





# New Era

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## CURRENT THOUGHT

### Your Union and Mine

How many members fully realize that the SSCU belongs to them? Often we read about our Union being: "One for all and all for one," without analyzing the real significance of that phrase of our Constitution. Too often that phrase fails to register the real meaning in our minds, and as it is read superficially it appears like a myth that is forgotten soon. "One for all and all for one" can be construed to mean that each member enjoys the same privileges and advantages as are enjoyed by any other member, and that the entire membership behind each member—all of whom possess equal rights. Our Union as a legal entity is the property of the members. It is like a corporation of stockholders who direct the company's policies through the directors, our Union of competent members who direct the policies of our Organization through the Supreme Council elected at the quadrennial convention. But we are not only mere stockholders. As members WE ARE THE ORGANIZATION. Through the branch lodges situated in various parts of the United States we carry on the work of the SSCU. Where a corporation has branch plants set up to manufacture certain commodities and different outlets to carry on the sale of its business, our Union, a fraternal benefit organization, has "manufacturing" branches to enroll new members, like the products of the manufacturing concern, become members of our Union. And like the quality of the product manufactured that becomes identified with the corporation, our members become identified with the character of our SSCU. The only thing our Union sells is fraternal benefit insurance which protects the member against death, sickness, accidents, operations and disability.

To enjoy rights means also to assume duties. Through the local lodge we can make known our views, satisfactions, suggestions, and opinions. Thus the branch lodge reflects the wishes of its members. But criticism, opinions and beliefs are not the only necessary ingredients that go to make up our finished product—the local lodge. Just as raw materials, labor and supervision constitute the real substance of an automobile, so does the diligent participation of every member constitute the REAL CREATIVE CONTRIBUTION in the local branch.

Your lodge can be the most active group of its kind in your community. It can also become the most dormant unit in the community. Your lodge can be a great source of interest to all members, to others who will jump at the chance of becoming part of it. Your lodge can also be of no interest to the members, and consequently of no interest to the outsiders. Your lodge can provide social recreation, and be a center of social activities in your community. Your lodge can become so important a unit in your community that it cannot be dispensed with. Your lodge also can become the most needless group in your locality. Your lodge can become so attractive that members will attend every meeting. Your lodge also can become so dull that members will find every available excuse to stay away from the meetings. Your lodge is what you—the member—makes it, and what you put into it will show up in the final analysis.

### Cyril and Methodius No. 1 Lodge No. 40 Completes Plans for Big Celebration

Claridge, Pa.—All arrangements have been completed for the big time to be held Saturday, June 9, at Claridge. We cordially invite all members of neighboring lodges and their friends to attend this big celebration. Free admission to the picnic grounds including auto parking will be in force. A small charge of 25c will be made for dancing to the best music.

So, don't forget Saturday, June 9 from 2 p. m. until ??? The place is Claridge. Admission is free as is parking. Committee in charge has completed arrangements to assure all of its guests plenty of entertainment for that day. John Regina, No. 40, SSCU.

Young Composer—So you think my composition will be played after Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikowsky and achmaninoff are forgotten? Critic—Yes—but not until then.

### Adopt Resolution to Honor Louis Adamic

Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU Lodges adopted the following resolution at its regular meeting held Sunday, May 27th, at Strabane, Pa.:

"Whereas the article 'Who Built America,' published in the April issue of 'Common Sense,' was written by Louis Adamic, one of America's foremost writers, and

"Whereas the article 'Who Built America' was reprinted in the original in the Nova Doba issue of May 9, and a Slovene translation published in the Nova Doba issue of May 16,

"Be it resolved that the Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU Lodges honors and thanks Louis Adamic, who, in his article 'Who Built America,' denounced the groundless criticism of the immigrants and their children made in one of the issues of 'The Saturday Evening Post,' and informed the fair-minded American public of the contributions made by the immigrants, especially those of Yugoslav, and in fact, the entire Slav origin, towards the building of America both materially and intellectually."

The foregoing resolution is contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Federation of SSCU Lodges published in the Slovene section of this issue of Nova Doba. Members of the Federation also requested an English translation of the resolution to be published in the English section of Nova Doba.

"Who Built America" was reprinted in the English section of Nova Doba issue of May 9, by special permission from the publishers of "Common Sense" magazine. The resolution adopted by the WPF of SSCU Lodges is significant in that it recognizes the work of Louis Adamic in behalf of the immigrants and their children. That such a resolution was not first proposed by the American-born children of immigrants is regrettable since "Who Built America" first appeared in the English language.

### St. Joseph, No. 140

Morley, Colo. — I urge all members of St. Joseph Lodge, No. 140, SSCU to attend the next regular monthly meeting which will be held June 12 at the YMCA. Meeting is scheduled to commence at 6:00 p. m.

Among the important matters for discussion are that of raising a fund for our treasury and the place of future meetings. I also urge all members to pay the assessments by the 25th of each month. Those members who fail to meet their obligation by the 25th of each month will be suspended. I will not stop at the homes of the members anymore to collect the assessments.

Our South Slavonic Catholic Union is conducting a campaign for new members, and offering attractive cash awards to those who secure successful candidates for membership. So, do not forget to bring at least one new member to the meeting June 12.

Joe Kos, Secretary. Customer—I wish to buy an appropriate gift for a bride—something timely and striking. Merchant—How about a clock?

## BRIEFS

Louis Adamic's "The Native's Return" is to be released in London, England this month. Two book clubs already have selected the book for month of June for distribution among its members: Book Society of England and English Book Guild. It is apparent that "The Native's Return" will be as great a success in England as it is in America, where it continues to be among the best sellers in the non-fiction field.

Antonia Dragich will be valedictorian at the Chisholm, Minnesota high school commencement exercises held this week. Uste Rupar is president of the senior class, Eva Kotyk, secretary and John Poznar, treasurer.

At the Eveleth, Minn. high school commencement exercises to be held this week Annie Pavelich will deliver the valedictory. During the annual Class Day, held the early part of this week, which precedes the commencement exercises, and which includes stunts of different organizations in the school, John Veranth was chairman of "Football."

At the invitation of officials of Milwaukee, Wisc. Museum of Art H. Gregory Prusheck, American - Slovene artist of Cleveland, O. is holding an individual exhibit this month of some 36 paintings, his latest works. According to reports Artist Prusheck will visit Milwaukee either June 17 or June 24. The management of Milwaukee Museum of Art plans to hold a Yugoslav Day at the exhibition. Some of the paintings on exhibition have won prizes for Prusheck in other exhibits.

George Washington Lodge, No. 180, SSCU, of Cleveland, O., will sponsor novel entertainment for its members at the next meeting to be held Friday, June 8, in the Slovene National Home. All the members are urgently requested to attend this meeting as the committee on arrangements promises to spring a surprise.

Interlodge League of Cleveland, O. will hold a very important meeting next Monday, June 11, at Nachtigal's Real Estate office. Representatives of all lodges, including those of SSCU are requested to be present. Committee on basketball rules will have a report to make.

### WALL STREET

Wall Street in New York received its name from the fact that in the time of Peter Stuyvesant a palisade or wall was built across Manhattan along that line to protect the Dutch colonists from a threatened British attack. The wall was removed before 1700, but the street along it has ever since been called Wall Street.

Wifey—Darling, do you trust me?

Hubby—Trust you, my precious—certainly I do. What in the world prompted you to ask such a question?

Wifey—Well, I notice that the pocket in which you keep your money is fastened up with a safety pin.

### Some Facts and Figures of Campaign Drive

Month of May continued to show an auspicious sign for enrollment of new members. According to the June 2 mailing list report made by the Home Office in Ely, Minn., 51 addresses of new adult members were listed to receive copies of Nova Doba.

Leaders during the month of May are: Arrowhead, No. 184, of Ely, Minn., 5 new members; Colorado Sunshine, No. 201, of Denver, Colo., 4 new members; and Jadran, No. 223, Hazleton, Pa., 3 new members.

The following lodges enrolled 2 new members each: No. 2, of Ely, Minn.; No. 6, of Lorain, O.; No. 22, of Chicago, Ill.; No. 30, of Chisholm, Minn.; No. 111, of Leadville, Colo.; No. 200, of Ely, Minn.; No. 207, of McIntyre, Pa.; No. 221, of Center, Pa.; and No. 222, of Gowanda, N. Y.

The following lodges enrolled 1 new member each: Nos. 9, 11, 21, 26, 39, 45, 71, 108, 125, 132, 149, 155, 162, 171, 180, 183, 204, 209, 218, 224 and 225.

Number of new juvenile members enrolled during May has not been reported to date.

The exact number of new members enrolled by each lodge will be published as soon as figures have been completed and made available for Nova Doba office.

Although the campaign is showing more than average amount of interest, members should strive to make the present drive for new members an event that will go down in the history of our Union.

Let's all make "a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether" and put over this national drive for new members.

### Boosts His Lodge

Denver, Colo.—This is station SSCU, Colorado Sunshine of Denver broadcasting. Set your dials everybody and tune in, and "are you listening?"

Well, folks, I guess all of you have heard what a wonderful lodge we have; nevertheless, we can't help talking about it. Colorado Sunshine is the best, take it from me.

Every member has new ideas and it seems that our lodge adopted that slogan: Every member get a new member!

I can hardly wait until the next meeting takes place because the entertainment committee always has a surprise waiting for us. At the last meeting we had ice cream and cake. Mrs. F. J. Smole made a delicious cake, and I'll bet that even the "shadow" couldn't catch the "weasel" as fast as we ate that cake. We also had some of that stuff the four bachelors have stored in their cellar.

I suppose everyone of you have heard about our trip that we will make to Salida. All of us are making preparations to go and even saving our pennies and nickels to spend for the occasion. I know the sun won't disappoint us that day because we want to see the "shadow." We are anxiously waiting for the day to make the trip. Until then keep smiling with Colorado Sunshine.

F. J. Smole, Sec'y, No. 201, SSCU.

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### Arrowheads Take Two!

Ely, Minn.—Hello folks, here we are at the local athletic field where the Arrowheads are all set to take on Camp 704 C. C. C. The boys are all primed for action, when umpire Gerzin yells "Play ball!"

Martin Kral is doing the mound work for the A's, and can he curve that ball! The first three batters go out in order. Then the A's come to bat. Barney Banks takes the second delivery of Dolores, 704 hurler, and wallops it into deep right field for a home run. From then on the game was a walk-away for the A's as they piled up run after run, inning after inning, until the score was A's 15, Camp 704, 5.

Then that Memorial Day game with Company 701. Again Martin Krall granted only six hits, as the A's scored six runs to win by a score of 6 to 1. The A's seem to have hit their stride, and are aching to schedule more games. If any of you out-of-town clubs want games, just write to Louis Kompare, who manages the Arrowheads and a game can be arranged. Let's have many answers to this request.

Matt (Barney) Banks was awarded the American Legion medal at the graduation exercises held in the Washington School auditorium on May 31st. This medal is awarded each year to the boy who is outstanding in athletics, and scholarship in four years of High school.

Barney was a member of the football and basketball teams for four years, and truly deserves this splendid award.

Frank (Babe) Antonsich, who is on the Range Facts news staff, as is Little Stan, visited in Ely a few days ago. Frank is very interested in hearing from a Jean Kolman who resides in Cleveland on E. 53d St.

Well, for more news, Little Stan will be seen' ya. So long! Stanley Pechavar, No. 2, SSCU.

### HELEN KELLER

Helen Keller, who was born in 1880, was left deaf and blind by an illness when she was 19 months old. She was educated by Anne Mansfield Sullivan (Mrs. John A. Macy), who still remains as her mentor. Through the efforts of Miss Sullivan and C. A. White of the New England Conservatory of Music, Miss Keller has learned to talk.

There was never anything organically wrong with Miss Keller's speech, as there rarely is with persons who are deaf and dumb. Speech is an imitative faculty, and the deaf are unable to reproduce sounds because they fail to hear them. That Miss Keller has learned to talk in spite of this is one of the most remarkable mental accomplishments known. Although able to obtain information only through the sense of touch, she graduated from Radcliffe College in the usual four-year term. She is the author of seven books and many magazine articles. She reads Braille and can "listen" to a person talk by placing her fingers lightly on his lips.

Oldbatch—Your wife seems to be a very up-to-date woman. Bingo—Huh? She's away ahead of date. Why, man, she's already borrowing trouble for next year.

### A One-Man Agency Meeting

Do you want a new idea to start the New Year? Hold a One-Man Agency Meeting with yourself as chairman, principal speaker and audience. Invite yourself to attend this meeting in the "alleged" recreation room at the county infirmary. Just go in there and make a speech to yourself about old age dependence with a roomful of rocking chairs each occupied by a gray-haired old lady in her faded blue and white uniform. You'll be surprised at what a swell speech you can make! And it will be the best one you ever heard!

Or better still . . . hold your meeting in an orphan's home, in a room filled with boys and girls ranging from those who are half grown to toddlers who can scarcely walk. Make your little speech to yourself while you hold one of those babes in your arms. Don't mind the interruption if some two-year-old wants to make a speech of his own. Couldn't you make a swell speech to yourself about a Juvenile Endowment or Educational Policy? Remember, they are there because someone, some place, failed to do what should have been done. You are almost willing to gamble that after such a meeting you would be able to sell as never before, with a presentation shot full of fervor that results from the belief that Life Insurance is the only safe financial plan of salvation that people can adopt.

If you've got a tough prospect that refuses to recognize his responsibility to himself or his family, take him out for a little spin in your car. Pull up in front of the Old Folks' Home or the Orphans' Home and park for five or ten minutes. Just sit there and let him do his own thinking. You won't have to talk much. About all that could be said anyway is: "Do you want to take care of them now or do you want the county to take care of them later?"—Fraternal Monitor—United Mutterings.

### Origin of "Undertaker"

"Undertaker" in the sense of a person who prepares the dead for burial and manages funerals originated as a euphemism. An undertaker, literally is anyone who undertakes a project or venture; a promoter; a contractor. In order to avoid unpleasant suggestions people fell into the habit of referring to one who undertook the management of funerals simply as an undertaker. Thus it acquired a special significance, which it has retained while the term was losing its original meaning. Now the word "undertaker" is so familiar that it is no longer a euphemism and many undertakers call themselves morticians.

Old Lady at Telegraph Office—What will it cost to have my umbrella sent to me by telegraph?

Telegrapher—Why, Madam, it can't be done.

Old Lady—Don't try any of your smartness on me, young man. If you can send flowers and money by wire why can't you telegraph my umbrella?

About the severest loss any man can sustain is the loss of opportunity.





