

Oklopne kolone prve ameriške armade v predmestjih Kolina!

Kolone prve ameriške armade porušile nemško obrambno črto ob reki Roer v prodiranju proti Kolinu, četrtemu največjemu nemškemu mestu. Ameriški letalci vrgli tri tisoč zažigalnih in razstrelilnih bomb na središče Berlina.

—Poveljstvo nemških sil poroča o ljtih bitkah na sto milj dolgi fronti ob reki Oder. Četrti ruska armada začela ofenzivo proti nemškim silam v Slovakinji. — Velike japonske izgube na otoku Iwu

PARIZ, 27. februar.—Tanki in oklopne kolone prve ameriške armade so udrle v predmestja Kolina ob reki Reni. Ističasno so enote devete ameriške armade prodrije pet milij daleč v smeri Poruske industrijske koštline. Dovzna se, da je devetnajst zavezniških divizij v ofenzivi proti nemškim silam na zapadni strani reke Renu.

Moskva, 27. februar.—Fehotne in oklopne kolone armade maršala Ivana S. Koneva so udrle v Lauban, strategično mesto, 12 milij vzhodno od Goerlitz.

Četrti ruska armada pod poveljstvom generala Petrova je začela ofenzivo proti nemškim silam v Slovakinji. Oddelki te armade so udrli v Slatino, rudarsko središče, v prodiranju v smere Zvolena.

Moskva poroča, da so ruske čete zasedle nadaljnjih 20 blokov Breslave, glavnega mesta Spodnjega Slezija.

Guam, 27. februar.—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz poroča, da ameriška letala že operirajo z letališča pri Motojami na otoku Iwu, katerega so pomorski začeli v Jalti na Krimu.

Londonski list Observer je objavil uvodnik z apelom za utrditev in poglobitev zvez med Veliko Britanijo in Francijo. V tem tudi nagnja, da Velika Britanija in Francija nista dovolj močni v tekmi, ki se lahko razvije s sovjetsko Rusijo in morda tudi z Ameriko.

Z okupiranega letališča bodo ameriški letalci lahko uprizarjali napade na Tokio, glavno japonsko mesto. Razdalja med njima je 750 milij. Poročilo iz glavnega stana admirala Nimitza pravi, da je v zadnjih dveh dneh padlo 3568 Japoncev v bitkah z ameriškimi pomorščaki na otoku Iwu.

Manila, Filipini, 27. februar.—Filipinski predsednik Sergio Osmejana je prevzel civilne administracije v osvobojenih pokrajnah. Ceremonije, katerih so se udeležili general Douglas MacArthur in drugi visoki ameriški častniki, so se vrstile v palači Malacanan.

Ameriške čete so invadirale otok Verde med Luzonom in Mindorom skoro brez odpora s strani japonske sile.

Francija zahteva kontrolo Porenja

Bojkotiranje konference v San Franciscu

Pariz, 27. februar.—Zunanji minister Georges Bidault je pred članim zunanjega odseka posvetovalne skupščine izjavil, da je francoska vlada za kooperacijo z zavezniki v pripravljenih za ustanovitev sistema kolektivne zaščite, kljub temu pa ne bo umaknil zahteve glede kontrole Porenja, nemške industrijske province v povojni dobi.

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Luka Oran pod francosko kontrolo

Rim, 27. februar.—Oran, pristaniščo mesto v Alžiriji, je prišlo pod francosko kontrolo. V to loko je prihajalo orožje z ameriške in britiske čete, ko so invadirale francosko severno Afriko.

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Zaprli so jim pot pred umikom

DVE TRETJINI DEŽELE OCISCENI

Newyorsk list Times je objavil sledenje vesti dopisnika Mauricea Westerna iz Belgrada:

V vsaki okupirani deželi je bil glavni namen vselej, da se preproditi načiste. To je bil poglavitični namen tudi v Jugoslaviji vse do tedaj, dokler se niso začeli Angleži izkrcavati v Grčiji.

Nemci so bili napadeni od treh strani, pa so se začeli hitro povračati z Balkana.

Nikdo ne ve, kje so se nameravali ustaviti, mogoče na liniji Trst-Ljubljana-Budimpešta. Medtem je postalno znano, da so se odločili Jugoslovani za herojski odlok, ki se more meriti z njihovim odlokom z dne 27. marca 1941.

Brez ozira na žrtve so se odločili, da se Nemci ne bodo umaknili z Balkana. Mesto da si izberi lažjo pot, pustiti neprisjetelje, da hitro umakne svoje divizije, katere tako potrebujetajo da ojačanje vzhodne in zapadne fronte, so se odločili, da preprečijo to umikanje, pa naj si bo za kakršno koli ceno.

Malo kdo izven Jugoslavije bo vedel cennosti, da odklic naroda, katerega zemlja je tako opustošena, da sta na primer v Črni gori ostala samo dva kraja nerazrušena.

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Posledica tega odloka je, da se Nemci, kateri so se v dveh do treh tednih brez resne opozicije umaknili iz Grčije, drži danes po štirih mesecih še vedno v Jugoslaviji. Njihovih dvajset divizij je še vedno obkoljenih tam in v zadnjih mesecih so izgubili v krvavih bitkah s partizani na tisočih vojakov.

Dve tretjini Jugoslavije je popolnoma očiščene od sovražnika. To vključuje vso Makedonijo, Srbijo, Crno goro, večji del Dalmacije—z izjemo male zasede južno od Reke—potem vso Istrzo izjemno Trsta in nekaterih drugih luk. Ostane neosvojenih še del Bosne, Hrvatske in Slovenije.

Ali tudi v teh ne kontrolirajo Nemci nicesar razen nekaj trdnjav in prometnih linij; a tudi v okupiranih okrajih kontrolirajo partizani velike dele teritorija.

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Opozicija proti obveznemu delu

Senat revidiral zakonski načrt

Washington, D. C., 27. februar.—Debata o načrtu obveznega dela, cigar avtor je kongresnik May, demokrat iz Kentucky, se bo pričela v senatu. Načrt, ki je pred senatnim odsekom, je nalezen na veliko opozicijo pri unijah Kongresa industrijskih organizacij in Ameriške delavske federacije.

Senatni odsek je že revidiral načrt in mu izpuštil skoro vse zabele. Ta je bil sprejet v nižji kongresni zbornicu pred nekaj tedni v veliko večino glasov.

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Ekonomski čarter pred konferenco

Izboljšanje življenjskega standarda v latinski Ameriki

Mexico City, 27. februar.—Ameriška delegacija je sestavila ekonomski čarter in ga predložila konferenci reprezentantov ameriških republik v odobritev. Čarter vsebuje devet točk za združevanje in razvoj notranje ekonomije in izboljšanje življenjskega standarda v latinski Ameriki.

Ameriška delegacija je dala zagotovo reprezentantom latinskih republik, da jim bo pomagalo in kooperiralo z njimi v prizadevanjih, katerih cilj je ustavitev ekonomike stabilnosti.

William L. Clayton, pomočni ameriški državni tajnik, je bil pojasnil detalje čarterja. Ta določa med drugim:

Dostop vseh držav zapadne hemisfere do surovega materiala.

Odpravo trgovinskih ovir in stabiliziranje denarstva.

Preprečenje formiranja kartelov, ki onemogočajo konkurenco, in ekonomskoga nacionalizma.

Pravico delavcem do organiziranja in kolektivnega pogajanja.

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Zmeda med Poljaki v Londonu

Poročilo iz Londona

Različni poljski krogi — med njimi tudi oni, ki so v temih stikih z bivšim predsednikom poljske kmečke stranke Stanislavom Mikolajczykom — razpravljajo o možnosti rešitve poljskih vladnih krize na podlagi postopkov, ki so ne bi mnogo izkoristili od onih, ki so na Grškem priveli do zaželenega rezultata.

Poljski politični prvaki, ki utegnijo biti v kratkem povabljeni od delegatov treh velesil v Moskvi, da se pridružijo novi vladi narodne edinstvenosti, ugibajo o različnih predlogih in se bavijo med drugim tudi z načrtom, kako naj bi nova vlada zajamčila bivšim ministrom in drugim visokim uradnikom, da ne bo prišlo do nobenih maščevalnih ukrepov. Strah pred obračunom je treba odstraniti tudi za vse manjše uradnike, člane tako zvane domače armade, častnike poljskih vojaških oddelkov, ki se bore v Italiji in drugje na zaveznih frontah, to je vseh teh, kdo ostali zvesti zdaj že praktično premulinu londonski poljski administraciji.

V teh krogih priznavajo kot edino izjemo le formulo, ki je bila srejetna v Atenah, kjer je bilo srejetno načelo ostre delitve političnih in tako zvanih nadavnin prestopkov, oziroma kriminalnih aktov.

V onih poljskih krogih v Londonu, ki si zdaj prizadajo gledati na položaj realistično, je opazovati željo, da sedanjem predsednik Boleslav Beirut ne bi smel postati predsednik nove vlade tako zvane narodne edinstvenosti. Največ je slišati ime Wincentyja Witosa, najbolj popularnega voditelja poljske kmečke stranke, katerega predlagajo za bodočega predsednika vlade. Witos je že precej star in baje še vedno živ nekje na Poljskem. Med poljskimi demokratičnimi krogji je posebno član radi tega, ker velja za človeka, katerega se je Pilsudski najbolj voljal.

Ako si zdaj ogledamo splošni položaj v krogih poljske emigracije, je treba priznati, da je precej zdravega razmisljevanja in razpravljanja v teku. Dejstvo je, da je konferenca v Jalti vesta problem kratko in malo predala poljskim politikom, z vsemi njegovimi komplikacijami in težavami, in sicer ne le poljskim političnim prvakom v Varšavi, temveč tudi onim, ki se nahajajo v emigraciji.

Sovjetski komisar za zunanje zadeve Vjačeslav Molotov in ameriški ter britski poslanik se stavljajo le nekakšni odbor, katerega naloga bo, da nadzira oblikovanja zares demokratične vlade. Najbolj trnjevo in pereče vprašanje, namreč ali naj bo zgrajena nova poljska konstitucija na temeljih ustawe iz leta 1921 ali one iz leta 1935, tudi to morajo poljski politiki sami razrešiti.

Oni Poljaki, ki se sami sebe imenujejo "demokrate" — s čimer hočejo najbrže povedati le to, da so v bistvu predstavniki bivšega ministrskega predsednika Mikolajczyka — so mnenja, da bo vse te probleme najlaže rešiti v skupnih razgovorih poljskih političnih prvakov samih, brez navzočnosti ali vmešavanja velešil. V teh krogih prevladuje tudi mnenje, da je Mikolajczyk najbolj pripravna osebnost za predsednika nove vlade.

Iz navedenih razlogov predlagajo ti poljski krogi, naj predstavniki velesil ostanejo v ozadju. Povabljeni naj bodo na splošno razpravo samo Poljaki, dočim bi predstavniki velesil bili na razpolago le za slučaj, da bi Poljaki potrebovali njih našvet.

Jasno je, da ni nemogoče, da bo zares prišlo do rešitve tega vprašanja na podlagi teh ali sličnih predlogov. Izmiritev vseh notranjih nasprotstev je v vseh bivših zasedenih deželah najtežji, obenem pa tudi najvažnejši problem obnovitve v političnem in gospodarskem pogledu. Ta problem je tako važen, da mora vše drugo stopiti v ozadje pred njim. V deželah, ki so notranje razvojene, ne more priti do konstruktivnega dela obnovitve — najmanj pa še na demokratični podlagi — PA.

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336 Juan Ralevic #22.
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342 POPRAVEK OGLASU
Pri oglašu za pokojnim Anton Kovacičem, priborci zadnjio sredo na drugi strani, bi se moral glasiti na koncu, da zapušča žaljivo sogrobo Mary Kovacič. Mašeret in Milford, hčeri ter tri sinovi: Oscar, Tony in Frank Kovacič. Prosimo, da se lo vzame na znanje. Detroit, Mich.

343 PROOF OF SICK BENEFIT PAYMENT
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ZA ODGODITEV ALI PREMESTITEV KONVENCIJE

Gross, Kansas.—Članstvo društva št. 206 SNPJ je na svoji zadnji seji, ki se je vršila 18. februarja, sklenilo, da se pridruži vsem onim društvom in posameznikom, ki pripravljajo, da se odloži konvencija SNPJ za poznejši čas, ter urgira, da glavni odbor podvzame potrebne korake v tem smislu.

Veliko se je že pisalo o deficitu v konvenčnem skladu. Izredni asesment ni priporočljiv. Znižanje stroškov konvencije tem, da bi znižali delegacijo, članstvo tudi ne mara. To se je pokazalo tedaj, ko je odklonilo iniciativni predlog društva št. 21.

Ako odložimo konvencijo, se bo konvenčni sklad avtomatično opomogel in s tem bi bil rešen problem kritja konvenčnih stroškov.

Namesto da gi glavni odbor (kakor je pisal gl. predsednik) vpraša vladne oblasti za obdržavanje naše konvencije, naj bi raje vprašal zavarovalniški departement države Illinois, da bi dovolil, da bi se konvencija odložila za poznejši čas, kar bi bilo bolj v soglasju z vladno odredbo. Upamo, da bi zavarovalniški departement rado volje ustregel takšni pričinji, ki bi bila v polnem soglasju z odredbo vladnega odbora za transportacijo.

Mi ne vidimo nobene posebne nujnosti obdržavati konvencijo leto, kot je določila zadnja konvencija. Naša pravila so v splošnem priljivo zadovoljiva, a nujnih in večjih sprememb ni na vidiku. Tako bi tudi člani, ki bi bili izvoljeni za delegate, najlepše pripravili k vojnemu naporu s tem, če bi ostali pri svojih delih, kajti mnogi izmed njih imajo važna dela v vojni industriji.

Ako bi pritiskali na vladne oblasti za obdržavanje konvencije, bi lahko celo kdaj podvomil o kvaliteti naše lojalnosti do dežele, kajti vladni organi vedno poudarjajo, naj ljuddje ne potujejo brez potrebe in ne obremenjujejo že tako in tako prenapolnjene vlake.

V primeru, da bi se konvencija vseeno vršila, potem ponovno priporočamo gl. odboru, naj

dvakrat po \$25 za pomožno akcijo, to je za obupno in izbegno jugoslovansko ljudstvo.

Ali to je malenkost, če pogledamo, koliko so že naši posamezni člani in članice naredili in nabrali v gotovini za ti dve velepotrebeni organizaciji. Zdi se mi, da članstvo in prijatelji našega društva takšno delo upoštevajo ter radi pridejo v našo sredo, kadar naše društvo kaže prirede.

Na pozabimo torej, da društvo Združenje št. 104 SNPJ bo zopet priredilo domačo zavaročno na starega leta večer t. l. v običajnem prostoru. Zagotovljeno je, da vam bo pripravljalni odbor najbolj postregel, kot bodo tedanje razmere dopuščale.

Udeležba na zadnjih dveh sejah je bila precej lepa. Le tako naprej, bratje in sestre! Pridite še v večjem številu na prihodnjo sejo, kajti v teh časih je zmeraj kaj novega v zanimivosti.

Na zadnji seji smo slišali poročilo o federacijski letni seji, ki bi moral zanimati slehernega člana in članico milwauških in westaliških društev SNPJ.

Na letni federacijski seji je bil

odobren načrt in v ta namen imenovan odbor-trech članov, ki imajo študirati in tehtati, kako bi tukajšnja društva, ki spadajo pod okrilje federacije, najlaže in najhitreje prišla do svojega zahajališča, ali pa gremo na delo in kupimo majhno farmo, na kateri bi se po počne postavila dvorana, ali pa, če je mogoče, da bi se vsa društva in napredne sile združile že v obstoječi organizaciji in postavili slovenski narodni dom, kakor hitro bi bil ugoden čas in ki bi bil v korist in ponos vsem tukajšnjim Slovenec.

Definitivnega sklepa še ni, ta sele pride po želji članstva oz. naselbine. Priporočljivo pa je, da o tem razpravljajo vse društva ter njih zastopniki podajo poročila na federacijski seji, da se ugotovi, ali je članstvo za tak načrt ali ne. Ako bi se članstvo v prijatelji tega načrta združili in sporazumeli, potem ni za preke, da ne bi mogli priti do tak podobnega, kajti tukaj kravovo potrebujemo svoj društveni prostor.

Rudy Singer,
predsednik št. 104.

premesti mesto konvencije kam v središče članstva. S tem bi veliko skrajšali potovanje delegacije in poleg tega, kar je tudi zelo važno, znižali tudi konvenčne stroške, kajti sedaj nimamo potrebnega skладa za pokritje konvenčnih stroškov.

Za odbor-društva 206 SNPJ:
John Kunzel, predsednik,
John Shular, tajnik,
Frank Dolinar, blagajnik.

ZA ODGODITEV KONVENCIJE

Coverdale, Pa.—Članstvo društva št. 427 SNPJ mi je naročilo, naj poročaim v javnost mnenje našega članstva o prihajajoči konvenciji. Mnenja je, da bi konvencijo odložili za časa vojne, in sicer do najmanj šest mesecov po vojni. S tem bi se dalo članstvu priliko, da se poglobi v jednotine probleme. Razvidno je, da je članstvo zainteresirano, da sem čim prej konča vojno.

Ekskurzivni odbor SNPJ pravi, da se mora držati zakonov.

Sedaj je vojna in marsikaj se mora spremeniti, da se zadosti vojaškim avtoritetom. Gotov sem, če z odložitvijo konvencije pomagamo vojni transportaciji, da bodo illinoiški komisari radi pristali na odgovodni konvenciji, same treba jih je vprašati.

Imeli smo razpravo o iniciativi, katera naj bi zmanjšala delegacijo. Pisalo se je o konvenčnem skladu, da bo imel primanjkljaj in namigovalo se je, da bodo visoke dnevnice. Po zadnji konvenciji je bilo dosti kritiziranja, češ, da si je delegacija nakazala previse dnevnice in si dobro pomagala. Ako bo članstvo pustilo delegaciji, da si deli konvenčni sklad, toliko časa bomo imeli v tem skladu primanjkljaj, brez razlike, koliko plačamo vanj. Moje mnenje je, naj bi članstvo določilo dnevnice, katere bi plačali iz konvenčnega skladu, a ne bi sme presegati več ko \$10 na dan. To bi zadostovalo, za marsikaterega delegata pa bi bilo celo preveč.

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Nekaj o konvenciji

Večina članstva SNPJ je najbrže za to, da se prihodnja konvencija preloži na poznejši čas, ko bodo splošne razmere bolj ugodne za potovanje in drugače. Ta sentiment je izrazilo že več društev in tako razpoloženje je razvidno tudi iz pogovorov s člani.

Tudi glavni odbor je na zadnji seji veliko razpravljal o tem vprašanju. Na splošno je prevladoval enak sentiment, ki pa ni bil odločilni faktor. Dejstvo je, da se nahajamo v precepu, iz katerega sedaj nismo izhoda. Na eni strani je odredba Jamesa F. Byrnese, zveznega direktorja za vojno mobilizacijo, s katero je "zamrznili" vse konvencije z več kot 50 člani, na drugi strani je pa državni zakon, v smislu katerega mora naša jednota letos imeti svojo konvencijo.

Dokler se ne rešimo iz tega precepa, to je dokler ne bo definitivno odločeno po državnih oblastih, da smemo odložiti konvencijo na bolj ugoden čas, ostanejo v veljavni dosedanji zaključki zadnje konvencije in glavnega odbora in gremo naprej s pripravami za konvencijo.

Mnogi člani misijo, da je stvar zelo enostavna in da bi zadostoval le sklep glavnega odbora in konvencija bi bila lahko preložena. To bi res zadostovalo, če bi jednota ne bila pod kontrolo državne oblasti in državnih zakonov. Ampak vodstvo jednote se mora držati državnih zakonov, kakor se jih morajo držati tudi državni zavarovalniški komisari in governerji. Zakon lahko spremeni ali suspendira edino državno legislaturo.

Ce pride do tega, še ne vemo. Zadnje informacije, ki jih je prejel upravni odsek od zavarovalniškega departmента iz Springfielda, so v skladu z zaključki gl. odbora in z že podvzetimi koraki. To se pravi, da moramo na eni strani iti naprej s pripravami za konvencijo, na drugi strani pa skušati dobiti dovoljenje od federalne transportne oblasti.

Ce tega dovoljenja ne dobimo, kar pomeni, da ga najbrže ne bo dobila tudi nobena druga illinoiska bratska organizacija, ki se nahaja v slični situaciji kot naša jednota, tedaj bo zavarovalniški komisar priporočil državni legislaturi, da amendira ono točko zakona, ki pravi, da mora vsaka v tej državi inkorporirana bratska organizacija imeti konvencijo vsaj enkrat vsaka štiri leta. Le če se to zgodi, bomo lahko odložili konvencijo.

Toda to ne pomeni, da bo s tem stvar rešena. V tem primeru se bomo znašli pred vprašanjem, kako podaljšati življence našim pravilom in naravno tudi gl. odboru, ki je vrhovna oblast, poleg referendumu, med konvencijami.

Kot znano, naša pravila potečejo z 31. dec. tega leta. Če bi jih prej ne podaljšali, bi pomenilo, da bi se postavili izven zakona in vse jednotno poslovanje bi bilo nepostavno. Legalno bi sploh ne imeli nobenega glavnega odbora in nobene izvršne oblasti.

Edina oblast, ki lahko podaljša življence jednotnim pravilom in glavnemu odboru, je seveda članstvo. In članstvo more to storiti le z referendumom.

Torej eno bomo sigurno imeli v tem letu: konvencijo ali pa referendum za podaljšanje življence pravilom in gl. odboru.

Najprej mora biti rešeno prvo vprašanje, ki pa ni več v naših rokah. Odločilno besedo bodo izrekli v Washingtonu in v Springfieldu. Kadar bodo tam izrekli končno besedo, kar pridržujemo, da se zgoditi v prihodnjih dveh, treh mesecih, tedaj še bomo vedeli, kje smo.

Ako bo konvencija odložena, tedaj bo gl. odbor predložil članstvu na splošno glasovanje iniciativi za podaljšanje življence pravilom in gl. odboru.

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Med tem pa naj članstvo razmišlja in razpravlja o izboljšanju organizacije. V ta namen se lahko poslušate Prosveće, svojega glasila. In to naj store posebno oni, ki imajo idejo o kakšni novi sprememb. Če je ideja dobra, bo gotovo našla odjem med članstvom; če ni zdrava ali pa je dvomljive vrednosti, bo pa seveda pokopana. Ampak zato naj se nihče ne čuti užaljenega.

Kar se pravil samih tiče, jih najbrže ne bo mogoče dosti izboljšati, razen v tehničnem smislu. Vsaj do danes ni bila podana nobena sugestija, bodisi s strani glavnih odbornikov ali drugih članov za uvedbo kakšnega novega zavarovanja. Na podlagi izkušenj pa tudi v bodoče ne bo mogoče več dati v obliku raznih podpor, kot to dovoljujejo vplačila.

Ampak pravila niso edina stvar, okrog katerih je bila zgrajena naša jednota in na podlagi katerih tudi funkcioniра. So še druge stvari, ki so za razvoj in napredek jednote prav tako važne in lahko še bolj dinamične ali privlačne. In to je predvsem idejna stran jednote.

Era teh stvari je zadružništvo, druga je kulturno delovanje, tretja je delavska politična akcija, četrta je unijsko gibanje, peta je pomoč staremu kraju, šesta je delovanje za svetovni mir, sedma je obramba civilnih svobodščin, osma je vprašanje dela po vojni.

Za vsa ta vprašanja se moramo zanimati in okrog vseh teh vprašanj usmerjati organizacijo, ako nečemo zaiti s poti, katero so začrtali naši pionirji in katera se je izkazala koristna jednoti in torej tudi vsemu članstvu. Kadar bo v organizaciji prenehalo zanimanje za vsa in ta podobna vprašanja, bo to dokaz, da je jednota krenila na pot golega inšurence, ki tudi v njej ne bo imel večje pravilnosti kot jo ima gola zavarovalnina pri komercialnih inšurancih.

Vprašanje, važnih vprašanj je torej dovolj, o katerih lahko razmišljamo in razpravljamo ter povemo, kakšne idejne smernice naj organizaciji določi prihodnja konvencija. In pri taki razpravi se bomo tudi lažje izognili mletenju prazne slame kot če se sučemo le okrog pravil, ki ne potrebujejo posebnih sprememb. Potrebno je seveda, da razpravljamo tudi o drugih notranjih problemih v vrhu izboljšanja jednote.

Glasovi iz naselbin

SNIDENJE DVEH BRATOV IN DRUGO

McKeesport, Pa.—Dolgo časa sem že naročnik Prosveće, član SNPJ pa že od leta 1913, namreč od časa, ko sem prisel v to deželo. To je moj prvi dopis v Prosveće, zato prosim, da mi ustreže.

V armadi imam tri sinove, dva sta že davno preko morja, eden pa je še v Zedinjenih državah. Tu so slike mojih sinov:



Cpl. Joseph Korbar

Joe je bil vpoklican v armado 9. aprila 1942, čez ocean pa je bil poslan meseca januarja leta 1943. Najprvo je bil v Afriki, potem v Italiji, sedaj pa se nahaja v Franciji. On je voznik na slovenske prireditve in prepeval silovit skupaj, kajti v teh časih imamo dosti razpravljati.



Cpl. Frank (Kro) Korbar

Tony je bil vpoklican v armado 12. decembra l. 1942, preko morja pa je bil poslan l. 1943, in sicer najprvo v Anglijo, nato v Francijo in zatem v Belgijo. Sedaj pa je zopet v Franciji. Tudi on je voznik na vojaškem trku.



Sgt. Anthony (Pooch) Korbar

Frank je najstarejši in je oženjen. V armado je bil vpoklican 27. februarja l. 1944. On je instruktur-inženir in se nahaja v Fort Belvoirju, Va., nekje blizu Washingtona, D. C.

Doma imamo še Johnnyja, kateri je bil tudi potrjen v vojsko. On dela že dolgo časa v pisarni v Homesteadu.

Pred nekaj tedni sem prejel od oba mojih sinov; pišmi sta bili pisani na isti dan. Pišeta mi veselo novico, namreč da sta se srečala nekje v Franciji. Svidenja sta bila zelo vesela, kajti videla se nista že tri leta. Tony je prosil svojega komandanta za dopust, da bi obiskal svojega brata Joeva. Dopoljenje je bil v komandant mu je celo dejal, da lahko ostane pri bratu čez noč, zaeno pa mu je dal avtomobil (jeep), da se je peljal tja. Vozil je nekaj nad tri ure in med potjo je telefonito obvestil Joeva, da prihaja k njemu na obisk. Joe je bil tako vesel, da ni mogel čakati ter mu šel naproti eno ura daleč. Ko sta se srečala, sta bila tako vesela, da sta si podala roke in se objela, kakor dva zljubljenca.

Nadalje pišeta, da je bilo svidenje za nju "big day" in bila skupaj v domu in krajih, kjer

sta prebila zadnja tri leta. Tudi meni kot očetu so bile solze veselja in sreče, ko sem bral pismi mojih dveh sinov. Vsak si lahko predstavlja veliko veselje, kako je človeku, ki se nahaja v tujini dolgo časa in potem ne-nadoma sreča svojega krvnega brata. Ona dva sta bila vedno velika prijatelja in se imela ráda, zato je bilo njuno svidenje toliko bolj veselo.

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Ker je pišem ta dopis, želim omeniti žalostno vest, da je umrl naš dobr prijatelj in sosed Louis Vodopivec ml. Smrt je res kruta in neizprosna in niti mlademu moju in očetu ne prizanesi. Pokojnik je bil star komaj 20 let. Zapustil je mlado ženo v letu starega sinčka.

Pokojnik je pogostoma prihajal k naši v vas in se razgovarjal. Bil je zelo vlijeden in postrežljiv, kjer je le mogel. Da je bil zelo priljubljen, se je izkazalo ob njegovih smrti, ko je bil obdan z mnogimi venci in cvetlicami. Radi je zahajal na slovenske prireditve in prepeval silovit skupaj, kajti v teh časih imamo dosti razpravljati.

Menjanje konjev pri delu ni vedno zanesljivo. Voliti deležate po okrajih in federacijah tudi ni priporedljivo. V ohiskih državni zbornici je prav sedaj sprememb na dnevnem redu, ki jo je predložil William Boyd, ki je Hrvat in se je pisal Bojić. V okraju Cuyahoga imamo tako zvano distriktno volitev zastopnikov za državno zbornico in jih volimo vseh 18 krat, če hočemo, na listi jih je pa do 70. In kako bo spoznal dobre med sramimi, posebno med republikanci in tudi demokrati? Prav tako bi bilo, ako bi mi volili po distriktilih. Imeli bi dolgo glasovnico in ne bi poznali luke od znamenja ter volili kar tja v en dan. To metodo smo že enkrat prakticirali in od takrat (jaz nisem bil kandidat) ne verjamem več v take distriktne volitve, kajti šele pozneje sem se bil s kom seznanil, ki sem mu dal svoj glas, a ga ni zaslužil.

Ohraniti moramo tudi v bodočem dočelo, da bomo imeli vsaj nad dvesto delegatov, ki bodo izvoljeni od večjih društev in združenih društev. Če se to zgoditi, bomo morali prekoračiti število v sto na 150 za enega delegata, in 400 za dva in ne več kot dva delegata za eno društvo.

Morda boste vprašali, zakaj ne bi volile federacije? Ti in jaz, brat, ne plačujevaš asesment federacije? In ker ga ne plačujevaš, kako naj najti zastopa? Kajti naj reprezentira na konvenciji članstvo, ki plačuje v razne sklade, do katerih je upravičeno? Federacije so bile ustavljene bolj radi razprav, politike, kulture in da seznanijo društva z društvom, kot pa za kaj druženje?

Dragi Louis, počivaj v miru v svoji rojstni gradi. Ostaneš nam v trajnem spominu. Njegovim žaljučim staršem, mladi soprigi in sorodnikom izražam globoko sožalje.

Frank Korbar, št. 210.

POJASNILO IN DRUGO

Bridgeport, O.—Na zadnji seji tukajanje federacije društva SNPJ z vzhodni Ohio in W. Va., smo razpravljali o žrtvah našega članstva, ki so že dale ali pa še bodo svoja mlada življence v tem vojnem meteu.

SNPJ je imela že velike katastrofe v članstvu, in sicer kralj, ko je bila ustanovljena. Imeli smo mnogo eksplozij ali požarov v premogovnikih, v katerih je bilo prizadeto naše članstvo. Zelo je bilo prizadeto tudi v zadnjem svetovnem vojnem, toda organizacija še ni bila nikdar tako prizadeta.

Seveda, tedaj organizacija ni imela tako močnega smrtninskega sklada, radi tega smo imeli precej velike naklade, cesar se je upamo tako, ne bomo imeli. Ampak, da se razumemo. Federacija ne prihaja na dan s sugestijo, da bi gl. odbor zvišal asesment v smrtninskem skladu, pač je bil naš namen, naj bi gl. odbor od časa do časa pojasnil v glasilu Prosveće, kako stojimo finančno v smrtninskem skladu, kajti vidimo, da vsak dan padajo naši člani na bojiščih, kar logično sledi, da plačujemo veliko smrtnin v teh časih. Poleg tega pa se naše članstvo tudi hitro stara in ga ne moremo nadomeščati tako hitro z novimi mladimi člani. V preteklosti je bilo vse naše članstvo sorazmerno mlado, a danes padajo kot jačinka raz dresesa in se rapidno staramo, medtem pa mora biti smrtninski sklad solventen.

Tisti časi so minili, kajti salunarji imajo več dobička, če ostanejo doma, kot pa če bi se brigali za naše bratske organizacije. Med pijanci je dostikrat več bratstva, ker imajo groš v nekaterih sovražnikih, da se ne zbori pravilno ali pa če je še takšna diktatura in naj bo izvoljen, kdor hoče. Ježuš Marija, poglej kakšne dnevnice so si nakazali!

Nekateri bi radi videli, da bi šli nazaj v tisto dobo, ko so bili "salunari" na krmilu in so si sami plačali dnevnice, povrhu pa še plačali za pijačo, samo da so bili izvoljeni v društvene odbore in za delegate. Tisti časi so minili, kajti salunarji imajo več dobička, če ostanejo doma, kot pa če bi se brigali za naše bratske organizacije.

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Seveda, tedaj organizacija ne imela takih denarjev. Nekateri naši dobr prijatelji misijo, da je delegat ali glavni odbornik podeloval zaklad, ker je bil izvoljen. Inako ne plačaš za pijačo, si skopuh in kredit navadno dobi oni, ki veliko zapravi.

Prav tako je bilo dovolj, da bi se radostno delali za korist društva in našo mater jednotno, bodjo gledali tudi na konvencijo, da po svojih močeh delajo za blaginjo in dobrobit članstva in jednote za nadaljnja štiri leta.

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ČLANOM IN TAJNIKOM V POJASNILO

Čekijo v povrnitev stroškov zdravniške preiskave novih članov, ki so bili sprejeti v jednoto med 1. januarjem in 31. decembrom 1944, so bili poslani društvenim blagajnikom. Čekajo so izdani na društvene tajnike, ki naj pa se po povrnjeni stroški zdravniške preiskave onim, ki so do istih upravičeni. Če ne smo poslali onim društvom, od katerih smo prejeli račune do včetega 23. februarja t.i.

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

Zapisniki sej gl. izvršnega odseka SNPJ

Seja 3. januarja 1945

Predsednik odpre sejo glavnega izvršnega odseka ob eni uru popoldne. Navzoči so bratje Cainkar, Vider, Trojek, Kuhel, Gradišek, Vrhovnik, Godina in Garden.

Predložen je sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 20. dec. 1944.

Gl. tajnik predloži pismo društva št. 2, kateremu je priložen račun na primer, kjer so bile prošnje vložene še v pravem času, pa iz drugih razlogov, ki jih prislici niso zakrivili, niso dospele v gl. urad v pravem času, je sklep gl. izvršnega odseka, da so upravičeni do kredita, ki pa naj se nakatek iz sklada izrednih podpor, prizadevate pa opozori, da naj bodo v bodoče bolj pazni.

Br. blagajnik mladine poroča, da se je udeležil slavnosti 40-letnice, ki so jo priredila skupna društva v Waukeganu 21. januarja, ter da so imeli lep program in udeležba je bila za razmere povoljna. Med udeleženci je bilo veselo razpoloženje in pavdušenje in osebno je zelo zadovoljen z izidom te prireditve. Po njegovem mnenju je bil lep moralni uspeh.—Se vzame na znanje.

Preloženo je prošnja od organizacije Peoples Lobby za denarno podporo za nje aktivnosti, ki so v interesu splošnega ljudstva. Sklenjeno je, da se nakatek vsto \$25.

Nadalje je sklenjeno, da se nakatek vsto \$25 organizaciji National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, od katere je prošnja v ta namen.

Nato se razpravlja o vprašanju letne seje glavnega odbora, oziroma, da se določi čas, ki bi bil najbolj pripravljen za zborovanje. Na pojasnilo glavnega tajnika, da vsi imeli lep program in udeležba je bila za razmere povoljna. Med udeleženci je bilo veselo razpoloženje in pavdušenje in osebno je zelo zadovoljen z izidom te prireditve. Br. blagajnik poroča, da se je 19. jan. udeležil izvršne seje WRFASSD v New Yorku, ter da so sklenili program drugega tudi, da bodo izdali v obliku magazina kakih 100 slik, ki so jih pred kratkim prejeli iz starega kraja in ki predstavljajo razne priročne in letečne seje.

Načrti so bili udeleženi predloženi predsednikom, ki so bili izbrani na sklenjeno.

Br. blagajnik ravnatelj predloži plačilno listevico za nagrade, ki naj bi bili prejeli voditelji mladinskih krožkov kot nekako priznanje za nadzorni odbor in razninske izvedence, kar je sklenjeno.

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Zaključek seje ob 3:30 pop.

Seja 24. januarja 1945

Predsednik odpre sejo ob 1. popoldne na znanje. Navzoči so vsi člani glavnega izvršnega odseka.

Predložen in sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 3. jan. t. 1.

Nato predsednik poroča, da je prejel pismo od organizacije Pennsylvania State Fraternal Congress, v katerem se priporočajo za ponovitev članarine ter poročajo o zakonskem predlogu, ki je v državnem parlamentu in predvsem v državnem parlamentu v predstavju bratstva.

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SNPJ Shows Growth and Progress

It is indeed encouraging to note that our Society has scored another success in 1944, both in membership and finances, making last year's progress one of the best in many years.

In the second half of the past year the Society gained a total of 1,928 new members in both departments. Of this total 554 were adults and 1,292 juveniles.

On Dec. 31, 1944, the total membership of the SNPJ was 66,072—which is an all-time high for the Society!

On that date the SNPJ had 48,109 members in the adult department and 17,963 in the juvenile department.

Also, in the second half of 1944 the total increase in assets was \$290,707.91, which brings the total assets of the Society as of Dec. 31, 1944, to \$11,591,935.84. Of this grand total, approximately \$6,500,000 is invested in federal securities and more than \$2,500,000 in municipal bonds.

In spite of wartime conditions, the year of 1944 was a year of growth and progress for our Society. All of which speaks well of our organization's soundness, stability and strength.

Undoubtedly, the eight-month jubilee membership campaign conducted in celebration of the Society's 40th anniversary last year helped considerably in attaining the above-mentioned record.

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A glance at the comparative figures of our Society's growth during the three years of war shows the following steady growth in membership:

On Dec. 31, 1942, the total membership of the SNPJ was 61,851. Of this total 46,837 were adult and 15,514 were juvenile members.

On Dec. 31, 1943, the total membership of our Society was 64,144, of which 47,294 were adults and 16,850 juveniles.

On Dec. 31, 1944, the total membership of the SNPJ was 66,072—48,109 members in the adult department and 17,963 in the juvenile department.

Thus, in 1944, the Slovene National Benefit Society has surpassed its highest previous total membership reached the year before.

The above figures pertaining to our Society's growth and progress are cheerful, indeed, as they show a steady trend upward financially and numerically. All of this is convincing proof that the SNPJ enjoys the widest popularity among our people everywhere.

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The Supreme Board decided at its annual meeting that the Society will officially observe the 20th anniversary of the founding of the English speaking lodge movement in November.

In that month, the Pioneer lodge of Chicago, which was the first English speaking lodge of the SNPJ, will be one score years old, and an anniversary supplement of the official organ will honor the occasion.

This being our Society's convention year, the board devoted considerable time to the 1945 regular assembly, trying to cope with the present federal transportation curtailments as best it can. (It is possible that by the time of the convention, Aug. 13, the order pertaining to conventions will be revoked, provided that the war in Europe will end by then.)

Speaking of war, we note with saddened hearts that up to the end of 1944 a total of 98 of our soldier-members have fallen on the far-flung battlefronts in this war. On the home front, a total of 551 members died in 1944, the greatest number of deaths resulting from heart disease, with cancer a close second.

The over-all picture in figures clearly shows what a tremendous amount of work, energy and time is required to carry on the business administration of our Society, and the result of it all spells efficiency and success.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Taking into consideration present conditions, the attendance at our February meeting was not bad. Am still hoping that in the near future we will see some of those oldtimers back in the harness again. We are always open to suggestions both old and new on how to increase our monthly attendance. The meetings on the whole are always short and snappy, and if enough members are present, entertainment is always in order.

The highlight of the meeting was the appearance of the Jerkich boys who are both home on furlough at the same time. Tony has just finished his boot training at Great Lakes and Herman went through his basic army training at Camp Blanding in Florida. We all wish you boys the best of luck and keep us informed of your addresses so we can drop you a line once in a while. Might mention to some of you card players that there is always room for another one to sit in the spirited rummy game that usually develops after the meeting. Our March meeting will fall on Friday, March 23. Keep that date in mind, you Badgers, and make it a point to attend.

Members in Service

Cpl. Richard Smith was home on a short furlough recently. Dick has spent quite a few months overseas and now is stationed in New York. Sorry we didn't get to see you, Dick. Next time you drop in let us know about it. Stanley Winkler is also home for a short time. Drop in and say hello before you leave us again. Sis. Ermenc has reported good progress on the letter-writing campaign to our members in the armed forces. A goodly number of letters was sent out and by the time the next meeting rolls around we are hoping that all our members will have received a letter from one of us at home. Don't forget if you are asked to do

your bit that you will do it and do it willingly.

The addresses for this week are: S/Sgt. Oscar R. Dolensek, U.M.F. (N) 541, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.—Lt. Steven Hegji, USNR 2704, 30th St. SE, Washington 20, D. C.—Leona Punzer, Y3/c N.A.D. Crane, Indiana.—P.F.C. Don Jager, Hq. Co. 879th A/B Engrs, APO 218 Avn. Bn., c/o P.M. New York, N.Y.

Bowling Taps

The boys really had a tough time in Monday night's Remic Mixed league. None of them came near an honor score. Joe (Poppy) Barbarich lead the parade with a fairly good 554 set. Maxy Loncaric had one of those nights again after shooting a good total a week ago. He joined the Society of Dube again with his 128 first game. He finally managed to garner a mere 450 series.

The boys had to bow to Josephine Smans who lead the lassies and men alike with her neat series of 561 pins. Her individual games were 202-187-172. Albina Debekal's hook was working overtime which means it got plenty tired and managed to turn over enough to finally knock down 373 pins for the night. Clara Medved was really in the groove as her scores show. In the Milwaukee Woman's Classic league she blasted a fine 593 series. In the Hank Marino's ladies' league she was hitting the pocket consistently as her fine score of 581 for the evening shows.

In Tuesday's All-star league Rudie Pugel had the groove and his powerful hook smacked them for a nifty 651 set. In Friday night's Business Men's league he still had the sights set as he totaled a very good 563 set. In the city bowling tournaments just concluded the boys on the whole didn't fare so well. Most notable score was the hefty 706 total that Rudie Pugel hit for second spot

Golden Eagles

GIRARD, OHIO.—Back again with latest news of the Golden Eagles' activities. A nice group of members turns out at the bowling alleys every week. If you want to see some fun and get a good laugh, just come down and watch some of the members bowl. Most of us never bowled before and the scores are mounting higher each week. I think more members should try to get down and bowl so that the Golden Eagles could form a league. The juvenile members are progressing nicely and showing their skill at bowling.

Almost everyone would like to hear some news about our soldier-members. Sgt. Frank Zitnik was seriously wounded in Belgium, Dec. 30, according to information recently received from his wife, the former Mamie Racich. He went overseas in Aug. 1943 and was first stationed in Iceland. He was later sent to England and France before going into Belgium where he was wounded.

Mamie's brother, S/Sgt. John Racich, was wounded on Dec. 24 but has recently returned to duty.

Our former Golden Eagles' president, Pfc. Stan Hribar, is now in France. He went overseas in Nov. 1944 and was stationed in England. While there, he met his brother S/Sgt. Herbert Hribar who is also based in England. A letter was received from Stan and he sends his best regards to all the Golden Eagle members.

Joseph Umek SI/c is stationed somewhere in the Philippines where he had the pleasure of meeting his brother Edward for a few hours.

Pvt. William Ponigar has recently concluded a thirty-day furlough and will be stationed in Indiana. He was wounded in Africa and was with the 5th Army.

Cpl. Joseph Standohar met his brother S/Sgt. Michael in the Philippines, while driving a jeep. Following a joyous reunion, he drove him back to camp.

Sgt. William Seitz is somewhere in France. He has been overseas since June 1944 and has been in England and Belgium.

Cpl. Andrew Goronea is stationed somewhere in Scotland.

MARY MACEK, Sec'y.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—"Rivers stay away from our doors," that's what our hopes are, so that our Juveniles' Sunday, March 4, dance can go on as scheduled.

At this writing our Allegheny River is four feet below flood stage. Marty Kuk and his musical group will be the attraction for this affair. Tickets are on sale, so it's up to us folks to see that their dance is a success.

Another dance is being booked for this month, by our Veronian Lodge, date to be announced later.

Rudy Hodnik, another Veronian member, has been wounded in action. Our Veronian hopes are that you will soon get well, Rudy.

MICHAEL LIPESKY.

COMET FLASHES

UNIVERSAL, PA.—This Sunday, March 4, at 7 p.m. is the regular monthly meeting of the Comets' lodge. All members are urged to attend. Plans are being made for our dance on April 21, and we desire the support of all members.

A benefit is being sponsored at present for the lodge servicemen's fund, and all members are urged to support it. Let us all attend the March monthly meeting and get in back of the two enterprises being sponsored for the benefit of the lodge and our servicemen.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

(Ed. note: Late delivery prevents printing entire article; omitted part next week.)

Purchase not friends by gifts; when you cease to give, such will cease to love.

—Fuller.

How much better it is that he should speak ill of me to all the world, than all the world speak ill of me to him.—Tasso.

in the singles event. Some of the boys must have burned the score sheets as they couldn't be found anywhere. Congrats to the Detroit SNPJer Elwood Blake and his partner Johnnie Crimmins who set a new state doubles record for the state of Michigan in the recent meet.

They crashed a mighty 1425 to which Blake contributed 622. His partner went on a rampage to scatter the pins for a tremendous 803 series which included a 300 game.

Reminding one and all to attend our regular monthly meetings and pay your dues on time.

SALTY, Lodge 584.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. J. Flight

CLEVELAND.—In the service: It might interest the many friends of Eddie Azman to know that since his return from across the ocean he has been reassigned for duty in his home town, Cleveland.

Jackie Vehar enjoyed himself at the dance prior to leaving the following morning.

Pfc. John Kremlar, 35063317, Med. Det. 304 Sig. Pn. Bn., APO 343, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif., sends us the following:

"Received your notice that I won seven dollars at the lodge drawing. Thank the Comrades lodge for me and give them my best regards. You asked me how the pigeons are. I wouldn't know. I've been out of the 283 Pgn. Co. for almost a year and a half. I'm now in the medics. I hear that you are having the coldest year, or rather winter, in thirty years. Down here it is warm. We go swimming in the ocean almost every day to cool off. I certainly traveled a lot since I've been in the army and saw a lot of the world I never expected. First I was sent to Clairborne, La., for my basic training, from there to Camp Swift then to surgical technical school in El Paso, Texas. Along to Fort Sam Houston. There about a year then shipped all the way to California. While I was there I had a chance to visit San Francisco. Quite some town. It wasn't very long before I was taking a nice long ocean voyage to Dutch New Guinea. There over a month, then pushed on to the Philippines. Hard to say how long I'll be here. Next stop might be Luzon or China. Hope this letter finds everyone in the best of health."

It is good to hear from the boys and I'm sure the rest of the members feel likewise.

A friend of the Comrades, Pfc. Frank Ross, 35069978, Co. A, 612 T. B. Bn., APO 230, c/o Postmaster New York, drops us the following note:

"Received your nice yule card a few days ago. Thanks a lot for remembering me. Don't worry, Joe. I'll tend the bar when I get back if you need help. You won't have to worry about my drinking up the profits either. The drinks we have out here are far and few between so one can't get into the habit of drinking. Pauline sent me the results of your election of new officers. I'm always happy to receive any news concerning the work and progress of the organization and my pal always includes some in her letter to me.

"My mind drifts back every once in a while to the nites I used to watch the girls' teams bowl. I certainly wish I could get a game or two in. It's a long time I had a bowling ball in my hand but there wouldn't be much time out here for it anyway. I certainly would like to hear some of that Slovenian music you used to have after your meetings and also eat some of those klobase sandwiches and coffee that Albinus used to have ready. Just dreaming but after all it's good to dream out here once in a while. It pep's a fellow up. Good luck and success to all of you."

More Letters

The Smoles have left Cleveland but they still remember us as will be noted from the following:

"Greetings from West Virginia. Looking at the date today (Feb. 17) I can't help but feel a little sad realizing that tonight the good old gang will put on another of their famous 'shindigs' and I won't be able to participate. The drinks we have out here are far and few between so one can't get into the habit of drinking. Pauline sent me the results of your election of new officers. I'm always happy to receive any news concerning the work and progress of the organization and my pal always includes some in her letter to me.

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Strabane Pioneers

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Mrs. Frank Oklessen held a dinner party over the weekend in honor of her husband, Frank Oklessen, who was inducted into the Army. The occasion also marked the christening of their infant daughter, Maryann. Frank is now stationed at Cumberland, Md.

A son was born Feb. 8 to Sgt. and Mrs. Arthur Cornell. Sgt. Cornell is located in Germany with a field artillery unit. Best wishes to mother and son and may the daddy soon be home.

It's always nice to see old friends, and it was a pleasure to see "Beanie" (Mrs. Charles Randel) at the club Sunday. Her husband, Cpl. Randel is stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, and Beanie is making her home at Ambridge. And mentioning old friends, we must say it's good to see Joseph Holsey and Rudy Tomasic around the club again. Both boys were recently honorably discharged from the Army, and are continuing to do their share in war work.

ATTENTION, PIONEER MEMBERS: The regular monthly meeting will be held Sunday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the SNPJ Hall. All members are urged to attend. Let's show some of that old Pioneer spirit again!

Service News

We've had several letters from the boys overseas, and needless to say, it's a real pleasure to hear from them. They all mention their Christmas packages sent to them by the lodge and how much they appreciate our remembering them. All are looking forward to coming home soon. Their letters are posted on the bulletin board at the Club and anyone interested may come down to read them. In this week's mailbox are letters from:

Sgt. Joseph Krall who writes that he was among those who took part in the invasion of the Philippines. He states that the Filipinos were a happy group of people when the Americans took over. These people were glad to be freed of the Japs who really abused them during their occupation.

Cpl. Frank Progar was happy to tell us that he saw his brothers Lou and Johnny twice while in England. Frank would like anyone who has brothers in England to send him their address and he'll be glad to look them up. His address is: Co. B 717 Rwy. Opr. Bn., APO 518, New York, N.Y.

Pvt. Johnny Moze sends regards to all members; he has been in France and is now in Belgium. Cpl. Tony Progar writes of meeting Cpl. Frank Delost in New Guinea while playing baseball. S/Sgt. Johnny Podboy tells of arriving safely in France.

Cpl. John Cornell has been transferred recently from New Guinea to the Philippine Islands. He is attached to Engineer Aviation Battalion.

Cpl. Joseph Kern visited over the weekend with his parents and returned to Brown Field, Quantico, Va. Sgt. John Laharnar is spending a furlough at the home of his sister, Mrs. Martin Oklessen.

Congratulations to Sgt. Laharnar and Mary Waldeen upon their engagement. Mary's home is at Lakewood, Fla., but for the past few weeks she is visiting at the home of Mrs. Martin Oklessen.

Because everyone liked Dorothy Podboy's "Honor Family of the Week," it will be continued. This week's Honor Family is Mr. and Mrs. Tony Delost who have two sons in the service, Cpl. Frank Delost who has been stationed in New Guinea for 8 months, and Lt. Tony Delost, who is stationed at Camp Chidress

Our Front

By Louis Berger

It's becoming clearer every day that the Yalta declarations are of vital importance to all nations, big and small.

Yalta is working like a magic spell. First it was Turkey, which has been sitting this war out on the fence, that fell in line with the Yalta declarations. Then came Egypt and the Arab countries along with several South American republics. All of these countries declared war on the Axis within a few days after Yalta. They did this for fear of being left out of the forthcoming United Nations Conference at San Francisco and because they would not qualify for the peace table. This, then, is the reason for the recent rash of war declarations. At any rate, the saying "it's better late than never" seems to fit in this case nicely.

Just how much these late-comers will contribute toward the defeat of the Axis is hard to say, but it can't be much; nevertheless, even that bit will be entered on the credit side of the war ledger.

What about the Vatican? What part is the Pope playing in the world picture? Was he ignored at Yalta?

Although Harry Hopkins, the President's personal adviser, did stop to see the Pope en route to Yalta, I am glad that the Pope was ignored at the Big Three meeting. The Pope should stick strictly to his business of religion, but does he? It's a known fact that the Vatican has been meddling in world politics ever since its inception centuries ago. The Pope must be shorn of his influence once and for all.

Moreover, it is high time that his sway over millions of people is broken because through religion he is keeping them in ignorance and is collecting enormous sums of money from the poor for the upkeep of his dictatorial machine.

It is a common notion that religion should be left to go its own way. This, however, is wrong.

It is wrong because many church representatives do not let secular things alone; on the contrary, they are forever meddling in purely political matters. In this the Roman Catholic Church is the worse offender, and it is the worse offender primarily because it is very powerful financially, therefore politically. Money power and political power go hand in hand. As long as the people think that they need religion, let them have it, but they should be intelligent enough not to permit it to be used against their interests. Truly enlightened people don't need any religion save their own personal belief in doing the right thing at all times toward their fellow men.

To be just and honest with oneself as well as with others—this should be the highest moral obligation of all, and the peddlers of various religious dogmas would soon vanish like the snow on a sunny spring day.

Comrades' News

(Continued from page 6)

were on hand helping out, with a few new faces added for which we are thankful. We had Alina Vehar, Mary Krizmanic, Ann Prijatel and Marie Zak in the kitchen. Lefty and Krable behind the bar assisted by Pres. Joe Zorman, Tony Kerze and Frances Presern. Pauline Ross and Fran Presern took charge of the refreshment tickets. At the door we had Jennie Hokes, Pauline Reinman, Alice Popotnik, her girl friend, Johnny Alden, Pauline Spik and Dani Fifolt were in charge pending the arrival of the writer from Chicago. The cooperation of John Tavar, secretary of the National Home, was appreciated. Martin Antonic, popular announcer on the Slovene Radio Hour and his wife Vi stopped in for a few minutes. From way out Chardon—SNPJ farm—Lou and Betty Jartz came to say hello. Doc Beljan home over the weekend also was in evidence, likewise Eddie Azman and Jackie Vehar.

Thanks to the workers, some of whom I might have failed to mention above, those present for being with us that night.

Sunrise Board Meeting

What transpired at the recent Su-

preme Board meeting will be pub-

lished in minutes to be forthcom-

ing. Subjects were many, some easy

and some perplexing. If any of our

members have any questions they

want answered, writer will be only

too glad to do so. The good food

served by Berger, the many cour-

tees extended by Marya Mohar,

charming and capable receptionist

at the SNPJ headquarters, well con-

ducted Pioneer meeting by Johnny

Rak, excellent work being done by

Ann Sannemann, Circle manager,

good fellowship evidenced at Pio-

neer bowling sessions, untiring ef-

forts of hard working Donald Lot-

nich in behalf of the lodge; were

some of the things noticed and taken

back by me to Cleveland.

Sick and Ailing

Bertha Erste is in the hospital re-

covering from an appendicitis op-

eration. Her condition serious at

first has shown speedy improve-

ment. Here's hoping she'll be on

her feet soon.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Things are in good order for the Pioneer Invitational Handicap Doubles Bowling tournament, this Sunday, March 4, at the Southwest Bowling Alleys, 1659 Blue Island Ave. The alleys are owned and operated by our fellow Pioneer, William Arbanas. More than a hundred bowlers are expected to compete. They will start out on an even basis because we will give handicaps to all medium and low average bowlers. John Alic and Edward Hudale have prepared the schedule. All squads will roll at 12:30 p.m. The bowlers are requested to be on time so that the tourney can get off to a grand start and so that we can finish up early. Many fine cash prizes have been paid in the past years to the numerous bowlers who competed in the Pioneer tourney. With the help of an appropriation from the SNPJ Athletic Fund this year's prize list should be bolstered again. Integrity, Slovenski Dom, Waukegan and Milwaukee will be represented at the tournament. We expect the Victorians to enter several squads, also. All who can, should come to the alleys and root for their favorites.

After bowling March 4, we will go to the SNPJ hall for the customary bowlers' social. We hope that most of the bowlers will be able to take in this affair while luncheon will be served and that the rest of the Pioneers and friends too, will come. The committee is arranging for food which will be prepared by John and Ida Simon, and the usual drinks. Expert dance music will be played by the Mozzini Sisters. These lassies played extra well at the party in honor of Anne Groser Kumer recently. It is well that our people learn to know these girls and their music because they will want them to play once they know about them. There shall be no admission to the Social. Time, 3 p.m.

A very impressive annual meeting was held by the stockholders of the Jugoslav Savings & Loan Association last Saturday evening at the Slovene Labor Center. Good reports and a good attendance created a pleasant and friendly atmosphere. One just couldn't help but notice this fine spirit, yes, and even feel it. The meeting was over in a short time but the members stayed long to review old times and discuss many topics. The yearly cash receipts amounted to \$885,981.72 and the disbursements \$867,612.01. The largest single disbursing item was for real estate loans. Over \$4000 was placed into reserves which will further fortify the safety of the investments. Anton Trojar and Vinko Lojnikar were reelected to the board of directors for a three-year term. Louis Zorko, recently of Cleveland, was the third director to be elected. He replaces John Bodman who has moved to California because of his health. The association had assets of over a million dollars at the end of 1944 which, incidentally, was its 25th anniversary year. The association has the largest assets in its history. We consider it in a healthy state and ready to help members acquire their own homes. Last year, 25 members paid off their mortgages in full and thereby acquired clear titles.

Co-op Graduates 38; Labor Active in Group

CHICAGO.—The latest group of consumer co-op food store managers to take intensive training under the auspices of Rochdale Institute, national co-ops' training school here, included officers of two AFL central labor bodies and the managers of Isors in war workers' communities of several states.

The AFL officers were Otto Niemi of Duluth, Minn., and Edward Rademaker of Muskegon, Mich. In addition, managers attended from labor-initiated co-ops in River Rouge, Mich., Linden, New Jersey, Waukegan, Ill., and Detroit. The class of thirty-eight included three Negro managers. For two weeks the students dealt with the problems of personnel, equipment, procurement, accounting controls and merchandising.

Life Held Cheap in Fining Big Drug Firm

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 14.—Some time ago Merck & Co., big chemical firm, distributed a drug for relief of distress after operation and it killed 15 persons.

Convicted last week of faulty labeling of its product, the concern was fined \$15,000—a thousand dollars for each death—by Federal Judge Thomas F. Meaney.

Curiously, none of the company's officers had been named in the indictment.

'45 A. F. of L. Red Cross Poster



AFL RED CROSS

LABOR LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS - UNITED NATIONS RELIEF - A. F. of L.

Wilson Gove, Harvey Gove, Lester Gove, George Gove, Harvey Gove

This poster will appear in A. F. of L. plants, shops and union halls

Throughout America in support of the 1945 Red Cross drive beginning

March 1. Continue the highly essential services of the American Red

Cross to our armed forces in an unbroken flow. The A. F. of L. urges

through its war relief agency, the Labor League for Human Rights.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Perfect Circle 26 Is Planning New Activities

CHICAGO.—On Feb. 24, Perfect Circle 26 held a meeting. There were 24 members present. There would have been a larger number, but many of the members are sick with chickenpox, stomach flu, bad colds, etc.

We donated \$3 to the Red Cross. Discussions were taken up on who of the members are writing to The Voice of Youth. The Gay Nineties program will not take place until the fall, but in April or May we will have a festival program.

An Easter-social will take place in the latter part of March. The children will decorate eggs and the best one will get a prize. We are going to try and buy gym mats, as the boys are interested in tumbling and wrestling. The girls were also enthusiastic about having the gym mats.

After the meeting was adjourned, the smaller children listened to recordings of Snow White and Fairy Tales. The older children played ping pong and enjoyed themselves.

GRACE ANN GERDANC.

Congress Shouldn't "Fall" for This!

The "Equal Rights" Amendment pops up again. It was side-tracked by the last Congress after its weaknesses had been exposed. Now the lobbyists of the National Woman's Party are attempting to mislead the members of the new Congress.

LABOR is not questioning the good faith of members of the House and Senate who are sponsoring this amendment, but LABOR wonders if they have given the subject the consideration it deserves?

According to the best legal information this newspaper can secure, the adoption of the "Equal Rights" Amendment would either invalidate or seriously jeopardize every law ever enacted in state or nation for the protection of working women. Is there a man in Congress who wishes to do that? LABOR doesn't think so.

LABOR is in favor of repealing every law which discriminates against women. It is in favor of preserving every law which adds to the security of women. Naturally, we are particularly interested in working women, but our interest doesn't end there. Point out any law which discriminates against women—and there are many of them—and LABOR will urge its repeal.

But LABOR contends that all that can be accomplished without adopting this mis-named "Equal Rights" Amendment, which would injure more women than it could possibly help.

Tribute to Jugoslavia

(Address delivered by Hon. James E. Murray, United States Senator from Montana at the Jugoslav Dinner in New York, Feb. 7)

Montana is thousands of miles from Jugoslavia, yet we, in that far Western State, have deep feelings of friendship and admiration for the people of Jugoslavia in their great fight for freedom.

Montana is no different in this respect than other parts of the country. In nearly every section of America we have welcomed to American citizenship thousands of sturdy immigrants from Jugoslavia. They have come here in search of new homes and new opportunities of life. They have brought to our shores the ideals and traditions of a virile, industrious and peace-loving people. We have learned to admire and respect them. We like their clear-cut traits of character, their untiring industry and, above all, their devotion to our ideals of liberty and democracy.

We have come here tonight to pay a tribute of respect and admiration to this little Nation whose hardy, fearless men and women are making an outstanding contribution to victory in the war. The stirring fight for Jugoslavia will be recorded as one of the great epics of this period. Many of the tragic details are still to be revealed, but we who are gathered here tonight and who are privileged to know something of the sufferings they have endured and the sacrifices they have made, have a deep feeling of pride in our association with the courageous Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, collectively known as Jugoslavia.

Tonight, let us for a moment try to recapture some of the atmosphere of four years ago. The conquering Axis armies were thundering across Europe in the full flush of their initial success. Years of extensive planning and preparation had rendered them the most powerful and destructive armed forces ever organized in history. Country after country, unprepared to meet this treacherous onslaught of the German hordes, quickly fell before their onward rush. The British evacuation at Dunkirk had occurred some months earlier and a death-like chill of apprehension shivered through most of the non-Axis world. Russia was soon to be attacked. Its defeat and enslavement was an essential step in the Nazi plans. The future and freedom of the whole world hung in the balance.

Suddenly, in Jugoslavia, an undeveloped peasant country of 16,000,000, a great leader appeared. In fact, a whole host of fearless men and women stood forth to arouse the people of Jugoslavia to make a stand against an enemy threatening to enslave the world. They possessed no armaments—they had no air forces—they were equipped literally with slingshots and clubs, but they had the courage to stand forth against the most powerfully equipped military organization the earth had ever seen. Soon the democratic reports of Jugoslavia's resistance inspired the outside world. The news ran like a blaze of light through the ominous clouds of despair hanging over Europe. It stirred the hopes of liberty-loving people everywhere. Can anyone wonder that we in America have such strong feelings of respect and admiration for the Jugoslavs? The courage and daring of these people, their complete disregard for personal safety, their fierce determination to defy and ultimately defeat the enemy or die in the effort, gave the world renewed hope and rekindled faith in the cause of democracy and human freedom.

It was a tremendous inspiration revolutionizing the thoughts and hopes of men everywhere like an invigorating current of pure air. Here was a people who absolutely refused to accept defeat either through vastly superior armed forces of a brutal enemy or the deadly drain of hunger and frost. They set aside all doubts and fears. No matter what might be in store for them, they determined that they would never give up. Almost from the very day of invasion by the enemy on April 6, 1941, the Jugoslavs have been tossing a series of monkey wrenches into the Axis plans to conquer the world. Their unexpected and unorthodox resistance was one of the factors which upset Hitler's time-table and delayed his invasion of Russia—a delay that is proving to be a decisive factor in the downfall of the German military machine. For over two years the Jugoslavs engaged some twenty Axis divisions, keeping them away from other fronts away from Russia, Italy and Tunisia. Nobody knows how many American soldiers fighting in Africa and, later in Italy, owe their lives to the Jugoslav guerrillas, who have since been welded into a national army. Marshal Tito built up this force from scratch, arming his men by killing the enemy and taking his arms away. Someone would kill a German or Italian and seize his gun; then a few more of the enemy would be disposed of in like manner and more arms would be collected. Thus step by step Tito's forces grew.

During the fall of 1943 and early in 1944 the Jugoslavs were fighting more enemy troops than the combined British-American-French forces in Italy, and this without a war industry or a supply system. By

the night was dark and the hour was late as a solitary wayfarer passed along the deserted street. Suddenly three slinking figures emerged from the shadows, marked their prey, and then attacked him. Three to one is powerful odds, but the wayfarer held his own. One by one his assailants landed with a thud on the ground, battered and bruised, their clothing torn.

A policeman hurried up and surveyed the wreckage.

"Fine work!" he said, addressing the hero, who was calmly lighting a cigarette. "Jujitsu?"

"No," answered the hero. "Only a railroad switchman."

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Curfew or not the Spirits' Spring Festival will be held as planned May 5 at the Concordia Turner Hall, 13th & Arsenal. The committee will report the complete details at our March 9th meeting, and the members are urged to be present.

Another important date to remember is April 7, the SANC relief dance held at the Croatian Hall, 12th and Russell. We feel certain that all Slovenes will attend and extend their utmost cooperation so that the results financially and morally will be worthwhile for the great cause, since the proceeds will go to our suffering people in Jugoslavia.

Given away at the relief dance will be a hand-made afghan donated by your champ relief worker, Anna Hocevar, a carton of cigarettes donated by our good-hearted Pete Dolenz and five dollars in cash.

Our second relief shipment will be sent to New York in the very near future, so you folks better gather up those clothes, canned goods, soap, etc., and call J. Spiller or S. Speck for the pickup. Will your name appear in the Black Book or the Red Book? The "black" is for those who absolutely refused without reason to give cash or clothes, and the "red" is for those who gave their little bit either in cash or clothing. We plan to send the books to Jugoslavia.

The SNPJ National Telegraphic Bowling tournament should stir plenty of activity among the bowlers throughout the states. Locally we expect to enter the tourney, according to the present plans, but there would be more competitive enthusiasm if lodges 107, 679, 250 and 230 would participate. Our committee will contact the named lodges, hoping they respond favorably. Come on, you boys and girls in Granite City and Madison, won't you form teams, doubles or singles, and notify John Jurgec at 4917 Castileman 10, Albert Kacin, 3003 Shenandoah 4, or Anne Stoller, 3979 Randall 16.

We expect Planinski Raj and Radnicka Sloga representation at the tourney. If there is any SNPJ member interested to bowl in the St. Louis tourney April 29, please notify the above-named committee immediately.

Lt. Walter Youngman has been sent to Pueblo, Colo., from Lincoln, Neb. His wife Sybil arrived back home last week with hopes that she can go to Pueblo soon to be with Walter. Stanley Hervatin is at present in Oklahoma at Camp Gruber, but will go shortly to Indian Town Gap, Pa. Stanley spent 18 months in New Caledonia, South Pacific, then came to the states on account of illness, staying in Texas 11 months and now is scheduled to go for a "ride."

These people have proved their ability to run their own affairs. I am reliably informed that the Jugoslavs have definite postwar plans, as well as dreams, for transforming their country into a truly successful democracy. They wish to see their country's resources developed



SNPJ SPORTS



NEWS FROM THE SPORTS FRONT

NATIONAL ATHLETIC BOARD

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New Athletic Board . . . First in the order of news in this week's sports column, your attention is called to the changes in the National Athletic Board of the SNPJ. At the annual meeting held Feb. 15-16-17, the Supreme Board elected one representative for each of the five districts from candidates previously nominated.

Three of the Board's members were elected for the first time and in each instance without opposition. They are John Loushe of Lodge 82 (Triglav), Frank Tomic, President of Lodge 589 (Pioneers), and Marco Shapcek of Lodge 584 (Badgers), who took the places voluntarily relinquished by Frank Jacoby, Lawrence Cassel and Anton Verbić, respectively. Re-elected for a third term was John J. Spilar of the Cleveland Utopians (604) over Joseph Golia, candidate of the Detroit Young Americans (564), and to a second term, Frank J. Lotrich of the Chicago Pioneers (559) over Michael Fleischhacker, Secretary of Lodge 631 (Integrity), and John Yurcic of Lodge 659 (Spirits of St. Louis). To the five members who served on the Athletic Board last year, we extend hearty thanks for all services rendered in this capacity, while congratulations and best wishes go to the members of the new Board for a most successful sports year in 1945.

Consolation Awards . . . The National Telegraphic Bowling Tournament will not be conducted on a handicap basis. The rules do provide, however, for consolation awards for every third team finishing out of the regular prize money. To give you a better idea of how it is going to work, take this for example. Let us suppose that there will be 60 teams entered in the men's division and twelve regular prizes set up for the twelve highest total scores. According to the rules, every third team after the 12th, meaning the 15th, 18th, 21st, 24th, etc., will be entitled to a consolation award. These in each case will be of equal amounts not exceeding the lowest of the regular prizes distributed for good bowling. The same method will apply to the team event in the women's division. Under this plan each team has better than a 40 percent chance of winning at least the amount of the entry fee. The consolation feature therefore provides a good substitute for the handicap system as it gives all of the teams, from the highest to the lowest, a chance to win a prize.

Pioneer Invitational . . . The sports spotlight of the week turns to the Pioneer Invitational Handicap Doubles Tournament which will be held this Sunday, March 4, at Arbanas' Southwest Bowling Alleys, 1659 S. Blue Island Avenue. In former years the five-person team event was the attraction in this popular tournament. Streamlined down to a Doubles Handicap, the tournament should prove equally popular to our midwest bowlers and so a large entry is expected.

Interesting Note . . . The American Bowling Congress best All-Events nine game total is held by Frank Benkovic of Milwaukee who, in 1932, blasted the maples for an all-time record of 2259. That year he also won the ABC tournament Doubles title, and came right back the following year to repeat in the same event.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK,
Athletic Director.

Tigers Trip Panthers To Gain on Lunders

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—After losing nine consecutive games and eleven of twelve, the Utopian Tigers reversed the charges in tagging three defeats on the Utopian Pan-

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LENINISM—Selected Writings by Joseph Stalin \$2.75
CAPITALISM AND PROGRESS—By Anna Rochester \$1.25
ANGLEŠKO-SLOVENSKI BESEDNJAK (English-Slovene Dictionary) \$5.00

ANGLEŠKO-SLOVENSKO BERILO (English-Slovene Reader)—Sestavil Frank J. Kern \$2.00

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thers. This sudden change of form ran the Tigers' streak to six, cutting the pace-setting Lunders-Adamic gang's lead from ten to five games. The Tigers are on your trail, Lunders! Yours truly messed the maples for 235 and 226 tallies before losing the broom and settling for a 163 finisher in a 624 series; needing a measly 178 score to take over the lead in the individual three-game department, I should have—played safe, gave the ball another half turn or thrown a little faster. Pardon me, gents, it's just the aftermath. Joe "Ziggy" Zupancic kept his hot streak intact with 216 and 211 supporters in a 595 set. J. Attwood with a 544 series was high for the Panthers.

Michael Fleischhacker, hard-working secretary of the Integrity Lodge (631), reports the outlook is bright for a couple of juvenile teams, one each of boys and girls, this in addition to a fine representation of adult entries. Coming at this early date, that's extra good news.

Christine Siriar, active Secretary of the "Little Fort" Lodge (568), Waukegan, Ill., writes that interest in the "telegraphic" bowling tournament is beginning to mount among the members of the "Jolly Juvenile" Circle, with results already pointing to a number of very promising prospects. That definitely means competition for the Chicago Juvenile teams.

Repeating . . . Any lodge may conduct its own local tournament as a part of the National Telegraphic Ten-pin Bowling Tournament, regardless of the number of entries in each event—or the lodge may arrange to participate in or conduct a tournament with other lodges or lodges in its locality at a place mutually agreed upon. The latter arrangement is especially recommended for big SNPJ centers where two or more lodges of the Society are located.

The two dates set for the "telegraphic" tournament are Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. Local tournament officials have the privilege of choosing either or both dates, depending on the number of entries and the convenience of the bowlers. It is not permissible to bowl any event of this tournament prior to or after the dates selected by the National Athletic Board.

As each local tournament is organized, the member chosen as the tournament secretary should immediately notify the Athletic Director of this action, and in the same letter furnish him with his (her) name, address, and the lodge or lodges conducting the tournament. As soon as possible, he should also be informed of the name and location of the bowling establishment where the tournament will be held. This is important as our intention is to list all tournament sites, bowling time, etc., and have same published in the Prosvesha from week to week until the tournament opens. This is intended mainly to help bowlers in each locality to enter a tournament of their choice, preferably one most convenient to their homes.

J. J. SPILAR,
Ath. Rep.—Dist. No. 3

Midwest Sport Flash

CHICAGO.—On Sunday, March 4, at 10 a. m., there will be a meeting of the Midwest SNPJ Athletic League at the Slovne Labor Center, 2301 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Ill. All lodges affiliated with the league should send their proper representation. The lodge secretaries were so notified.

Some of the lodges didn't send the names and addresses of their committees, nor has the secretary the correct names and addresses of some of the lodge secretaries. These lodges should be represented at the meeting: 14, 100, 559, 568, 573, 584, 631, 632 and 686.

Election of officers takes place at this meeting and many other matters will be discussed. We would also like to see some of the lodges at this meeting that are not members of the league. If we are to have sports in the SNPJ, then it is your duty to keep up that spirit.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHHACKER,
Sec'y Midwest Athletic League.

Picture of Winners . . . Officials in charge of the local "telegraphic" tournaments are urged to have a photographer present to take pictures of the winners in each event and send them to the Athletic Director for publication in the Prosvesha. Be prepared to take advantage of every opportunity to publicize your tournament in attractive written form as well as pictures.

SNPJ Ladies' League

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The SNPJ ladies have lunged into the home stretch in their bowling season, with the first five teams battling for the top position.

Last Friday nite, close scores indicated keen competition as the Concordians nosed the Utopians No. 1 in three games. Millie Marn and Mary Menich came through with 171 and 170 games, respectively, to help clinch the games. The scores of 669-660, 683-679, and 103-702 indicate the tension that existed during the games. Frances Simoncic, a first year bowler, paced the losers with 438.

Utopians No. 2 edged the Cavaliers in two contests, the last one by one pin. Julia Kronik headed the Utopians with 425, while Marie Son topped the losers with 465. It's tough, girls, but 105 pin handicap is quite difficult to overcome.

Strugglers No. 3 lost two games to their sister team and league leaders, Strugglers No. 1. Mary Recher, a first year bowler with this league, rolled a smooth 467 to lead the winners. Anne Karlinger hit a high score of 469 for the losers.

Comrades No. 2 nosed the Comrades No. 1 in two games, the first one by two pins, which tied the two teams for third place. Close scores were rolled by the entire team. The writer led with a single high game of 203 which was high for the evening. Albinia Vehar topped the scores of the losers with 461.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

News from Naprej

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—With Naprej's program a memory of the past, the members are again busy rehearsing. Naprej will continue rehearsals every Tuesday evening at 8:30, Sostarich's Hall, 539 S. 8th st. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Juric will continue as our instructors.

Before Naprej makes future plans they want to increase the membership. They want to expand and get a stronger, better group than ever. Anyone interested in joining Naprej is invited to attend the next rehearsal which will be on Tuesday evening at 8:30.

To all those who helped with the program on Feb. 11, goes the invitation to attend a little get-together at Sostarich's Hall, Saturday, March 3, at 7 p. m. **FANNIE RADELJ.**

Secretary reports that due to his illness the matter of the plan for

Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting of Jan. 3

Meeting was called to order at 1 p. m. in presence of all executive officers. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Supreme secretary submits bill from lodge 2 for funeral expenses of John Livek exceeding the amount provided in the by-laws and the Society is the beneficiary; the bill for \$222.80 is approved.

The sum of \$25 is approved for the Peoples Lobby for its activities in the interest of the public; also, the sum of \$25 is approved as contribution to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

It was decided that the annual supreme board meeting shall begin on Feb. 15.

Secretary of the sick benefit department submits matter of Frank Boile of lodge 138 concerning care for his deceased brother who left \$44 of sick benefit; payment of this amount to F. Boile is approved.

Letter of G. Bozich, prisoner of war, is read and the sending of Prosvesha for a period of six months is approved.

Juvenile Director recommends an \$85 donation from the athletic fund for the women's bowling league and \$55 for the men's league of Cleveland, Ohio, which is approved. He also submits the schedule for compensation to circle managers for 1944, which is also approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Meeting of Jan. 24

Meeting was called to order at 1 p. m. in presence of all executive officers. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

President reads letter from the Penna State Fraternal Congress reporting that taxations of fraternal benefit societies loom in their state and asking for renewal of annual membership fee; they are fighting the taxation proposal and are hoping to defeat the bill. Membership fee is approved.

We have a number of parents who have not as yet enrolled their children in the Society. We do hope that in the near future they will put them in. The Integrity lodge will launch the greatest drive for new members, and if you are asked to serve on the committee, please don't refuse. Accept willingly and we will have the confidence in you that you are ready to help the lodge increase its membership.

At the March meeting the secretary will present a plan and full report for the contemplated drive, and if you are not present, you will be notified as to your role in the drive.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHHACKER,
Secretary SNPJ Lodge No. 831

"Big Steel" After Western Plants

The United States Steel Corporation announced last week that it is ready to open negotiations with Uncle Sam for the purchase or lease of government-owned steel plants at Fontana, Calif., and Provo, Utah.

The negotiations will be watched with interest by members of Congress from Western states, some of whom have voiced fear that if the plants fall into the hands of Easterners—particularly the most powerful member of the steel combine—they will be closed down or operated on a limited scale.

Juvenile Director reports he attended the 40th anniversary celebration at Waukegan Jan. 21 and that they had a very good program and attendance; the spirit of the participants was good in general, and he was satisfied with the affair. According to his opinion, the moral success was achieved.

He also recommends additional awards for circle managers which were omitted in the previous report; recommendation approved.

Supreme treasurer reports he attended a meeting of WRFASSD executive committee Jan. 19 in New York which will publish in the form of a magazine about 100 pictures of Jugoslavia and will give a banquet attracting many prominent figures for the purpose of speeding relief work among Americans; our fraternals will also be invited. Action is under way to consolidate all our relief organizations into one body.

The following operation and special benefit claims were approved upon recommendation of the supreme medical director: Anton Zelezniak Jr. (139) \$50, Cecilia Irons (254) \$35, Pauline Foreman-Menzel (427) \$50 and Sophie Basarich (630) \$75 (operations); Jennie Plivk (145), Anna Pitol (679), Anna Simic (14) and Anda Kristolich (586) \$25 each; Antonia Skerle (137) and Joe Mateshak (407) \$15 each (special benefits).

Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

Meeting of Jan. 31

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m. Present were all executive officers. Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

President reads letter from Zlatko Balokovich, president of WRFASSD, reporting on extensive preparations for the Feb. 7 banquet in New York for Jugoslav relief and announcing that all our fraternal societies have been invited to send their representatives, who will be asked to pledge certain contributions; president Cainkar is delegated to attend and to pledge the amount not exceeding \$5,000 for the evening.

He further reports that California is contemplating taxation on fraternal societies. Energetic action is necessary; lodges in that state should send resolutions of protest to legislators urging them to vote against such measure.

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Publications Manager reports that the right from the post office was received to send through the mail the juvenile magazine under its new name, *The Voice of Youth*.

Applications for special benefit and assessment were also approved (details in Slovene minutes).

Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

Vincent Cainkar,
Supreme President

F. A. Vider,
Supreme Secretary

Integrity Broadcast

Stojan Pribicevich on Jugoslavia

CHICAGO.—The Feb. meeting was not well attended, which reflects on the spirit of our members. It has been said so many times that meetings are very important from every point you may look at it. If there is something that the meetings are not what they should be and you have better ideas how we may improve them, we would be more than happy to hear it. Come to the March meeting and give us that idea.

Beginning with the March meeting we will have entertainment and refreshments. Serving on the committee are Antonia Bovdik, Agnes Mejash, Rose Roych, Jenny Abram, Amelia Venisnik and the secretary. You can be sure that good entertainment will be provided. Don't fail to attend.

Sis. Genevieve Sitter has transferred to the adult department.

The secretary has completed 11 years as secretary of the lodge. On Jan. 1, 1934, the Integrity had 63 adults and 6 juveniles. Today we have 175 adults and 171 juveniles. At this time the secretary pays tribute to the members who have been cooperative in getting new members. This is not a job of one member. It was done by a large number of members. The secretary is thanking everyone who was helpful in attaining the present record. Together we have done a grand job for the lodge and the SNPJ, and it is the wish of the secretary that 1945 will be the greatest year the lodge had in membership. We must keep up the spirit, we must not give up in favor of any private affairs that may come in against us.

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MICHAEL R. FLEISCHHACKER,
Secretary SNPJ Lodge No. 831

“Big Steel” After Western Plants

The truth of the matter is that

Mihailovich mystery could be un-

vealed only upon liberation of Bel-

grade. There is now court evi-

dence that certain Mihailovich com-

manders were in cahoots with Germans and for instance maintained head-

quarters at Cafe Takovo on Terza

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