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ZGODBA TRAGIČNE  
KAPITULACIJE

**O**b svoji smrti l. 1903 je papež Leon XIII. zapustil politični testament, ki naj bi služil kolegiju kardinalov in njegovim naslednikom kot navodilo za bodoča leta. V tem dokumentu je izrazil prepričanje, da bo Sveti stolica ohranila svojo neodvisnost le toliko časa, dokler bo ostala sovražna napram vladi. Ako cerkev opusti svoje nekompromisno stališče, bo prišla pod vpliv italijanske vlade ter postala njen orodje. Svarilne besede znamenitega papeža so se v polni merti uresničile iz 1929, ko je bil podpisani lateranski pakt med Svetim stolcem in Mussolinijevo vlado. O tem glasno pričajo skušnje, ki jih imajo od tedaj primorski Sloveni, s kristalno čistostjo pa se je pokazalo zlasti, ko se je Mussolini zahotel počitljjenja Abesinije.

Obširen članek, v katerem analizuje postopno kapitulacijo Vatikana pred imperijalistično politiko italijanskega fašizma, je napisal znani, v prognanstvu živeči italijanski književnik G. Salvemini. Prostor nam ne dopušča, da bi Salveminijev članek objavili v celoti, pač pa podajamo iz zgodbe te tragične podlage le nekaj najbolj značilnih ugotovitev.

Nič manj kot 103 visoki cerkveni dostojanstveniki (kardinali, nadškofi in škofi) so z navdušenjem odborovali vojno v Abesiniji. Baš ob času, ko je Liga narodov ukrepala, kaj naj storiti glede porajajočega se konflikta, je evharistični kongres v Teramu, na katerem je bil navzroč papeški legat, poslal Mussoliniju svečano zagotovilo brezpogojne odpore v njegovi vojni za "veličino našega naroda". Istočasno so predstavniki cerkve pozivali k disciplini ter poveličevali "naše herojične armade, ki prelivajo kri, da odpro Abesinijo za katoličanstvo in rimske civilizacije".

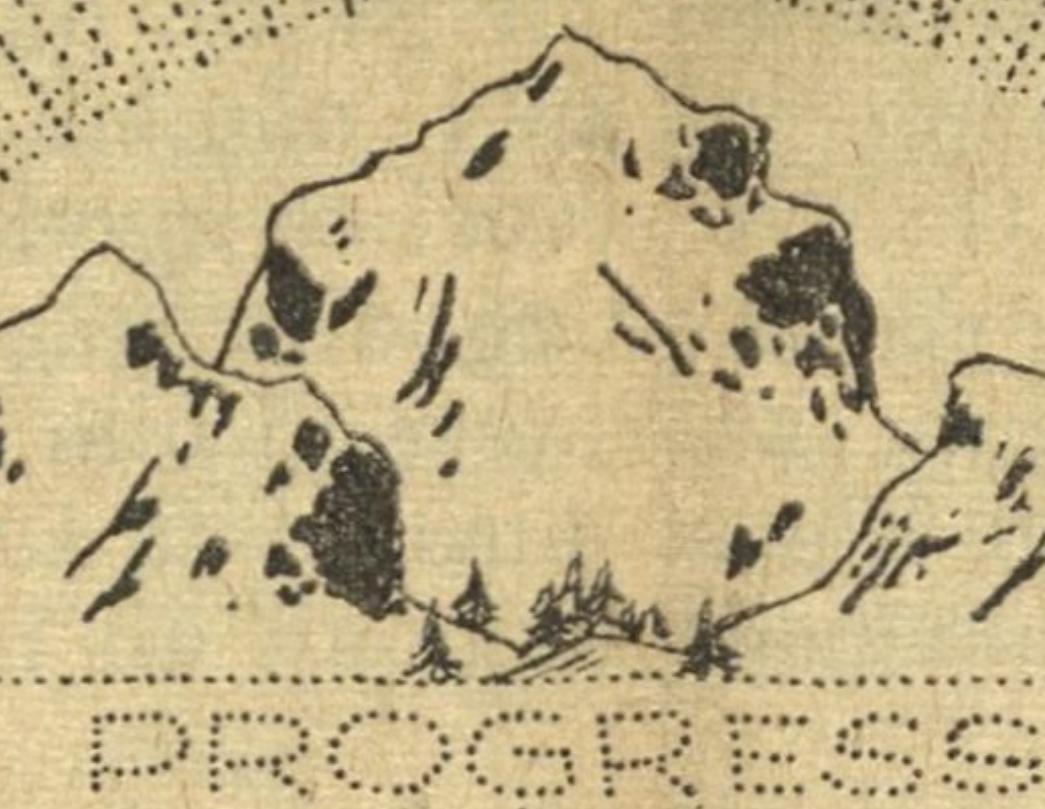
Cerkve ni niti z mezincentrigrani v pomoč italijanski vladni, ko je pred 40 leti napravila prvi počitku za podjavljene Abesinije, za časa vstopa Italije v svetovno vojno pa je molčala ali korak celo obojala, kar je n. pr. storil milanski nadškof. Zdaj pa poglejmo, kako so se obnašali Vatikan in njegovi predstavniki med etiopsko vojno.

Dne 8. decembra 1935 je škof iz San Miniata v prisotnosti Mussolinija izjavil, da je duhovščina pripravljena dati vladni cerkvene zvono in zlatnino, da zagotovi zmago italijanskega orožja.

Ako bi bil papež Pil XI. ukažal duhovščini, da naj se vzdrži kampanje v prilog vojne, bi ga bila morala poslušati, mesto tega pa je papež v govoru pred kolegijem kardinalov 24. decembra izjavil: "Ako se najde kak narod, ki više ceni vojno kot mir, moramo moliti za njegovo uničenje." (Papež ni vedel, kateri narod ima v mislih, navzoč pa so si lahko svoje misili.) Toda 24. februarja je "Osservatore Romano", uradni vatikanski organ, objavil članek, v katerem so stale teleznačilne besede: "Noben narod na svetu nima pravice ali možnosti, da bi živel v izolaciji... Zakladi surovin, ki jih je Bog radodarno razdelil preko zemlje, morajo biti na razpolago vsem..." V članku se je torej brezpogojno podprt temeljni argument fašistične vojne propagande.

Dne 15. junija 1935 je papež sprejel skupino italijanskih vojnih veteranov iz svetovne vojne, predno so se podali v Abesinijo ter jih pozival, da

# NAPREDEK



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NOVICE IZ ŽIVLJENJA  
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AMERIKE

## Aktivnosti SSPZ

Kot je bilo že poročano, se bo prva narodna tekma kegljev SSPZ vršila dne 19. marca v Milwaukeeju. Prireditev bo pod pokroviteljstvom društva "Balkan" št. 24 SSPZ, ki bo istočasno praznovalo 30-letnico svoje ustanovitve z oderskim programom in plesom. Vse skupine in posamezniki, ki se želijo udeležiti narodne tekme, se opozarjajo, da se morajo prijaviti in poslati določene pristojbine tajniku Narodnega atletskega odbora, br. Michael Vrhovniku, 245 W. 103 rd St., Chicago, Ill., nekasnejše kot do 19. februarja. Pazite na nadaljnja nazzanila glede tega dogodka, ki bodo v prihodnjih tednih objavljeni v glasilu.

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— V tec št. 11 v Collinwoodu imel v petek 7. januarja večer v SND na Waterloo rd svojo redno sejo, po seji pa e bo vršila zabava ali "party", na katero so vabljeni tudi oslasi, zlasti starejši otrok.

— Istna seja Federacije društva SPZ v Chicagu se bo vršila vnedeljo 16. januarja ob 2. uri popoldne v Bergerjevi dvorani na So. Lawndale Ave. Na se se bo volilo odbornike za tebče leto, zato naj žastopniki rušev gledajo, da bodo gotov navzoči.

— Društvo št. 172 v Library, Pa., aznanja, da bo dne 29. maja privedilo velik piknik, s katerim bo proslavilo 30-letnico SPZ in 15-letnico svojega obstva. Okoliška društva so proša, da to upoštevajo.

— Zabavo za člane in občinstvo imelo v soboto 8. januarja društvo "Priyatelj" št. 215 SSPZ v Euclidu, O., Vršila se bo v prostorih Društvenega doma na Recher Ave.. Seja se začne b. 7. uri in bo zelo kratka, takoda bo več časa za zabavo.

## Razne vesti

— Vsled pitja alkohola, ki se ga ibi za avtne radiatörje, so ob ovem letu umrli v Clevelandu širje priletne Slovenci bre družin in stalnega doma, ki stanovali na "bridgkjardu" v Glenwoodu. Zrtve alkoholizma postali Louis Zužek, Jos. Sme, Mike Mervar in Andrej Bock.

— Dne 16. januarja bo dramsko društvo "Ivan Cankar" v Clevelandu vprizorilo na odrnu S. N. Doma igro v treh dejanjih "Na Trški gori", ki vsebuje mnogo lepega petja.

— Na se odlikuje v bodočnosti, kjer se v preteklosti t. j. v stovni vojni. Dne 26. julija je priez smatral umestnim povečevati "moralni pogum" nekega italijanskega meniga, ki je b. skozi 30 let misijonar v Abesiniji, kar je prva stopnja z proglašitvijo svetništva.

— Že 27. avgusta pa je papež cela pozabil, da je glavar "esoljne katoliške cerkve" ter želil govoriti samo kot Italijan. Vidi samo še Italijo in "tudjele", kjer se širijo neosnovne vesti o napadnali vojni, ltere mi odklanjam." Govori o "potrebi ekspanzije in rambe naših meja." (Italijski (Dalej na 3. str.)

# VISOKA SOLVENTNOST SSPZ PREGLED EKONOMSKIH IN POLITIČNIH DOGODKOV V AMERIKI

Iz ravnokar prejetega poročila Illinoiskoga zavarovalninskega urada, o pregledu stanja in poslovanja S. S. P. Z. po državnih nadzornikih, je razvidno, da je državni aktuar ocenil smrtninski sklad (članski in mladinski) po stanju dne 30. junija, 1937, ter mu prisodil SOLVENTNOST OD 119.52%.

To je višek solventnosti, ki jo je ta Zveza še kedaj dosegla in baje tudi višek med vsemi našimi organizacijami.

Z dosegom te solventnosti S. S. P. Z. ni samo vodilna delavska, demokratična, bratska podpora ustanova v smernicah, napravah in po svojem ustroju na polju bratskega zavarovanja, temveč postala je tudi vodilna organizacija s finančnega vidika med sličnimi ustanovami našega naroda v tej deželi.

CHICAGO, Ill., 31. decembra, 1937.

WILLIAM RUS, glavni tajnik.

## INOZEMSKA KRONIKA

LOUIS ADAMČ PRIPOROČA  
"NARODNI ADRESAR"

**Napoved za leto 1938.** Znani časnikar Jay Franklin, ki je svoj čas eno leto naprej napovedal veliko zmago predsednika Roosevelta v jeseni 1936 in pojav depresije v letu 1937, je ob Novem letu podal nekaj napovedi za leto 1938. Tukaj hčemo navesti le one, ki se tičajo inozemstva. Glede tega Franklin napoveduje sledeči: 1. Vojne med Ameriko in Japonsko ne bo. Japonci se bodo polaščili toliko Kitajske, kolikor jo bodo rabili tukom prihodnjih desetih let ter tam upostavili civilno vlado, ki bo pripravljena delati roka v roki z demokratičnimi deželami. 2. Civilna vojna v Španiji se bo končala z "mirom brez zmage", ki bo ohranil špansko demokracijo, preprečil svropsko vojno in potisnil fašizem nazaj v Italijo in Nemčijo. 3. Anglia se bo pobrala z Nemčijo ter pustila Mussoliniju osamljenega v Evropi. Mussolini na drugi strani bo skušal utrditi svoj omajani vpliv s sporazumom z Anglico glede Foreign Language Information Service, in potom velikega oduseljenja in požrtvovalnosti Mr. Ivana Mladineo, ki je — mimogrede rečeno — izgubil svoje združenje v tem naporu. Delo začenja z uvedom, ki je v resnici zgodovina Slovencev, Srbov in Hrvatov v Združenih državah — zgodovina, na katero bi moral biti vsak Jugoslovjan ponosen, kajti sega nazaj v pionirski dobi te dežele in je tesno zvezana z današnjo civilizacijo Amerike. — Tem potom želim čestitati gospodu Mladineo na njegovem delu, izraziti prisreno nado, da kmalu okreiva in proporočati svojim rojakom slovenske, hrvatske in srbske narodnosti širom Zed. držav in Kanade, da kupijo in rabijo to knjigo." — Cena knjige je \$3.75 in se naročila zanjo pošilja na "Narodni Adresar", 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

gon od strani lojalistov odločilne važnosti za izid španske civile vojne, je pokazala prošli teden besna proti-ofenziva, katero je podvzel gen. Franco, da bi mesto iztrgal ljudskim četam. Toda medtem ko so fašisti koncem tedna poročali, da se jim je poizkus posrečil, pa zadnje vesti iz Madrida javljajo, da je Teruel še vedno v oblasti vladnih čet in da so bili fašisti po kravah bojih, ki so se vrsili v najhujšem mrazu, na vseh točkah vrženi nazaj. Tukom teh bojev je neki šrapnel zadel avto, v katerem se je nahajala skupina inozemskih časnikarjev, ki je prideljena Francovi vojski, in ubiti so bili trije, dva Amerikanca in en Anglez.

**Daljni vzhod.** Medtem ko jaonske čete prodriajo globlje in globlje v kitajsko zemljo, pa je Japonce po okupaciji Tsinana, glavnega mesta bogate province Šantung, čakalo razočaranje. Odkrili so namreč, da je kitajska armada pred umikom s sistematičnimi požigi uničila skoro vsa važna poslopja ter mestno spremembla v kup razvalin. Sodi se, da je število kitajskih vojnih žrtv preseglo že milijon, od katerega števila odpade večina na revno civilno prebivalstvo, ki se v splošnem komaj zaveda, kaj se prav začne v njih deželi.

**Odločilni boji.** Da je zavzetje mesta Tereula v provinci Ara-

## DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

ČIKAŠKA FEDERACIJA  
SSPZ

Chicago, Ill. — Vsem zastopnikom in zastopnicam Federacije društva SSPZ v Chicagu in članom glavnega odbora se tem potom sporoča, da se bo prihodnja seja federacije vršila v nedeljo 16. januarja 1938 po poldne v Bergerjevi dvorani, 2653 So. Lawndale Ave. Začetek ob 2. uri popoldne.

Važno je, da vsa društva, spadajoča pod okrilje federacije, pošljejo svoje zastopnike na sejo. Na tej seji se bo volilo uradnike in razmotrivalo delovanje za leto 1938.

Tajniki vseh lokalnih društev so tudi prošeni, da pošljejo imena svojih novo izvoljenih zastopnikov na naslov tajnika 10217 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill. V slučajih, v katerih se ne bo prejelo nobenega obvestila, se bo smatralo, da je vaše društvo ponovno izvolilo stare zastopnike.

S. M. Tisol, tajnik.

## NAPREJ ZA SVOBODNO MISEL!

Milwaukee, Wis. — Leto 1937 je končano. Pa kakor glas, katerega odmet se spet in spet ponovi, obnovijo se v človeku spomini na marsikateri važen dogodek ravnokar prošlega leta, raznih problemov, ki se tičajo na posameznikov in skupnosti. Svet in vse, kar je na njem se vrti in ž njim vse v naša dejanja in nehanja.

Sukalo in vrtilo se je tudi "Kolo napredka" in dopolnilo svoj enoletni tek. Kampanja, katere izid, četudi ne stoprocentno uspešen, se vseeno lahko priznava kot vse hvale vredna strategična poteza in priznavati moramo, da je enkrat razigrane bojevitosti. Roosevelt je uvodoma orisal razdrapane mednarodne razmere ter nevarnost, ki preti demokracijam od strani diktatorskih dežela, potem pa je z ozirom na notranji gospodarski položaj priznal, da so upi za balanciranje zveznega proračuna v prihodnjem fiskalnem letu splavali po vodi ter iznova apeliral na kongres, da uzakoni predlog za regulacijo farmerjev proizvodnje ter za minimalne meze in maksimalne delovne ure v industriji. Poudarjal je, da administracija se ne bori proti kapitalizmu kot takem, temveč le proti njegovim zlorabam ter svaril, da se bo kapital sam uničil, ako se zlorab ne odpravi. "Jaz ne bom zapustil ljudstva," je rekel predsednik med drugim, "in sem preprizan, da tudi kongres ne bo teme storil."

**10 milijonov brezposelnih.** Prostovoljni cenzus brezposelnih, ki se je vršil preteklega novembra, je pokazal, da je v Združenih državah 7,822,912 odraslih oseb brezposelnih. Toličko ljudi se je namreč registriralo tečajno.

Trije predstavniki zvezne admisistracije so pretekli teden mahali po buticah "ekonomskih rojalistov", samo z besedami, kakopak. To so bili poljedelski tajnik Wallace, pomožni justični tajnik Jackson in notranji tajnik Ickes. Wallace je izjavil, da velebizniški krogri na eni strani trdovratno držijo cene kvizki, na drugi pa delavce menjajo na cesto, in citiral je številke o rastočih dobičkih velikega businessa. Jackson je udaril po velekapitalu radi krička, da so visoke delavske plače povzročile zastoj v industriji. Rekel je, da se delavske meze sorazmerno še daleč niso toliko povisale kot so se dobileki tavarnarjev in veletrgovcev, odkar jih je Rooseveltova administracija rešila propad, za kar izkazuje svojo hvaležnost s tem, da postaja eddalje bolj arrogantni. Se bolj je zavijtel z bičam nad glavami velikega kapitala notranji tajnik Ickes. V njegovem govoru je kar mrgole izrazil kot "ekonomski rojalisti", "princi privilegija", "korporacijski baroni" in "ekonomski nadlordi". Vprašanje, pred katerim stoji Amerika, je dejal Ickes, je, ali bo deželi ukažalo 60 družin, ki lastijo 1/3 vrednosti v njihovih obratih ob delo, medtem ko bo ostalih 205 tisoč mož v bodoče delalo le po tri dni v tednu. Chryslerjeva korporacija obratuje le po 32 ur na teden, dočim pri Fordu dela okrog 40,000 izmed 87,000 mož, ki so normalno uposleni. Senator Nuys iz Indiane je nazadovanje produkcije v avtnej industriji porabil za apel, da kongres takoj zniža davke na kapital in visoke profite, češ, da bodo nekaj korporacij rabijo "opogumljevanja". Richard Frankensteen, podpredsednik unije avtnej delavcev pa je rekel:

"Kadarkoli industrijalcu niso sposobni rešiti problemov, kateri so sami ustvarili, je jih prvi korak ta, da začno metati delavce na cesto. Enostavna resnica je, da delavstvo nima dovolj nakupne moči, da bi kupilo to, kar producira." Padec v produkciji avtomobilov pomeni, da bo še bolj narastla brezposelnost tudi v jeklarski industriji.

**Rastoča skrb** nad kaotičnimi razmerami po svetu Združenim državam ne pušča drugega kot da se pripravijo na boljšo obrambo kot pa jo imajo sedaj. Tako je rekel pretekli teden predsednik Roosevelt v pismu, ki ga je postal načelniku kongresnega finančnega odseka. Iz pisma je razvidno, da bo administracija v proračunu za prihodnje fiskalno leto vključila izdatke za zgradbo dveh velikih bojnih ladij, dveh križark, osmiljih rušilcev in šest submarinov ter da se utegne poznejne priporočati gradnjo še večjega števila bojnih ladij.

**Znanost nudi rešitev.** Edino znanci ponuja ključ, s katerim je mogoče rešiti pereče probleme, ki tirajo narode sveta v kaos in vojne, je izjavil pred konvencijo Ameriške zveze za







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TIES IN THIS COUNTRY . . . The solvency ratio of  
the S. S. P. Z., as of June 30, 1937, stood at 119.52%,  
which means that on that date, according to the actu-  
arial report from the State of Illinois Insurance De-  
partment, we had a surplus of 19.52% over and above  
our Mortuary Fund liabilities.

DIRECTOR E. S. L.

A report, received on this date from the Department of Insurance of the State of Illinois, relating to the business condition, assets, management and other affairs of the S. S. P. Z. and recently completed by the state's examiners and actuary, discloses the Mortuary Fund (Adult and Juvenile) as having, as of June 30, 1937, a solvency ratio of 119.52%.

This ratio of solvency, we are happy to inform our membership, is higher than in any other year of the Society's existence and, undoubtedly, is higher than that of any other Slovene organization doing business of a similar nature.

In attaining this high ratio of solvency, the S.S.P.Z. once more proves that, in the field of fraternal endeavors and life insurance protection, she has not only succeeded in fostering and upholding the principals and ideals of labor and democracy, but has also proven beyond any doubt that she is the best financially managed fraternal benefit organization of all such organizations founded and operated by Slovenes in this country.

Chicago, Ill., December 31, 1937.

WILLIAM RUS, Supreme Secretary

## The Comets Column

### EVENING STARS

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — On Sunday, Dec. 28, 1937, the Comets held their last meeting of the year 1937, which was very well attended.

The newly-elected officers for the coming year 1938 are as follows: John Uhernik, president; Charles Kerzan, secretary; William Knafele, vice-president; Rudolph Rosenberger, treasurer. Our new administrator is Frank Rosenthaler who lives at 140 Park Rd.

The highlights of the meeting were speeches by Mr. John Uhernik Sr., president; Charles Kerzan, secretary; William Knafele, vice-president; Rudolph Rosenberger, treasurer. Our new administrator is Frank Rosenthaler who lives at 140 Park Rd.

We wish to express our thanks to John Petrich Jr. of Warren, Ohio, for entertaining us with his accordion. After the meeting we had quite a party; refreshments, games, singing, etc.

Here are some of the New Year resolutions by the Comet members:

1. To write to the Progress every week.

2. Charles Kerzan—Not to smoke any more "segars" on his way to school.

3. Joe Tekstar—To study more in English class.

4. "Slugs" Kosela—To stop going to the Arrogan Ballroom.

5. Gus Rosenberger—To stop going with the other 3 horses.

6. William Knafele and Clem Kosela—Not to go to Strabane any more. (Wonder why? Don't the Buick run any more? Ha! Ha!)

7. John Uhernik—Not to make motions with his hands while he is talking.

8. Rudy Rosenberger—Not to be a bachelor. (Starting out young, huh?)

Our next meeting is to be Wednesday, January 5th, 1938. Every first Wednesday of the month, hereafter. Please attend this meeting for it's the beginning of the new year.

We wish the Vrtec units of the SSPZ a happy New Year!

The Two Horsemen,  
Chuck and Gus

## INSURANCE CARVINGS

Because men die at the wrong time, life insurance is the greatest blessing.

Every time you pay another monthly assessment you drive the wolf farther away from your family's door.

No one who has ever lapsed a life insurance certificate has lived to see the time when he was glad of it.

Don't rely on the sympathy of your friends and neighbors to care for you in time of emergency or to pay your funeral expenses.

## Chicago Federation Of SSPZ

CHICAGO, Ill. — All Federation representatives of the Chicago SSPZ Lodges and the members of the Supreme Board, residing in Chicago, are hereby informed that a meeting of the Federation will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 16, 1938, at Berger's Hall, located at 2653 So. Lawndale Ave., at 2:00 p.m.

It is important that all lodges concerned be fully represented. There will be an election of Federation officers and a thorough discussion of the Federation's activities for the year 1938.

All local secretaries are also requested to forward the names of their newly elected representatives to the secretary of the Federation at 10217 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill. If no notice is received it will be understood that your representatives have been re-elected for the current year.

S. M. TISOL, Secretary

Something is sure to happen to you some day. Therefore—don't let anything happen to your life insurance.

## Vrtec Anniversary Celebration

EXPÖRT, Pa. — Finally, our plans for the anniversary dance have been completed. On January 16, 1938 our SSPZ Vrtec is sponsoring a grand play

Our play will consist of eight most exciting characters. It is a comedy in one act. The most thrilling play you'll ever see!

The first thing scheduled for the evening is the one-act play which begins at 6:30 p.m. After the comedy, a few of our Vrtec members will sing a few Slovene songs along with a few selections given by our treasurer, Mary Lavrich on her guitar.

To top it all off, a well-known orchestra will furnish the most delightful music for both young and old. A most pleasant evening is assured to all; so we, Vrtec members, wish to extend our most hearty and sincere invitation to all friends and members of the SSPZ. White Valley Slovenc Hall is the place where it is to be held.

Can't you just visualize that Sunday night, January 16 with breezes blowing dancing with your lassies or a lad to that grand music. We are quite certain a good time is in store for all.

The small sum of 25¢ for adults and 10¢ for children will permit you to a comedy and dance from 8:30 till ??

Hoping to see you Sunday, January 16, 1938 at the White Valley Slovenc Hall. The fun will begin at 6:30.

Julia Kosmach, Sec'y Vrtec 103

## VICTORIAN NEWS

CHICAGO, Ill. — Lest you forget during the excitement of the holidays, the January meeting will be held January 6. Meeting will be held as usual, at Berger's Hall, 2653 So. Lawndale Ave., 8:30 p.m., sharp.

Officers will be installed at this first meeting of 1938. Sister Joan Kopriva is newly elected president. Sister Nancy Novak is newly elected vice-president; sister Josephine Shum newly elected recording secretary; sister Mary E. Novak was re-elected for secretary-treasurer; brother Max Kalan was re-elected sergeant-at-arms.

Auditors: brother John Kopach is re-elected; sister Jule Potsch is re-elected; sister Rosemary Prus is newly elected.

The interest of the lodge is in capable hands. May they enjoy good luck and success in all that they may undertake.

Good leadership is essential to every lodge. But without cooperation of every member the officers can accomplish very little.

You can do your part by paying your dues promptly. If you find that you cannot attend the meetings make it your point to mail your money order in not later than the 21st of each month. Your cooperation in this way will eliminate unnecessary correspondence.

Don't forget the meeting date, January 6. Let's start the new year with a record attendance. May the year of 1938 bring good tidings to fellow fraternal members. At this meeting there will be a prize awarded. Be sure to attend.

I want to thank every member that has cooperated with me thru 1937. Also hope that they will cooperate again as in the past.

Thanks to all of the members. I shall do all I can for you.

December meeting we had 4 new members: Frank Partekel, Angelina Zbacnik, Anna Kegl, Dortha Ivansek.

Let all of us get more new members. Let all of us get busy. We can do it. What about it members!

Be sure to attend this meeting, January 6. Prize drawing. So come.

Fraternally yours,

Mary E. Novak, Sec'y-Treas.

## ONE-SIDED INSURANCE ARGUMENT

Statistics show that at:

AGE 25—One hundred men, all strong and vigorous, with good mental and physical capacity.

AGE 35—Five have died, ten are wealthy, ten are in fair circumstances, forty have just moderate means, thirty-five have saved nothing.

AGE 45—Sixteen have died, three are wealthy, sixty-five are barely self-supporting, sixteen are no longer self-supporting.

AGE 55—Thirty have died, one is very wealthy, eight are self-supporting, sixty-one are dependent on their children, relatives or charity for support.

AGE 75—Sixty-three are dead (sixty of these left no estate), three are wealthy, thirty-four are dependent on their children, relatives or charity for support.

Ninety-four of the original "100 average men" died penniless.

## A Flitting Shadow

By ANNE GACNIK

The lights are dimmed; the smooth floor gleams in the feeble light. A hidden orchestra begins playing very lightly and softly. All eyes are cast on a vague shadow departing from a deeper shadow.

The figure glides and dips gracefully to the center of the floor where it pauses restlessly for a fleeting moment; then, as the pale, blue light is focused on the figure, the volume becomes stronger and the figure begins the dance with a perfect pirouette.

The tempo grows faster, and the violins sound like the soft buzzing of bees in the distance.

The dance is at its climax! The dancer whirls and dips, glides and flits quickly by as she performs difficult steps with apparent ease.

The music then becomes softer and slower, and the figure moves out of the circle of light where it dissolves hesitatingly into the deeper shadows again.

The scent of magnolia blossoms was wafted to me during the course of the dance.

I closed my eyes and thought, "Oh, if I only were a dancer like that —"

It would be "heaven" to glide so lightly and gracefully on the highly polished floor without being afraid of slipping on it.

But, alas! Much as I'd like to perform as the dancer did, I guess I don't "fit" to such beautiful dancing, or else the dancing doesn't fit me.

I am consoled by the fact that I dance just as well and just as beautifully as the performer I just saw in my dreams every night.

Oh, yes. It's wonderful to be a good dancer, but are you ?

## Spartanology

By MOE

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot In days of auld lang syne."

Yes sir, Spartans rang in the new year in a real honest-to-goodness way. Making resolutions which were broken before a half-hour was past. So what, resolutions were made to be broken. Making whoopee at the Slovenc National Home we encountered such "celebrities" ahem, as Rudy Lisch and Chuck Koman, of all people, were behind the bar. I bet that was the safest spot for them.

Now, now I hear Baby-Face Zore went under quite early. Boy was he in bad shape and Josephine Kotnik seemed to be so worried about him. Stan Stokel and Dot Lucia going strong on a kiss which lasted how long, Stan should I tell where this was going on? Well folks, the good old Cavalier Cafe. Mentioning the Cavalier Cafe, poor Dot Moenik had to work ever so hard.

Too bad Mr. Tomsic is married, otherwise I think one of Spartans bowlerettes could go for him in a big way.

What was the matter with Bill Schlarb. He wasn't swinging "it" very much.

Ann Opeka enjoyed herself immensely. But she kept drinking our beers quite all right.

So Tony Strifof objects when I mention anybody having a hangover. Why Tony? Do you ever have one?

Well, of course the Alberg twins were there and I hear one of them goes for Josie Kotnik in a big way.

Hank Zorman trying awfully hard to keep away from the bar. The "polkas" kept him in rhythm alright.

At the Utopian's Anniversary Dance I had my ears and eyes wide open for any bit of news.

First may I congratulate Rudy Lisch and Christine Kvartich on their engagement. "May our Vrtec increase."

Am I seeing straight? Yes sir, that is Chuck Koman escorting Rose Lekan to the dance. And then Bill Schlarb escorting Dot Moenik. It seems Bill is being given another chance. "Lefty take notice."

Marion Pellegrini feeling more comfortable in loose clothing than in a dress suit.

Dot Lucia finding consolation in someone else. Stokel having left for Flint, Mich.

Stan Zagar seems to be taking the advice of others and is actually swinging "it." How goes it, Stan?

Ken Williams and Chuck Koman got the group in a circle to sing songs. It takes the Spartans to start something. Yippee!

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That's all folks for today.

## How That Night Was Spent by Utopians

CLEVELAND, Collinwood, O. — A prosperous year is forecast for the Utopians as their Tenth Anniversary proved to be a great success.

Remarks were heard from here and there. Oh, we must rest after that grand New Year's Eve celebration, but the Utopians at 1:00 p.m. gathered in the Slovenc Workmen's Home to give it finishing touches.

At last their prayers were answered, for every active Utopian wished to have clear, dry weather for this occasion, so that none of the merry-making gang of Pennsy, or their closest, the Spartans, be left out of the celebration.

Mr. Lisch is certainly a man of his words, he not only attends the Utopians' affairs, but at this one time was one of the first to strut into the hall. What's the cause of this Rudy?

Everyone was rejoiced to see the Pennsylvania boosters come to help the Utopians celebrate. Ernie Kvartich certainly received the surprise of his life when in walks his two sisters and their girl friends unexpectedly.

Did you ever hear Elsie P. give her line of talk to those particular chiselers and dish out the change at the same time?

Boy, oh boy! What a thrill the boys got when the pretty Utopian girls pinned their posies on their laps.

Who could make a better sentinel than Johnny M. who appears to have a stern look but a soft heart.

How many Henry Zormans are there amongst the Utopians, for no matter where one glanced there he stood.

Grateful we must be for the aid Mr. Zaman and Mr. Puelc gave behind the bar. Have they got the technique in swinging those mugs.

Kitchen was well managed by none other than the secretary's mother, who seemed to have your wants right at hand.

Frances P. and Elsie Zaman must be getting on to their polkas, for they were not seen practicing in the kitchen.

Eddie Dolsak keep up that fraternal spirit as