilo vedno aktivno v vseh kampanjah. V vojnih silah ameriške armade ima šest članov in eno članico, kakor kaže zadnje po ročilo. Društvo je kupilo dva bonda ter je prispevalo tudi za Rdeči križ.

Mesto Ely ima sedem društev, ki pripadajo k Ameriški bratski zvezi. Dvoje društev je že doseglo predpisano kvoto, št. 114 in št. 2. Dvoje društev je prekoračilo že deset točk, a ostala tri društva kažejo aktivnost. To je lepo priznanje za članstvo naše Zveze v Elyu, Minn., ki se zaveda 45-letnice naše organizacije. Tako zmanjšanje naj bi prispevalo tudi za naše društvo naše organizacije.

Ce ne morete v sedanjih časih pridobiti člena v odrasti oddelku, pridobite ga vsaj v mladinski oddelku.

Janko N. Rogelj, gl. predsednik ABZ.

SLOVENSKA VESTI

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## Iz urada glavnega tajnika A. B. Z.

### SPLOŠNO GLASOVANJE

Glavni odbor Ameriške bratske zveze je v smislu točk 5 in 65 Ustave in pravil sprejel in odobril sledečo rezolucijo, katero se daje članstvu s tem na:

**KER je naša ljubljena domovina zdaj neizogibno zapostenja v opustoševalni svetovni vojni; in, KER na milijone naših državljanov vojaške starosti zdaj tvega svoja življenja na tuje-**

### SPLOŠNO GLASOVANJE:

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**zemskih bojnih poljih, da ohranijo svobodo za tiste izmed nas, ki smo ostali doma; in, KER je med ameriškimi vojaki že okrog 1700 vojakov, ki so člani Ameriške bratske zveze ter lastuje zavarovalniške certifikate v Zvezni; in, KER je v smislu zdrave in zanesljive prakse zavarovanja potreben, da enaki certifikati izključujejo težke rizike, ki jih obsegajo vojaška služba; in, KER je želja vsakega lojalnega člana Zvezne, da se vsak smrtni slučaj, ki bi se pripeljal med našimi člani-vojaki, prizna za pravomočno in veljavno zahtevo polne vsote, (zavarovalnine), ki je označena v certifikatu; in, KER pogodba za zavarovalnino določa, da se vsota, ki je plačljiva iz smrtninskega sklada za smrtni slučaje, ki so nastali vsled vojaške, pomorske ali zračne službe v času vojne omeji na vsoto, ki je enaka rezervi certifikata; in, KER se računa, da bi se dodatno vsoto, ki je potrebna za izplačilo polne vsote zavarovalnine pod enakimi certifikati lahko preskrbelo potom naložitve zelo nizkega posebnega asesmenta na vse naše lojalne člane;**

**BODI SKLENJENO, da se za dobo enega leta začenši s 1. septembrom 1943 ustavnovi in vzdržuje poseben sklad, imenovan "Patriotični sklad," s tem, da se naloži na vsakega člana poseben asesment v znesku 25 centov na mesec, plačljiv ob istem času in zaeno z rednim mesečnim asesmentom, ki ga je treba plačati na vsak članski certifikat; IN NAJ BO DALJE SKLENJENO, da se enaki posebni asesment naložijo za nadaljnje dobe od 12 mesecev toliko časa, dokler bo trajala vojna in šest mesecev za tem, pod pogojem, da se ob koncu rečenih šestih mesecev vsoto, ki bi ostala v patriotičnem skladu, če je bo kaj, prenese k prebitku smrtninskega sklada; IN NAJ BO DALJE SKLENJENO, da se iz prebitka, ki se točasno nahaja v smrtninskem skladu, prenese v in pod to rezolucijo ustavnovljeni patriotični sklad začetno vsoto v znesku \$150,000.00; in BODI SKLENJENO, da se to rezolucijo nemudoma predloži članom Ameriške bratske zveze, zbranim pri svojih društvenih, v odobrenje in, da je po takem odobrenju od pritrjevalnega glasovanja večine glasov oddanih in zabeleženih v zapisnik, glavnemu odboru dane oblast, da pogoje (določbe) te rezolucije izvrši.**

Splošno glasovanje o navedeni rezoluciji se prične 2. julija 1943 in konča 2. avgusta 1943.

O rezoluciji smejo člani glasovati samo pri rednih društvenih sejah, ki se bodo vrstile med 2. junijam in 2. avgustom 1943, in glasovati smejo samo dobrostoječi člani in članice odraslega oddeleka. Po pošti se ne more glasovati in tudi na domu društvenega tajnika ali tajnice ali kakega drugega uradnika ali uradnice ne, razen, ako in kadar se tam vršijo društvene seje. O rezoluciji se mora glasovati pod točko 7 dnevnega reda, ki je označen v pravilih pod točko 432. Z glasovanjem naj se prične potem, ko je društveni tajnik prečital rezolucijo v obeh jezikih. Rezolucija ne bo tiskana na uradnih glasovnicah, temveč samo vprašanje: ALI STE ZA TO, DA SE REZOLUCIJA GLAVNEGA ODBORA ZA USTANOVITEV PATRIOTIČNEGA SKLADA SPREJME IN POTRDI?

Izid glasovanja morajo društveni tajniki in tajnice sporočiti glavnemu uradu ABZ ne pozneje kot 12. avgusta 1943, sicer se glasovanje ne bo upoštevalo.

Uradne glasovnice bodo društveni tajniki prejeli v posebnih zavetkih. Izpolnjenih uradnih glasovnic ni treba pošiljati na glavni urad, temveč samo poročilo o izidu glasovanja, in sicer na poli, ki jo dobe iz glavnega urada.

### POJASNILO GLAVNEGA TAJNIKA

Navedeno rezolucijo daje glavni odbor članstvu na splošno glasovanje z dveh razlogov, prvič, ker se ugovori in protesti proti vojnim klavzulim v pravilih in certifikatih vedno bolj množijo, drugič, ker nam je tako svetoval, ne zahteval, zavarovalniški oddelk države Minnesota.

Vojno klavzulo je sprejela in zanesla v pravila zadnja konvencija, in sicer na iniciativno našega aktuarja, ki je želel organizacijo zaščititi pred katastrofnimi izgubami, ki jih vsaka dolgotrajna vojna lahko povzroči. Glavni odbor je soglašal z našim aktuarjem in je to svoje stališče ponovno potrdil pri izredni seji, ki se je meseca decembra 1942 vršila v Clevelandu. Pri tisti prilikli je glavni odbor tudi šel na rekord, da bo na prihodnji konvenciji delegatom in delegatinjam priporočal, da se izplačajo vse vojne izgube v polnem, ako ne bodo previsoke, ali pa, da se izplačajo vsaj v takšni proporciji, kakršno bi dovolil smrtninski sklad ne da bi bilo stanje istega s tem preveč oslabljeno.

S stališčem glavnega odbora se pa mnogi člani niso strinjali in ugovori proti vojnim klavzulim so se množili. Pritožbe glede tega so prišle tudi na zavarovalniški oddelk države Minnesota, ki pa je bil brez moči, ker je bila klavzula na zakonit način sprejeta in je za vse člane obvezna. V zvezi s temi pritožbami je zavarovalniški komisar povabil glavnega tajnika v St. Paul, češ, da ima v tem oziru nekaj nasvetov, ki bi bili vredni upoštevanja. V zavarovalniškem oddelku so glavnemu tajniku povedali, da se zanimajo za bodočnost naše organizacije, ker je minnesotska korporacija in da se bojijo, da bo lep napredek, ki smo ga tekem zadnjih 15 let imeli uničen, aksomo vojno klavzulo obdržali. Izrazili so mnenje, da, sodeč po številu pritožb, ki so jih prejeli, naše članstvo zdaj ni več tako navdušeno za vojno klavzulo, vendar pa je pripravljeno našemu glavnemu odboru, da svoje stališče spremeni in da to vprašanje predloži članstvu na splošno glasovanje. Ker smo bratska organizacija, so pripomnili, bi lahko predložili načrt, potem katerega bi članstvo, aksoko tako želi, vojno klavzulo odstranilo in naložilo poseben asesment, s katerim naj bi se pomagalo kriti neprizakovane smrtni izgube, ki jih bo povzročila sedanja vojna. Za poseben ali izreden asesment so sugestirali \$4.00 na leto od vsakih \$1000.00 zavarovalnene. Razume se, da, ako bi članstvo tak načrt odklonilo, potem je vojna klavzula na mestu in ostati bi moralna v pravilih.

O navedeni konferenci je glavni tajnik poročal glavnemu odboru ter mu obenem predložil načrt podoseka gl. izvrševalnega odseka, ki je vključen v navedeni rezoluciji. Rezolucija je bila od glavnega odbora odobrena in isto je odobril tudi zavarovalniški oddelk države Minnesota. Ako bo tudi od članstva

potrjena, potem bomo vse vojne izgube plačali v polnem in brez vsakega najmanjšega odbitka ter brez ozira na to, kjer je bil član-vojak sprejet in v katerem načrtu je bil zavarovan. Ako bo članstvo rezolucijo odklonilo, potem ostane vojna klavzula v veljavni vsaj do prihodnje konvencije.

Upam, da bo članstvo s predloženim načrtom zadovoljno in da bo rezolucijo z veliko večino odobriло.

Ely, Minnesota, 27. maja, 1943.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

ANTON ZBAŠNIK, glavni tajnik.

## Resolucija za ustanovitev patriotičnega sklada temelji na geslu "Vsi za enega, eden za vse"

### VREDNO PREČITATI

Podpisani sem bil največji zagovornik vojne klavzule in sem, s trgovske stališča, še danes njen največji zagovornik. Upal in pričakoval sem, da bo tudi članstvo vojno klavzulo odobravalo in zagovarjalo, pa sem se motil, kajti takoj po napadu na Pearl Harbor je bil odmey drugačen.

Dopisniki v Novi Dobi niso imeli nobene dobre besede za vojno klavzulo; vsi so jo obsojali in vsi so trdili, da ni patriotska, da ni bratska in da ne odgovarja želji članstva. Izgledalo je, da je bila zahteva za njeno odstranitev iz certifikatov in pravil splošna in soglasna. Z izjemo glavnih odbornikov, ki so vzroke, razloge in opravičje za vojno klavzulo temeljito preštudirali, se ni nikje zavzel ranj, in tako sem vsaj jaz prišel do zaključka, da so se vsi člani zakleli proti njej. O tem sem postal še bolj prepričan in uverjen potem, ko sem izvedel, da so nekateri člani celo pri minnesotskemu zavarovalniškemu oddelku protestirali proti omenjeni ometitvi.

Z rezolucijo je glasovalo 14 glavnih odbornikov, med njimi tudi brat Frank Okoren, prvi glavni podpredsednik in tajnik društva št. 21, ki je pa menil, da bi bilo 15 centov dovolj posebnega asesmenta. Ti odborniki so dali rezolucijo članstvu na glasovanje, ker so bili mnenji, da je zahteva splošna in soglasna in ker niso hoteli, da bi se jim očitajo samopasnost in ker niso hoteli, da bi se jih dolžilo upora proti članski volji. Glavni odbor se mora vladati po duhu časa in duh časa ne ustvarja pri naši organizaciji glavni odbor, temveč samo vprašanje: ALI STE ZA TO, DA SE REZOLUCIJA GLAVNEGA ODBORA ZA USTANOVITEV PATRIOTIČNEGA SKLADA SPREJME IN POTRDI?

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# New Era

ENGLISH SECTION OF  
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# Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS



## How Do You Stand?

Now that our country has been at war for quite a period of time it is timely to ask ourselves if we measure up to the standard of being a 100% American. Are we worthy of all the sacrifices our boys are making so that we will live in a better, peaceful, democratic and free world? Let us ask ourselves, AM I —

Buying all the War Bonds I can afford every month? Participating in all salvage campaigns such as scrap metal, used fats, silks, rubber, etc.?

Doing my part in helping the worthy work of the Red Cross?

Cooperating with my government in all that it asks of me including sharing by rationing?

Helping my local branch in Civilian Defense work?

Heeding safety rules and regulations at home and at work?

Working in my Victory Garden to help America on the food production front?

Conserving gas, oil and tires so that our boys will have "enough and on time?"

Stopping rumors and keeping from disclosing information about troop movements and activities which may fall on enemy ears?

Writing regularly to that serviceman who is a relative, neighbor or friend of mine in the armed forces?

Doing my utmost in helping my country and its Allies to hasten victory and lasting peace?

If you can truthfully answer yes to all the above questions you are a true American; the type of American that is a pride to the United States and its huge family of inhabitants.

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The time has also come when we should ask ourselves if we are fulfilling our obligations as members of the American Fraternal Union. Do we truly appreciate all the benefits our AFU offers us as members? Let us ask ourselves, AM I —

Attending monthly lodge meetings whenever possible?

Paying my dues promptly so that the secretary doesn't have to keep reminding me that they are overdue?

Doing my share in the membership campaign by telling my neighbors and friends about all the benefits the AFU has to offer to its members?

Making use of the official organ, the Nova Doba, to publicize and discuss lodge and Union matters and activities of my lodge?

Offering friendly advice and constructive criticism at lodge meetings on matters pertaining to the progress and development of my lodge?

Ready to take office when elected, to serve my lodge in any capacity when called upon to do so?

Willing to spread the spirit of fraternalism by helping other members whenever I can?

Following the rules of the AFU by-laws and helping to make it a better and bigger organization?

How do you stand in answering the above questionnaire? If you have neglected certain lodge duties now is the time to make amends and pledge to follow through as a loyal AFU member of whom the Union will be proud!

## Latest Results in AFU 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign

### AFU 45-Point Honor Roll:

Lodge No. 21, Denver, Colo.  
Lodge No. 114, Ely, Minn.  
Lodge No. 2, Ely, Minn.

Lodge No. 225 of Milwaukee, Wisc. is still heading the list of lodges with a total of 34 points. Other lodges having 10 or more points to their credit are as follows:

Lodge No. 70 of Chicago, Ill., 33 points; Lodge No. 28 of Kemmerer, Wyo., 28 points; Lodge No. 190 of Butte, Mont., 23 points; Lodge No. 55 of Uniontown, Pa., 20½ points; Lodge No. 66 of Joliet, Ill., 20 points; Lodge No. 101 of Walsenburg, Colo., 19 points; Lodge No. 132 of Euclid, Ohio, 18½ points; Lodge No. 84 of Trinidad, Colo., 15 points; Lodge No. 229 of Struthers, Ohio, 14 points; Lodge No. 43 of East Helena, Mont., 14½ points; Lodge No. 1 of Ely, Minn., 13½ points; Lodge No. 44 of Barberville, Ohio, 12 points; Lodge No. 88 of Roundup, Mont., 12 points; Lodge No. 140 of Morley, Colo., 12 points; Lodge No. 37 of Cleveland, Ohio, 12 points; Lodge No. 57 of Export, Pa., 11½ points; Lodge No. 120 of Ely, Minn., 11 points; Lodge No. 170 of Chicago, Ill., 11 points; Lodge No. 30 of Chisholm, Minn., 10 points; and Lodge No. 40 of Claridge, Pa., 10 points.

We notice that Lodge No. 120 of Ely, Minn. passed the 10-point list last week making a total of 21 lodges now having 10 or more points to their credit. The lodge secretary is Sister Rose Svetich, Second Supreme Judi-

## Slovene Girl Receives Promotion



Lt. Helen F. Grimsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Grimsie, 841 Wadsworth Ave., Waukegan, Ill., was recently transferred to the Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta, Georgia. Lt. Grimsie who is with the fourth auxiliary surgical unit, was previously stationed at the general hospital, Fort Custer, Michigan. Before entering the service of Uncle Sam she was supervisor of surgery at the St. Therese Hospital at Waukegan, Ill. She graduated from the St. Therese School of Nursing in 1941 as president of her class. Prior to this she had been a student at the Mother of God School. Recently she continued her studies at DePaul University in Chicago, until the time of her enlistment. With this new promotion she carries the distinction of being one of the outstanding Slovene girls who is contributing her share to the cause of her country. Lt. Grimsie's parents are members of Lodge No. 94, AFU. The Slovene population of Waukegan and North Chicago feel proud of her accomplishment and wish her well in her new work.

(Photo cut through courtesy of Joseph Zorec.)

## Gowanda Lodge Postpones Picnic Because of Rain

Due to rain, the picnic sponsored by Lodge No. 89, AFU of Gowanda, N. Y. which was to have been held July 4th, has been postponed until July 11, this coming Sunday. There will be plenty of refreshments on hand so I hope to see everybody at this gala affair. Entertainment will consist of a program and games. Music will be furnished for dancing and the admission is only 10 cents. So until next Sunday when I hope to see you at Mentley's Grove, this is so-long.

Violet Widgay  
Lodge No. 89, AFU  
Gowanda, N. Y.

Fraternally yours,  
Anton Knapp, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 2, AFU  
Ely, Minn.

## News of Lodge 2, AFU, Ely, Minn.

Members of Lodge No. 2, AFU of Ely, Minn. are asked to attend the next meeting which will be held July 11th at 9 a. m. As the members have already read in the Nova Doba, there is a special referendum from the Supreme Office which will be voted upon. This is an important resolution concerning every member. This subject will be discussed and voted upon at this meeting. The result will depend upon the majority of the membership votes. If the resolution is accepted, there will be an additional 25 cents assessment after Sept. 1, 1943.

The following are members of Lodge No. 2, AFU who are serving in the U. S. Armed Forces:

Veronica Kosmach, WAAC, Joseph Belehar, Louis Dejak, William Dejak, Steve Golobich, Anton Golobich, John L. Glavan, Frank Golin, John Hutar, Edward Hutar, Bernard Hutar, Frank Indihar, Frank Kromer, Albert Kovall, Bernard Kovall, Frank Kuhar, Tony Klancher, John Klancher, Jacob Kosmach Jr., Augustine Kosmach, Tony Kuzma, Rudolph Kosir, William Klun, Louis Lesar, John Landa, Peter Lekatz, Joseph Lekatz, Mike Lekatz, John Maminshek Jr., Stanley Mestnick, John Perko Jr., Joseph Perko, Frank Prosen, Stanley Pechev, Albert Pechev, Louis Pechev, Albert Pruse, Bernard Pruse, Fred Perushek, John Perushek, Victor Perushek, Rudolph Perushek, Joseph Perushek, Edward Perushek, Stanley Perushek, Tony Perushek, Frank Papesh, John Papesh, Joseph Pucel, Louis Pucel, Frank J. Pucel, Louis Pucel, Charles Pusavec, Albert Prijatel, John V. Prijatel, William Rom, Frank Rozman, Albin Rozman, Fred Rozman, Louis Rozman, Jack Stalcar, Tony Shober, Louis Seme, John Seme, Tony Seme Jr., John Shober, Edward Shepel, Joseph Turk; William Vidmar, John Vidmar, Joseph Zaic, John Zbasnik, Edward Zbasnik, John Okasich, Tony Okasich.

At this time I would also like to express my thanks to the members who helped to fill the AFU membership campaign quota. Let's not stop now but keep on enrolling new members. Thanks to Joseph L. Champa, Lodge president; Louis Champa, AFU Supreme Treasurer; John Mehle, recording secretary; and members, Anton Seme and Walter Kangas.

Fraternally yours,  
Anton Knapp, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 2, AFU  
Ely, Minn.

Saving for a rainy day?  
Do it the American way.  
Buy more War Bonds!

Fraternally yours,  
Anton Knapp, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 2, AFU  
Ely, Minn.

This lodge has always been active in all our campaigns. The city of Ely, Minn. has seven lodges in the American Fraternal Union. Two lodges have already attained the 45-Point Honor Roll, Lodges No. 114 and 2. Two lodges have made the 10 or more points list and the remaining three are actively participating in the campaign. This is a fine showing by the members of our Union in Ely, Minn. Other lodges would do well to follow their example.

When enrolling new members don't forget the juveniles. These young members will carry on when the adults will pass away. Every new member is an added support to the growth and prosperity of our Union. Enroll that new member now!

## Cleveland Boy Completes Parachute Training



Henry Kovitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kovitch, 19621 Shelton Dr., is serving Uncle Sam in the Parachute Battalion. Pfc. Henry Kovitch completed his basic training and is now a full-fledged paratrooper. He is a member of the Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU of Cleveland, Ohio. We wish him much success in his new field of work.

Friends may write to him at the following address:

Pfc. Henry Kovitch  
Parachute Replacing Co.  
School Battalion Training  
Center  
Camp Elliot, Calif.

(Photo cut through the courtesy of Mr. G. Kovitch.)

## Lodge No. 205, AFU Loses Faithful Member

The members of Lodge No. 205, AFU of Canonsburg, Pa. were very sorry to hear that Sister Anna M. Smith, 27 years old, passed away into the Great Beyond on June 29th at the Canonsburg General Hospital after an illness of three weeks. (This is the first member our lodge lost through death since its organization, 14 years ago.)

The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Semian. She was born in Strabane, Pa. on May 22, 1916. Besides her parents she also leaves her husband, John Smith and two children, Joan Adele and John Douglas; brothers and sisters, George Semian and Mrs. Mary Pucker of Canonsburg; Joseph, Mrs. Veronica Goldbough and Miss Helen Semian of McKeesport, Pa.; Pfc. Michael in North Carolina and Strabane area.

Funeral services were held from her home on July 2 and burial took place at St. Patrick's Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Joseph, George and John Semian, and Steve, Joseph and Charles Smith.

The late Sister Anna Smith was a member of the AFU since June, 1940 and was transferred to our lodge January, 1948 from Lodge No. 232, AFU of Meadowlands, Pa.

In the name of our lodge members, I wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family upon the loss of their dear one. We shall always cherish her memory as a beloved sister-member.

Louis Polaski, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 205, AFU  
Canonsburg, Pa.

Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings.  
—Samuel Johnson

## Office of the Supreme Secretary AFU

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR LODGES AND MEMBERS IN OHIO

Advice has been received from the Office of the National Fraternal Congress of America to the effect that the General Assembly of the State of Ohio has passed an Act amending Section 9468 of the Insurance Code, relative to admission to membership in fraternal benefit societies.

Said Section of the Insurance Code, as now amended, provides that any society which shall show by its annual valuation that it is accumulating and maintaining the full reserve required by a table of mortality not lower than the American Experience Table of Mortality and interest at three and one-half per cent on all insurance contracts being issued, may accept, for a face amount of life insurance not more than two thousand dollars on any one life, or any member admitted to beneficial membership not more than fifty years of age who shall make acceptable declarations of his insurability as provided by the laws of the society.

Due to the passage of said Act, Section 474-A of our Constitution and By-laws, which permits the admission of applicants between the ages of 16 to 35 years and for not more than \$1000.00 life insurance without a medical examination, has now become operative also in the State of Ohio.

Applicants for membership desiring to be admitted without a medical examination must submit their applications on "Form 1-NM."

If an applicant transferring from the juvenile department desires to insure himself for \$250.00 or \$500.00 life insurance only, then he should only fill in the first and last page of the application. If he desires to be insured in the sick and indemnity and/or welfare fund also, and for not more than \$1000.00 death benefit, then he must fill in all four pages of said application.

If a juvenile member transferring to the Adult Department has any physical or mental defect, or if he is not in good health at the time of such transfer, he may insure himself in the Adult Department for \$250.00 or \$500.00 death benefit only. All other applicants between the ages of 16 and 35 years, desiring to be admitted without medical examination and for not more than \$1000.00 life insurance only, must fill in all four pages of application "Form 1-NM." If such applicants desire to be insured in the sick and indemnity and/or welfare benefit fund also, then they must make their applications on "Form 1" and submit to a medical examination.

When all four pages of "Form 1-NM" are required to be and have been filled in, such forms must be forwarded to the supreme medical examiner.

All applications on "Form 1-NM" must be filled in and signed in the presence of the lodge secretary who must sign the same as witness.

A special award of \$1.00 is allowed the lodge secretaries for each application made on "Form 1-NM" where all four pages of the application are required to be and are filled in.

Fraternally yours,  
ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

## Former Nova Doba Correspondents

### Receive Promotions on Newspapers

Two additional Nova Doba contributing correspondents of Strabane were recently rewarded for their early training received through weekly articles to the Nova Doba, it was learned here today, when Veronica Barbish and Francis Zele, were added to the editorial staff of The Daily Notes, published in Canonsburg, Pa. and serving the Canonsburg and Strabane area.

Both began their new positions June 28 and according to a reliable source, are "doing nicely" and assuming their new responsibilities in a credited manner.

Progar, who joined the news staff of the Sun Telegraph July 1, will be remembered as the author of the "Rambling Chatter" and the "Sports Flashbacks" columns which were regular features of The Nova Doba for a period of about six years, his association with the Nova Doba ending when he joined the "Notes" staff.

We congratulate these AFU members on their appointments and wish them much success in their new work.

Vacation trips this season will be two-wheel affairs for many people. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council asks bicycle vacationers to keep in mind that traffic laws and safety rules apply to two wheels as well as four. The Council urges that bicycle riders travel at the extreme right-hand side of streets and highways, carry front and rear lights at night, and use hand signals when stopping or turning. And remember, you crowd safety off, if you let someone ride on your handlebars!

## AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

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## "Pay-As-You-Go" Income Tax Explained

On July 1st, 1943, a withholding tax on individual incomes goes into operation. From then on you will, for the most part, pay your Federal Income Tax bit by bit as you earn, instead of in a lump sum of four installments. You will pay it through regular deductions from your pay envelope. This is the same method that has been used to collect your Victory Tax and Social Security Tax. It is NOT a new tax, NOT an extra tax—but a new method of collecting the Federal Individual Income Tax. It includes the Victory Tax, which has been reduced from 5% to 3%.

This new Withholding Tax is at the rate of 20% on wages over and above exemptions. After exemptions it will actually amount to no tax at all for some persons, up to not more than 10 to 12 per cent of most people's pay. It is NOT a gross tax on wages.

An employee must fill out, sign and hand in to his employer a "WITHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE".

This tells your family status, whether married or single, how many dependents you have. The greater your responsibility, the more of your pay is exempt from the 20% withholding.

A word of warning here. It is quite possible that the amount withheld from your pay will not be exactly, to the penny, 20% of your pay above your withholding exemption. You may find that the tax withheld will be a trifle more, or a trifle less.

Employees should understand that this is because the law allows employers to withhold the tax in accordance with "Wage Bracket Tables." These tables set definite amounts to be withheld from each pay. For example, in the case of married employees with three dependents, whose weekly wage is anywhere between fifty and sixty dollars, the employer is authorized to withhold a flat amount of \$2.60 per week, instead of requiring him to figure the exact amount for each individual employee.

The law grants the employer this "short-cut" method in order to simplify his job of computing the amount to be withheld for each individual worker. In any case, where "Wage Bracket Tables" are used, the amount of tax withheld will be only slightly different from an exact computation at 20%. Tax money withheld from wages is paid by the employer to the United States Treasury. The amount withheld from you stands to your credit at the Treasury against the amount you owe on Income and Victory Tax. At the end of the year, or at termination of employment during the year, your employer will give you a certificate stating the amount of wages he has paid you during the year and

Do not confuse these exemptions with your basic income tax exemption. They are used only to calculate the amount to be withheld. Here are three examples of how it works out. John Smith a single man, is making \$37 a week. Of that, \$12 is exempt. The other \$25 is subject to withholding at 20%.

## Juvenile Voices

### Pfc. Jos. Sterle Writes Again

Superior, Wisc. — Hello Juveniles: I have been at Superior, Wisc. since June 12th. I am spending my vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Coombs. They have two girls and a small boy, the cutest youngster you could ever find. Mrs. Coombs was in the St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth and I went with the family to see her. This trip was my first sight of Duluth and Superior. I have seen many interesting things, places and people. It is a wonderful experience for me.

The Coombs family is very nice to me. I attended many different theatres and other public places of interest. By bus you can go to Duluth or any other part of Superior. You also cross a bridge in going to Superior from Duluth which opens so big boats and ships can pass through.

Note to Helen Urbas: Welcome to our Juvenile Column. Your first letter was very nice and interesting so write again. Thank you for the compliment on my writing.

My sister, Florence, is now in Washington, D. C. where she is employed by the F. B. I. and she says that she likes Washington and her work there.

I like Superior and am enjoying my visit very much. So long until next time.

Margaret M. Startz (Age: 14)  
Lodge No. 1, AFU of Ely, Minn.

## Traffic Accidents

It has long been recognized that the most frequent victim of traffic accidents, especially as pedestrians, are the men and women of older years. Seventy-five of the 127 fatalities last year involved people over 45 and most were in the age bracket between 55 and 64.

In many cases the action of the victim was an important cause but a significant fact is revealed in the monthly trend of accidents in the six months of this year. The percentage of older people involved in accidents shows a reduction of one half from January to June.

This trend shows the great responsibility resting with the driver for accident free driving despite all of the difficulties.

Accidents decreased as the hours of daylight increased proving the importance of visibility to the driver and the person on foot. The accidents happened mainly because the motorist did not see the man or woman in the path of his car. Perhaps his attention was not entirely devoted to driving, the speed may have been too fast for conditions or a seemingly trivial defect like a worn windshield wiper or an improperly focused headlight may have caused the loss of a life.

Let's remember at all times that any error in judgment or any defect in your car may cause you to kill or injure another.

—Cleveland Police Dep't

the amount of tax he has withheld. **Keep this. It is your tax receipt.**

On or before March 15, 1944,

you will be required to file, in the usual manner, your income tax return showing your actual income for 1943, and figuring in the usual deductions and credits. The tax withheld by your employer, both before and after July 1, 1943, the income tax installments you paid

March 15 and June 15, and any tax you may have already

paid in addition to the above-mentioned payments will be shown on the return as credits.

In other words, you will add up the tax payments you made

on March 15 and June 15, 1943, plus the total amount that has

been already withheld for Victory Tax purposes, as well as

the amounts withheld from

your pay since July 1 by the Withholding Tax, plus any other amounts you may have

paid on September 15 and December 15. If the total comes

to more than your liability, the Government will credit you with the difference against the next year's tax payments. If it comes to less, you will pay the difference.

—Office of War Information

### Pfc. Jos. Sterle Writes Again

Hi Folks:

Well here I am back with more adventures of the fighting 499th Engineers. First I'll have to quiet down the crap game that is going on down at the end of the hut, it sounds like they're going to knock out the sides of the walls with those big dice. "They're sure hot" as they say. I'll have to stop writing for a minute or two for I hear those horse-shoes galloping around in the mess hall so we'll have to go in and see if the horse is ready to be chewed up.

Here I am back from chow and it wasn't horse meat, some say it was goat steak and some say it was pork. We have eaten so many different kinds of meat that we don't even know what it is half of the time.

I think I hear the dice rolling again. Boy I'm telling you this bunch of boys in our outfit are a real bunch. For instance, Pfc. Hill who drifted from the state of Oklahoma. He tries to sell us used oil wells for post holes. He says when a well is empty, he pulls the hole out of the ground and then cuts it in three-foot lengths for post holes. Then we have Pfc. Gundlach who came floating out of Sandusky, Ohio, he's always "Deaming of a White Christmas" in this hot weather (Of all the nerve.)

Then we have Pfc. Shank who also came floating from Johnstown, Pa. He cheers the boys up with a good tune on his mouth-organ. Pfc. Rose from Mass. is always laughing about something or other. He's the one who read my article in the Nova Doba and he told me that the soldier who had to stand in the doorway of the train while going home on furlough sure had a bad break. He also laughed about it and when he got down to the bottom and saw my name on it, that's when he realized that I wrote it. You ought to have heard him laugh then. In this other corner we have Pfc. Purcell who adores the army. He comes from the state of Kentucky. Hold everything! There's Shank again giving the boys a little tap dance. Now we have Pfc. Lech from Ohio who says he would like to raise a little hell but everyone is busy writing letters so if this hut isn't here in the morning, it will be his doing. Where is Cpl. Lodes? He's down in Alexandria with his wife. I'll bet he's having a swell time there. We're having a little jam session at the present led by Sgt. Good of Pennsylvania with music by Pfc. Shank and they're really going to town. What a life, it's really great if you can take it.

That just about takes care of hut #10. Oh yes, I almost forgot about Pfc. Lowewenhagen from Wisconsin who just came back from Boom Town. He says there's a lot of pretty girls there. (What do you say, men, let's investigate a little.) There goes Pfc. Hocking from Detroit, climbing up a bed rail. I don't know what he's up to. It must be something pretty high up whatever it is. I hope he gets it. Boy, join the army to have fun, says Pvt. Holahan from Pennsylvania. He's a heart-breaker. He just left a little "dove" up in St. Louis. He's a little sick at times and I don't blame him a bit. It's something to fight for, he says.

We also have Pfc. Sheehan who keeps the hut in shape after the boys from hut #10 get

done with it. He's our carpenter and he's good to have around;

saves us a lot of extra duty. Here comes Sgt. Waggoner out of Columbus, Ohio. He says the rain is wet outside so there

goes Rose and Hill out in bathing suits to find out.

Pfc. Mayers of Mississippi is

### Meeting Reminder of

#### Lodge 149, AFU, Strabane, Pa.

## Hitler's Lies

(Conclusion)

May 9, German government memorandum to Dutch and Belgian government: "The Reich government declares that Germany has no intention of touching the sovereignty and kingdom on the Netherlands or Belgium, either with regard to their European or colonial possessions."

June 21, German broadcast to France: "The French have but to lay down their arms and lasting peace and security will be assured."

Dec. 10, Hitler speech in Berlin: "How often have I stretched out my hand to them (British)."

"Ever since I came to power I have had not the slightest wish to re-arm."

"We have demanded nothing of course. We have been drawn into a war against our will."

1941

Jan. 30, Hitler speech in Sportspalast, Berlin: "The so-called National Socialist Revolution defeated 'democracy' in the days of democracy by means of democracy. It ensured power for itself by perfectly legal means."

John Boles, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 149, AFU  
Strabane, Pa.

Teach me to feel another's woe,

To hide the fault I see;  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy show to me.

—Alexander Pope

out looking for another crap game. I hope he finds one for he says it's a long time 'til pay-day. There goes Cpl. Juney of Michigan with some more of his jokes. He's really got some good ones stored up. Last but not least is Pfc. Clendenin. He's from the cotton belt and says he would like to be back pickin' cotton.

Well that winds up the 17 wrecks of hut #10 until next time. Maybe something will turn up soon. We just moved again this week from a Bivanc area and the boys sure miss that life. It sure is swell. We stayed there for two days. It rained when we put up our tents and it was still raining when we took them down. I hope some day we'll be lucky enough to go back there again. The boys certainly miss it.

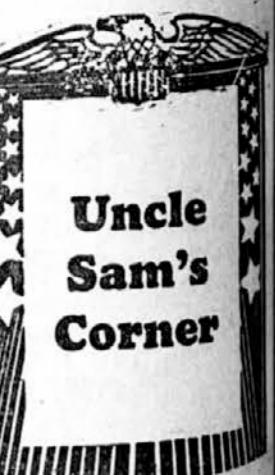
Now we are back at the main post again which is about three-fourths of a mile from the gate. The happy day will come when we go through it. That's what the fighting 499th is waiting for. We really think we're on the eight ball and not behind it.

I don't have much more to say except that I enjoy reading the Nova Doba very much. That's one day I like to listen to the mail call for I know there will be news coming from the home town and letters in the paper from the AFU servicemen. Come on you AFU members, let's do a little writing. I'm sure the folks back home enjoy reading the paper too.

By the way, let's hear from Barberton, Ohio. What's the matter out there? I'm sure you can find a little time to write so come on and get out your pen and paper. Well I'll have to close now with the hopes of hearing from some one. Until next time I'll be saying so long and good luck.

Pfc. Joe Sterle  
499th Engr. Co. E U T C  
Camp Claiborne, La.

Let's see if you have what it takes to win this war . . . the spirit of sacrifice. Donate a pint of your blood to the Red Cross and save a serviceman's life!



Save Those Squeezed-Out Tubes:

Perhaps some of you think it's a bother to turn in the messy squeezed-out toothpaste tubes and shaving cream tubes but the fact is that this form

of war-time conservation does recover a lot of precious metal.

1, Ohio ranked sixth in the competition for collection of collapsible tin tubes, with a total

228,843 pounds. New York

with 625,272 pounds; Pennsylvania

with 383,100 pounds, and California with 344,327. Therefore

cans, keep turning in those

collapsible tin tubes!

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What's Your Order?

An alewife may sound like a bar-maid but it's merely our

the fish that the Co-ordinating

Fisheries wishes we

eat more of. Of the 160 species

of fish caught by commercial

fishermen, only about 25

are caught in any quantity and

of these account for four-fifths

of all the fish we eat. Some

the varieties we are being

to try are smoked eels, g

puffers, which taste like

fried chicken; stewed squids

be served with tomato sauce

## Office of the Supreme Secretary of A. F. U.

### GENERAL REFERENDUM

The Supreme Board of the American Fraternal Union has, by and under authority of Sections 5 and 65 of the Constitution and By-laws of said American Fraternal Union, adopted the following resolution which is hereby and herewith referred to the members of the American Fraternal Union for a general referendum:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS our beloved country now finds itself unavoidably engaged in a devastating world-wide war; and WHEREAS millions of our citizens of military age are risking their lives on foreign fields of battle to preserve the liberties of those of us who remain at home; and WHEREAS nearly 1700 of our American soldiers are members of the American Fraternal Union holding certificates of life insurance in the Union; and WHEREAS such certificates necessarily, under sound and safe insurance practice, must exclude the heavy risk that is involved in military service; and WHEREAS it is the desire of every legal member of our Union that every death that may occur among our soldier-members shall be recognized by us as a valid claim for the full amount stated in the certificate; and WHEREAS the insurance contracts provide that the amount payable out of the Mortuary Fund of the Union in event of death resulting from military, naval, or air service in time of war shall be limited to the amount of the reserve on such certificate; and WHEREAS it is estimated that the additional amount required to make payment of the full face amount under such certificates could be provided by a very small extra assessment on all our loyal members; and WHEREAS notices have already been received of the death of a number of our soldier members;

**RESOLVED** that a special fund, to be called the Patriotic Fund, be created and maintained by the levy of a special assessment of 25c per month per member, payable at the same time and together with the regular monthly rate due under each member's certificate, over a period of one year commencing with the month of September, 1943; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such special assessments be levied for successive periods of twelve months so long as the war lasts and until six months thereafter, provided that at the end of said six months the amount remaining in said Patriotic Fund, if any, shall be transferred to the surplus of the Mortuary Fund; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an initial sum in the amount of \$150,000 be transferred from the surplus now held in the Mortuary Fund to the said Patriotic Fund so established under this Resolution, AND RESOLVED that this Resolution be forthwith submitted for approval to the members of the American Fraternal Union in their respective lodges assembled, and upon such approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast and recorded, the Supreme Board shall thereby be vested with authority to execute the provisions of this Resolution.

The referendum on the foregoing resolution shall commence June 2, 1943 and close August 2, 1943.

Members may cast their ballots only at regular meetings of the lodge and each and every member is required to sign his or her ballot. Only members in good standing at the time are permitted to vote. Voting by mail or in the home of the secretary or any other officer of the lodge is not permissible, except where regular meetings of the lodge are held in such homes. A ballot on the resolution shall be taken under Order No. 7 of the order of business prescribed in Section 432 of the By-laws and after both, the English and Slovene text of the resolution have been read by the secretary. The full text of the resolution will not be printed on the ballots, but there will appear on the ballot only the following question: "SHALL THE RESOLUTION OF THE SUPREME BOARD TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A PATRIOTIC FUND BE APPROVED?"

A report of the result of the balloting must be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary not later than August 12, 1943.

Ballots will be sent to the lodge secretaries under separate cover. Completed ballots need not be returned to the supreme secretary, only a report of the vote should be sent.

### SUPREME SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM

The supreme board is submitting the foregoing resolution to a referendum vote of the entire membership for two reasons, first, because of the increased objections to the war clause which presently attaches to all contracts (certificates), second, because it is so recommended, not demanded, by the insurance department of the State of Minnesota.

The war clause contained in our By-laws and attached to each membership certificate was adopted at our last convention at the suggestion of our actuary who wished to protect the Union from catastrophic losses which any war of long duration may incur. Our supreme board was in full accord with the war clause and re-affirmed this position at its special meeting in the month of December, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio. On that occasion the supreme board also pledged itself to recommend to the next convention approval of payment in full of all war losses, provided they were not too high, or at least such a portion thereof as may not seriously impair the solvency of our war fund.

A considerable number of our members, however, did not agree with our supreme board and the objections to the war clause continued on an increased scale. Numerous inquiries regarding the war clause were also received by the Minnesota Insurance Department which, however, had no remedy because the clause was adopted in a legal manner and was binding upon all members. The insurance department, however, did invite the supreme secretary to St. Paul, stating that it had a few suggestions and ideas which might be worthwhile. They pointed out that being a Minnesota organization, they are interested in our future and that they feared that the present exclusion (war clause) might nullify the fine progress we have made during the past 15 years. They also felt that, judging from the inquiries received, our membership may not now be in favor of the war clause and suggested that our supreme board consider this war clause matter and possibly submit the question to the membership. Being a fraternal society, they said, it should be possible for us to present a plan whereby, if it so desires, the war clause

## American Slav Congress to Honor War Hero, Cpl. John Yaksich

With best wishes from Vice-President Henry Wallace, and with the arrival in Detroit of Guadalcanal war hero, Cpl. John T. Yaksich, who will be guest of honor, the preparations for the Slav Day Rally on July 18 at Keyworth Stadium, Hamtramck, received a new impetus.

The unexpected arrival of Cpl. Yaksich on a 30-day furlough was a pleasant surprise to the organizers of the Rally and all Detroit Slavs who are proud of him. The 20-year old Marine fighter is modest about his deeds which won him the Silver Star medal, but the Slav Congress prevailed upon him to

### Secretary of Lodge 11 Omaha, Neb., Discusses Present Resolution

One after another we leave benefit. This won't happen to the place from which there is no returning. On May 15th, Sister Mary Cepuran, 72 years old, passed away. Surviving her are her daughters, Anne Car, Mary Cervovsky, Lucy Schimker, Rose Nittler and Theresa Cepuran; a son, Joseph Cepuran; and a sister, Barbara Stanescic. May she ever be remembered.

The members of Lodge No. 11, AFU of Omaha, Neb. are reminded to attend the next regular monthly meeting in as large a number as possible. It will be held Sunday, July 18 in the usual meeting place at 10 a. m. At this meeting we shall discuss and vote upon the resolution which was presented by the Supreme Board for a general referendum. If this resolution is passed, every adult member will pay after Sept. 1st, a special assessment of 25 cents for the duration of the war and six months thereafter.

Members, I wish to remind you to take advantage of your privilege to vote and to think it over well before you vote. I heard many members state that they will rather leave the lodge and organization than pay this high monthly assessment. Our members who are serving in the American Armed Forces do not demand this change, they do not want the membership to be assessed highly because of them. If a member dies in the line of duty, his family will not have any expense for his funeral as all expenses are paid by the government. The greater amount of the death benefit is considered important to cover the cost of the funeral expense. If a member who is a civilian dies and is insured for \$500, the undertaker charges \$500 for the funeral; in this way we see how much is left to the beneficiary from the death

The following members of our lodge are serving in the Armed Forces: James Suty, Frank Balkovec, Fred Cveta, Frank Cveta, Joe Weiss, Ernest Weiss, Edward Radanovich, Frank Jershin, Fred Misimas, Charles Brodarick and Carl Kastelic. Fraternal regards to all.

John Urek, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 11, AFU  
Omaha, Neb.

could be eliminated and an additional charge or assessment made on the entire membership for the purpose of meeting the unexpected mortality which is bound to come about because of the number of our young members who are now in the armed forces. They suggested a special assessment of \$4.00 per year for each \$1000.00 insurance. It is understood that in case the members would not approve of such plan the war clause is to remain in full force and effect.

The supreme secretary made a report of said conference to the supreme board and also submitted a plan by the sub-committee of the supreme executive committee which plan is embodied in the foregoing resolution. The supreme board approved the resolution and it also carries the approval of the Minnesota State Insurance Department. If the resolution will also meet with the approval of a majority of the membership participating in the referendum, then all war losses will be paid in full and without any deduction, and regardless when a soldier-member has been accepted into the Union and in what plan he had been insured. If, on the other hand, the resolution should fail of approval on the part of the membership, then the war clause will remain in full force and effect at least until our next convention.

It is sincerely hoped that the resolution herein and herewith submitted will be acceptable to the members of our Union and that they will cheerfully approve of the same.

Ely, Minnesota, May 27, 1943.

Fraternally yours,

ANTON ZBASNICK, Supreme Secretary

## Meeting Notice of Lodge 190, AFU, Butte, Mont.

## Meeting Notice of Member's Viewpoint On Present General Referendum

## Meeting Notice of Lodge 132, AFU Euclid, Ohio

The next meeting of Lodge No. 190, AFU of Butte, Mont. will take place July 15 at 7:30 p. m. at the usual place. At the regular June meeting we did not have enough members

Many other prominent speakers will appear on the Rally program. The main feature of the Rally, which will be a tribute to the Slav and other American war heroes, will consist of presenting the Army with a tank, purchased with War Bonds by the Slavs of Detroit and vicinity. The tank will be christened "Michigan Slav" at the Rally.

We have another resolution submitted to us for a general referendum from the Supreme Board. This resolution is to decide if we should pay the beneficiaries of servicemen killed in this war the whole death benefit or not. If the resolution is passed, we shall pay an additional 25 cent assessment beginning Sept. 1, 1943 which will last for the duration. It is the duty of every adult member to attend our next meeting and help decide the issue for the benefit of our membership and our Union.

If the boys in the Armed Forces are willing to fight for us, I think we should be patriotic enough to be willing to pay a small sum of 25 cents toward this fund.

Our 45th Anniversary Membership Campaign is now in progress and it would be well if our lodge did its share in this respect; if every member tries to enroll a new member. The secretary can't do it all, he or she needs a little help. We already have attained 24½ points, now let all of us members get busy and write up some new insurance.

I want to congratulate the lodges that have already attained the 45-point goal. Hoping to see all the members at the next meeting, I remain,

Fraternally yours,  
Mary Predovich, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 190, AFU  
Butte, Mont.

## Meeting Notice of Betsy Ross Lodge

The Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU of Cleveland, O. will hold its next meeting on Sunday, July 11th at the Slovenian Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. at 1:30 p. m. This meeting will be a very important one and every member is asked to attend. The voting on the Supreme Board resolution will be held at this time. Every member should attend for you can only vote at the meeting. Fraternal regards to all.

Catherine Krall, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 186, AFU  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Let's all add to Hitler's sorrow By turning in our scrap tomorrow!

More than One-Hundred Twenty per cent solvent is the battle cry we so often hear from some of the Supreme Officers of our organization.

My opinion is that there is no need of creating a special assessment when the mortuary fund is over 100 per cent solvent. It is surprising to see members that were at the last convention flag waving for our boys who may die. Oh how nice some of their writings would have been at the last convention

when it suspended all members of the Armed Forces of our country from disability, sick and other benefits without a word against the proposal. Little did the "Father" of that by-law think that without this liability there was also a loss of thousands and thousands of dollars in assessments for these funds. The over 100 per cent solvency, suspension of assessments dividends are all misnomers and the real words should be over assessments and refunds.

Since the by-laws give the power to the Supreme Board to levy an assessment whenever a fund is in need of such assessment, therefore there is no need of a referendum to collect a 25 cents special assessment.

Let's hope that the next convention will correct the mistakes made by the last by giving the members of our Armed Forces the full benefit which is granted to other members of our organization and by correcting any losses that have been sustained on account of said discriminating by-law. Fraternally yours,

William B. Laurich, member  
Lodge No. 170, AFU  
Chicago, Ill.

Here is a message to truck drivers from the Greater Cleveland Safety Council: In a check-up on one truck fleet, it was found that fifty per cent of all accidents were caused by faulty or careless backing. You truck drivers and your wartime loads are too important to your country to become casualties because of a backout blackout!

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### BICYCLES

With school closed, juvenile bicycle traffic is at its peak during the summer. The Greater Cleveland Safety Council reminds us. School children have been trained—through Safety Education programs—to ride carefully and to observe traffic signals. But after all, they're just kids, and occasionally they may forget what they have been told. Let's look out for them—and for adult bike riders as well.

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WAAC'S TAKE TO WATER—Members of the WAAC learn the fundamentals of water safety from two Red Cross swimming instructors at a southern training camp. Their aquatic training is identical to that taught to thousands of men in the Army and Navy through the American Red Cross First Aid, Water Safety and Accident Prevention Service.

## General, divizi-ja in drugo



Čudna so po-ta vojaka. In to bo lahko raz-videl čitalec, ako bo tako potrežljiv, da bo prebral te vrsti-ce do konca. Kdo bi si mis-lil, ko sem se vrnil po 20 dnevnem dopu-stu iz Clevelan-da nazaj v Ca-lifornijo, da bom spet potoval, a je že tako: Prišlo je povelje, kakor pride dež za solncem, in čeprav smo vedeli, da bomo potovali, ni nih-če vedel kam. Ej to je bilo u-gibanja, spraševanja in zanima-nja in šlo je od ušes do ušes. Naša srca so bila čedjalju bolj močno in pisma našim ljubim so-bila čedjalje bolj polna ljubezni. Poslavljali smo se v duhu od naših znancev in že smo skoro jemali slovo od naše ljube Amerike. Bili smo zaposleni, kakor še nikdar prej, in tako so mine-vali dnevi in potem ure in pri-šel je trenutek, ko smo zasedli spalne vozove in odšli. Da odšli in nismo vedeli kam.

Zapustiti "California Desert" je bilo kakor zapustiti je po dolgih letih. Vendar bi najraje ostali kar naprej v tej puščavi. To, da ne veš, kam greš, je zelo zdravo, a mučno in neprijetno. A v naše presenečenje, so nas po dolgih enajstih mesech manevrov spet "deli" nazaj v ba-rake. Dobili smo postelje, rju-he, vzglavilne in vse, kar gre s posteljo. Velika jedilnica, ko-palnica z gorko in mrzlo vodo, moderne zabavne sobe, to je bi-lo kar malo preveč za nas. Ne vem, če je kje mož, da bi mogel popisati veselje, katero je za-vladalo med četrto divizijo. Če-prav je general Wood, povel-jnik divizije, res mož in dà nare-di, kar more za vojake, (kar bo-ste lahko razvideli iz naslednjega odstavka), je bilo sedem mesecov v puščavi kar malo preveč, in morala je šla počasi a gotovo navzdol. A sedaj je pa spet na stopnji, da je kar ves-leje gledati "4th Armored Di-vision."

Mi smo, to se pravi četrta di-vizija, je naredila rekord, da je bila najdalj časa na manevrih izmed vseh divizij. Enajst mese-cov vsega skupaj. Dva meseca v New York državi, dva meseca v Tennessee, in sedem mesecov v Califoriji. Neprenehoma in to v vsakovrstnem vremenu. V snežnih viharjih tam gori blizu Canade, v močvirju dolu na ju-gu in pesku na zapadu. Dobroščni, sposobni in vlijudni naši oficirji so dosti pripomogli, da je bila in je divizija vedno na svojem mestu, pa naj si bo tukaj ali tam. A prvi na svojem mestu je naš poveljnik, general Wood. Ko smo bili v Califor-niji oddaljeni 300 milj od ljudi, je na preskrbel, da smo dobili naše dopuste in vojaško trans-portacijo do mest: Los Angeles, Santa Monica in Hollywood. Ne samo to, pač pa je preskrbel za celo divizijo, da smo šli prav v Arizono v Grand Canyon park, kjer so nam kazali slike o tem kraju. Grand Canyon je nekaj nenavadnega, neverjetnega, ne-kaj, kar bi morali tisti videti, ki ne verjamajo, da se svet spre-minja. Pravijo, da imajo doka-ze, da gre zgodovina nazaj v preteklost najmanj 5 bilijonov let, in to je malo predočno tudi za čakati prijatelja na vogalu. Šli smo tudi gori v državo Ne-vado pogledati Boulder Dam; tudi nekaj posebnega, kar se tiče vodnih naprav. In še smo imeli načrte za to in ono, a smo —odšli.

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bo kača-klopotača zlezla pod odojo, kar smo se bali v Califor-niji, ni se treba bati, da bo dež, ravno, ko se ti bo sanjalo kaj prijetnega, in boš moral iskitati kakšno dredo, da ne boš moker, kar se je večkrat zgo-dilo v Tennessee; ni se treba bati, da boš moral kopati 5 ali še več čevljev pod sneg, da si našel kopno, kar se je dogajalo redno v New York državi, smo pa spoznali, eno še večje "zlo" na svetu, in to je, da ta okraj je "suh," in vse, kar moreš piti, je voda ali "pop." Joj to je bilo jeze, kar je res, je pa res. Da si človek ne more kupiti za "gv-šen" denar pijače, je bilo pa tudi za vso divizijo in generalu malo preveč. Lepa kempa, ena najstarejših v Ameriki, najbolj znanih. Ima, no ja, to se pravi, že bi bilo vojne konec, bi lahko povedal, a tako je pa že kar tako. Vendar tukaj je dosti voj-akov še iz zadnje vojne, so bili in so, in vendar je 40 let tako zvana prohibicija se držala tega kraja. Pomislite, 40 let in nobeden ni rekel, ne tako ne tako. A prišla je četrti divizija. General Wood je vprišal, kaj se voj-akom ne dopade in tež kemp. Kakor hitro je zvedel, da to, da ni pijače, je po treh urah dobil dovoljenje in naročilo je bilo na poti in drugi dan je kempa Bowie, po 40 letih bolezni zaslo-vela kot "pijanka." Od meseca junija se pri nas toči 3 naj-boljša piva na trgu. Seveda je ves okraj izven kempe še vedno "suh," in pivo je le za vojake. Ce-mo pride obiskat, bom jaz pil, vi boste pa gledali. Če-prav je dosti propagande proti pijači, ne samo tukaj, ampak tudi drugje, je šel naš general in preskrbel, da imajo voj-aki, kar si zaželete. On bi lahko vzel svoje letalo in bi poletel v drugo državo, kjer točijo pijačo in bi se ga lahko nacukal, a on gleda, da imajo njegovi fant-je, kakor on vedno kliče vojake, tudi svojo zabavo.

Kdo je ta general. Major-general John S. Wood, je lepe postave, vedno nosi jahalno obliko in je vedno tam, kjer ga najmanj pričakuješ. Rojen je bil januarja 11. leta 1888 v državi Arkansas. Svojo štabno diplomo je dobil v vojaški akademiji v Arkansusu. Graduiral je iz gimnazije in ima izpite in Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. V West Point je vstopil 2. marca, 1908 in prišel je ven kot poročnik. Leta 1917 je bil povisan v kapitana v Ordnance od-delku. Leta 1920 je bil poslan s činom majorja k artileriji. Med leti 1920 in 1935 je bil skoro pri vseh oddelkih armade. Po-višan je bil 1935 v podpolkovnika in leta 1940 v polkovnika. 1941 se je povzel do brigadir-generala in v mesecu juniju 1942 je prevzel poveljstvo četrte divizije od major-generala Henry W. Bairda, in tako dobil nadaljnjo zvezdo in postal je major-general. Od takrat na-prej je on spel, jedel, delal in se veselil pod milim nebom z vso svojo divizijo. Tako, ko je on prevzel poveljstvo nad nami, se je pričela igra. On verjame v trdo delo, po delu pa v zabavo. On nima dosti besed, a kadar ga kdo vpraša, mu lahko pokaže na divizijo in delo, da se mora vsak čudit, kako da je lahko tako brezbržen in da se zanesi na svoje fante. A kdor je pod njim tako dolgo, kakor sem jaz, se ne bo čudil, ker ako ni bil on v Fort Knox, Ky., pri poveljniku vseh divizij (sedaj poveljniku vse kopne sile v Evropi) Jacob-u Devers-u, ali v Washingtonu, je bil vedno, če ne pri artileriji, ali pri infanteriji, pa pri drugemu regimentu ali bataljonu, in se nikoli ne boji, da si bo umazal hlače. Najraje se vozi naokoli sam v takozvanem vojaškem "peep-u." Seveda ima tudi svoj vojaški avtomobil, in kadar je v paradi ali v mestu, ima stražo na motorcikljin. In naj bo tukaj povedano, da je eden nje-govih stalnih spremjevalcev naš slovenski fant Bill Sneyder iz Euclida, Ohio. Bill je zelo po-

staven fant in ni čudno, da ga ima general rad. Z veseljem tu-di zapišem, da je Bill pripoznan najlepši fant v celi diviziji. "Slovenska kri ne fali," je pregovor in ta tudi drži. Kadar pri-deva skupaj, kar je sedaj le bolj malokdaj, ker on je vedno zaposlen z njegovim kolesom in z generalom, jo vedno udariva po slovensko in, ker sva oba iz Clevelandske okolice, si imava vedno dosti za povedati.

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## Fridolin

MARK TWAIN\*

Leta 1891. mudil se je slavnri ameriški pisatelj in humorist, Mark Twain, (Clemens) v Švicari. Stanoval je v hotelu Victoria, v mestecu Interlaken, od kjer je prekasen razleg na snežnik Jungfrau ("Devica"). Tedaj je spisal prekasen, in seveda humorističen, po-pis imenovanega snežnika v svoji po-vesti, katera je bila objavljena pod na-slovom "ŠVICA—ZIBELKA SVOEO-DE," iz katere je povest o Fridolini posneta.

Tukaj v Texasu je precej zanimivosti. A najlepše je videti krasne kmetije. Nehote se moram nasmejati, ko se spomnim naših "velikih" kmetov iz našlepe Slovenije. Ce so imeli deset glav živine, so bili že kar "veliki kmetje" in so rekli: "Ja, mi smo bogati." Tukaj pa je navadan kmet ali cowboy, kakor so klicajo, z najmanj par sto le-pih konj in nad tisoč glav živine. Pa niso nič "bogati." Žive kar preprosto in le malo vidiš lepih poslopij, pač pa sem in tja kako malo hišico, kjer imajo svoje družine. A največ časa potrati zunaj na svojih dolgih pašnikih in žive kot so živili baltarji tam onkraj morja. Tudi ne gredo v gostilne in kličejo liter za litrom in se po-govarjejo, koliko gozda bo kupil in koliko smrek bo posekal in katero njivo bo zamenjal, da bo imel vsaj dve njivi skupaj, na-mesto eno na tem koncu in dru-go spet na drugem, kakor so delali pri nas naši kmetje. A ves okraj izven kempe še vedno "suh," in pivo je le za vojake. Ce-mo pride obiskat, bom jaz pil, vi boste pa gledali. Če-prav je dosti propagande proti pijači, ne samo tukaj, ampak tudi drugje, je šel naš general in preskrbel, da imajo voj-aki, kar si zaželete. On bi lahko vzel svoje letalo in bi poletel v drugo državo, kjer točijo pijačo in bi se ga lahko nacukal, a on gleda, da imajo njegovi fant-je, kakor on vedno kliče vojake, tudi svojo zabavo.

In ime, Jungfrau-Devica, je dobro ime, kajti nič drugega ne more biti bolj belo in bolj čisto ter ne zamore prožiti div-nejšega, prizora. Ob šestih, včeraj zvečer, bila je omenjena pogorska trdnjava obdana s svetlo-modro prosojno meglo, ki je izgledala, kakor da bi bila izde-lana iz zraka, brez primesi ka-ke druge tvarine; vse to se je svetikal, kjer so to meglo do-segli sončni žarki, dočim je bilo tam, kamor so segale sence, nekako megleno. Morda je vse to bila nekaka tvarina sanj, ali pa je domisljavost, kajti to ni sličilo resničnosti. Podlaga je bila raznoliko zelena—pona-več temnozelena. Sonce je že zašlo, v kolikor pride trdnjava v poštev,—toda ne za snežnik Jungfrau, ki se dviga v nebo za trdnavo, kajti snežnik je bil v sončnem sijaju žareče bele boje.

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Glasom, pripovedovanja, je Fridolin, (stari Fridolin), novi svetnik, in prejšnji misijonar, dal temu snežniku tako krasno ime. In Fridolin je bil Irec, sin nekega irskega kralja, kajti tam so imeli kar trideset tisoč Nadarjen fant, in po očetovi smrti je šel v višje šole, jaz pa v Ameriko. On je sedaj v ječi. Kaj pa drugi? Kuncov Lojze, Tone, Stanko, moji sosedi, Kle-menov Ivan, Tayžlov Jože, Cip-kin Matija, Trebev France! Fantje v najlepši dobi od 24 do 28 let starci. Ti so moji letniki iz Cerknice. Kaj pa tvoji letniki? Morda sedaj stari 50, 60 let; ali se kdaj spomniš, da ti, tvoji prijatelji iz mladih let, ko ste morda fantovali skupaj, nima-jao danes za pipo tobaka, morda so lačni, žejni, morda v tujem kraju. Ali si tudi ti tak kot je naš general, da se pri svojem, verjemi mi, svojem krasnem živiljenju, spomniš na navadne-ja vojaka, kateri tudi želi vsaj malo naravnega in preprostega živiljenja. Malo hrane in gorce-sobe, in malo oblike. Ne prosi-te, tudi vojak ne prosi generala, a tvoje srce ve, da lahko pom-a-gas. Ne čakaj, tudi naš general ni čakal, da bo vojne konec, predno nam je dal priboljšek, pač pa sedaj je čas, danes, ne-jutri. Spomni se, da v številu je moč, in vedi, da general nič brez vojakov, kakor tudi sam spomin nič, brez žrtvo-vanja. O, da, vojne bo konec prej ali slej in naši letniki bo-do tudi še pri moči ali bodo pa tudi zadovoljni? To je pa od nas odvisno. Pozdrav!

Tone Drenik

### LJUDSKO ŠTETJE

Iz cenzuškega urada v Washingtonu še vedno dobivamo po-samezne odломke dejstev, ki jih je pokazalo ljudsko štetje v letu 1940. Tako, na primer, je bilo pretekl teden poročano, da je bilo leta 1940 v Zedinjenih državah 3,679 oseb, ki so bile stare po 100 let ali več. Dalje je bilo naznanjeno, da vsako-le-to dosegne vojaško starost, to je starost 18 let, nekaj nad en milijon fantov.

Na svoje prvo potovanje po-dal se je v Francijo in Nemčijo, kjer se ni treba bati, da ti

jo, in sicer kot misijonar—kajti misijonarenje se je v onih časih bolj izplačalo kot danda-našnji. Treba je bilo le ozdra-viti bolno hčerkko kakega divja-škega glavarja potom kakega "čudeža" in divjaški glavar po-stal je hipoma "spreobrnjen" ter je istodobno tudi on postal navdušen "spreobrnavec." Misijonar je potem lahko počival, kajti glavar se je oborožil s se-kiro in je spreobrnil hipoma vse svoje ljudstvo. Charlemagne je bil te vrste "walking dele-gate."

Da, v onih časih je bilo mnogo slavnih misijonarjev, kajti načini njih misijonarenja so bili enostavni in sigurni, in dobički velikanski. Dandanašnji ni več takih misijonarjev in tudi takih načinov misijonarenja ni več.

Toda, ako čitatelje zanimava zgodovina prvega potujočega delegata, moram o tem nadaljevati. Mene dokaj zanima, kajti videl sem njegove ostanke v Sackingenu, in obiskal sem tudi oni isti prostor, kjer je napravil svoj veliki čudež,—čudež, vsled katerega ga je parsto let kasneje papeževu sodišče proglašilo svetnikom. Vsi ti ostanki so nekako privlačljive kakovosti, tako da čutim, kakor da bi bil nekak član njegove obitelji. Ko je potoval po evropskih celini, prišel je na oni prostor ob reki Reni, kjer je sedaj mesteca Sackingen; tam se je nameraval za stalno naseliti, toda prebivalstvo mu je to odsvetovalo. Vsled tega se je pritožil pri Frankoyskemu kralju, kateri mu je ves oni okraj za-eno s prebivalstvom podaril. Tam je potem zgradil velik samostan za ženske, katere je podučeval, in tako pridobil še večje število zemljišč. V oni sosesčini sta živel tudi dva zelo premožna brata—Urso in Landulf. Urso je potem umrl—in Fridolin si je prilastil nje-govo premoženje. Landulf je zahteval tozadne dokumente in listine, toda Fridolin jih ni zamogel predložiti. Dejal je, da mu je pokojni ostavil vse imetje kar ustremim potom. Landulf je potem predlagal naj Fridolin dovede kakega svedoka ter je pri tem misil, da je dokaj pa-metno govoril. In ta do-kaže, da ni poznal potujočega delegata. Fridolin ni bil prav nič razburjen in je dejal:

"Predloži zadevo sodiču, in jaz dovedem tja svojega svedoka." Klanom sodiča je bilo imenovanih petnajst grofov in baronov in potem je bil tudi dan razprave določen. Onega dne, so se usedli sodniki na svoje sedeže, na kar so izjavili, da so pripravljeni zadevo razsoditi. In minilo je pet deset, in petnajst minut—toda Fridolina ni bilo bližo. Landulf potem vstane, in kar so imeli tudi že-ne in malo deco, čestotkat na podlagi odsotnosti obtožen-ja, zaslišali so nekak čuden ro-pot na stopnicah sodnega po-slaja. Naslednji trenutek po-javi se Fridolin pri vrati potem vstopi, in koraka v spremstu človeškega okostnjaka, ki se je pokonci vlekel za njim pred sodnike.

Vsi navzoči so bili prestrašeni, kajti vsak je bil prepričan, da je ono okostje last po-knjega Urs. Obstala sta pred glavnim sodnikom, kjer je okostnjak dvignil svojo kočeno-roko in pričel govoriti, medtem ko so se vsi navzoči strahu-tresli, kajti glas je prihal ne-kako izmed reber okostnjaka. Dejal je:

Brate moj, čemu motiš moj blagoslovjeni mir s tem, da si lastiš dar, katerega sem da v čast božjo?" Vse to je bilo nekako izvan-redno in nepravilno, toda klubju temu je sodišče izdal razsodbo proti Landulfu, in sicer na pod-lagi onih potujočih in nepozna-nih kosti. Dandanašnji bi po-vsem navaden okostnjak ne smel svedočiti, kajti okostnjak je brez vsake moralne odgovor-

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