

## Patterson priporoča hitro pomoč Grčiji

Vojni tajnik izrazil bojazen pred strmoglavljenjem grške vlade. Državni department objavil vsebino sklenjenih dogovorov

Washington, D. C., 25. marca.—Vojni tajnik Patterson je priporočal kongres, naj takoj sankcionira pomoč Grčiji, da ne bodo oborožene grupe pod vodstvom komunistov strmoglavile grške monarhistične vlade in prevzeme kontrolo. Predlagal je, naj Amerika takoj pošlje Grčiji sto milijonov dolarjev.

Patterson, mornarični tajnik Forrestal in državni podtajnik Acheson so nastopili pred člani senatnega odseka za zunanje zadeve, čigar načelnik je senator Vandenberg, republikanec iz Michigana. Patterson in Acheson sta izjavila, da Trumanov načrt ne predvideva pošiljanja ameriških vojakov v Grčijo in Turčijo, zaeno pa sta priznala, da bo šlo dvesto milijonov dolarjev od predlagane vso štiristo milijonov dolarjev za vojaške namene. Amerika hoče napraviti iz Grčije in Turčije trdnjavo proti komunizmu.

Finančna pomoč ne bo posojljena, temveč darilo. To dejstvo je razkril pomočni državni tajnik William L. Clayton, ki je nastopil pred člani kongresnega odseka za zunanje zadeve. Forrestal je dejal, da je Amerika že prodala štiri bojne ladje Turčiji in da je tudi Grčija vprašala za bojne ladje in parnike.

Acheson je priznal, da bo morna Amerika dati finančno pomoč tudi južni Koreji, ki je pod ameriško vojaško okupacijo. Načrt predvideva potrošnjo \$600,000,000 v južni Koreji v prihodnjih treh letih. Achesonova izjava je dokaz, da se je Amerika odločila za ustavitev širjenja komunizma povsod.

Senator Pepper, demokrat iz Floride, je vprašal Forrestala, da je odločitev glede pošiljanja ameriških bojnih ladji v grške in turške luke demonstracija političnega značaja.

"Izjavil sem že, da bo ameriška zastava šla v vse kraje sveta," je odgovoril Forrestal. "Naše bojne ladje bodo v vseh vodah. Mislim, da to ne bo provociralo neobičajnega zanimalosti."

Clayton je pojasnil, kako bo vsota \$400,000,000 potrošena. Za vojaško pomoč Grčiji bo šlo \$150,000,000, za vojaško pomoč Turčiji pa \$100,000,000. Ostala vsota bo potrošena za utrditev grške ekonomije, živila in druge potrebitvine. Poleg tega bo Grčija dobila \$50,000,000 iz skladu pomočne organizacije UNRRA. Skupna vsota, katero bo dobila Grčija, bo \$350,000,000. Clayton je naglasil, "da ameriška vojaška pomoč Grčiji in Turčiji v vso \$250,000,000 je potrebna v interesu naše lastne varnosti."

Državni department je razkril vsebino tajnih dogovorov, ki so bili sklenjeni na konferencah velike trijice v Teheranu, Jalti

in v Belgradu. List februarja je tukaj izšla in Vera Pintar iz Gorice.

Iz Južne Amerike

Buenos Aires, Argentina.—Prve dni februarja je tukaj izšla Washington, D. C., 25. marca.—Poveljstvo letalske sile je naznalo, da bo imelo stalno letalsko bazo pri Harmonu, Novafundlandiji. Amerika je zgradila bazo tamkaj po sklenitvi dogovora z Veliko Britanijo. Slednja je takrat odstopila več baz na njenih otokih Ameriki v zameno za 50 starih bojnih ladij.

V bolnišnici

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## Potreba zdravstvenega zavarovanja

Od vseh civiliziranih (in se kako!) držav je Amerika edina dežela na svetu, kjer ni nobenega socialnega zavarovanja za slučaj bolezni. V tej deželi "free enterprizerstva" je vprašanje javnega zdravja prepuščeno vsakemu posamezniku in privatni iniciativi zdravníškega truda, bolnišnic, mazačev, tovarnarjev patentiranih zdravil in "zdravil" in "charity". Družba kot celota se za posameznika ne briga in socialna medicina je tabu — prepovedana. Kdor ima denar, si v slučaju potrebe lahko privošči tudi zdravnika in bolnišnico najboljšo postrežbo. Kdor nima denarja, lahko v slučaju bolezni pogine v grabnu kot kužek, to je, če se ga ne usmili kaz zdravnik in kakšna dobrodelna ustanova. Ker so zdravniki odvisni od svoje privatne prakse, se seveda branijo tako zavanih "charity cases", kajti v teh ni denarja. Prav tako bolnišnice, pa naj bodo privatne ali institucijske (navadno cerkvena). V velemejstih so sicer občinske bolnišnice, toda te so navadno prenatrpane, in vanje ne pride, vsaj v Chicagu ne, ako si ne pošče političnega "pula".

Ker je vsak človek podvržen bolezni in tudi je le malo takih kojenjakov, da ne bi prej ali slej potrebovali zdravnika, so v današnjih razmerah take podporne organizacije kot je SNPJ torej velike važnosti za delavce. Z enim ali dvema dolarjema bolnišnica podpare si v slučaju resne bolezni sicer ne morete kupiti zdravnika in bolnišnice ter dragih zdravil, toda prav ta zavarovalnina je lahko vaš ključ do zdravnika in bolnišnice. Toda o tem ne mislimo pisan, kajti tega se zavedamo vsi člani. To omenjam predvsem vsled tega, da ne pozabimo na našo jednoto, na našo zaščitnico. Zato ji v tej kampanji skušajmo pridobiti kakega novega člana bodisi v odrasli ali mladinski oddelku. Naj se torej, zoper povremo k predmetu.

Državljanji te mogočne, na eni strani silno bogate in na drugi jadi zelo revne Amerike smo res čudni ljude. Vsakdo izmed nas lahko s sigurnostjo pričakuje, da bo prej ali slej zbolel, prej ali slej potreboval zdravnika in lahko tudi bolnišnico. V našem lastnem interesu, v interesu ogromne večine posameznikov bi torej bilo, da bi si preskrbeli čim boljše socialno zavarovanje za slučaj bolezni — tako zavarovanje, ki bi nam dajalo — kot pravico ne kot "charity" — vso zdravniško oskrbo, vključivši bolnišnico z najboljšo oskrbo in zdravili. In sicer za vso družino. Če bi potrebovali izvezbanjo bolničarko na domu, bi jo tudi dobili brez vsakega moledovanja. Lahko bi imeli tako zdravstveno zavarovanje, da nam bi bolezni ne dela nobenih skrb, to je, kje bo denar za zdravnika, bolnišnico in drugo postrežbo.

Da, tak sistem bi lahko imeli za majhne cente, ako bi bil zavarovan sleherni delavec, pa naj dela v uradu ali rudniku, sleherni farmer, sleherni profesionist, obrtnik ali trgovec. Tak sistem bi si lahko oskrbeli, ako bi prispevali po dva, tri odstotke od plače ali zasluga v prav toliko tudi delodajalec. Strokovnjaki so izračunali, da bi za okrog tri milijarde dolarjev na leto že lahko imeli priljubljeno dober sistem javnega zdravstva, ki bi budi niskemu posamezniku, sleherni družini zdravniško in hospitalizacijsko oskrbo. Če bi potrošili štiri ali pet milijard dolarjev na leto, bi pa lahko imeli naravnost, sijajno zdravstveno oskrbo za vse, vključivši zobozdravništvo. To je približno toliko kot danes naše ženske potrošijo letno za lepotičenje.

Sicer dežela tudi sedaj potroši okrog tri milijarde dolarjev letno za zdravje, toda ker je sedanj sistem povsem neracionalen, si več kot polovico ljudi ne more privoščiti ne zdravnika niti bolnišnice v slučaju bolezni. Zato je bilo pri vojaških naborih v zadnjih vojni tudi 45% nabornikov "škartiranih" — vsled slabega zdravja, telesnih deformiranosti in podobno. Kolikor nam je znano, se nobena evropska dežela ne ponaša s tako slabim rekordom. Prav ta rekord je največja odsodba obstoječega privatnega "zdravstvenega" sistema, ki se vedno sloni na razmerah in konceptih 18. in 19. stoletja.

Zadnja leta so bili storjeni prvi konkretni koraki, da tudi ta dežela dobri moderen sistem splošnega zdravstvenega zavarovanja. V mislih imamo tako zvani Wagner-Murray-Dingellov zakonski osnutek, ki je bil pred par leti prvič predložen kongresu, toda je bil položen na polico. Za ta ali podoben sistem splošnega zdravstvenega zavarovanja so se izrekle mnoge organizacije, tudi CIO in ADF. Naklonjen mu je bil tudi pokojni Roosevelt in tudi Truman ga je priporočal že v par poslanicah kongresu. Toda pri tem je tudi ostalo — samo pri besedah, odnosno kratki omembah, nakar je Truman pozabil nanj. Ker administracija ni ganila niti z mazincem, da bi kongres prisilila na njegovo uvaževanje in sprejetje, je enostavno ostal na mrtvi točki.

Pred par leti je bilo v deželi prveč agitacije za sprejetje Wagner-Murray-Dingellovega načrta. Na kongres so pritiskevale razne organizacije, toda ker je administracija kazala popolno brezbržnost, ni bilo nobenega rezultata. Na drugi strani je pa Ameriška zdravniška zveza, ki prakticira najbolj trdn "zaprt delavnički", pricela z veliko kampanjo proti temu osnutku kot sploh proti vsakemu splošnemu zdravstvenemu zavarovanju. Z zdravniško zvezo sodeluje roko v roki tudi vsa industrija patentiranih zdravil in mnogi drugi "free enterprizerski" propagandi, ki se korak daje in pravi, da bi tak zdravstveni sistem ne bil nič vreden, stokrat slabši od privatnega, kajti zdravniki bi izgubili vso "privatno inicijativo", vse zanimanje do bolnikov. (Dalje v sredo.)

### DRUŠTVENE PRIREDBE V SPRINGFIELDU

Springfield, Ill. — Društvo št. 47 SNPJ je na pretekli društveni seji, katera se je vrnila 16. marca t. l., med drugimi zadevami vzelno tudi v pretres sedajno kampanjo za pridobivanje novega članstva SNPJ. Sicer pa se društvo, odkar obstoji, kakor tudi posamezni člani, vedno zaveda, da je potrebno gledati na to, da se pridobi vedno kakega novega člana v društvu, kjer koli nanese prilika za to. Tako se tudi društvo zaveda sedajne kampanje in vsled tega, da bodo soglasno zaključeno, da bodo društvo in posamezni člani gledali in delovali, da bo naši doloceni kvoti vsaj delno zadoščeno. Torej, bratje in sestre, skušajte že do prihodnje društvene seje pridobiti kakega novega člana ali članico.

Nadalje je bilo zaključeno na gori omenjeni seji, da priredimo društveno veselje z uprizoritivo primerne žaloigre dne 11. maja ob 3. uri popoldne. Po končani igri se bo pričela prosta zabava in ples. Vstopnina k igri in za ples pa 50c za osebo, toda podrobnosti o tej prireditvi bodo še pozneje poročane.

Pred to društveno prireditvijo se pa nam obeta prilika videti lepe in zanimive premikajoče slike, katere bodo predvajane v nedeljo, 6. aprila, ob 5. uri popoldne. Te filme bo predvajal SDD. Slike bodo izvajane ali kazane v gornji dvorani; vstopnina bo prosta. V spodnji dvorani bodo pa na razpolago vse druge dobre, katere človeku pripomorejo do dobre volje.

Dne 26. aprila pa bo priredil gospodinjsko klub S. D. D. veliko prireditve, za katero je že sedaj v celici zanimanja. Podrobnosti bodo članice gospodinjskega kluba same poročale pravočasno. Vse te prireditve se bodo vrstile v prostorih S. D. D. Na vselej svidenje!

John Goršek,  
tajnik, 47 SNPJ.

### VABILO NA SKUPNO ZABAVO

Carson Lake, Minn. — Društvo Kremlin št. 125 SNPJ, Lettonia Local, Hibbing, Minn., in društvo št. 8 HBZ bodo skupno z Jugoslovanskim pomožnim odborom priredila zabavo v večerjo in plesom dne 12. aprila, začetek ob 6:30 v Hibbing Memorial Buildingu. Med večerjo bo igral Krmpotičev tamburaški zbor, za ples pa orkester Obrstar.

Ves čisti dobike je namenjen za nakup zdravniških potrebščin za pobijanje tuberkuloze v Jugoslaviji. Na priredbo vabimo tudi članstvo drugih društev SNPJ in HBZ. Vsi dobodošči. Odbor bo skrbel za dobro postrežbo. Pridite in s tem pomagajte našim bratom v sestram v starji domovini, ki se vedno potrebujejo pomoč!

Marko Mrkonich.

### POROČILO TAJNICE DRUŠTVA 130 SNPJ

Eveleth, Minn. — Na moje povebilo so se članice udeležile v velikem številu zadnje seje društva 130 SNPJ. Po seji pa smo še v spodnje prostore na prigrizek. Članice so se zavabale in tudi petja ni manjkalo. Bile so zelo zadovoljne, ker sem jim napravila malo zabave.

Pravijo, da roka roko umije, obe pa obraz. Tako se je tudi zgodilo. Meni so napravile veselje na dan mojega godu dne 19. marca. Nekaj članic me je presenetilo in poslale so mi lepe cvečice. Prav lepa hvala za tak pozdrav! Cvetice imam zelo ráda.

Udeležite se prihodnje seje, ki se bo vrnila 14. aprila. Je zelo lepo, če je na seji velika udeležba. Sedaj se je začela kampanja za novo članstvo. Pri našem društvu sprejememo na vsaki seji po par otrok. Seveda, izgubimo jih pa tudi, kot vsako društvo.

Družine se selijo v razne kraje za zaslužkom. No, če član pušti SNPJ, nima izgube, izguba pa je, kadar umre član in mora jednota plačati smrtnino. Pri našem društvu smo srečni glede smrti. Zadnji smrtni slučaj smo imeli julija 1944. Želim, da bi

tako ostalo. To se vidi, da smo v Evelethu imenitne ženske in nas še smrt ne mara.

Začela se je spomlad, toda pri nas samo na kolodarju, kajti tu je še dosti ledu in snega, topomer pa kaže 14 stopnij nad ničem. Spomlad spominja človeka na mladost in z nastopom spomlaudi se vsakdo počuti mlajšega, čeprav ni. Mladina se tu pridno ženi, a primanjkuje ji stanovanj.

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# Zapisnik polletnega zborovanja glavnega odbora Slovenske narodne podporne jednote

v glavnem stanu S.N.P.J. v Chicagu, Ill., dne 13. in 14. februarja 1947

(Nadaljevanje.)

Br. glavni blagajnik Mirko G. Kuhel predloži naslednje poročilo:

## Poročilo gl. blagajnika

Finančno poročilo jednote za lansko leto je zgodno. Imovina zavarovalnega oddelka se je znatno povišala s \$ Prosvečen v tiskarno vred je znašla 31. decembra \$12,848,814.46. V letu 1946 se je torej povišala za \$674,118.11, in to včas velikemu narastku, ki je nastal tudi v naših izplati.

Po oddelkih je imovina razdeljena kot sledi:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Oddelek odrušil                     | \$11,839,012.67 |
| Mladinski oddelek                   | 809,004.90      |
| Sklad nedoločnih dedičev            | 65,292.45       |
| Prosvečen (\$59,991.33) in tiskarna | 135,504.44      |
| (\$75,513.11)                       |                 |

Skupaj \$12,848,814.46

Omenjena imovina je vložena:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Posploj. gl. urada                                  | \$ 46,069.15 |
| Drugo poslovno (deloma rabljeno za uradne svrhe)    | 5,301.08     |
| Posestva prodana na obroke (bilanca)                | 29,132.39    |
| Posejala na prvo vknjižbo in druga vknjižba (\$600) | 292,541.83   |
| Posejala na članske certifikate                     | 83,017.42    |
| Bondi vlade Združenih držav                         | 8,391,546.42 |

V tej dobi so nam dohodki od rednih investicij pa dobiček od prodanih ali dozorelih bondov in delnic prinesli \$193,281.31 čistega donosa. V prvi polovici leta pa je ta dohodek znašal \$228,468.04, torej skupaj za zadnje leto \$421,749.35 čistih investicijskih dohodkov. Na podlagi povprečne skupne vseote imovine zavarovalniških oddelkov ta dohodek predstavlja 3.40% obrestne mene ali % enega odstotka več kot donos za leta 1945. Ta nevaden narastek ni bil pričakovani, zaradi tega je tem bolj razveseljiv. Izvira pa v glavnem ne iz izboljšanja splošnih investicijskih razmer, temveč zaradi srčne potek, ki smo jo napravili v tem, da smo prodali za 745 tisoč dolarjev obratne vrednosti zveznih bondov ter pri transakciji napravili nad \$60.000 čistega dobička. Obenem se je zvišalo tudi mera investicijskega donosa na bondih, ki smo jih kupili za iztrženo vsoto. V tem letu pa bodo ednokratni federalni bondi z 4% odstotno mero, za katere je ob času investicijskih bilo treba plačati precej visoko premijo in katero bo treba letos odplati ob investicijskih dohodkov. To pomeni, da bo lanska primerorna visoka donosna mera padla na staro točko, to je na mero okrog 2.75%.

Investicijski dohodki v zadnji polovici leta 1946 so bili sledete:

Ciste obresti od bondov

Obresti od vladnih zadolžnic pripisane

ki glavnici

Obresti od jamčenih certifikatov pri hranilnih in posojilnih društih

Obresti od posojil na članske certifikate

Obresti od hipotečnih posojil

Obresti od prodanih posestev

Dividende ob delnic (priznanih in nepriznanih)

Dobiček ob prodanih in dozorelih bondov

Najemnina in čisti dobiček od prodanih posestev (po odbitku deprecacije)

Skupni dohodki od imovine zavarovalniških oddelkov in sklada nedoločnih dedičev

\$193,281.31

Podrobnosti o raznih transakcijah v zvezi z nimi investicijami boste slišali iz poročila gospodarskega odselka, spremembe o stanju raznih skladov ste pa slišali iz tajniškega poročila. Zoper lahko ugotovimo, da je finančno stanje naše jednotne v zelo visokem stanju in se še znatno izboljšuje.

Meseca avgusta sem zoper sprejet vse redno delo blagajniškega urada in ne delim, več uradnega časa z delom pri Slovenskem ameriškem narodnem svetu. Dasi sem še vedno tajnik dotedne organizacije, vodim njen delo kolikor mi je mogoče le v svojem prostem času.

Tajnik blagajniškega odbora SNPJ ob tej priliki bratsko pozdravljam, zlasti še nove odbornike, in jim želim v njihovem delu za našo organizacijo najboljšega uspeha.

MIRKO G. KUHEL, gl. blagajnik.

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. tajnik bolniškega oddelka predloži naslednje poročilo:

## Poročilo tajnika bolniškega oddelka

STANJE BOLNIŠKIM SKLADOV

od 1. julija do 31. decembra 1946

### Razred \$1

Dohodki:

Julij

Avgust

September

Oktober

November

December

Skupni dohodki

\$ 24,631.50

21,698.20

23,110.55

23,064.80

22,325.40

26,450.85

Skupaj redni asesment \$141,281.30

Obresti 8,282.83

Izredni asesment 393.00

Vrnjena podpora 32.50

Asesmentni društva Lillie (del rezerve) 388.00

Skupni dohodki \$150,377.63

Izdaci:

Julij \$ 16,234.50

19,106.60

18,244.80

20,993.00

Skupni izdatki

\$ 16,234.50

19,106.60

18,244.80

20,993.00

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Bondi dominija Kanade                          | 50,220.00       |
| Državni bondi                                  | 344,463.23      |
| Bondi okrajev, občin, mest, šol itd.           | 2,253,257.24    |
| Bondi javnih naprav                            | 556,505.00      |
| Industrijski bondi                             | 8,758.13        |
| Zavarovane vloge v hranih in posojilih društiv | 469,000.00      |
| Priznane delnice                               | 9,750.00        |
| Gotovina na bankah                             | 166,588.87      |
| Asesment na rokah                              | 7,140.06        |
| Neplačane potrebitnine                         | 19.15           |
| Skupaj zavarovalni oddelki in sklad nedoločnih | \$12,713,310.02 |
| Imovina Prosvečen in tiskarna                  | 135,504.44      |
| Skupaj vsi oddelki                             | \$12,846,814.46 |

Finančni promet zavarovalnega oddelka je znašal v zadnji polovici lanskoga leta \$2,242,320.08, in sicer vloge \$1,121,202.09, izplačila, vključivši nove investicije, pa \$1,121,117.99. Bilanca na naših čekovnih računih pod mojim nadzorstvom je znašala 31. decembra \$162,567.25. Čekovni račun skladu nedoločnih dedičev je pod upravo gl. predsednika, od Prosvečen in tiskarne pa pod upravo upravitelja jednotnih publikacij. Skupna bilanca na čekovnem računu predstavlja primeroma nizko vstop v letu 1946, v katerem je tudi ustanovila zadnja konvenca. Dosedal je 165 društva izvolilo tak ravnotele; v teh društivih so vstopila tudi ona društva, ki so že prej organizirala mladinske krožke; slednjih je 26 vsa tudi društva pokazujejo izredno velike uspehe.

Sedaj je še nekaj prej napovedati koliko društva, ki so izvolila ravnotele mladinske aktivnosti, bo organizirala tudi mladinske krožke. Beležiti pa smemo prvi uspeh v tem, da so se društva odzvala v izvolila te uradnike in pričakujem z gotovostjo, da bodo nekatere od teh društav eventualno tudi organizirala svoj mladinski krožek, kar je tudi naš cilj. Kjer pa nam ne uspe je uspej organiziranje mladinskega krožka, bo treba podveteti potrebne korake, da se v enem okraju društva združijo za skupne mladinske aktivnosti in sicer s programom, katerega bo predložil oziroma priporočil glavnemu uradu. V gl. uradu smo že pripravili potreben material in načrt za tekoče leto, in bil je tudi že razposlan ravnotele mladinskih aktivnosti.

Začenjam ali nagradno direktorjem mladinskih krožkov se je do sedaj izplačevalo letno, običajno par dni pred božičem. Od sedaj naprej se bo izplačevalo mesečno do vstopa \$5 posameznikom: v slučajih, kjer se kateri od direktorjev mladinskih krožkov izkaže posebno dober v upravljanju svojega posla, se bo izplačalo več. Smatram, da je spremembu umestna in da bo prinesla dober uspeh. V letu 1946 je bilo izplačano direktorjem mladinskih krožkov \$790.00 v odskodninah ali na gradah: ostali stroški z mladinskimi krožki in na gradev v kontekstu, ki je bil za mladinsko revijo "The Voice of Youth" pa znašao približno \$1,375.

**Okršni direktor mladinskih krožkov**

Pred kratkim smo uveljavili novo dolobrogo program mladinskih aktivnosti, ki je bil sprejet na zadnji redni konvenca, namreč nastavitev distriktnega direktorja mladinskih krožkov, katerega nalog je, organizirati nove krožke v svojem distriktu in pospešiti aktivnosti že organiziranih.

Prva je Ann Sannemann, članica društva št. 1 v Chicagu, ki je zelo uspešno vodila krožek št. 26 zadnjih štirih let in ima vse sposobnosti za distriktnega direktorja mladinskih krožkov. Samoumevno je, da to zahteva, da takša oseba posveti nekaj časa delu za jednoto, ki se ima vrati izven glavnega urada in ne dobiti stalne ali redne plače; odskodnina se bo izplačala na isti način in pod istimi pogoji, kot ostalim direktorjem mladinskih krožkov. V slučajih, ko bo takša oseba poslanica izven Chicaga po uradnih opravkih, bo dobila plačanje vožnje stroške. V načrtu imamo nastavitev več takih distriktnih direktorjev mladinskih krožkov, in sicer v zapadni Pensylvaniji, v Clevelandu, in še v enem ali dveh okrožjih, kjer je izgled dober. Ako nam uspe, da dobimo zmožne osebe, bo jednotna s tem večno pridobil.

**Konferenca direktorjev mladinskih krožkov**

V smislu programa mladinskih aktivnosti, ki je bil sprejet na zadnji konvenca, je bilo priporočeno, da se vstopa z proslavo letnega dneva SNPJ 26. ali 30. avgusta letos konferenca direktorjev mladinskih krožkov. Mnema sem, da bi bil kraj te konferenčne in tudi datum najbolj primeren in uspeh bi bil zagotovljen. Namen te konferenčne vam je bil že pojasnjens, namreč, da bi se na takih konferenčnih sestavah vse direktorji mladinskih krožkov, da bi se skupno pogovorili in prerezeli svoje probleme, izmenjali ideje in priporočila za uspešnejše aktivnosti mladinskih krožkov. in samoumevno, da bi se bolj seznanili med seboj. Načrt te konferenčne sem pripravil in predložen bo pozneje.

**Ciljska kampanja**

Prihodnji mesec bo pretekel letni dan, od katerih je bila zadnja kampanja končana. Kot vam je znašeno, se je ta kampanja vrnila ob dvajsetletni organiziranju društva z angleškim poslovnim jezikom. Trajala je šest mesecov in tekmovala z drugimi društvi in mladinskimi krožki. Vztrajala pa se vredno z poslovnim in zdravstvenim zavzetjem. Na koncu je bila izplačana \$7,750.00, v kateri vstopi so všeč nagrade tekmovalcem, zdravstvenim priskrbi in kampanjsko literaturo. Ako se razdeli te stroški na posamezne člane, je bila ta kampanja najdražja od vseh prejšnjih kampanj. Vztrajala pa se vredno na stališču, da se asesment, katerega vsak novi član plača v prvem letu, znaša več kot pa stroški kampanje. Nadalje je dokazano, da jednota ne napreduje ali pa zelo malo v številu novih članov, ači so kampanje vse bolj napredovali. Tako je bil zadnjih letih dobro dobitno vrednost, da se na koncu kampanje znaša več kot pa stroški kampanje. Nadalje je do sedaj zato majhen odstotek odgovoden nadaljnjo naročnino, osobito onih, ki so se naročili samo za pol leta in ki sedaj ponavljajo naročnino. Več se bo pokazalo, ko poteka onim, ki so se naročili za celo leto. Omenim naj, da z malo izjem naročnino, ki bo dobro dobro vrednost,

## Zapisnik polletnega zborovanja glavnega odbora Slovenske narodne podporne jednote

(Nadaljevanje z 3. strani.)

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| Skupni izdatki  | \$ 38,976.08        |
| Odšteto neizgotovljeno delo 31. de-<br>cember 1946      | 909.16              |
| Obratni stroški   | \$ 38,666.92        |
| Odpoljiljeni stroški                                    | 105.28              |
| Oglasjanje  | 304.00              |
| Plače uradnega osobja                                   | 2,054.28            |
| Razni upravni stroški                                   | 58.80               |
| Poština   | 103.86              |
| Davek socialne zaščite                                  | 143.91              |
| Davek za brezposelnostno zavarovanje                    | 115.13              |
| Za pregled poslovnih knjig po račun-<br>skih izvedencih | 150.00              |
| Skupni stroški  | \$ 41,102.18        |
| Izguba v drugi polovici leta 1946                       | 663.69              |
| <b>SKUPAJ</b>   | <b>\$ 40,438.49</b> |

**PREGLED PREMOŽENJA:**

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| Bilanca v Amalgamated Trust and Sav-<br>ings banki | \$ 15,306.07         |
| Neplačani računi                                   | 5,654.64             |
| Papir in tiskarsko črnilo (Inventar)               | 4,537.64             |
| Neizgotovljeno delo                                | 909.16               |
| Investicija obveznic in zadolžnic                  | 46,562.96            |
| Investicije v prvi zemljiški vknjižbi              | 1,123.91             |
| Stroji in druga oprema tiskarne                    | 55,767.43            |
| Nepotekena zavarovalnina                           | 212.00               |
| Inventar odpoljiljenega urada                      | 61.56                |
| Časopisne poštne znakme                            | 61.50                |
| Poštne znakme                                      | 45.13                |
| Razno  | 11.35                |
| <b>Skupaj</b>                                      | <b>\$ 130,253.78</b> |
| Manj rezerva                                       | 53,039.42            |
| <b>SKUPAJ PREMOŽENJA</b>                           | <b>\$ 77,214.36</b>  |

**OBVEZNOSTI, IMETJE IN REZERVA:**

|                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Plače delavcem                     | \$ 487.97            |
| Neplačani računi                   | 278.17               |
| Starostna zavarovalnina            | 106.84               |
| Brezposelnostna zavarovalnina      | 135.38               |
| Znižana vrednost strojev in opreme | 53,039.42            |
| Vloga SNPJ                         | 50,000.00            |
| Davek na plačah                    | 571.94               |
| Rezerva za počitnice               | 120.95               |
| Prebitek                           | 25,513.11            |
| <b>Skupaj</b>                      | <b>\$ 130,253.78</b> |
| Manj rezerva                       | 53,039.42            |
| <b>SKUPAJ OBVEZNOSTI IN IMETJE</b> | <b>\$ 77,214.36</b>  |

## Finančno poročilo Prospective in The Voice of Youth

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| DOHODKI:  |                     |
| Naročnina na dnevnik                                      | \$ 10,172.68        |
| Naročnina na tednik                                       | 30,187.32           |
| Oglas   | 4,640.05            |
| Od zavarovalniškega oddelka SNPJ za<br>The Voice of Youth | 5,739.62            |
| Za plače uredništvu in upravnemu za<br>The Voice of Youth | 780.00              |
| Obresti od investicij                                     | 457.47              |
| Delno plačilo za oglas                                    | 34                  |
| <b>SKUPNI DOHODKI</b>                                     | <b>\$ 51,977.48</b> |

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| IZDATKI:   |                     |
| Provizija od naročnin in oglasov   | \$ 2,254.76         |
| Tiskanje Prospective in The Voice of Youth                               | 34,758.40           |
| Plače urednikov in upravnosti  | 9,754.14            |
| Tiskovine in uradne potrebe  | 263.95              |
| Znižana vrednost pohištva  | 26.65               |
| Razno  | 17.12               |
| Za pregled poslovnih knjig po račun-<br>skih izvedencih                  | 100.00              |
| Najemnina uradov   | 300.00              |
| Poština in ekspres   | 182.22              |
| Poštinska drugega poštne razreda za<br>Prospective in The Voice of Youth | 2,390.65            |
| Razni publikacijski stroški  | 697.42              |
| Davek za socialno zaščito  | 93.20               |
| Za brezposelnostno zavarovanje   | 74.56               |
| Kampanja za Prospective  | 413.50              |
| Brisan dolg oglasov  | 1.50                |
| <b>Skupni izdatki</b>  | <b>\$ 51,348.07</b> |
| Dobitek v drugi polovici leta 1943.                                      | 629.41              |
| <b>SKUPAJ</b>  | <b>\$ 51,977.48</b> |

**RAZDELITEV PREMOŽENJA:**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Gotovina v Northern Trust Company<br>banki            | \$ 23,211.46        |
| Neplačani oglasi                                      | 310.20              |
| Od zavarovalniškega oddelka SNPJ<br>za tednik         | 5,592.90            |
| Vloga za drugi poštni razred Prospective              | 934.75              |
| Vloga za drugi poštni razred za The<br>Voice of Youth | 67.63               |
| Zvezne vladne zadolžnice                              | 35,333.13           |
| Pohištvo in oprema urada (kupna<br>cena)              | 6,328.24            |
| <b>SKUPNA IMOVINA</b>                                 | <b>\$ 71,778.31</b> |

**OBVEZNOSTI, REZERVA IN PREBITEK:**

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Neplačani računi                                  | \$ 5,138.00         |
| Plače delavcem                                    | 144.70              |
| Pristojbina za brezposelnostno zavar-<br>ovanje   | 79.24               |
| Davek za socialno zaščito                         | 88.67               |
| Rezerva za znižano vrednost pohištva<br>in opreme | 6,221.81            |
| Davek za plače                                    | 114.56              |
| Prebitek  | 59,991.33           |
| <b>SKUPNO PREMOŽENJE IN<br/>OBVEZNOSTI</b>        | <b>\$ 71,778.31</b> |

Soglasno sprejet predlog, da se poročilo vzame na znanje.

Br. urednik jednotnih publikacij predloži na slednje poročilo:

**Poročilo urednika**

Delo v uredništvu se od zadnje seje gl. odbora ni spremeno. List je treba izdelati vsaki dan, kakor tudi mladinsko revijo "The Voice of Youth" vsaki mesec. Br. Beniger urejuje revijo in angleško sekcijsko glasila, br. Slabe ima v področju dnevnih vesti, to je prvo stran razum domačih vesti, br. Medvešek slovenske dopise za dnevnik in tednik in čitanje slovenskih odtisov (razum prve strani z izjemno enkrat na teden), ostalo delo urejevanje tretje in četrte strani v dnevniku, pisanje uvodnikov, domačih vesti in besedilo za slike,

ke, zbiranje materiala za dodatno angleško stran — pa opravljim jaz. Poleg tega je vsak teden nekaj korespondence in tudi seje izvršnega odseka. Od časa do časa imamo tudi kampanje, ki dajo delo i uredu. Poleg tega imam vsak dan drugo podrobno delo.

Kar se tiče dopisov, jih je vedno dovolj; posebno zadnje tedne se jih je zoper dosti nabralo in zato nekajko zaostajajo. Najbolj priljubljena med čitatevijo dnevnika so še vedno pisma iz starega kraja.

Kot je Vam znano, se nam je posrečilo dobiti tudi stalnega dopisnika v starem kraju v osebi Franja Aleša. Z njegovim sotrudništvom sem zadovoljen tako glede kvalitet kot kvantitete. Toda pošta je še vedno nereditna in počasna in sodim, da se je po 15. decembra nekaj njegovih poročil tudi izgubilo. Tudi časopise še vedno zelo nedeno prihaja iz stare domovine. Enake pritožbe imajo tudi tam o pošti iz Amerike. Pravijo, da je bolj redna in hitrejša pošta med Kanado in Jugoslavijo. Izgleda, da so tukaj vmes politične ovire.

Ker sem pri starem kraju, naj omenim še to, da mi dozdaj še ni posrečilo dobiti primernega materiala za povečanje in izboljšanje slovenskega dela v mladinski reviji. Obrnil sem se že na več osebnosti v Ljubljani, toda nisem dobil niti odgovora. Vse izgleda, da so vsi delovni intelektualci preboleli pri ustvarjanju nove Slovenije in nove Jugoslavije, to je pri prosvetnem in časnikarskem delu, ki je cudovito živo in bujno. Proporčno po prebivalstvu najbrže nikjer v Evropi ali kje drugje ne izhaja toliko publikacij in knjig kot v Sloveniji po osvoboditvi. Mnogi so tudi uposleni pri gradnji državne oblasti. Pred vojno so se delavko usmerjeni intelektualci v starem kraju kar ponujali za sotrudnike, marsikdo tudi posiljal material brez vprašanja, ker ga tudi niso mogli priobčiti, danes pa ni več tega. Kljub temu imam upanje, da se bo sčasoma tudi stvar uredila, in da bomo mogli izboljšati slovenski del mladinske revije "The Voice of Youth."

Kar se tiče mladinske revije v ostalem, je postal njen sotrudnik tudi Peter Eliš, ki je dobro poznan čitateljem angleške sekcijske Prospective.

V smislu konvenčnega sklepa smo tudi povečali angleško sekcijsko glasila za dodatno stran, ki je posvečena informativnemu in vzgojnemu delu angleškega značaja, t. j. političnim, gospodarskim in socialnim problemom. Sicer sem slišal nekaj kritike, na drugi strani pa tudi odobranje — proti daljšemu člankom, češ, da jih povprečen čitatelj ne čita. Toda za svojo osebo sem mnenja, da kdor meri svoje intelektualne potrebe po dolžini, tisti tudi krajsih stvari informativnega in vzgojnega značaja ne bi čital. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ko bodo i starejša društva bolj in bolj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške sekcijske glasile za svoje potrebe, ker imajo v svojih vrstah tudi tukaj rojene člane. Sploh pa vsa društva bolj in bolj odvisna od mlade generacije za uspeh svojih prireditiv. Tudi ni več daleč čas, ker bo vse moralno, da se tukaj poslujejo angleške

# PROSVETA

## ENGLISH SECTION

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For Members of Slovene National Benefit Society and American Slovanes

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### Cavaliers Mark 15th Birthday

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa. — The month of April marks the 15th anniversary of the Cavaliers, and it is customary to sponsor our annual anniversary dance on April 12, music by the well-known Al Medofor and his Polkateers from Strabane, at the Slovenian Home. This occasion is our most successful event of the year and we are confident that it will remain so.

Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, at 7:30 pm. Why can't you Cavaliers attend at least one meeting a year, especially since this happens to be the month of our 15th anniversary? What do you say?

Members on the sick list are Mrs. Cathern Moskun and Mrs. Helen Acompora. Please make your required visits. Wishing you two a speedy and complete recovery.

Three Cavaliers have had an increase in families, Mrs. Virginia Bendick (our rec. sec'y), a bouncing baby girl; Mrs. Lena Mavrich, a bouncing baby boy, and Mrs. Mary Kopenshek, a bouncing baby boy. Congratulations and here's hoping I receive their applications for our Juvenile Department.

New members added to our Juvenile Dept. are, little John D. Godish, Ruth Ann Harris and Clyde Mavrich Jr.

Congratulations are a little late, but same applies to Cousin Margaret Sage, whose engagement was announced on February 13 to Jules Simon of Avella. Luck and happiness to you both.

EMMA KOROSEC, Sec'y.

### Lodge Moderns Marching On!

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—Lodge Moderns 634 held its third meeting of the year on March 16, which was very well attended. There's no doubt about it, we are on our feet, working together as a group.

Clara Resnick and Roman Aldag were initiated into our ranks, and we welcome them warmly. John Resnick nominated Ruth Ponath and Janet Siefert for membership.

Max Resnick is working hard lining up teams for the national bowling tournament. The men's bowling team holds first place in their league. Good luck, fellas, keep 'em rolling.

Stan Loncar and George Lukich bowed at Green Bay in the Wisconsin State tournament. In doubles they put together a score of 1150. George hit 605 and Stan 545. Wherever that "spot" was, Stan found it in singles, hitting the pocket consistently to the tune of 628.

The following members of the Badgers attended our meeting: Maro Shapack, Stan Sedmak and Frank Lozar. Thanks for coming, it was nice having you here. After the meeting adjourned a social time was enjoyed. Frank Resnick brought his portable record player along and some pep polkas. With refreshments and this music, I think everybody present had a good time. Stan Loncar was the lucky winner of a special door prize in the amount of \$2.

Members, start planning now to attend our next meeting on April 20. We would like to see everyone attend. Our meetings are getting to be more interesting every month, thanks to the increased attendance and general stepped-up interest that is shown by so many of our members. Come to one meeting, and I'm sure you'll be sorry if you should ever have to miss the next.

ANN ALDAG.

### Spirit-O-Grams

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Our veterans party is now a pleasant memory of the past, but I'm sure all those who attended had a very enjoyable time. It was something different from our usual social affairs.

We were glad to see Pete Dolene at our last meeting as we missed him the past several months. Our bowling team hasn't been doing as well as it had been. Maybe some cheering from some of the members would help the team along. Why not drop in to the Bevo Bowling alleys—Tuesday nite? Due to circumstances beyond our control the team won't be able to participate in the tournament in Chicago this week.

Plans are coming along fine for our May dance. I am sure all members will support the dance committee wholeheartedly. The final report on the proceeds of our Valentine舞会 are not yet in because some of the members failed to make return on their tickets.

The new membership campaign is now in progress, so let's all try to help to further it along.

STANLEY HERVATIN, Sec'y.

### ONLY THROUGH MUTUAL EFFORT CAN WE ANTICIPATE SUCCESS

Nothing in nature that wants to live, can remain still for any length of time. Any enterprise whose progress reaches the point of stagnation, demonstrates the beginning of its end. This fact is comprehensive to the Supreme Board and the Executive Committee of the Society, and shall not be underestimated by the members of the organization.

To stimulate continued progress in our Society, we should get rid of our present tendency of indifference and step into action, especially during the time of a special membership campaign, as is under way at present. A campaign of this type can only be successful, if all of the members take part or interest in one way or the other, and to render help to those members who endeavor with especial vigor for successful achievement. Those members however, not able to solicit new members from house to house or other public places in this connection, may help the solicitors by rendering moral support with a favorable word, where necessary. Perhaps by describing the material and educational benefits attained by the members, it would undoubtedly strengthen our cause considerably.

What we have acquired intellectually during the time as members would be useless if not used to advantage at the most momentous occasions or opportunities such as at the present time. The present campaign offers one of these opportunities!

To reward the most active and successful solicitors for their efforts in securing new members into the Society, the Supreme Board, upon recommendation from the Executive Committee, has granted liberal awards to all entitled individual members, and in addition also to local lodges. The lodges, through the cooperation of you members, which surpass the assigned quota of new members, as described in the special circular—which was sent to all the lodges and has also been published in the official organ—shall be eligible to receive generous awards. Members of those lodges whose financial status is possibly low, you now have a good opportunity to increase your treasury. Do not miss this wonderful chance, as it is very unlikely that you will have another such opportunity in the near future.

Brothers and Sisters! Our Society is not exclusively an insurance organization, but also has higher and noble ideals, to promote cultural and educational activities among the members, therefore, deserving full support from the entire membership.

Today we live in abnormal times; here and there reaction is rejoicing of victories, and deep graves are being dug for liberty and progress. But the present crisis shall pass as surely as day follows night and a new dawn will arise. Ideals and principles; social justice, freedom and liberty for all people; these have been our symbols for almost half a century, and are also the hopes and ideas of the common man. This ideal cannot be suppressed, imprisoned with laws nor buried in a grave. Sooner or later this fact shall be acknowledged by those who today rejoice around the almighty dollar.

Since this campaign is limited and shall close on June 30, we appeal to you, Brothers and Sisters, to take immediate action about the task before you. Practically all of our previous campaigns, mostly through your efforts, have been successful and therefore, we anticipate the fulfillment of your duties again this time, in order that we may increase our membership to the highest level in the history of our organization.

Let us begin with our slogan in this campaign: "BUILD YOUR LODGE; STRENGTHEN YOUR SOCIETY."

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In regard to questions from various lodges as to whether members belonging to an organization previous to merging with the SNPJ are considered members from the date of entry into their own organization or whether from the date of merger with the SNPJ. We wish to inform you that members acquired through a merger are considered as members from the date of admittance into their own society. According to this ruling applications to all members of societies merged with SNPJ shall be accepted, and therefore, they shall be eligible for old age benefit according to the resolution passed at the thirteen regular convention. May we add, further, that benefits which shall be paid to the old members in the form of assessments, shall not, in case of death, be deducted from the mortuary benefit as there have also been a number of questions in this connection.

F. A. Vider, Supreme Secretary.

### SNPJ Wolverine News

DETROIT, Mich.—The entertainment committee and all the Wolves wish to thank everyone who donated prizes and who helped make our game nite on March 15 a success. Our thanks also to Mrs. Modic (formerly Mrs. Bozich) who took it upon herself to pass the hat around, then turned this money over to the Wolverines. The Wolves could always depend upon her to lend a helping hand at any of their affairs. Thank you and the best of luck always.

**Bowling:** Every year the city of Detroit sponsors a brothers' tournament. Each team must be composed of five brothers. Two popular brother teams and well known at the John R club are the Bernick brothers and the Babich brothers. These two teams crossed alleys on March 8 in this brothers' tournament. A half barrel of beer was to be given by the losers to the victors. The Babich boys must buy a half barrel of beer for the Bernick boys to consume at some future date as they emerged the victors. But they aren't doing any bragging as they only bowled 2400.

There will be no bowling for the Slovene Girls' League on Easter Sunday. Sunday jackpots will be won by Helen Steffler 191 and Mimi Selak 197. The girls have four teams all lined up for our Chicago trip. Two class A teams captained by Lena Yerman and Mimi Selak, and two class B teams captained by Berchie Naprudnik and Julia Kumanichik. Girls, please turn your entry fee over to Lena this week if possible in order that we may send our entry blanks in early. Al MacLean is taking care of the men's teams.

Our members: Another name has been added to our list of sick members. The list now includes Mary Pustover, her son Paul, Helen Steffler, Mary Pink and John Puhek.

March 16 was the day Rudy Benedict had plans completed for a surprise birthday party for his wife Charlotte. Came March 16 and Charlotte did the surprising. She presented Rudy with a 5 lbs. 6 oz. baby girl Charlotte Patricia. It's

### J. Z. JRS. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, Pa.—The next English speaking federation of western Pennsylvania meeting will be on Sunday, April 20, in Avella. At this meeting we should hear quite a few reports from the athletic committee, SNPJ Day committee, entertainment committee and the special investigating committee. Oh yes, it will be our first trip to Avella.

According to a recent issue of the Prosveta, the entertainment committee has made arrangements for a Federation dance, to be held on May 10, at 57th and Butler, Pittsburgh, featuring Frank Porovne's orchestra. It would be nice if all the federated lodges would be represented with a group of members. It can be done, just work on it and get the gang rounded up.

**This 'n' That:**—While a little late in reporting we would like our SNPJ friends to know that on February 12, a cerebral hemorrhage caused the sudden death of Mrs. Frank Ambrosic. She was very active SNPJ member and was always willing to give the J. Z. Jrs. a helping hand. The J. Z. Jrs. will miss her very much as will her family, relatives and friends.

Speedy recovery to Bros. Jos. Kokal, Jacob Zupancic and Bob Woods of Lodge 386. These men are all suffering from mine injuries. On the J. Z. Jrs. get-well list we have Sister Kay Ellison recuperating in the Magee Hospital. Our best wishes for a quick recovery.

Belated congratulations and best wishes to Mayme Triller on her recent marriage to Bill Stoltz. To Art Peterrel we wish the best of luck on his new adventure to California and on his new position.

The Slovenian Dom in Library has been talking about building bowling alleys since 1938. The latest report is that they will be built in time for the next bowling season. Along with the present improvements this should place the Slovenian Hall in Library on top of the list for an evening of enjoyment. Frank "Strings-Spaga" Strimlan is now superintendent at Moutour 4 Mine in Hills Station.

The next J. Z. Jrs. meeting is on April 2. Don't miss it, they may be serving another delicious spaghetti dinner. Will try to get down to the Buckeyes' dance on April 19 in Barberston as we would like to get acquainted with some of the SNPJs out this way. Barberston at one time was the stamping ground for the J. Z. Jrs. boys. Remember, Slapsie, Ambrosic, Vidmar and Waggett?—The Likar household is on 75 Russell avenue in Akron. Drop in sometime.

FRANCES D. LIKAR, 682.

### Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The Integrity's regular monthly meeting will take place Friday, March 28, at 2741 W. North ave., 2nd floor. All members are urged to attend.

Those who do not know that all dues should be mailed or paid no later than the last day of each month, are asked to keep this in mind. For your own benefit be on time. This is very important.

The round trip to Chicago on the train will be \$13.05. Money for railroad tickets to Chicago must be turned in to Matt Pink or Berchie Naprudnik on or before Sunday, March 30. That is definitely the deadline.—Happy birthday to Rudy Bernick, our secretary. — Bertha Bernick spent last week in Cleveland with her parents.—Have you sent your name to Joe Kern so that he will reserve your hotel room in Chicago for you?—Bring in your new member at our next meeting and build up our lodge.

MILLY BERNICK, 677.

When disputes arise over wage incentive plans, piece rates, workload or similar technical matters, the Technical Division of the Conciliation Service, U. S. Department of Labor, is available to make impartial studies of the facts in dispute.

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### FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—Pioneer Lodge 559 of SNPJ went on record last Friday night to send letters of protest to President Truman, our Senators and Congressmen, against the present trends of the administration in regard to giving away four hundred million dollars in support of the undesirable Greek monarchy. We also went on record in support of the efforts of the Jugoslav government to purchase wheat and supplies for its inhabitants and against the pressure being used by reactionary interests in this country against the Jugoslav government. These are in line with the principles of the SNPJ and with the recent decision of the SNPJ executive committee in notifying President Truman that his present foreign policy, at least as it concerns Greece and Turkey, is bound to lead us to war. We urge other English speaking lodges to do the same because it was the English speaking lodge members who have had to join the armed forces to combat fascism in World War II. If World War III comes, it will be the English speaking lodge members who are most likely to be called into the service so that they can be shipped to Greece to fight for the rotten Greek monarchist government. We don't want this to happen, if we can help it. To prevent it from happening we must act now!

Even as individuals, each one of you members have an obligation and a duty. Urge your Congressmen through letters to work against the present trend in American foreign affairs.

Seven Pioneers have volunteered to work at the national tourney in April. That, too, is a fine attitude of our members. Because we will need many workers we request others of you to tell us how much of your time you can give to the successful operation of this big venture. The degree of success achieved will depend upon the amount of work we put into the project. Let's all roll up our sleeves and join in with those who are planning for its smooth operation.—We, too, are forming teams for the tourney. Many of our boys and girls roll regularly in the Pioneer league but we will need all of the rest of you, who for one reason or another, do not bowl in the league to make up our quota of twenty teams for the tourney. Fifteen outside bowlers have already signed up. We need at least that many more to complete our list.—To Frank Zordani goes the distinction of sending in the second entry for the national tourney. His team will be composed of Frank Zvokel, Frank Paulich, Stanley Zordani, Anton Cretnik, and himself. Only Stanley Zordani and Frank bowl in the Pioneer league, which means that Frank picked up three extra bowlers.

Louise Alic has been taken off the sick list but in the last couple of days we had to add on our ever-active Brother John Simon and Imogene Pirok. John was caught up with pneumonia while Imogene underwent an operation for hemorrhoids.—A card from Mexico tells us that Joseph, Mary and Mitzi Oven are having an enjoyable vacation in the warm and sunny Mexico.

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### Little Fort Lodge News

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The members of the Little Fort lodge were certainly busy this month. To sponsor four dances in one month is no small undertaking. This experiment worked out very well in every way. The best thing we observe is, that the same people come back for dancing every week. Many already said they will miss these weekly gatherings of fun.

However, everything must end so "The Night of Romance" dance next Saturday evening, March 29, will close the series of the Little Fort dances for a while. We plan to make this last dance the best one yet, so when we open our season next fall our guests will say, "Remember that dance of romance?" Let's go and have more fun.

Chairmen this time will be Josephine Bezek and Edward Leben. Admission will again be only 50¢ and Stan Gregorin's orchestra will furnish the music.

We wish to express our appreciation to the SNH women's club who took such good care of the kitchen. Our special thanks to Mrs. Frances Musich who stayed in the kitchen every time from beginning till end and to Mrs. Malovac who did all the planning.

The Little Fort lodge meeting last week was good. The national SNPJ pin tournament was thoroughly discussed and plans about teams were made. Anyone wishing to bowl in the tourney should contact for further information Frank Jereb Jr. or Vic Belic.

Dance committees gave favorable reports and an enthusiastic report about juveniles was given by Director Dorothy Gabrosek.

Two transferred members, Tonka Furian and Johnny Gregorin, were accepted. A happy report although a little late was the arrival of a new baby boy into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Shuster.

Sad news this week is the death of Bro. John Kavnik, who had been ill for several years. When well Johnny was a very active member of the lodge and served as secretary of the lodge some years back. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

ALBINA L. FURLAN.

Help to Increase Our  
Juvenile  
And Adult Membership

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### Salem Lodge 476 Planning Dance

SALEM, O.—Our meeting on Saturday evening, March 15, was well attended, even though we aren't seeing many new faces in regard to our youth and also many other senior members that haven't been attending our meetings.

We had a lengthy discussion on plans for a wiener roast and dance, to be held at our usual picnic grounds on a Saturday evening in the month of May. It is my wish that each and every member try to be present at our next meeting on Saturday, April 19, at 8 pm to show his or her interest in our promoting this type of entertainment more often during the coming season. It is my desire to have a lunch and dance on the evening of our next meeting, and in order that this may be possible, I must receive a call or letter from each and every member within several days after this article appears in the Prosveta.

We are also proud to announce that we did initiate our first new member of our present campaign. Joseph Markovich Jr. has joined with us and he was very nicely greeted by the members at our past meeting. Bro. Joseph Markovich Sr. is still on our sick list and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

FRANK HRVATIN Jr., Sec'y.

### Special Meeting Of Lodge No. 89

BULGER, Pa.—Lodge Glas Nardo No. 89 SNPJ held its regular meeting March 16. Attendance was fair and we had a few lively discussions. The most important of these was concerning the planned remodeling of our Lodge building, and it was decided to call a special meeting for March 30 at 2 pm at the usual place. The purpose will be to examine and revise or approve the preliminary plans that our architect has promised to deliver at that time.

Every member must bear in mind that this is a very important step that the 89'ers are about to take, and each member should do his utmost to attend this special meeting so that the final decision shall be made by the greatest number of members possible without any "I told you so's" after the decision is made.

Incidentally, 89'ers of Midway are now English speaking. The present officers are of the younger generation and an order of business is conducted in English. So the old excuse for not attending meetings "I can't understand what's going on" is no longer valid.

The new membership drive is now in

# NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNEY NEWS

By Michael Vrhovnik

One of the rules which governs the National Bowling Tournament provides that all bowlers must wear the Society's athletic emblem or the letters "S.N.P.J." on their shirts or blouses. No other advertisement except that pertaining to the Society and lodge is allowed while participating in the tournament. Every bowler will be expected to abide by this rule. If you don't have the official emblem or initials of the Society on your bowling outfit, you are advised, therefore, to instruct the lodge secretary to write to the Main Office, requesting the number of emblems you will require for your bowlers and have them sewed on before you leave for Chicago. It will be a pleasing sight to see every bowler displaying the name or number of his lodge and the initials of the Society. With more than 500 bowlers equipped with shirts or blouses which the Society helped to finance this season, there is absolutely no reason why any bowler should appear on the alleys of the Cascade Bowling Center, April 25, 26 and 27, advertising anyone but the SNPJ.

## Meeting of the National Athletic Board

A meeting of the National Athletic Board will be held on Friday, April 24, 1947 at the headquarters of the S.N.P.J. Lodges, federations and athletic leagues of the Society are invited to send in any suggestions or recommendations they may have on local, sectional and national sport activities. The sports we are particularly interested in are bowling, softball, golf, balina and juvenile field meets. You may submit your recommendations either through your district representative or the Director of Athletics at the Main Office, the names and addresses of whom appear elsewhere in this section. It is suggested that you mail your letters in such time that they will be received at least two or three days prior to the meeting.

One of the questions which annually comes before the Athletic Board is the selection of a site for the next National Bowling Tournament. Bids are now open to any lodge, federation or two or more lodges in a locality who mutually agree to sponsor the tournament. Since this year's national bowling classic is to be staged in the western region, the 1948 tournament is scheduled to move eastward into districts 1, 2, 3 or 4. All bids should be in the mails April 15 or earlier.

## QUESTIONS AN ANSWERS

If a member, who is planning to enter Class "B" events in the National Bowling Tournament, is not bowling in a league this season, but bowled in one last year or prior year, what average shall he be required to give? . . . He shall furnish the highest average established at the end of his last season of league bowling. For those who do not have an established average, use the minimum of 150 for men bowlers and 120 for women.

What is the lowest number of games one must bowl to establish an average? . . . The National Athletic Board has ruled that a minimum of 21 games, rolled in regular league play, shall be sufficient for this tournament.

If a bowler is entered in both Class "A" and "B," for example, team and doubles events in one class and singles in the other, how shall his all-events total be determined? . . . He shall be classified according to his individual average, that is, if his average is less than 160 (men) and 130 (women), his (her) nine-game total shall be posted in Class "B," but if the average is 160 or 130 or higher, he shall be listed with Class "A" bowlers for all-events prizes. There is this exception. If a bowler with a Class "B" average rolls all nine games in "Class A," he will be eligible for all-events prizes in that class (A) only.

Shall the bowlers be required to change alleys after each game or each event? . . . In order to keep the tournament events moving closely to the schedule, bowlers will change alleys only after each event has been completed. No two events, however, shall be rolled on the same alleys by the same bowlers.

Since bowlers are divided into two classes this year, who will be the real SNPJ champions of 1947? . . . In the absence of a definite rule to this effect, it is to be understood that the team, doubles, singles, and all-events entries who will roll the highest scores, irrespective of the class in which they bowled, will be declared the official SNPJ champions. "A" and "B" champions, however, shall be entitled to cash prizes and trophies, each in his own respective class.

In that case, is it not possible for a Class "B" entry to be the champion of SNPJ? . . . Possibly, but hardly probable. Only by rolling a higher score than any entry in a similar event in both classes can a Class "B" entry win the SNPJ championship.

How many teams in last year's national bowling tournament averaged over 800 pins per game? . . . Out of 67 men's teams, 34 finished with three game totals of 2400 or higher, and out of 32 women's teams, exactly 20 shot better than 1950. These two totals are the dividing lines this year, between Class "A" and "B" men's and women's teams, respectively. With a much larger entry predicted for the coming bowling classic, we are expecting more teams to enter and participate in Class "A" than finished with scores of 2400 (men) and 1950 (women) in the 1946 tournament at Cleveland. With bigger entry fees, plus at least a proportionate share of the greatly increased cash appropriation received from the SNPJ, the prize list at Chicago should be more attractive both as to range and amount. Last year's record team prizes were as follows: Men's division, \$65.00 and women's division, \$40.00.

Are juvenile members of the Society eligible for the National Bowling Tournament? . . . The rules provide that any member of the Society, who is in good standing, is eligible. Juveniles, therefore, qualify. However, before a juvenile entry is accepted by local officials in charge of organizing the bowlers, it is advisable that a written consent of the parents be obtained in each case.

## JUVENILE TELEGRAPHIC TOURNEY NOTES

Less than a month from now, April 19 and 20, juvenile members of the SNPJ, residing in localities of four or five different states, will take their respective places on the bowling lanes in their own hometowns and begin to blast the "maples" in the third annual National Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament. The outlook from here is that we should have a much better representation this year than, either in the 1945 or 1946 tournaments.

In the previous tournaments, entries were received from Strabane and Sharon, Pa., Girard, Ohio, Chicago and Waukegan, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wis. This year we hope to add a few from Sygan, Pa., Detroit, Mich., Springfield, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., and possibly one or two other localities. A total of 125 juvenile members are expected to participate in the three events.

Perfect Circle bowlers of Chicago directed by Ann Sannemann and Edward Udovich, are making good progress in their Sunday get-togethers. While they are not very optimistic as to their chances of winning the team championship in either division, boys or girls, they do, however, entertain high hopes in winding up at or near the top in the individual events. Several of the boys and girls, too, have improved greatly in the past month or two.

There is a good possibility that Pioneer Lodge 559 of Chicago will enter a team of juveniles in the coming telegraphic contests, and a team is also being organized on the Southside by Trailblazer Lodge 100 with some help from the Calumet Sentinels. Reports from Strabane, Pa. inform us that both local juvenile Circles are organizing teams and are holding practice sessions regularly. James Podboy and Joseph Sedmak are in charge of lining up the teams.

All of the defending champions are expected to see action in the coming tourney. The 1946 winners and their respective scores are as follows:

**Boys' Division**

TEAM—Circle 21, Sharon, Pa. 2475 Circle 7, Girard, Ohio..... 1646

DOUBLES—J. Podboy & C. M. Gregorin & M. Kenik, Kaminski, Circle 27..... 1047 Circle 24..... 763

SINGLES—C. Kaminski, Cir. 27 623 M. Macek, Circle 7..... 445

**All Events**

C. Kaminski, Circle 27..... 1615 M. Kenik, Circle 24..... 1167

The scores rolled last year, especially in the boys' division, were exceptionally good. It is very unlikely that they will be surpassed, or even approached, despite the fact that most of the bowlers, who established the records, will be back again. Sharon's great boys' team has lost two of their stars, Richard Robich and Frank Zickar, by transfer and, unless they have been replaced with equally good bowlers, will have a big job on their hands of duplicating or bettering their own record. But, even if they fail in doing this, they will be a match for almost any team, considering that their nearest opponents, last year, finished nearly 200 pins behind them. However, competition will be much keener and more interesting all around.

The girls' team champions of the SNPJ, representing Circle 7, Girard, Ohio, has been fortunate in that it has lost none of its bowlers by transfer or otherwise and, if they have been practicing faithfully, should furnish their opponents with another strong test. Opposition in this division will be definitely stronger in all three events, and it is almost certain that new records will be established all down the line—but, we won't know for sure until the two big days, April 19 and 20, 1947 will tell their stories about the third annual SNPJ Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament. Send in your entries early! April 10 is the closing date!

## National Bowling Tournament

CHICAGO.—These dates, April 25-26-27, are just one month away; those are the days SNPJ bowlers will compete for the national bowling championship at the Cascade Alleys in Chicago. Since the entry deadline is midnight, April 10, 1947, we urge all those who plan to participate to get their entries in at once. Every effort will be made to give our visiting bowlers their choice of bowling time; to do this, we need your cooperation. Get your entries in at once, first come first served. Since we expect a record entry your cooperation is absolutely necessary.

Those of you who plan to stay at the Morrison hotel are also urged to get your hotel reservations in at once. All reservations should be sent direct to the Morrison hotel, as they will notify you by return mail confirming your reservation. The hotel is on Madison st., the same street as the bowling alleys and 20 minutes by streetcar. So for 8 cents our bowlers can travel to and from the alleys, although the distance is a little less than 5 miles. The streetcars stop right at the hotel.

The bowling alleys, although 3½ miles from the Sokol Havlicek Hall, are directly north of the hall and can be reached by streetcar and bus. Going from the alleys to the hall one needs only to take any Madison car east to Homan ave. (3400 west), there take bus south, at Roosevelt rd., the bus goes to Central Park ave. (3600 west), then south to 25th where it turns to Lawndale ave. (3700 west) and the Sokol Havlicek hall is between 26th and 27th on Lawndale. The SNPJ Hall is at 27th and Lawndale. Those wanting to go to the Sloverie Center, get off at 23rd st. and walk two short blocks west. Transfers should be taken at the time fares are paid.

### Pioneer Bowlers

The Pioneers have set a quota of 20 teams as their number of teams to enter this tournament. That we will reach and surpass this number we have no doubt, but the exact number is up to you Pioneers who are interested in bowling. To date we have a report from the men bowlers; so far 10 complete teams have been made up and 26 more bowlers have signed up and as yet teams have not been made up. We are going to list some of the teams. Entered in class A are James Jackino's team whose other members are M. Brinovec, Louis and Tony Pirman and D. J. Lotrich; also in class A are L. Zefran with Joe Kosnik, Chester Ziarko, Wm. Drzewicki and John Petras. The class B entries are Al Ormanec, Leo Komuchar, Frank Ormanec, Paul Vidgar and Capt. John Alic. Frank Zvokel, F. Paulich, T. Cretnik, S. Zordani and Capt. Frank Zordani. F. Kulhanek, J. Steinbach, C. Pizzuto, H. Palmer and Capt. Stan Zele. A. Bergant, C. Rak, J. Cherway, Frank Burgar and Capt. John Rak. Team captains are urged to get their entry blanks in at once; those bowlers who have signed up and are not on teams are asked to pay their entry fees to D. J. Lotrich so that as soon as teams are organized there will be any delay.

### Bowlers Dance

The Bowlers Dance will take place Saturday, April 26, at Sokol Havlicek Hall, 2619 S. Lawndale ave. The place has two halls and is the largest in our neighborhood, and for music we will have George Rusk's orchestra in the upper hall, in the lower hall we bring you Penny's favorite son, Frank Porovne and his orchestra from Verona way.

And of course first class refreshments will be served. We invite our participating bowlers to attend. Of course Chicagoans are also invited. The price of admission is 75 cents (tax included).

### Shorts: Pioneers

Pioneers are asked to volunteer as workers for the two-day affair, an hour or so; many of us will insure smooth running and a good time for all, so notify D. J. Lotrich at Lawndale 2344. All questions relative to eligibility should not be mailed to the Pioneer committee but direct to M. Vrhovnik, 2657 S. Lawndale ave. Remember entry deadline is April 10. Hotel reservations, Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Tournament secretary, James Jachino, 2610 S. Lawndale ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

### PIONEER BOWLING COMM.

### Attention, Little Fort Bowlers

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### Lodge 747 of SNPJ Bowling Report

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—At this time I and the other members of Lodge 747 who were at Bro. Frank Susnik's tavern after the last meeting, wish to thank him for the very wonderful lunch he served us after we were through bowling.

We had some good bowlers down there last Sunday. The top man was Frank Susnik (the must know the alleys), next in line was Frank Ramsak, third was Helen Ambroziech, fourth Frank Kerecner, fifth the writer, sixth Mary Kerecner, seventh Slim Rauska, eighth Joe Tomko, ninth Bill Clarine, tenth Frances Rauska, and the booby prize went to Louis Ambroziech.

We will have another gathering after our next meeting April 20. Here's hoping there will be a larger crowd next time.

### HENRY STRIETER

### E.S. Fed. W. Penna Duckpin League

OAKMONT, Pa.—The E.S. federation of western Penna duckpin bowling league is rolling along at a nice pace and everybody is having a good time. I hope that this will give the spirit that will be needed when we have a full schedule to go through this next bowling season. If the results of games are sent to me I'll have the standings published every two weeks.

The federation athletic committee will hold a meeting in the very near future and will discuss the possibility of having a men and women team tournament to be held in Pittsburgh soon.

The standings of teams, men: Sy-

gan 9-0, Ambridge 11-4, Pittsburgh

12-6, Harmarville 10-11, Universal

7-11, Avella 4-8, Verona 2-4, Imperial 4-14; women: Sygan 9-0, Uni-

versal 15-6, Ambridge 11-7, Avella

9-6, Pittsburgh 9-6, Verona 2-4, Har-

marville 15-6, Avella 3-12.

FRANK JEREK Jr., 568.

### Midwest Athletic League Meeting

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The next meeting of the SNPJ Midwest Athletic League will be held at the Slovene Labor Center in Chicago, Sunday, March 30, at 10 am. Let's see all of you there. A lot of things will be discussed.

JOHN J. POKLAR, Sec'y.

## Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—When you hear a lot of hectic commotion as the Utopians-I Red Raiders are tangling with some foe, one would off-hand figure that the boys were going to town on the maples or that they were sticking cousin Tony Gerchman for a beer frame. The Gerchman was all right, but this time Tony wasn't the fall guy (Hankas Pankas Zorman took his place this time) as he barreled in a 594 series, top mark for this gentleman this season. Nothing to it, eh, Gerchie? Tony's fine fling enabled his mates to take three points from the Concordians whose lone win was registered by a margin of four sticks. For the losing lads, Adolph (Tiger) Lunder started out like a steamroller in the first two cantos but ran out of gas in the final race and settled for a 541 series.

The league leading Cleveland-2 quintet protected their two and a half point lead with a three dot job against the Spartan five. Bobby Knezevic paved the way for the former with a 564 set while Eddie Centa with 533 was best for the Southside Interlodge.

March 30 schedule: 6 pm shift; Loyalty-3 vs. Cleveland-2, Utopian-2 vs. Euclid 158. Loyalty-2 vs. Cleveland-1, Lunder Adamic vs. Comrades. 8 pm shift; Loyalty-4 vs. Strugglers. Loyalty-1 vs. Utopian-1. Loyalty-5 vs. Utopian-3. Loyalty-3 vs. Spartans.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. All bowlers and their friends are invited to the Social and Dance sponsored this Saturday, March 29, at the I. O. S. Hall (101st and Ewing Ave.) by Sans Branch 54 . . . The Southside Interlodge Bowling League operated on a handicap basis. All scores included handicaps . . . March 29 is the last official date for league bowling, all outside bowlers should be present . . . The Wolves and Mustangs are tied for first place, the Sentinels are just one game behind. It should be a great night at the Rolaline Alleys next Saturday.

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Tournament tabs: With a record breaking entry listed for the Eastern Invitational Tourney, the local members started their kegling quest a week before the invasion of the visiting lodges. Three shifts of doubles and singles were run off with some fine scores posted in both the men and women division.

JOE ZUPANIC of the Utopians shot 258, 202 and 188 for a 628 series to annex the singles lead. Joseph Matthews, our active Athletic Representative, ran second with 620. In the women's sessions, Mary "Whitey" Primosh, the Napredne Slovenke's blond bombshell, blasted a brilliant 591 series on games of 214, 180 and 197.

Andy Zadell and Stan Zupon of the Loyalties had 585 and 566 for a 1151 total to highlight the doubles event. Antonia Tanko and Mary (what a girl) Primosh rang up 476 and 525 for 1001 for the fair sex.

The high game honors for the men are held by Joe Zupan and Alvin Hirsh who had 258 and 246 and top pin gtb ladies' drive were Antonia Tanko and Mary Primosh with 216 and 214.

Utopian bowlers, notice! All the men bowlers who expect to make the trip to Chicago should get in touch with this writer now. The ladies can contact Julia Kronik. The Utopian lodge will pay the team entry fee and the train fare for all active bowlers and members who plan to attend. Special coaches have been reserved and the departing time will be 12:35 Friday night and arriving in Chicago at 7 Saturday morning. On leaving the Windy City you can take your choice of departure at 4:32, 8:15, and 11:25 Sunday eve with the arrival time at 12:48, 5:30 and 7:10 Monday morning. The round trip fare is \$14.78.

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## Our Times

By Louis Beniger

**PROPAGANDA** is again on the loose, having been stepped up particularly since the Truman speech in Congress.

It seems that at no time, not even during the war days, was official propaganda waged against the Nazis as terrific as it is now against the communists. First it was Hitler who wanted to "save the world from communism"; now it is we who are trying to copy him.

Of course, this new propaganda is being waged primarily against Russia because she is now a first class world power that represents a new ideology. This ideology seems to appeal to the masses kept in bondage by the powers representing the old ideology based on exploitation and profit.

This latest propaganda is rapidly approaching hysteria and veritable witch-hunting. Where it will lead if it is not stopped, is not hard to see; all evidence points to fascism and a new war.

IT IS HARD to understand why the Truman administration saw fit to flagrantly bypass the United Nations in the so-called Greek crisis.

Couldn't it be solved by the U. N. even as the Iranian crisis was solved so effectively by the same agency a year ago? Obviously, the powers that be have decided otherwise and struck a fatal blow at the U. N.

Just how anyone can pretend that there is any semblance of democracy in Greece or Turkey, is beyond imagination. We are against totalitarian regimes on the one hand—and we are brazen enough to openly support another brand of totalitarianism.

This sort of thing is usually called hypocrisy. And this hypocritical maneuvering will cost the American taxpayers millions of dollars—because we must save democratic Greece and Turkey before communism gobbles them up."

PUBLIC opinion on the administration's proposal has been varied and interesting.

There is a healthy opposition headed by such men as Wallace, Papper, and scores of other liberal thinkers. In Chicago our three mass circulation papers, the liberal Sun, the conservative Daily News, and even the ultra-reactive Tribune, have found common ground in opposing the proposed military and political aid to Greece and Turkey.

Every citizen should have an opinion in the matter, one formed out of his own understanding after hearing and reading both sides. And it should be clear to everyone that a question of such serious import should not be made a matter of mass hysteria and fear.

Let each of us be a sober citizen of this great country which has it in its power to be a leading force as an honest partner in One World.

## ACTIVITIES OF JUVENILE CIRCLES

The first conference of the Directors of Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ will be held on Friday, August 29, 1947. The Directors will meet in the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This will also be the site of the National SNPJ Day celebration, the first in five long years, taking place during the same week-end. According to the outlined plan of the conference, which was approved in principle by the Supreme Board and recently in slightly revised form by the Executive Committee to whom it had been referred by the higher authority, all active Juvenile Circles, organized prior to July 1, 1947, will be entitled to send their Director to the conference. Should a qualified Circle Director be unable to attend this important gathering, his or her assistant will, in that case, be the alternate. The outline of the plan will be published in the English Section of the Prosvesna next week. Be sure to read it.

### NEW JUVENILE CIRCLES

We have witnessed, in the opening three months of 1947, what might be considered a "miniature boom" in the organization and revival of Juvenile Circles, for in this period no less than six such units have been established in various parts of the Society's jurisdiction. New Circles have taken a firm hold in Cuddy and Aliquippa, Pa. and, also, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, while three other Circles, which were disbanded during the war, have been reorganized, one at Cleveland, Ohio, another at Milwaukee, Wis., and the third at Avella, Pa. The usual impression one gets on learning that a Circle has been revived or reorganized is that there wasn't much hard work connected with it, but actually almost as much time, effort, and planning is necessary to set the stage again as is required to organize an altogether new group. That's why full credit is given to the directors and assistants of the revived units, just as we do to the leaders who head the newly organized Circles. Both have problems and responsibilities common to each other, and both deserve full support from the officers and members of the lodge(s) with which the Circle is affiliated, as well as the parents of the juveniles who are its member. It takes that kind of cooperation for real success. In every locality where Circles are organized, let's make it our business to see that they are adequately backed, morally and financially.

### CIRCLES JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

Juvenile Circles, like the parent lodges to which they belong, have a definite obligation to perform in the SNPJ Lodge Campaign. The slogan "Build your lodge; strengthen your Society" applies to them and their directors, though on a smaller scale, as it does to our senior lodges and their active workers and leaders. Circle activity, as every one must recognize, is not all play, but work, too, and one of the harder tasks, among its several functions, is the task of enrolling new members to replenish its ranks.

The SNPJ Lodge Campaign has been in progress for nearly a month and will continue to its conclusion on June 30, 1947. All Juvenile Circles are called upon and urged to join this campaign and accept it as their number one project during the three remaining months—April, May and June. Let us have a special contest among the Circles to see how many new members each can secure in this membership building effort. Do not overlook the fact that in building your lodge, you also build your Circle and, at the same time, give new strength to the SNPJ.

Each new member enrolled by a Circle member or its director places the parent lodge that much nearer to its assigned quota and that much closer to winning one of the special prizes and, also, the grand prize offered by the Society. Nor is that all, for each new juvenile member enrolled entitles the proposing member to a cash award of \$1 or \$2, and for each new adult \$2 to \$4. And that still isn't all, for the Juvenile Circle with the best membership enrollment record in 1947 will receive, according to the plan previously announced in the Prosvesna and The Voice of Youth, a handsome achievement trophy from the SNPJ. This special award is really something every Juvenile Circle should strive for, not only during the period of the campaign, but throughout the entire year.

Juvenile members, especially those in their "teen" years, can help build the membership of the lodge and the Circle by asking and encouraging relatives, friends and schoolmates, who are not yet members, to join the SNPJ in the current campaign. This they can accomplish best by furnishing the names and addresses of prospective members they have contacted, to the Circle Director, Lodge Secretary, or other adult member participating actively in the campaign and, as often as necessary, accompany them to the homes to introduce them to the parents and prospects. Several Circle Directors have announced their intention to participate in the campaign, two of whom have already made a promising start. Every Circle is urged to make the SNPJ Lodge Campaign its main project in the next three months. And do not forget that, in order for the Circle to obtain full credit towards the special membership enrollment trophy to be awarded at the end of the year, the new members must join the Circle after they are admitted into the SNPJ.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

## FLASHES

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—Another card tells us that Marion Prusche and her mother are out at the oceanside in Carmel, Calif.—From time to time the Pioneers do secure a subscription to the Daily Prosvesna for the parents or relatives. Since the rates will be increased on May 1st and since they are still taking orders until that time at the old rates, our members should take advantage of providing subscriptions for their folks, now.

Understand that the subscription for one year is \$7.50 in Chicago and \$6 elsewhere. Also, that you can obtain \$1.20 credit for each adult member if you want to combine your weekly subscriptions for one daily. Yes, printing costs and printer's wages have gone up, even more so than normal wages and supplies. Our members should understand this and treat the subscriptions in the same manner that you do when buying a suit of clothes at nearly 50% more than before the war, or any other commodity.—They are going to have a big party for the Young American G.I.s at the Slovene National Home in Detroit this Saturday, March 29. We were surprised to see that the Young Americans actually lost five of their members out of some sixty-two who joined the service. The Pioneers lost only three out of 137. We join with the rest of the active SNPJs in wishing well for the G.I. party in Detroit Saturday.

In reviewing "The Lamp" we are able to see what a big job the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born is doing. They not only are interested in barring adverse legislation, in making things easier for the immigrants, but they also seek to knit the immigrants with the native stock. Theirs is a worthy cause. All of you young people should support it because there is a lot of intolerance among some American cliques which always tell the foreigner to go back from where he came forgetting that they themselves are foreigners, because the Indian is truly the only American who should speak that way.

The inter-lodge bowling league is going along fine and strong and here's hoping the athletic committee soon put the standings of the league in the Prosvesna.

VAL KOSELA, 699.

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We are behind SANS in calling meeting on March 27 to unify the activities of our people in the

## Jolly Allis Lodge

WEST ALLIS, Wis.—As the saying goes, being prompt and on time for all dates and matters is one of the greatest virtues a person can acquire. I wish I could acquire it. My apologies to all for missing the last issue.

The Jolly Allis Lodge wishes to extend its heartiest welcome to our new members, Ronald John Gole and Frank Medle. A toast to our good times together. Sorry to hear that John Gole has had to have an operation but we are very happy to hear you are coming along fine. See you at the next meeting, Johnny.

Congratulations to the Medles on a new addition to the family. I am sure she'll be the belle of the ball.

As the time grows near all the fellows are out polishing their bowling balls. I am not saying that I am an expert in kegling but I believe Simoniz works a lot better than furniture polish. We were wondering if our rivals the Wolverines could give us a little help on this matter. Any information that you could forward would gladly be accepted. Thank you.

Here's a special note, Wolverines. Your tactics won't work, fellows. The wives and girl friends have got it set that they'll put blinkers on their husbands and boy friends, so you won't have to worry about the boys bowling in the bleachers. So please, no decoys on the sidelines. The fellows aren't interested in red-heads and blonds. Brunettes, well, that's another story.

AL ZUPAN, 686.

## Gowanda Boosters

GOWANDA, N. Y.—A dance will be held at the Slovene Club, Saturday, April 12. Ernie Benedict's well known orchestra from Cleveland will provide the music. Everybody is welcome.

Saturday, April 19, the Dawn of Liberty lodge 30th anniversary dance will be held at the Slovene Club. The Juvenile Circle is planning a program; also the older members are holding a play entitled "Carolina Brivnica." Dancing to the tunes of the Mackie Boys' orchestra after the program. Everyone from far and near is welcome to attend.

The next Juvenile Circle meeting will be held Sunday, April 13, at 2 pm. Hoping to have a large attendance as preparation will be under way for the Mother's Day program to be held in May.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Stibil family upon the loss of their husband and father, and also to the Andolsk family upon the loss of their mother.

The stork has been rather busy lately dropping the following bundles: a son, Richard, to Ted and Frances (Smrk) Lipinski; a son, Victor Irving, to Irving and Rose (Korbar) Kubusik; a son, Charles Daniel, to Charles and Olga (Scrabe) Povhe; a son to Stanley and Dorothy (Ulvin) Korbar; and a daughter, Kathleen Marie, to Frank and Mary (Maslo) Stibil Jr. Congratulations to all of you.

On Feb. 26, a surprise birthday party was held for one of our outstanding members and first organizers, Charles Sternisha Sr. He was 74 on this date. Many of his friends attended and "Looch" Klancer with his harmonika kept the feet a-going.

Hope to meet again on another grand occasion as this and wishing you many more birthdays, Charlie.

The men's Slovene Club bowling team consisting of "Rex" Sladich, "Shine" Klancer, "Huzza" Victor, Frank Krall and John Batchen still take the lead. The women's Slovene Club team consisting of "Meets" Bartlert, "Stevie" Sprawka, Olga Cummings, Dorothy Korbar and yours truly are still holding third place.

Something cute in town. John Batchen giving up shaving for Lent. The shaving episode should provide plenty of laughter. Wonder where Martin Matekovich got all his luck the night of the birthday party? Mayor Bohine on the waterwagon. Wonder how many more months of this? Must be his title is keeping him busy nowadays?

VIOLET WIDGAY, 325.

## Spartans' Veteran Banquet Is Success

CLEVELAND, O.—It's been years since I've been tempted to write an article of any kind, but this is one event I can't pass up without making some comment. I certainly shall remember the Spartan veteran banquet for a long time.

As my husband and I walked into the arena of festivity bedecked in red, white and blue, a certain air of expectancy seemed to prevail. Renewing old acquaintances, meeting the newer membership and before long the whole group of lovely gals and swell guys were just one mass of the swellest crowd I ever knew.

The feast prepared by the mothers of some of our members was elegant and to top a wonderful meal, we had a two-in-one version of "Everything I Fall in Love" by a young lady who must be seen and heard to be appreciated, followed by the very handsome male with "Stout Hearted Men," "The Road to Mandalay," and "Old Man River," which was plenty good. The floor was then cleared for dancing, with the broom polka, pork chop polka and shoe-maker polka. These rug-cutters went right to town.

BETTY B. SEUSCHEK.

As we left in the wee hours to

## Juvenile Circles

### Aliquippa's New Juvenile Circle

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—The newly organized Juvenile Circle of Aliquippa elected their officers at their first meeting on March 16. Bro. Mike Zakrajsek acted as chairman, and gave the highlights and fundamentals of the meeting procedure along with the duties of the officers.

The following officers were elected: Mary Ann Rudic, president; Jovan Vukmarovich, vice-president; Dorothy Rudic, secretary; Marlene Smrek, recording secretary; Harriet Jankovich, treasurer. Now that we have elected our officers, they should be able to get in and hustle and put our Circle on top. The Circle wishes to thank all friends for the contributions to our club.

Plans were discussed in regard to our future activities. All members are asked to bring a name for our Circle, along with a motto, colors, and a flower to our next meeting. A prize will be awarded for the best chosen by three judges. So come on, you members get busy. Later refreshments were served by hostesses, Mrs. Frank Dergin, Mrs. Andrew Antonic and Mrs. Paul Yaklich.

Our Circle wishes to thank Sisters Eva Balich and Mary Tomic, Circle No. 1 from Walsenburg, Colo., for their good wishes. Your Circle has been an inspiration to all the other Circles of the SNPJ.

Remember if you want to belong to Circle 58, all you have to do is to come to our meetings which we will hold each first Sunday of the month. Since Easter is going to be on the first Sunday of next month, we have decided to postpone our next meeting until April 20.

If you want to have fun, join our Circle and attend our next meeting.

JOSEPHINE STRUBLE,

Circle Director.

### Junior All Star Circle Members

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—If you remember at our Circle meeting, we discussed the possibility of our Circle entering teams in the Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament.

We have secured Remic Bowling Alleys to hold try-outs on March 29. It is possible for us to bowl between the hours of 10 to 12 am.

If you cannot meet this time, let us know and we will arrange another time for you.

We would like to see you bowl one game. The coaches will decide who will qualify; they will organize teams and will give you pointers on becoming a star. To cover the cost of your bowling, we ask you to bring 30¢ with you. We do not have any funds to finance this game.

As for details concerning the tournament, there will be no entry fee, only the price of bowling the game. The tournament will be held April 19 through April 20.

MARIE ERMENC, Director  
Junior All Star Circle.

### Lincolnite Junior Circle No. 54

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The March meeting of the Lincolnite Junior Circle was held last Saturday afternoon and all members who attended were busy as bees. We had a short business meeting beginning with our Circle Song entitled "Circle 54." (Sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell.")

It's Circle 54, it's Circle 54, We're here again, it's meeting day For Circle 54.

We'll have a lot of fun With games and songs of joy, Each meeting day we'll work and play

And have a lot of fun.

Our duties we'll not shirk, Each one will always work And give a smile and helping hand Whenever there is work.

It's Circle 54, it's Circle 54, We're here again, it's meeting day For Circle 54.

Following our song, our Vice-president, Mimi Proctor, conducted our meeting due to the absence of the president, Shirley Davenport. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. A prospective member was introduced, Judy Yenulis, and after the regular meeting she will become a member of our Circle. Plans were completed for our Easter party to be held Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 2 o'clock at Lincoln Park.

The party will be a wiener roast and the main attraction will be the Easter egg hunt held under the able direction of our older girls, Mimi Proctor, Shirley Davenport and Mary Lou Elmer. These girls have been so faithful and cooperative to the youngsters in our Circle and each and everyone of us appreciate them very much. If the weatherman decides to give us rain

I ever knew.

The feast prepared by the mothers of some of our members was elegant and to top a wonderful meal, we had a two-in-one version of "Everything I Fall in Love" by a young lady who must be seen and heard to be appreciated, followed by the very handsome male with "Stout Hearted Men," "The Road to Mandalay," and "Old Man River," which was plenty good. The floor was then cleared for dancing, with the broom polka, pork chop polka and shoe-maker polka. These rug-cutters went right to town.

LOUISE H. RETTGER.

As we left in the wee hours to

or snow for that day our party will be held at the Dom at the same time that same day, so each member keep that in mind and tell the next one when you see them.

After the meeting adjourned everyone joined in the fun and made Easter baskets and cards. The assorted paper and color combinations indeed made the most attractive group of baskets that we have seen. The Easter seals and artificial grass added the final touch and all are ready for the Easter bunny.

Some of the boys and girls made Easter cards and with poems composed by Mimi Proctor the cards are a remembrance that will be appreciated by the mothers or teachers that receive them. When the baskets and cards were completed and put away, each of us enjoyed some good cookies and a cup of hot cocoa and it seemed that another successful meeting day had come to an ending much too soon.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the mothers who have furnished our refreshments for these meetings, namely, Bernice Keran and Lois Volk for the February treat and Mary Mehelsic and Freda Kla

# ON THE ROAD OF A DANGEROUS POLICY

## A Statement of the American Slav Congress of Western Penna

President Truman in his recent foreign policy speech proposed a \$400 million credit to Turkey and Greece to begin a series of gigantic loans and military aid to "stop communism." These financial ventures in reality indicate a desire for a rebirth of full fascism in Europe and the world. Turkey was not on our side in the past war, instead she sold thousands of tons of Chrome to Nazi Germany, and her military clique rules as harshly as does the Greek King whose regime rests on British pounds and bayonets. Aiding these two undemocratic governments has an objective with an "oily touch," to hold the Middle East pools grabbed by English and American companies.

Before Congress is also a proposal of \$350 million in relief aid to countries in Europe, none of this money intended for nations such as Yugoslavia and Poland who fought valiantly for our cause. Wartime allies are further penalized by Mr. Herbert Hoover who proposed an additional \$500 million solely for relief of Germany, stating that aid to her comes first and that no other European should have a daily diet any greater than a German.

On the world front President Truman undermines the UN by acting unilaterally without waiting for the assembly of nations to decide issues. On relief aid America scrapped UNRRA and obviously did it to prefer enemy countries to wartime allies, to prefer those whom Mr. Hoover considers friendly, using Germany as a measure. America through President Truman and Mr. Hoover is to turn to world conquest without regard for the UN; they attempt to force the "American Century" upon the world to hold its people in bondage. England's Tories cannot do it and we are to underwrite their bankruptcy with dreams of greater empire.

Congress backs up the lead of Truman and Hoover in their world attacks by beginning to destroy democracy at home. Committee sessions are devoted to destruction of labor unions, the Supreme Court struck its blow against the miners, and now wild hysteria singles out the Communist Party through the mouth of a cabinet member Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach. Again the cry of "stop communism" is used to violate the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, to destroy the heritage of the spirit which guided the heroes of our American Revolution.

Furthermore, as an organization that believes in and defends American democracy and is affiliated to no political party we say that if the American principle of freedom of political opinion and elections, of free speech and assembly are to be callously violated, then the next step would be to sever relations with the governments of Slav peoples and other nations because they have by democratic vote elected Communists into their governments. Hand in hand, on the foreign and domestic policy, President Truman and his allies Hoover and Schwellenbach want to prepare America for World War III.

None of these plans are in the spirit of the late President's program for world peace. We demand a return to Franklin Delano Roosevelt's foreign and domestic policy and urge our nation's leaders to work with the UN to aid the Greek people to establish democracy and say not a cent or gun should go to enemies of the people.

We believe America's duty is to give unstinting support to help avoid starvation in Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and other Slav countries.

We stand in defense of our Constitution and Bill of Rights, the two great possessions of the American people won at huge cost in common blood and suffering.

To wipe away our democratic rights, to whip up a hue and cry under the guise of anti-Communism, to make the world hate America, to enslave peoples, all this is the familiar path of Hitler. He too, cried no less loudly, babbling of "Communists" and his road led to death and destruction. Over 1,000,000 Americans, dead, sick, wounded and missing are proof of this today.

As Americans we stand opposed, firmly and staunchly, to the pattern drawn by the "triumvirate" Truman-Hoover-Schwellenbach; we support the Roosevelt policy and its present day spokesman Henry Agard Wallace.

John Sobczak, President.  
George S. Wuchinich, Vice President,  
Matthew Cvetic, Executive Secretary.

# MASS HYSTERIA GRIPS AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

By KENESAW M. LANDIS II

I think, gentle reader, that we are rapidly going nuts. A perfectly logical explanation can be made for our military loans to Greece and Turkey. We are bailing out the British Empire.

For more than 100 years it has been British policy to keep Russia out of the Middle East. In alliance with Turkey, she fought the Crimean War for that specific purpose.

There has been no democracy about it. In order to keep Russia bottled up, Britain has supported whatever governments have been useful for the purpose.

And now, as Britain weakens, we find that our interests are identical with hers. Together we enjoy exclusive rights in the oil reserves of the Middle East, the richest in the world. We can't fight another war without them.

On the eve of President Truman's message to Congress, Standard Oil of New Jersey decided to invest more than \$300,000,000 in this region. Our interest must be protected.

Yet the President didn't tell us these facts. Instead he got us all messed up in an emotional crusade to save free peoples from totalitarian expansion.

The Chicago Sun.

He called the Greek government "democratic," although it is as corrupt and cruel a gang of free-booters as ever rode rough-shod over a helpless and prostrate nation.

If he looked the whole world over, he couldn't have found a more totalitarian government than that of Turkey, which was the playground of German Ambassador Von Papen during the recent hostilities.

Russia is bad enough, but no reasonable explanation can be given for the sudden wave of excitement that has gripped our leaders on the necessity of saving the world from communism.

When George C. Marshall came home from China a few weeks ago, he criticized Chiang Kai-shek for his unwillingness to take Chinese Communists into his government.

Blaming both sides equally, Marshall announced the end of American intervention, an action which is now blamed on "left-wingers" in the State Department. What has happened?

All kinds of people have responded to the new battle cry of freedom. Our old Liberty Leaguers have come back to life.

"We have pulled out of China because of conditions that are duplicated in Greece. We should return," says Alfred Landon.

# AMERICAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

## Who and What Is Behind the Current Tension and Current Crisis

An address by LOUIS ADAMIC, delivered at a meeting sponsored by the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, March 9, 1947:

About a year ago I clipped a little item from one of our big conservative magazines, and pinned it on a wall in my study. The little piece dealt with Russia or, to be more accurate, with the Soviet Union and us. I have it here before me. It consists of only a few lines—a short paragraph—and I'm going to read it to you; but before I do so, let me emphasize that it did not appear, say, in some so-called liberal or radical Red publication, but in Collier's Weekly, a conservative mass magazine. And let me give you the date of the issue in which it appeared: January 19, 1946.

I emphasize the date because it was published—in Collier's—before Winston Churchill delivered his speech at Fulton, Mo.; in other words, before the ideology and phraseology of the get-tough-with-Russia policy was put over on us. Here is what Collier's said in January 1946, in its department entitled Keep Up With the World:

"Russia still suffers from thousands of derogatory newspaper stories which her enemies concocted and managed to have published during 1917 and 1918. Shortly afterward an American newspaper syndicate, the United Press, suspecting that it had been tricked into releasing anti-Russian propaganda, made an investigation and discovered that 95 percent of the shocking stories which were supposed to have come from Moscow correspondents during this two-year period had originated in such countries as Finland, Latvia, Poland and Romania."

As I say, this appeared in a big conservative magazine, and was emphasized as a fact, before we began to get "tough with Russia;" before Winston Churchill got the American press and radio to borrow the Iron Curtain. Very few magazines publish truth of this sort any more; they leave it alone and feature mostly lies and distortions.

I'm putting so much stress on this paragraph because it tells a large part of the story of the early beginning of the conspiracy of the lie against the Soviet Union. I'm eager that some of you should do what you can to get the facts about the start of this conspiracy into the consciousness of your friends and neighbors, of people in the shops and offices where you work, especially of those who think they are in favor of the "tough" policy which is in danger of getting "tougher," and which in the long run, if we persist in it, is apt to produce another war.

The lies about Russia, back there thirty years ago, are the foundation of the whole immense and dangerous distortion of the pictures that too many of us in America have of Russia and that the Russians must have of America. The 1917-18 news-stories about the Russian Revolution, which were 95 percent untrue, are a basis a low-down basis of our "tough" policy today.

This policy would be impossible, for it would have no substantial support in American public opinion as it now has, were it not for those 1917-18 pioneers in lying about the Russian Revolution, and were it not for their successors, who have been piling new distortions of the Soviet scene upon the old ones, doing their worst, in close cooperation with so-called statesmen of the Western Powers, to distort our and the Russians' thinking, attitudes and actions—distort the prospects of good relations between us.

The United States and the Soviet Union are today—obviously—the two most important powers on earth. World peace depends on us and the Soviets. It may well be that the very existence of mankind depends on us and the USSR getting along in peace. But, to repeat, we are caught in an enormous distortion. This distortion is one of the worst things under the sun today. And if we the people of the United States don't watch out, if we don't get a move on and act on it soon, it's apt to get worse as time goes on. One sure way to make it worse is to continue our "tough" policy which has lately been relabeled our "firm" policy toward Russia, but which, let me repeat, right now is in danger of getting even "tougher" under General Marshall than it was under Mr. Byrnes.

Whether the word for it is "tough" or "firm," this policy of course isn't really ours, yours and mine. It's our official policy, conducted mostly by men whom political accident, political chicanery, driving self-interest and public inertia have placed in strategic positions in the government.

It's not your neighbor's policy either, although he probably thinks he's for it. He hasn't thought it out.

It's not the American people's policy. The people did not originate it, did not think it through, did not think it out for themselves. They did not define it for officials in high places to carry out. They haven't had anything to do with it in a positive way.

The well house will also be available to these same groups in case of inclement weather and is capable of taking care of 100 persons indoors.

The Conciliation Service, U. S. Department of Labor, aided in the peaceful adjustment of 13,000 industrial dispute last year.

neighbor whom I've tried to describe a moment ago, they know him better than you or I do, and they know his wife who has more time than he. She has time to read books and magazines, to go to lectures. They know how to appeal to her. Sometimes they tell a dozen true facts in order to put over one lie that's sure to upset your neighbor's wife, or scare her out of her wits; then, in that state of mind, she tells her husband all about it at the dinner table in the evening when he's tired and ready to fall for anything.

Too many people, your neighbors and mine included, think with their hopes and wishes and fears, rather than with their heads, rather than with facts and ideas and a sense of history; and too many writers and lecturers, seeking popularity, play on those hopes and wishes and fears—and this especially when they come to write or speak about Russia and the new Slavic upsurge against imperialism.

This is no new practice. According to Collier's of a year ago, this conspiracy of the lie began way back there in 1917 and '18. It was haphazard at first; now it's expertly organized and handled. And naturally the Russians have reacted to this conspiracy. They are extremely cautious about foreign writers and newspapermen, and this makes matters even more difficult.

I could be critical of the Russians. For instance, I think that when it comes to presenting their great experiment to America; when it comes to what we call public relations, they have—in some respects at least—a long way to go. So have the Yugoslavs, whom I know better than the Russians. In their contacts with America, some of them don't give sufficient consideration to the sort of people we Americans are, to the fact that our lower-middle, middle, and even upper-middle classes are somewhat different psychologically than were the corresponding classes in prewar Europe. When I talk to representatives of New Yugoslavia who come here for the United Nations meetings and on special missions, I spend most of the time criticizing them, suggesting what they ought to do to get a better press in the United States and thus give the American people a better chance to understand the interesting developments in the Balkans, where leaders devoted to the people's interests have taken over. Those talks of mine with those New Yugoslavs have been very interesting. I wish time would permit me to tell you about them. I'll just say that in talking with them I found that the people in charge of things in New Yugoslavia are too honest, are too lacking in sham and fakery to engage in the tricky practice, now a matter of highly specialized techniques, that has come to be called public relations, and that sometimes results in the sort of publicity that we over here—or some of us—go for.

The trouble with your neighbor (to use his middle name again) is that he is in a bad way inside himself. He's an individualist whose individualism isn't getting him anywhere fast. He isn't getting any younger and is not realizing his ambition. Me, Inc., is spiritually bankrupt, or pretty nearly so. Shaving in the morning, he looks himself in the mirror and he doesn't like the sight. His face is getting flabby, expressionless. "What's the matter with me anyhow?" he asks himself privately. But he can't afford to answer the question, even in private. He would fold up if he did. So, to overcome the complex frustration within him, to prevent a collapse of Me, Inc., he hates the Slavs, the Reds, and all the other scapegoats that are invented for him to hate; and, sure, he's all for being "tough" or "firm," and he's playing with the idea of joining the KKK or American Action, Inc., which is really American Reaction, Inc., which is really American Frustration, Inc.

This may be an unpleasant portrait of your neighbor, but I don't mean to be unkind. He's never had a chance. That's important to bear in mind: your neighbor has never had a chance. This goes for my neighbor. We who feel differently about our relations with the Russians have to be patient with our neighbor, help him; we will need his help to save our country from fascism, to help prevent another war, to help straighten out our foreign policy, which isn't ours; to help bring peace and real progress to the world. That, as I see it, is the purpose of this rally. That is one of the aims of the Council for American-Soviet Friendship. That is why I was eager to come to speak to you this afternoon. There is no more urgent cause than the one we represent here today.

The American people generally have not had a chance to think things out as between us and the USSR. The press and radio have seen to that. We boast of the freedom of the press, but in practice—with exceptions of course—this freedom has of late been used mainly as freedom to lie and distort, especially when it comes to news and analyses of Russia and of some of the other countries which are focal points in the world situation: countries like China, Greece, Spain, Poland and Yugoslavia. For three decades now the American people have been fed lies, distorted facts and half-truths about the Soviet Union.

A great newspaper syndicate can check on the stories it's been releasing for two years and discover that 95 percent of them have been lies, and then go right on distributing the same sort of stories.

Too many magazine writers, book authors, editors and publishers, and too many lecturers have been helping along with the conspiracy to keep the American people from thinking things out as between the USA and USSR. Some of them are very clever. They know your

think is dangerous to this great country with its many wonderful aspects.

Every now and then, in common with other peoples, we Americans like to pat ourselves on the back; we like to give play to our national egoism: we like to stick our collective chest out self-righteously over some idea that we have about ourselves—for example, that, unlike most of the other countries, we are a democracy.

Now let's take an honest look at this idea.

True, we have a secret ballot and, except in large parts of the South, all of us can vote in elections if we want to. But who puts up the candidates? I don't think I need to answer that one; not in Chicago, the city of many political conventions. True, we have a two-party system over much of the country, but it doesn't work in the Solid South, not in Georgia where I was a couple of weeks ago, where fascism is openly in the saddle and riding high; and right now we're ruled—I think "ruled" is a more accurate word than "governed" . . . we're ruled by a coalition of Southern poll-tax reactionaries who call themselves Democrats and Northern and Midwestern Republicans; and most of these are not representatives of the people but of special interests.

(Concluded next week.)

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In loving memory of our dear brother  
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## Frank Joseph Seibert

who was killed in action in North African area 4 years ago.

March 26, 1943.

In our hearts your memory lingers.

Sweetly, tender, fond and true. There is not a day, dear Brother. That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed by sisters and brother: Frances, Josephine, Alice and Michael.—Johnstown, Pa.

## LUCILLE (SIJE) KORACIN

who passed away eight years ago, March 24, 1938.

Midnight stars are gleaming. Upon a lonely grave. Where sleeping but not dreaming. Lies the one we could not save.

We think of her in silence. No eyes can see us weep. But still within our aching hearts Her memory we shall keep.

Sadly and greatly missed by Joseph Koracin Sr., husband, Joseph Jr., son, Theresa and Victoria Kern, Lucille Stachurski, Mary Rozik, Ann Raspotnik, daughters, also sons-in-law and four grandchildren.—Yukon, Penna.

## In Memoriam

In loving memory of our beloved husband, son and brother who was killed in Germany March 23, 1945, while serving in the infantry of the U.S. Third Army, Fifth Division.

PVT.

## CARL PERIC

How sadly we all miss you. Words simply cannot tell. Of the aching pain within our hearts. For you dear Carl who tell.

In a far-away country of bloodshed and pain. You fought with the gallant and best. Until your duty was ended. And you were called to rest.