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Slovenian Youth Circle Celebrates 50 Years

The Slovenian Junior Chorus of SNPJ Circle 2 will present a 50th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, Nov. 13, starting at 3 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

The program will feature the 45 young members and a special guest appearance by a young adult choir formed by Alumni of the Circle. The two choirs will also perform together.

The Circle is the oldest active Slovenian youth group in America. The Circle was organized in 1938 by the Napredne Slovenke Lodge (forward-thinking Slovenian women) and had Antoinette Simcic as first Circle Director. Mrs. Simcic and charter members of the first circle will be recognized at the concert.

The Circle survived World War II and the waning interest of the 1950s. In 1955, the formation of the chorus as the main activity brought new life into the Circle. Anton Schubel, the late Slovenian singer and choral director, was the music director for 10 years.

In 1962 the children relocated to the suburbs, moving from the Slovenian National Home, East 65th St. and St. Clair, to the Slovenian Society Home, Euclid. Since 1965, Cecilia Dolgan has been the music director as well as circle director. The Circle is known as the traveling Circle for performing in other states, Canada, and Slovenia.

The Circle invites you to join them for the 50-year celebration and especially past members and families. There will be a social, with dinners, refreshments, and music for dancing by the Sumrada Orchestra.

Donation is \$5. Tickets are available at the door and in advance at Tony's Polka Village.

The concert is under the direction of Cecilia Dolgan, with Ed Sumrada accompanying.

Many persons didn't expect a Slovenian youth group to be thriving in the 1980s. The members of Circle 2 have had another busy year promoting Slovenian heritage and culture. This year the children sang at the Cleveland Home & Flower Show, Cuyahoga Community College - Ethnifest, Old World Oktoberfest, Sygan, Pa., Collinwood Slovenian Home Homecoming, Slovenian Man of the Year banquet, the reception for the President of Slovenia, and our annual visit to the Slovene Home for the Aged.

We hope our friends will fill the auditorium on November 13 to show the children we support their efforts as second and third generation American Slovenes carrying on our nationalities' traditions and music.

Recognize this girl?



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Over 400 attend retirement testimonial for August Pryatel

by James V. Debevec

Judge August Pryatel was saluted by a full-house of well-wishers on Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Slovenian National Home, St. Clair Ave.

At a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, August Pryatel, the group's first president, listened to various notables recall highlights from the judge's distinguished law career spanning over 44 years.

On Dec. 31 of this year Pryatel will step down from his post as full-time Judge on the Court of Appeals. It was announced, however, by Thomas J. Moyer, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio, that Pryatel was welcome and urged to step out of retirement and continue hearing cases at his discretion.

Judge Pryatel was born in the Slovenian American community of Cleveland on E. 66 St., near St. Clair. When he was four years old, Pryatel was stricken by polio. Encouraged by his mother and father, Frank and Mary Pryatel, August, one of seven children, did not let his handicap get in the way of carving out an honorable career.

He graduated from Hiram College in 1936 with a B.A. in Economics. He graduated in 1942 from Cleveland Law School and passed the Ohio Bar the same year.

His public service began in 1944 when he was appointed Assistant Police Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland. On March 7, 1949, then Ohio Governor Frank J. Lausche named him Deputy Superintendent of Insurance for Ohio.



Judge August Pryatel, seated, left, is in the company of Chief Justice Supreme Court of Ohio, Thomas J. Moyer, and standing, left, Ronald J. Suster, State Representative from Ohio's 19th District, and Ralph Locher, Justice, Supreme Court of Ohio.

(Photo by Emilee Jenko)

Pryatel began his judicial career in 1957 when he became a judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court. He has been serving on the bench ever since. He was elected, then re-elected to the Court of Appeals, Eighth Appellate District, where his term expires at the end of this year.

Judge Pryatel never forgot his Slovenian heritage and his friends came to recognize their distinguished patriot. Besides his fellow Slovenians, there were literally dozens of judges in attendance, from the top, Chief Justice Moyer, to almost every judge in northern Ohio. The judicials were favorably impressed with Frances Babic's slide presentation depicting various scenes from Pryatel's life as well as a lengthy feature on his Slovenian heritage.

Senator Frank J. Lausche, who will be observing his 93rd birthday on Nov. 14, gave the most stirring and attention demanding speech remarking on the courage of Judge Pryatel to overcome every adversity on his road to a proud and distinguished career.

Ralph Locher, former Cleveland mayor, and now a Justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio, talked lovingly about his very close friend August Pryatel and their parallel political vocation.

Pryatel's nephew Ronald

Suster, State Representative from Ohio's 19th District, let the audience in on numerous personal anecdotes.

Dr. Karl B. Bonutti, president of the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, also lauded Pryatel for his unwavering support especially during the group's formative years.

Cleveland Mayor, George Voinovich, gave the Judge a key to the city and a proclamation declaring Nov. 6 "August Pryatel Day" in Cleveland. Although running a vigorous campaign for the U.S. Senate, he and his wife, Janet, stayed for the entire program.

Bishop Edward Pevec, and Monsignor Louis B. Baznik, briefly complimented Pryatel during their prayers before and after the delicious meal.

The speeches lasted about two-and-a-half hours and testified to the respect and admiration Pryatel has earned during his years in public service.

To American Home's staunch and unwavering supporter and friend, we offer our heartiest and sincerest congratulations to Judge August Pryatel and his wife, Elaine. When a non-Slovenian wonders what is the essence of the Slovenian characteristic, we can proudly point to August Pryatel, and say "to emulate him."





Dan's Diary

By Dan Postotnik

Edward Bradach, who left us recently for a better world, was a man of many talents. He was a meat cutter, actor, play director, singer, handyman, and may have even known the craft of "Ribenska roba."

He came here as a young man from Ribnica, Slovenia, the place famous for the art of carving wooden spoons, ladles, forks, knives, plates, etc. He married into the Martincic family and worked for many years in their meat market and grocery store.

With the "Svetovidski oder" and Theater Guild in the 30s and 40s he was a fine actor, and also directed some of the plays. Years ago he sang with Glasbena Matica, and was a member of the popular mens' quartet, which included Ed, John Samsa, Frank Bradach, and John Lube.

He did much work for the St. Clair Slovenian Home, and for many years was an usher at St. Vitus Church. Ed, we will miss you.

Our condolences go out to his widow, Josephine, his children, relatives, and also to all other families who have lost loved ones in the recent past.

It is indeed unusual to have three weddings in one family within a five month period. That is the case in the Peter and Mary Barbarich family of

Plainfield, Indiana. Son Martin was married in June, another son Paul tied the knot on Oct. 22nd and tomorrow, Nov. 12, daughter Theresa will say her "I do's". They are nephews and niece of this writer's wife, Mollie. Congratulations and best wishes for happy marriages are conveyed to all three couples!

John and Mary Sterk of Euclid, Ohio, formerly of E. 73rd St., observed their 60th wedding anniversary last Saturday, Nov. 5th, with a 4:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Christine Church, celebrated by their nephew, Rev. Frank Sterk. Dinner for the celebrants and close relatives was at Sterle's Country House.

Mr. and Mrs. Wencel Frank of E. 60th St. celebrated their Golden Wedding on Sunday, Nov. 6 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the 12 noon Mass at St. Vitus Church. Congratulations and best of health is wished to both couples.

Happy birthday wishes are being sent to the following:
Stane Kuhar, 11/9, 35
Anton Meglič, 11/14, 65
Stanley Vrhovec, 11/15, 70

And belated Happy Birthday wishes are extended to the following:

Prof. Janez Sever, 10/2, 91
Sam J. Reiger, 8/17, 84
John Persin, 8/30, 75
Dr. Anthony Spech, 9/27, 70
Frank Cenkar, 9/12, 65
Joseph Woods, 10/2, 65
Edward Avsec, 10/8, 60
Stefan Marolt, Jr., 10/25, 50
Milan Rihtar, 10/8, 45
Michael Rihtar, 10/5, 40

The monthly corporate Communion for St. Vitus Holy Name members will take place this Sunday, Nov. 13 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The usual breakfast meeting will be held immediately after the Mass in the church hall.

A Happy Thanksgiving is wished for all A.D. readers!

Fujs, Simonelli Wedding

Edward Fujs and Sharon Simonelli will be united in marriage on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby. An evening reception will follow at La Vera Club.

Edward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Angela Fujs, owners of Frankie's Fashions, Euclid, Ohio.

Edi's parents, relatives, friends and the entire staff of the Ameriška Domovina wish them a long and happy life of wedded bliss.

Coming Events

Sunday, Nov. 13

Evening of music with violinist Michael Grube and pianist Igor Dekleva, 7 p.m. at Cleveland State University Main Classroom Auditorium. Free admission.

Sunday, Nov. 13

Slovenian Junior Chorus of SNPJ Circle 2 50th Anniversary Concert, 3 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid.

Sunday, Nov. 20

First annual St. Vitus Alumni Day. Mass at 12 noon. Dinner at 1:30 p.m. honoring Senator Frank J. Lausche. *Limited seating.* Call 531-3485 for tickets.

Thursday, Nov. 24

Traditional Thanksgiving Polka Party (dance & show), St. Joseph High School auditorium, E. 185 and Lake Shore Blvd., Cleveland, 5:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. Variety of bands. Advance \$6, at door \$6.50.

Friday, Nov. 25

Polka Music Clubs United Convention, meeting 1 p.m., dinner-dance 5 p.m. - Open to the Public - at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo. Bands showcasing Michigan with John Stanulis and Andy Nester, plus Joey Tomsick's *Proud of Cleveland* band. Donation \$12.00.

Friday, Nov. 25

Collinwood Slovenian Home sponsors a Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance with music by Johnny Vadnal Orchestra.

Friday, Nov. 25

Collinwood Slovenian Home Day with Corky Godec in Club Room, Polkats jam session on first floor, and Johnny Vadnal and Holmes Hall Buttonaires on upper floor.

Saturday, Nov. 26

American Slovenian Polka Foundation Grand Awards Premiere Show and Stage Production, 2:30 p.m. at Euclid (Shore) Civic Center, 291 E. 222 St. Presenting Cleveland-style polka stars (Pecon - Vadnal - Hoyer - Ostanek - Yankovic) with first look at National (Slovenian) Polka Hall of Fame. Donation \$10.00 in support of Hall of Fame.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Special "Polka Mass" celebration with Bishop A. Edward Pevec and Michiana Singers/Players in Holiday Inn Holidome, 28500 Euclid Ave., at 6:30 p.m. Dinner-dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., featuring John Stanulis and Andy Nester Bands.

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Sunday, Dec. 4

Glasbena Matica-Christmas Concert at St. Clair Slovenian National Home at 2 p.m. Dinner-dance follows the concert. Don Slogar Orchestra.

Friday, Dec. 9

Slovenian American Heritage Foundation invites all to an evening with Bishop Pevec at Borromeo Seminary.

Saturday, Dec. 10

St. Mary Magdalene Lodge 162 KSKJ annual Christmas Party for Adults and Juveniles, 2 p.m. at St. Vitus Social Room.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Christmas Party for the Youth members of KSKJ lodges St. Lawrence No. 63, St. Joseph No. 146, and St. Anne No. 150 at the Slovenian Hall on E. 80th at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31

Newburgh Slovenian National Home, E. 80th St. New Year's Eve sit down dinner includes bottle. \$50 per couple. For tickets call 676-6824, 341-7540 or 641-9072.

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Sunday, June 25

Ohio Federation KSKJ Day and Picnic at St. Joseph Grove on White Rd., Willoughby Hills, Ohio. Music by Button Box Players.

Thanks

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Our annual meeting is held every year in the month of November, at which time we elect our officers for the coming year. We urge all members to attend this important meeting. The date this year is Thursday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the usual meeting place, the Annex of the St. Clair Slovenian National Home.

With this year's early arrival of the cold, wet, and miserable days, signs that mean the end of summer, who would have believed that the day of our scheduled Lolly the Trolley tour, Oct. 27 would turn out to be a beautiful sunny day. Cold and rain before, rain and snow after, but just beautiful on Oct. 27.

Arriving at the SNH, the starting point of our tour, I was pleasantly surprised to see our trolley driver and tour guide was Barbara Pangonis, the wife of Dennis Pangonis. How fortunate to have this charming young lady show us the sights of Cleveland. Her friendly manner and warm personality quickly endeared her to the whole group.

After all boarded Lolly, Barbara gave us the history of the birth of Lolly, its growth in Cleveland, and now expansion

into Canton, Ohio. Then after a brief outline of our tour route... Clang, clang, and we were on our way.

As we moved down St. Clair, Barbara said, "As we approach the American Home Publishing, I will slow down and clang, clang my bell. All wave and sent up a loud cheer for those who work there..." Of course we all were happy to oblige, and many a head on St. Clair turned, probably wondering if we were a cheering section for the Cleveland Browns going by. We later learned that those whom we cheered, were so busy at work, they were unaware of our presence. Probably most disappointed was our trolley guide, Barbara. Her mother-in-law, Mary Pangonis, whom most of us know, works in the American Home office.

I will not go into detail of the tour. One must actually experience the tour to fully appreciate our city of Cleveland. One begins to realize how little we know of our city's history, its growth, its many "firsts," its wealth of cultural, educational, and medical institutions, etc.

As a bonus we were treated to a 15 minute stop at the City Greenhouse where we were greeted by Don Slogar, manager of the Greenhouse. Of course the mini-stop permitted only a glimpse of the beauty therein. Don invited all to come back for a leisurely and relaxing tour of the place. Some who had never been there before, stated they certainly would be back.

Our tour terminated back on St. Clair, at the SNH where a dinner was being prepared for us, in the Clubrom. To our surprise and delight, the Club's volunteer ladies transformed the room's decor.

White tablecloths, floral arrangements on the tables, gave a festive atmosphere.

The food was delicious and excellently prepared. There was salad, roast chicken, potatoes, vegetables, and an array of tempting desserts and coffee. The portions were very generous, in fact I believe everyone went home with a "doggie bag." The compliments to the enterprising ladies were generous, most sincere, and truly well deserved. Thank you ladies for an outstanding job.

I might remind our readers and friends that these same ladies prepare and serve delicious fish dinners and several types of meat dishes every Friday noon and evening in the same clubroom. Do yourself a favor and visit them on a Friday and treat yourself to one of their dinners.

On Thursday, December 15 we will have our Annual Christmas Dinner and Social for members of the club. Members, please attend the November meeting to get your tickets for this event.

Then, because of the great success of our Lolly Trolley tour, there is a great interest in a "Lolly Trolley Christmas Light Tour." If necessary we may consider a second trolley to accommodate all wishing to go along. Probable date will be the early evening of December 7th. Final details will be announced at our November meeting. If space permits, we may be able to accommodate some non-members, also. Let us know if you are interested. Call either Fran Karnak at 486-0818 or Stan Frank at 391-9761. **Note:** No meal is planned with this tour,

Stanley J. Frank
Secretary

Last week the president (rektor) of Ljubljana University, Dr. Janez Peklenik, and Dr. Ernest Petrič, dean of the department of Sociology, Political Science and Journalism of the university were in Cleveland as the guests of Cleveland State University. They held a series of discussions with CSU officials on expanding the already extensive academic contacts and exchanges between the two institutions. In addition, they also met with officials of Case Western Reserve University to discuss possible areas of exchange and cooperation.

Dr. Peklenik and Dr. Petrič also had a chance on a variety of occasions to meet with many local Slovenes; both were very surprised to see how active is our local Slovenian community. Both attended the testimonial dinner held last Sunday at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave. and were impressed not only by the calibre of the event but also and especially by the friendliness and informality that prevailed, the easy rapport between judges and political officeholders on the one hand and the general public on the other. They remarked that such gatherings tend to be a good deal more stiff and formal in Europe.

Last Friday evening, the new president of CSU, Dr. John S. Flower, hosted a dinner at his official residence in Shaker Heights for Drs. Peklenik and Petrič. It was a fairly small gathering, very informal and pleasant. Slovene Americans present included Dr. Karl and Hermina Bonutti, both a bit on edge as they were awaiting the birth of a grandchild — who arrived the next day in fine health —, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Osenar, and this writer. Dr. Flower proposed a toast to his guests and expressed the conviction that the contacts between the two universities would deepen over the years. Dr. Peklenik, who displayed a superb command of English, responded in kind and presented Dr. Flower with an illustrated book displaying the natural treasures of Slovenia. Dr. Petrič also spoke briefly, again in very good English.

While Dr. Peklenik concerned himself exclusively with academic matters, Dr. Petrič, who is 52, agreed to give a talk on current developments in Slovenia and Yugoslavia to local Slovenes. This took place last Saturday afternoon at the Slovenian National Home on

St. Clair Ave. I would guess about 35 persons were present. Dr. Petrič spoke in Slovene at considerable length. He emphasized the seriousness of the problems Yugoslavia and Slovenia face, but was guardedly optimistic they could be overcome. He was disinclined to be too critical either about the nature of the political system or about the extent to which the process of democratization should go. He stated that while the goal was to achieve a pluralistic, democratic society, the idea of having more than one political party was not a viable alternative.

Matjaž Jančar, the Yugoslav Consul General in Cleveland, who attended the lecture and also responded to one question, and was of course a guest at Dr. Flower's dinner, held a reception for Peklenik and Petrič at his residence in Lakewood, to which many local Slovene Americans were invited. Here too a quite relaxed atmosphere prevailed.

On this occasion as on several others, Dr. Petrič expressed the desire on the part of the Ljubljana University, which is nearing its 70th anniversary, to learn of and develop contacts with Slovenes and Slovene Americans who also are employed at American (and Canadian and other) universities. Academics in Slovenia, Dr. Petrič said, are trying to build contacts with these Slovene academics living and working abroad, with this so-called "third university" (after the universities of Ljubljana and Maribor). While they have many such contacts already, there are many Slovene academics at U.S. universities of whom they are not yet aware. At least some of these scholars will be invited to take part in the 70th anniversary celebration of Ljubljana university. Especially lacking, apparently, are contacts in the physical sciences. Dr. Peklenik also expressed a desire to build such contacts with Slovene scholars around the world.

Among other events on what clearly was a very intense round of discussions and meetings for the two guests and which left both literally exhausted, was a visit to the SNPJ Farm in Kirtland on Sunday morning, where they had a chance to see this facility and of course meet many local Slovene Americans not present on any of the other occasions. Also, Dr. and Mrs. Bonutti had a private dinner for Peklenik and Petrič at their home, which again was both very informative and pleasant.

What was among the most useful aspects of the visit by Peklenik and Petrič was that they had the opportunity to meet with a much wider and thus more representative group of local Slovene Americans than has in the past been the case. This is all to the good, in my view, for all concerned.

Rudolph M. Susel

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Story of Slovenian Polka

In Ohio, Clevelanders are dancing, dancing the polka, and celebrating the new National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame Museum. "Cleveland is the polka capitol of the world because of the number of quality musicians we have," said Tony Petkovsek, a co-chairman of the American-Slovenian Polka Foundation which is sponsoring the museum.

"A unique sound began here and spread across the nation." Tony is the city's premier polka deejay and owner of Tony's Polka Village in Cleveland.

A polka version of the grammys, a first annual Grand Awards Premier Show and fund raiser will take place on November 26 at the Euclid (Shore) Civic Center Auditorium. Every Thanksgiving for over 25 years, Tony puts on a polka party that attracts over 3,000 persons from all over the country from at least 15 states and Canada.

According to August Pust, Director of Ethnic Affairs and Assistant to Cleveland Mayor George V. Voinovich, who is also a co-chairman of the Foundation, "The object of the Foundation is to accumulate and exhibit artifacts, photographs, manuscripts, and recordings, and to document the evolution of the Slovenian folk music, because that is the grass roots of polka. We'll audibly preserve and present all stages of musical development up to the more modern times and honor the artists who have contributed to the rich Slovenian heritage."

The history of polka is similar to that of jazz. As it grew and

became popular, everyone knew Chicago style from New Orleans style. "Polkas have a certain style in different parts of the country," explained Pust, "and today musicians recognize the Slovenian style polka versus the Polish, Czech or the German."

The roots of the Slovenian folk music run deep, from the beginning of the medieval Europe... similar to the history of the Appalachian Bluegrass music where villagers sing without the use of instruments.

Early polkas were singing only... just simple folk tunes for simple pleasures of listening and dancing. When the Germanic people came to the Alpine region, they brought instruments and the polkas changed.

Slovenia, one of the republics of Yugoslavia, rests on the southern side of the Alps with a southern exposure towards Italy and the Adriatic Coast. "The Slovenian music has a blend of three cultures," said Pust. "... the Slavic soul music, German discipline and technical aspects, and the Italian softness of melody. That's why we have waltzes and polkas blending together."

With the sophistication of the educated professional musicians and composers, polka entered the concert world, too.

"Slovenian polka is more middle-of-the-road. Polish has more brass, more of the hop," said Petkovsek. "Bohemian has more brass, and German more oom pah pah - because of tubas, baritones and trumpets.

Slovenians use accordion, sax, drum, bass and perhaps a banjo and guitar.

Pust also noted, "We have more diverse numbers of nationalities in Cleveland than in any other city in the United States. Our office coordinates events of some 40 nationalities." An immigrant some 20 years ago, Pust practically learned how to dance polkas in America. "You come here and rediscover your roots..."

Reprinted in part from an article by Hazel Matthews appearing in the November, 1988 issue of Dance Action.

One Vote

The margin of a single vote has been responsible for many great decisions, victories, defeats and disappointments of history.

Thomas Jefferson was elected President by **one vote** in the electoral college. So was John Quincy Adams. Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President by **one vote**. His election was contested; referred to an electoral commission; the matter was again decided by a **single vote**. The man who had cast the deciding vote for President Hayes was himself elected to Congress by a margin of **one vote**. That one vote was cast by a voter who, though desperately ill, insisted on being taken to the polls.

Marcus Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by **one vote**. Countless mayors, legislators, councilmen, and other public officials have enjoyed the sweet wine of victory or the bitter gall of defeat by a single vote.

California, Washington, Idaho, Texas and Oregon gained statehood by **one vote**.

The ill considered war of 1812 was brought about by a series of events based upon a single vote.

Submitted by
an A.D. reader

* * *

The only difference in the game of love over the last few thousand years is that they have changed trumps from clubs to diamonds.

Wins For Eckart, Suster, Mahnic, Suhadolnik — Voinovich Defeated

Tuesday's election results in northern Ohio were a mixed bag for Slovene American candidates.

Big winners were Cong. Dennis Eckart, who turned back a challenge by Republican Margaret Mueller to win his fifth term in the House. Eckart, 38, won over seventy per cent of the vote and should be secure in his district indefinitely, although Ohio's anticipated loss of two seats in Congress after the next census likely will require substantial redrawing of his district. In Tuesday's election, Eckart had 124,433 votes, while Mueller's total was 77,932.

State Representative Ron Suster easily won reelection to the Ohio House of Representatives. Suster, whose district includes still heavily Slovene Euclid and adjacent suburbs, also seems safe. Winning election to a term in the Ohio House was former State Representative Frank Mahnic Jr. Eckart, Suster and Mahnic are all Democrats, although Suster in particular is quite conservative.

Reelected to another term in the Ohio Senate was conservative Republican Gary Suhadolnik. Suhadolnik, who has no interest in his Slovene heri-

tage, had to beat off a challenge by Mary L. Dunning. Suhadolnik carried his district, which encompasses several of Cleveland's western suburbs, by 78,512 votes to Dunning's 69,694. Democrats had made Suhadolnik a special target and managed to come close.

Cleveland Mayor George V. Voinovich was defeated in his bid for the U.S. Senate by entrenched and shrewd Sen. Howard Metzenbaum. Voinovich was not able to carry a single one of Cleveland's 21 wards, not even his own in the Collinwood area. Only 20% of Cleveland's voters supported him, while in Cuyahoga County as a whole he won 33.5% of the vote. Statewide, Voinovich had 43% to the 71-year old Metzenbaum's 57%.

Voinovich, who is 52, will continue to serve out his term as Mayor of Cleveland until next year's elections. It is possible, perhaps likely, he will be asked to join the new Bush Administration in a high-level capacity. Another alternative, and one this writer (for what it is worth) hopes he will take, is to prepare for a gubernatorial race in 1990. Other options include another mayoral campaign, which is — hopefully — unlikely, or a return to private life and the practice of law, something which would bring Voinovich an income at least several times greater than his salary as Mayor.

Leaving public office via retirement at the end of the year is Eighth Ohio Appellate District Judge August Pryatel.

Rudolph M. Susel

In Memory

Editor:

Enclosed is a check for \$50 which will cover my subscription renewal to the Ameriška Domovina. Please use the additional \$29 as a donation to the paper in memory of my late grandparents **Frank and Antonia Polensek** who enjoyed reading the paper just as I do.

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GEORGE V. VOINOVICH, MAYOR

Proclamation

Designating Saturday, October 29, 1988, as

"SLOVENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY"

This year, 70 years will have passed since the first Slovenian Government was formed on October 29, 1918. On that day, Slovenian independence was proclaimed from the 600 years of Austrian-Hungarian rule over the Slovenian land. To celebrate this significant historic date, many Slovenian organizations will join together in spirit to observe this Slovenian National Holiday.

A celebration will take place on Sunday, October 30, 1988, at 4 p.m., in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue, to commemorate the proclamation of Slovenian independence. The Korotan and Fantje na Vasi singing societies, the Kres folk dance group, the Lilija Drama Society and the St. Vitus and St. Mary's Slovenian schools will participate. Rudolph M. Susel, Editor of the American Home Slovenian newspaper, will be the principal speaker.

More and more historians and other Slovenes are beginning to pay more attention to the significance of October 29, 1918 to Slovene history. As the democratization proceeds, it is likely that October 29 will come to be recognized again for its importance of nationalization of Slovenian people, and will again have the status it deserves in Slovenia.

As Slovenes in our homeland struggle to bring about a more pluralistic and democratic system, it is only fitting that we in the United States and elsewhere around the world also rededicate ourselves to preserving and promoting the history and heritage of the Slovenian people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George V. Voinovich, Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby proclaim October 29, 1988, as "SLOVENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY" in Cleveland. I have issued an Executive Order, that the Slovenian flag be properly displayed above Cleveland City Hall on this important day. I urge all my fellow citizens to join our American friends of Slovenian heritage in this celebration, that freedom will once again be returned to their beloved homeland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 30th Day of October in the Year 1988.

George V. Voinovich

Drought Hampers Third Quarter Economy

by Dan Pavsek
Ameritrust Bank
Chief Economist

The Gross National Product (GNP) expanded at a modest 2.2% annual rate during the third quarter following 3.0% second quarter growth. The continued impact from the drought, a 6.5% drop in federal government spending, and a \$2.3 billion increase in the trade deficit contributed to the subdued growth.

The third quarter growth, which was well below the 3.2% consensus estimate, convinced many analysts that the expansion is slowing as it reaches its sixth year anniversary this month.

Although we agree the economy will not grow at the

rates observed earlier in the expansion, or as recently as the first half of 1988, we believe much of the current weakness is temporary and will be reversed early next year.

Looking at inflation indicators, it appears they are stuck in the 4.5% to 5.0% range.

As of now, it appears the fourth quarter growth may dip as low as 1.0%; however, we do not expect the economy to come to a screeching halt. We anticipate a surge in first quarter growth next year, perhaps as high as 4.0%, as the impact of the drought is reversed.

We then anticipate growth to settle down to 2.5% for the second quarter.

Waterloo Pensioners Report

Where did the summer go? After an unusually hot summer you can feel the brisk autumn mornings and say to yourself, "Sure could use some of that summer heat to warm up."

Vice Pres. Jartz conducted our October meeting as Pres. Slejko was in the hospital and word is that he is improving every day. The trip to Atlantic City was enjoyed by all who were on the bus. Our last trip of the year was to "Falling Waters" in Pa. Thanks to Ann Otonicar and Tillie Vranekovic and we hope you take the trip coordinators job again next year.

New members are Joe and Mary Marovich, Ed and Lillian Puro, Fred and Bettye Parker and Helen Konkoy. Welcome.

Sincere sympathies are extended to the following families: Angela Bohinc, Edward Cook, John Gibbons, Martin Komochar and Hubert

Silva.

Tickets are available at the meeting for our Christmas dinner December 13, members \$2.00, guests \$5.00. Meeting will be in the upstairs hall, dinner in the downstairs hall after the meeting.

Celebrating their 50th anniversaries at this meeting were Ray and Mary Olson and Steve and Stella Simcic. A mock wedding was held by Louis Prebvesek with the usual unveiling and a carnation and leading the singing for this occasion was Ann Kristoff and members. Served was wedding cake and coffee, sloppy joes sandwiches and potato chips donated by Ann Kristoff.

We then held our Halloween awards. Winning first prize was Fran Oguerec as a court jester, Betty Jartz as a little girl with a doll and sucker, Louis Jartz as a little boy, Pete Shimits as a Texas cowboy, Jo Gregg as a farmerette, and

BAKED RICE and PINEAPPLE PUDDING

- 1 20-ounce can sliced pineapple in pineapple juice
- 1 cup regular long-grain rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk-free margarine

About 1 1/2 hours before serving:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Into 2-quart saucepan drain juice from pineapple, add 2 1/2 cups water. Over medium heat, heat juice mixture to boiling.

2. Meanwhile, in 10" by 6" baking dish, combine rice, salt, and grated lemon peel. Arrange pineapple slices on top. Pour boiling juice mixture over pineapple. Sprinkle with brown sugar, then dot with margarine.

3. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes. Remove foil; bake 30 minutes longer or until rice is tender. Makes 6 servings. About 270 calories per serving.

PINEAPPLE OATMEAL MUFFINS

- 8-ounce can crushed pineapple
- 1 cup rolled oats, raw
- 1/2 cup commercial sour cream or buttermilk
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

Combine undrained pineapple, oats, and sour cream; let stand 15 minutes. Cream shortening, sugar, and peel together thoroughly; stir in egg.

Sift flour with baking powder, soda and salt; add to creamed mixture alternately with oat mixture.

Bake in well-greased, large muffin pins in 400°F oven about 25 minutes. Makes 1 dozen large muffins.

Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society will be selling krofe on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8.m. on in the St. Vitus Social Room.

Helen Vukcevic dressed as a tap dancer with all the glitter. We would have liked more members to dress for the party. Well, maybe next year.

Celebrating anniversaries in October were Greggs - 56 years, Torkars - 43 years, Plemels - 41 years, Tony Sturms 48 years, Kozinskis 46 years, Vic Marolts 55 years, Jack Marolts 62 years, Simcics 50 years, and Olsons 50 years.

After our November meeting Steve Shimits will show slides from our trips.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.
H.V.

Recipes

APPLE-TAPIOCA DESSERT

- 3 large cooking apples, peeled, cored, and sliced
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup quick-cooking tapioca
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- About 1 1/2 hours before serving:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In 2-quart casserole arrange apple slices; set aside.

2. In 2-quart saucepan combine brown sugar, tapioca, lemon juice, salt, and 2 cups water; let stand 5 minutes. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil. Pour over apples in casserole; sprinkle with nutmeg. Cover and bake 25 minutes or until apples are tender. Makes 8 servings. About 170 calories per serving.

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in November:

- Frances Sadar, 91
- Mary Znidarsic, 93
- Joseph Tisovec, 78
- Elizabeth Zalar, 75
- Marija Mazeityte, 90
- Amilia Perko, 94
- Rose Skoda, 91
- Cecilia Hocevar, 81
- Mary Progar, 102
- Colin Commander, 83
- Louis Smerdel, 74

WINTER SQUASH

Select squash of your choice - acorn, buttercup, etc. Wash and cut squash in half lengthwise; remove seeds and pithy sections. Place cut side down in baking pan; add about 1/2 inch water and bake at 375 to 400 degrees until tender. Time depends on oven temperature and size of squash. Allow 45 to 60 minutes.

Figure half of a small squash per serving; cut larger squash into desired portions. Serve with butter, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

If desired, add a small amount of liquid brown sugar. Return squash to oven long enough to heat sugar.

An alternative method of cooking: Cut squash into pieces and peel. Steam or cook in small amount of water; drain.

BEEF BURGUNDY

- 1 1/2 pounds beef cubes (1 1/2")
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 2 cans French Onion Soup
- 1/2 soup can water
- 1/2 soup can Burgundy or other dry red wine
- 3 cups uncooked medium noodles
- 1 cup sliced carrots

In large heavy pan, brown beef in oil; pour off fat. Add soup, water, and Burgundy. Cover; cook over low heat 2 hours. Add noodles and carrots. Cook 20 minutes more or until done. Stir often. Add more water if necessary.

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'Christmas Around the World' fest at Chicago S&I Museum

The holiday traditions and customs of 43 nations and ethnic groups will be showcased during the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's 47th annual "Christmas Around the World" Festival scheduled from Nov. 25 through Jan. 2.

The year's Festival will feature 38 10-ft trees bedecked with handcrafted ornaments, trinkets and garlands from the lands of the various participants, as well as a number of nativity scenes. Decorations are faithful re-creations, carefully designed and crafted to emit a familiar old-world feel.

Free theater performances featuring the music, songs, dance and pageantry of the participating groups will take place in the Museum's Auditorium from Nov. 25 thru Dec. 18. The Slovenians are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.

Other Festival entertainment will include performances by more than 80 Chicago-area choral groups and 20 instrumental groups and orchestras.

Ward 13 Residents Benefit from Low Interest Home Repair Funds

St. Clair-Superior, Broadway and Tremont neighborhood residents will have a special opportunity to correct housing code violations through a targeted low interest home improvement program initiated by Councilman Gus Frangos with the support of Community Development Director, Vincent J. Lombardi.

A total of \$120,000 in Com-

munity Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be shared by three of the city's non-profit housing rehabilitation groups, COHAB, inc., Broadway Area Housing Coalition and Tremont West Development Corporation. The CDBG funds will be utilized to assist residents in both exterior and interior repairs to their homes.

Eligible work includes all exterior repairs and improvements including painting, siding, roofing, porches, replacement windows, storm windows, storm doors and gutters. Interior repairs and improvements are limited to plumbing, heating and electrical.

Program guidelines may vary in each of the three eligible Ward 13 neighborhoods. For additional information, interested residents may contact Marsha Newman, COHAB, inc. at 431-4580, Tom Voss, Broadway Area Housing Coalition at 429-1182 or Tish Popa, Tremont West Development Corp. at 575-0920.

Another popular feature is the International Buffet — served on Saturdays from Nov. 26 through Dec. 17 — complete with a complimentary glass of wine and a full array of holiday foods corresponding to the ethnic groups performing in the auditorium that weekend. The buffet will be served in the Columbian Room with seatings at 4:30, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Prices are \$12.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children ages 5-11, and \$3.95 for children ages 2-4.

At an International Cafe in the Museum's West Pavilion, open throughout the Christmas Festival, visitors will be able to sample a wide assortment of coffees, teas, hot chocolates, pastries and sandwiches from around the world.

For more information on the festival call the Museum's reservation number at 312-684-1414, ext. 290.

The Museum is located at 57th St. and Lake Shore Dr. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 weekends. Admission and parking are free.

MARY SCANDLON

Mary Scandlon (nee Modic), 74, passed away in Medina Community Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, after a long illness.

Mary was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. She came to Cleveland in 1938 and was a resident of East 72nd Place for most of her life.

Mary was employed by the Cleveland Public Schools as a cleaning lady for 11 years. She retired in 1973.

She was the husband of the late Willard, mother of Robert, Arlene Hixson, Janet White and Mary Campbell, grandmother of nine, and the sister of Albert, and the following, all of Pennsylvania: Elsie Sumroda, Edith Mowchan, Rita Claycomb, and six brothers and sisters, all deceased.

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 6502 St. Clair. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

JAMES FINNEY LINCOLN JR.

Memorial services for James Finney Lincoln Jr., 72, of Shaker Heights, father and brother of area residents and retired assistant to vice president of sales for Lincoln Electric and retired manager of Lincoln Electric Welding School in Cleveland was at Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights.

Mr. Lincoln died Thursday, Nov. 3 at Cleveland Clinic Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born July 4, 1916 in East Cleveland, he lived there before moving to Shaker Heights 56 years ago. He was a member of Mentor Harbor Yacht Club. He was active in and contributed to The Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Lincoln was also a major contributor to Western Reserve Academy in Hudson and Lake Erie College in Painesville.

He was a member of the Board of Directors at Lincoln Electric since 1958.

Survivors are his wife, Emma (Skoff); sons, James F. III, Paul and Greg, all of Shaker Heights, George R. of Gates Mills, David of Columbus, Ohio, and Scott of Euclid; daughters Barbara Murphy of Mentor, Cathy Lincoln of Shaker Heights, and Lucy Gilson of Boston, Mass.; sisters Jo Morris of Bratenahl and Mary Marm Wilson of

— Recent Deaths —

Lyndhurst; and four grandchildren. His sister Frances Rathbone is deceased.

The family suggests contributions to Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, 44236.

FRANK ELSERSICH

Frank Elersich, 70, of Spino Dr., Euclid died suddenly at Richmond General Hospital on Friday, Nov. 4.

Mr. Elersich was born in Hegavo, Pa. He came to Cleveland at the age of 6 and was employed as a driver for the Cleveland Transit System for 30 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of the Amalgamated Transit Union 268. He was on the Board of Directors of the St. Clair Slovenian National Home from the late 1940s until the 1960s and served as auditor during that entire tenure.

He joined Zarja in 1934 and was active the entire 54 years. He participated in every regular concert and played leading roles in many skits and operettas. He also served as auditor and treasurer for 19 years.

He was Zarja's representative to Klub Društev of SND. He was elected to the Executive Committee of Klub Društev in 1963 and served as its auditor for 12 years. In 1975 he was elected secretary-treasurer and he continued to hold that position until 1987.

In 1983 he was chosen Man of the Year for the St. Clair National Home for his dedication to the promotion of Slovenian culture and heritage. He easily made friends with the people he met over the 50 years he quietly worked among Slovenian cultural and fraternal groups.

He was a member of SNPJ 566 Comrades. He served in the U.S. Army for 49 months

with the Seacoast and anti-aircraft artillery units. He served many years as the president of the St. Clair Credit Union and Superior Credit Union while he was employed by CTS.

Mr. Elersich was the husband of Sophie (nee Turkman), his wife of 47 years, the father of Douglas and Duane, and grandfather of Aaron. He was the brother of Christine Weeder, Anthony Elerson (Calif.), and Andrew Elersich.

Visitation was held at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. where services were held Monday at 10 a.m. Burial was in Whitehaven Cemetery. The family suggests donations, in his memory, to Slovene Home for Aged, 1982c Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119.

PAULINE STARC

Pauline Starc (nee Vidrich), 86, of Cleveland, died after a sudden illness on Nov. 4th and was pronounced dead at Meridia Euclid Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Anton who died in 1975; the mother of Stanley Z. Starc and Tony (dec.); the grandmother of Tony, Jr. of Michigan, Mrs. Leo (Donna) Scully, and Mrs. Michael (Nancy) Lambo; the great-grandmother of Steven Scully and Sandra Lambo.

She was a member of Progressive Slovene Women of America Circle 3 and Euclid Pensioners.

She was born in Argentina in 1902.

Private viewing and services were handled by Grdina Funeral Home, 17010 Lake Shore Blvd. Interment took place at Knollwood Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Society for the Deaf, 6880 Nightjar Court, Cleveland, OH 44125.

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We truly enjoy reading the Ameriška Domovina. My mother, Anna Mocičnikar, living in Pennsylvania, is 92 and this her way to keep in touch with the events in Cleveland.

—Anne M. Smith

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Culture Page



Recalling singing of Lausche - Udovich duet

by Dan J. Postotnik

One of the most famous, if not the most famous Slovenian musical duets of all time has to be that of Josephine Lausche Welf and Mary Udovich, who were called the Sweethearts of Slovenian Columbia Records back in the twenties and thirties.

During those years they made at least 10 recordings and performed at numerous social events in Cleveland and other Slovenian settlements in Ohio. Accompanying them with his orchestra was Dr. William Lausche, a dentist, and brother of Josephine Welf. He also served as their pianist and composer.

Other musicians who accompanied the Slovenian Songbirds (another of their nicknames) were accordionists Eddie Simms, Johnny Pecon, and Lou Trebar. Their recordings were made in New York, and union studio musicians there were used. Dr. William Lausche had to write all the notes for the songs they were to record.

Josephine Lausche Welf was born in the St. Clair Ave. area of Cleveland to the well known business couple Louis and Frances Lausche (Lavše) on March 4, 1893. She attended St. Vitus and St. Francis Schools, and at an early age realized she had singing talent under the guidance of her mother, who also had an ear for music.

Josephine met her musical partner Mary Udovich in 1913. Josie invited her to her home, and they started to tinker with music with Dr. Bill doing the accompanying on piano. Thus began their illustrious career, which was to span two decades. Josephine sang soprano or lead part, and Mary Udovich provided the alto or harmony. Practically every Slovenian family in America, and many of those in Slovenia, listened and enjoyed their superb singing through the medium of records.

Josephine Lausche married Oliver Henry Welf, an attorney and veterinarian, in June, 1926. The couple resided in Mantua and Garrettsville, Ohio, and later returned to the Cleveland area. Her only son, Oliver Henry Welf, Jr., passed away on Dec. 13, 1964, and her husband on June 15, 1967. Although only half of the duet is still alive today, Josephine Lausche Welf is doing quite well, and has been a resident of the Slovene Home for the Aged for the past three years.

She is now in her 95th year. Her singing partner, Mary Udovich, who never married, passed away on Jan. 15, 1965. Mrs. Welf and her distinguished brother, Senator Frank J. Lausche, are now the lone sur-



Josephine Lausche, left, Mary Udovich, and Dr. William Lausche in a 1930s photo.

vivors of the famous Lausche family.

Mrs. Welf was a member of the Triglav and Ivan Cankar Dramatic clubs, and loved to perform at their social gatherings. Her greatest pleasure was to unite all of the Lausche family when Senator Frank and Jane Lausche came to Cleveland for the holidays.

The Slovenian Songbirds

gave us so many pleasurable moments with their exquisite voices and folksongs sung with perfection that we thank them. It is my belief that Josephine Lausche Welf and Mary Udovich should be considered for enshrinement in the Slovenian Musical Hall of Fame at an early date.

And now Mrs. Josephine Welf's many memories, some



Josephine Lausche Welf in a recent picture.

happy and some sad, linger on, and we sincerely hope the happy recollections will stay and brighten her remaining days in the twilight of her life.

Heritage sponsors Slovenian recital

The Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation is sponsoring an evening of music with violinist Michael Grube and pianist Igor Dekleva on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cleveland State University Main Classroom Auditorium.

Admission to this concert, sponsored by the Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation and Cleveland State University, is free, but donations are encouraged. A reception will follow.

Michael Grube began playing the violin at four years of age and studied under respected teachers such as Prof. Günther Becker. He has conducted violin masterclasses in Europe and overseas and has been a concert soloist with renowned symphony and chamber orchestras the world over.

He has won prizes and awards in many countries including West Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Great Britain and the U.S. Among his accomplishments, he has received the Robert Stolz Medal. He was named an honorary citizen of the city of Pueblo, Colo.

He has judged eight Mozart Festival Competitions for Orchestra and is also a respected lecturer having taught at major universities and music academies around the world.

Igor Dekleva studied the piano at the Academy of Music in Ljubljana with Prof. Janko Ravnik and Prof. Hilda Horak. He later studied with such respected artists and teachers as Alfred Cortot in Siena, Carlo Zecchi in Salzburg and Erik Then-Berg at the Academy of Music in Munich. He is currently teaching piano at the Academy of Music in Ljubljana.

Though Dekleva has an extensive repertoire, he is particularly interested in the works of his Slovenian contemporaries.



Six Weeks Before Christmas

'Twas six weeks before Christmas, when
all through the town
Not a Glasbena Matica member could be found;

The Slovenian auditorium was decorated with care,
In hopes that the audience soon would be there.

Children and grandchildren of Glasbena members
Would make this a program for all to remember;

When in the rehearsal hall there arose such a chord,
I sprang to my feet - and what was my reward?

A concert of beauty and rejoicing and fun,
Plus good food and dancing for everyone.

The cost - \$15.00 for all that I've told,
So get tickets now or they all will be sold.

2:00 p.m., December 4th is the chosen date
For this seasonal event to originate.

At the close of the program we'll all be aware
Of the time and the effort that helped the chorus
prepare;

So the audience can say as they leave the hall,
"We had so much fun, Merry Christmas to all!"

Joanné Fordyce

Ed. Note: Christmas Concert by Glasbena Matica on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m., at Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Dinner to follow. Don Slogar Orchestra. Donation \$15.00 For tickets call Olga Klancher 289-1227. (The first 100 ladies receive a 'pre-Christmas present'.)



Doma in po svetu

— PREGLED NAJVAŽNEJŠIH DOGODKOV —

Bush premagal Dukakisa, demokrati pa okrepili večino v zveznem kongresu — James A. Baker novi državni sekretar

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pretekli terek so ameriški volivci izbrali 64 let starega Georgea Busha za novega predsednika ZDA. Bush, ki bo zaprisegel 20. januarja 1989, je premagal demokratskega tekmeca Michaela Dukakisa, a z veliko manjšo večino glasov, kot so bili mnogi politični analitiki pričakovali. Bush je dobil nekaj manj kot 54% vseh oddanih glasov, Dukakis okrog 46%, manjše število, manj kot odstotek, so pa dobili kandidati raznih malo vplivnih strank. Kot so pa napovedali analitiki, je imel Bush veliko večjo prednost v elektoralnem koledžu. Tu je Bush dobil 426, Dukakis pa 112 glasov. Vsaka zvezna država je namreč upravičena do enega elektoralnega glasu za vsakega senatorja in vsakega kongresnika, ki ga ima. Teh je skupaj 535, trije elektorji pa pripadajo Washingtonu, D.C.

Kljub porazu na predsedniški ravni, je demokratska stranka na račun republikancev malce okrepila svojo dosedanjo večino tako v zveznem senatu za enega senatorja (razmerje bo 55:45) in za baje dva kongresnika (nekaj tekem je še neodločenih). Ker so mnogi vodilni demokratski kongresniki do Busha zelo nenaklonjeni zaradi načina Bushove predsedniške kampanje, je pričakovati, da bo imel novi predsednik silne težave s Kongresom. Znano pa je, da Bush ni ideolog in da zna biti spravljiv do svojih nasprotnikov, prav tako kot politik upošteva razmerje moči in prilagaja svojo politiko le-tej.

Bush je že izbral svojega najtesnejšega političnega sodelavca in svetovalca Jamesa A. Bakerja III. za novega državnega sekretarja. Poleg tega bo Baker, ki je izredno visoko cenjen tako med republikanci in demokrati za njegovo sposobnost, gotovo igral zelo vplivno vlogo v Bushovi administraciji. Včeraj je predsednik Reagan prosil vse člane svoje administracije, naj podajajo pismeno ostavko. Bush je na tiskovni konferenci preteklo sredo rekel, da želi začeti z novimi ljudmi, čeprav bo obdržal nekatere člane Reaganove vlade. V republikanski stranki je sicer že nastala borba med tistimi, ki kot Bush zagovarjajo bolj sredinsko, manj ideološko in konservativno politiko, in zelo konservativno strujo, ki gleda na Busha in Bakerja z nezaupanjem. Tako sredinci nasprotujejo npr., da bi postal novi obrambni sekretar bivši tekaški sen. John Tower, znan konservativec. Bushova administracija bo namreč bolj naklonjena demokratičnim zahtevam za ubrzdavanje izdatkov za obrambne namene, kot bi bil Tower. In takih nesoglasij znotraj republikanskih krogov bo najbrž veliko.

V demokratični stranki mnogi že krivijo Dukakisa samega za poraz. Dukakis naj bi bil posebej v avgustu in septembru, po demokratični konvenciji, in ko je Bush začel svojo kampanjo napadov na Dukakisa, preveč pasiven. Po nekaterih vesteh naj bi ne bil Dukakis preveč zainteresiran za predsedniško kandidaturu, da so ga v to silili nekateri njegovi politični prijatelji in svetovalci ter ambiciozni člani njegove družine. Splošno mnenje političnih analitikov je, da Dukakis ne bo zopet kandidiral l. 1992.

V Ohio je republikanski senadni kandidat in Slovenec po materi George Voinovich padel. Njegov tekmec, sen. Howard Metzenbaum je dobil 57, Voinovich pa 43% glasov. Ponovno izvoljena pa sta bila dva kongresnika slovenskega rodu, oba demokrata, in si-

cer v ohijskem 11. okrožju 38-letni Dennis Eckart, ki je dobil okrog 73 odstotkov glasov, v minnesotskem 8. okrožju pa James Oberstar. Oberstar zastopa okrožje, ki je bilo dolgo let »last« kong. Johna Blatnika, ki kot upokojenec živi v Washingtonu. Se vedno je pa možnost, da bo Bush ponudil Voinovihu kakšno vplivno mesto v njegovi administraciji, možna je pa tudi, da se bo Voinovich odločil kandidirati za guvernerja Ohia l. 1990.

— Kratke vesti —

Washington, D.C. — Včeraj je tajnik za energetiko v Reaganovi vladi John Herrington izjavil, da bo zvezna vlada gradila gigantsko novo raziskovalno napravo oz. »superprevodnik« v Teksasu. Gradnja bo stala kar 4,4 milijarde dolarjev, zaposlila bo 3500 gradbene delavce, stalno zaposlenih pri tem objektu, s katerim bodo fiziki in drugi znanstveniki raziskovali najbolj osnovne snovi, ki tvorijo atome, bo okrog 3000 strokovnjakov, tehnikov in drugo osebje. Mnoge zvezne države so tekmovale med seboj, da bi bile izbrane za lokacijo objekta. Države, ki so tekmo izgubile, so jezne in trdijo, da je odločitev političnega značaja, saj je prišla komaj dva dni po izvolitvi Georgea Busha, ki pravi, da izhaja iz Teksasa, poleg tega ima Teksas več vplivnih kongresnikov, med njimi sen. Lloyd Bentsen, Dukakisov podpredsedniški kandidat, ki je bil pretekli terek ponovno izvoljen za senatorja in bo vodil odbor za finance, ter James Wright, ki vodi demokratično večino v spodnjem domu.

Bonn, ZRN — Danes je podal ostavko predsednik zahodnonemškega parlamenta Philipp Jenninger. V govoru pred parlamentom ob 50-letnici nacističnega pogroma zoper Jude, tkim. Kristallnacht, je Jenninger dejal, da so bila prva leta Hitlerja v Nemčiji v nekaterih ozirih sijajna, saj je odpravil brezposelnost in zopet naredil iz Nemčije svetovno silo ter dobil nazaj nemške pokrajine, odvzete po prvi svetovni vojni. Govor je povzročil splošno ogorčenje in je moral Jenninger oditi od svojega sicer politično ne preveč vplivnega mesta.

Washington, D.C. — Včeraj je poveljstvo letalskih sil ZDA prvič objavilo sicer ne preveč jasno sliko novega nadzvočnega lovca tipa F-117A. To bojno letalo je zelo nenavadne zunanosti, to zato, ker naj bi ga ne mogle ali največ s silno težavo odkrile radarske postaje možnega nasprotnika. Zato je letalo znano pod imenom »Stealth«. Letalo eksistira že 7 let, letelo pa je doslej samo ponoči. Letalske sile že imajo kakih 50 teh letal, ki bi jih uporabili v slučaju vojne z ZSSR za napade globoko v notrajnosti SZ zoper komandne in druge pomembne točke. Pentagon noče povedati dosti podatkov o letalu, npr. kakšna je njegova oborožitev, kako hitro leti in kako daleč oz. kako visoko, tudi ne, koliko letalo stane.

Alžir, Alž. — V tem mestu zaseda 450-članski palestinski narodni svet. Kot kaže, bodo delegatje proglasili neodvisno državo v krajih, tkim. Zahodnem bregu, ki jih zaseda Izrael. Nato bo svet iskal priznanje za novo »državo« od drugih držav po svetu. Palestinci se sklicujejo na resolucijo Združenih narodov iz l. 1947, v kateri je omenjena tako neodvisna izraelska kot palestinska država.

London, V. Br. — Anglija in Iran sta se odločila za obnovitev diplomatskih odnosov in sicer po 17-mesečnem obdobju, ko so bili odnosi pretrgani.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

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Krofi —

Jutro od 8. ure dalje ima Oltarno društvo pri Sv. Vidu prodajo krofov in sicer v društveni sobi šolskega avditorija.

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To nedeljo zvečer ob 7. uri bo v dvorani Main Classroom Bldg. na univerzi Cleveland State na E. 22 St. in Euclid Ave. koncert slovenskega pianista Igorja Dekleva, ki gostuje v ZDA. Po torkovem sporočilu na tem mestu smo bili obveščeni, da bo na koncertu nastopil sam, brez violinista M. Grube-a. Javnost vabljena.

Seja —

Klub slov. upokojencev v Nevburgu-Maple Hts. ima sejo v sredo, 16. nov., ob 1. pop. v Slov. nar. domu na E. 80 St. Ta seja bo teden prej od običajnega datuma v mesecu.

Pevske vaje se pričnejo —

Pevski zbor Korotan sporoča, da se bodo pričele redne vaje v soboto, 19. novembra, ob 7. uri zvečer v Slov. narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. Pri Korotanu prisrčno vabijo, da se jim pridružijo novi pevci in pevke. Ako želite več informacije, pokličite g. Rudija Kneza na tel. 481-1954.

Novi grobovi

Anna Kralicek

Umrla je Anna Kralicek, rojena Pinter (hčerka Johna Pintarja, prvega znanega slovenskega naseljence v Clevelandu l. 1879), mati Paula Mohorica (že pok.) in Lillian O'Bell, 1-krat stara mati, 1-krat prastara mati, sestra Lucy Kastelic, Agnes Miller in Johna (vsi že pok.). Pogreb bo iz pogrebnega zavoda Jakubs, 936 E. 185 St., jutri, v soboto, v cerkev Sv. Križa dop. ob 10. in od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš. Na mrtvaškem odru bo danes pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Maša za škofa Rožmana —

Društvo Tabor DSPB Cleveland vabi na sv. mašo ob obletnici smrti škofa Rožmana in sicer to nedeljo dop. ob 10.30 v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete.

Prodaja peciva —

Oltarno društvo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti bo imelo prodajo peciva v soboto, 19. nov., od 11. dop. dalje, v nedeljo, 20. nov., pa od 1.30 pop. dalje, na farnem festivalu. Pridite!

Poroka —

Jutri, 12. nov., ob 2. uri pop., se bosta v willoughbyski cerkvi Brezmadežnega Spočetja poročila Edward Fujs in Sharon Simonelli. Ženin je sin g. Franka in ge. Angele Fujs, lastnika Frangies Fashions v Euclidu. Mlademu paru čestitajo starši, sorodniki, vsi prijatelji in vsi pri A.D. ob začetku nove skupne življenjske poti!

V Slomškov sklad —

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Spominski darovi —

Mestni odbornik Michael Polenšek je poklonil \$29 v tiskovni sklad A.D. v spomin starih staršev Franka in Antonije Polenšek.

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Mary Sholar, Spring Hill, Fla., je pa poklonila \$5 v spomin moža Mike-a.

Vsem darovalcem iskrena hvala za podporo!

93. rojstni dan —

Prihodnji ponedeljek, 14. novembra, bo praznoval svoj 93. rojstni dan naš sen. Frank J. Lausche. Čestitamo!

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Nova knjiga dr. Cirila Žebota

NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA

Intervju z avtorjem prof. dr. Cirilom Žebotom

Pri Mohorjevi v Celovcu je pravkar (29. oktobra) izšla najnovejša knjiga profesorja dr. Cirila Žebota: NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA. Za ta pomemben dogodek je dr. Mate Roesmann iz Clevelanda, eden najvidnejših javnih delavcev med Slovenci v Združenih državah, imel z avtorjem knjige v Washingtonu naslednji pogovor.

Roesmann: 29. oktober je poteklo 70 let od slovenskega preloma s Habsburško monarhijo in sestave prve slovenske narodne vlade v Ljubljani — torej nekak rojstni dan slovenske države, kar je seveda dogodek, ki predstavlja najvažnejšo prelomnico v moderni slovenski zgodovini. Ob tej 70-letnici je slovenski narod zopet sredi prelomnih dogajanj, ki bodo nedvomno najusodnejšega pomena za slovensko bodočnost. Profesor Žebot, ali ni značilno, da je vaša nova knjiga izšla ob tej obletnici in v času teh prelomnih dogajanj?

Žebot: Po mojem načrtovanju naj bi bila NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA izšla že konec leta 1987 kot poseben spomenik Majniški deklaraciji za njeno 70-letnico. Ko se je tiskanje knjige raztegnilo v letošnje leto, pa je izredni razvoj dogajanj v Sloveniji in Jugoslaviji narekoval novo potrpežljivost pri zaključevanju knjige. Kot nekako zadoščenje za to pa današnji izid NEMINLJIVE SLOVENIJE sovпада s 70. rojstnim dnevom slovenske države 29. oktobra. Ta dan Slovenci v svobodnem svetu že desetletja praznujejo kot slovenski narodni praznik. Obenem pa knjiga postaja tudi so-oznanička novega preloma v slovenski narodnopolitični zgodovini, ki se odvija pred našimi očmi.

Roesmann: Professor Žebot, ali bi na kratko povedali nekaj o ozadju nastanka vaše nove knjige?

Žebot: Knjigo, ki sem ji šele ob zaključku prvega osnutka rokopisa dal ime NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA, sem bil zasnoval kot dozorela razmišljanja o svojih doživetjih, preizkušnjah in spoznanjih o slovenski narodnopolitični usodi.

Rojen sem bil še ravno pred začetkom prve svetovne vojne v Mariboru v družini, katere oče in mati sta bila slovensko utrjena v njunem mladostnem upiranju načrtovanemu ponemčevanju na severno-vzhodnih robovih Slovenskih goric ob reki Muri v prvih letih tega stoletja. V Maribor sta prišla leta 1910, ko je tedanji slovenski politični voditelj na Štajerskem, dr. Anton Korošec, očeta — takrat predsednika Slovenske Mladeniške zveze — povabil v uredništvo slovenskih listov v tiskarni svetega Cirila.

Po dovršeni klasični gimnaziji v Mariboru sem v jeseni 1932 odšel na Ljubljansko univerzo, kjer sem študiral pravo in ga dopolnjeval z ekonomijo in sociologijo. Po doktoratu 1. maja 1937 sem se dve leti specializiral v ekonomiji na univerzah v Milanu in Parizu.

Svoja prva slovenska narodnopolitična doživetja sem začel nabirati že v otroških letih, ko me je oče kot mariborski narodni poslanec jemal s seboj na politična zborovanja in sestanke v mestu Mariboru, po Slovenskih goricah in v dolini Drave med Pohorjem in Kozjakom. Tako je oče postal moj prvi slovenski vzor.

Ko sem jeseni 1932 prišel v Ljubljano, sem se tam kmalu srečal s prof. Lambertom Ehrlichom in se pridružil njegovemu krogu študentov, iz katerega so nastali študentski tednik STRAŽA V VIHARJU, obnovitev Slovenske Dijaške Zveze v najbolj široko organizacijo slovenskega dijaštva, pozneje pa tudi ustanovitev akademskega kluba STRAŽA.

Ehrlichovo Višarsko slovenstvo v razdobju Aleksandrove diktature (1929-1936) — poimenovano po Ehrlichovih sestankih na Svetih Višarjah s študenti z vseh delov Slovenije — je poglobilo in izoblikovalo moje od očeta podedovano slovensko prepričanje. Spoznanje zares življenjske potrebe, da slovenski narod za svojo ohranitev in uveljavljanje potrebuje lastno suverenost, me je bolj in bolj približevalo tedanjemu mojstru slovenske narodne politike dr. Antonu Korošču. Po drugem osebnem srečanju z njim leta 1934, ko je dr. Korošec bil v internaciji na otoku Hvaru, je on postal moj tretji veliki slovenski vzornik.

Iz tega mojega zgodnjega, mladostnega ozadja sta zrasli in se razvili moja življenjska slovenska zavezanost in zavzetost, katerih najmočnejši odsev je nova knjiga NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA.

Roesmann: Kako bi vi na kratko izrazili poglobitveno misel NEMINLJIVE SLOVENIJE?

Žebot: Vkljub velikim ozemeljskim in človeškim izgubam v teku desetih brezdržavnih stoletij svojega narodnega nastajanja na močno pomembnem koščku Srednje Evrope, med porajajočim se italijanstvom na zahodu in prodirajočim nemštvom s severa, je — še vedno nesuvereni — slovenski narod trmasto vztrajal na zanikavanemu mu cilju lastne državne suverenosti. Prvič je ta cilj javno izrazil v pomladi prebujenih evropskih narodov v Srednji Evropi leta 1848. Čeprav tedaj ni bil dose-

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Zborovalci

na proslavi 70-letnice slovenske narodne neodvisnosti
v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio,
dne 30. oktobra 1988,
so sprejeli in javno odobrili sledečo

RESOLUCIJO

Ko se Amerikanci slovenskega rodu spominjamo proglastitve neodvisnosti slovenskega naroda 29. oktobra 1918 na temelju 14 točk predsednika ZDA W. Wilsona kot pogoja Avstro-Ogrski za končanje prve svetovne vojne, opozarjamo vlado ZDA na kršenje človekovih pravic in na kršenje načela enakopravnosti slovenskega naroda z vsemi drugimi narodi v Jugoslaviji, ki preživlja v zadnjih letih hudo družbeno, politično in gospodarsko krizo. Ta kriza prav v zadnjih mesecih zaradi zaostrovanja socialnih, političnih, ustavnih in narodnostnih sporov ogroža sam obstoj Jugoslavije.

Vodniki SR Slovenije izjavljajo, da je sedanjo krizo v Jugoslaviji mogoče rešiti samo na temelju popolne enakopravnosti vseh njenih narodov v polnem spoštovanju človekovih pravic, kot so jih pred 40 leti uzakonili Združeni narodi, pred 10 leti pa konferenca za evropsko varnost in sodelovanje v Helsinkih. Amerikanci slovenskega porekla dodajamo, da bo to možno samo v polni politični svobodi z vlado SR Slovenije, ki si jo bo narod izbral na svobodnih, tajnih volitvah.

Vlado ZDA pozivamo, da v svojih odnosih z Jugoslavijo upošteva navedena dejstva in zahteve slovenskega naroda v Jugoslaviji po polni verski, družbeni, politični in gospodarski svobodi, kot jo uživamo v naši deželi.

Upoštevanje navedenih dejstev in zahtev slovenskega naroda v odnosih ZDA do Jugoslavije — kakor tudi do vseh držav vzhodnega bloka — bo pospeševalo rešitev sedanje skrajno nevarne družbene, politične in gospodarske krize v Jugoslaviji in s tem prispevalo k ohranitvi miru v tem delu Evrope in na vsem svetu.

Kakor so bili Amerikanci slovenskega rodu pred 70 leti ob koncu prve svetovne vojne solidarni s Slovenci v domovini v borbi za svobodo izpod Avstro-Ogrske večstoletne vladavine — deputacijo ameriških Slovencev je takrat sprejel sam predsednik ZDA — tako smo Amerikanci slovenskega porekla solidarni zdaj s Slovenci v Jugoslaviji, ki se prav v tem času zopet morajo boriti za svoje narodne pravice. Te so jim sicer v sedanjih jugoslovanski ustavi zajamčene, toda vlada SFR Jugoslavije v Beogradu jih dejansko krši in jih hoče sedaj z ustavnimi dopolnili bistveno omejiti.

V imenu Amerikancev slovenskega porekla,
SLOVENSKA PISARNA
6304 St. Clair Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Priznanje in zahvala

CLEVELAND, O. - V nedeljo, 30. oktobra 1988, so Slovenci v Clevelandu slovesno obhajali 70-letnico prve slovenske vlade 29. oktobra 1918 po osvoboditvi izpod Avstro-Ogrske. Proslava je bila v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave. v Clevelandu. Več kot 200 ljudi se je udeležilo proslave, kar je zadovoljivo, a z ozirom na pomembnost proslave bi morala biti večja udeležba.

Program je vodil g. Rudi Knez, napovedovalec je bil g. Jože Likozar, ki je v uvodnih besedah stvarno orisal zgodovinski pomen proslave. Glavni govornik je bil dr. Rudolph M. Susel. Vse je potekalo brez presledkov in vsi so odlično opravili svoj del programa. Župan mesta Cleveland, George V. Voinovich, je osebno izročil proklamacijo mesta Cleveland — 29. oktober — Dan slovenske neodvisnosti — in je tudi odredil, da je na ta dan na mestni hiši poleg ameriške plapolala tudi slovenska narodna zastava. Ob koncu programa so navzoči soglasno sprejeli resolucijo, objavljeno zgoraj.

Na programu so nastopili Fantje na vasi, ki so odlično zapeli ameriško in slovensko himno, pevski zbor Korotan, folklorna skupina Kres, dram. društvo Lilija in slovenski šoli pri Sv. Vidu in Mariji Vnebovzeti. Tudi ti najmlajši so v razločnem slovenskem jeziku zavzeto podali svoje vloge — recitacije. Pristrčno ganljiva je bila

zaključna točka simbolično izvajanje »Domovina«, ki so jo izvajala 3 dekleta, oblečena v slovenske narodne barve ob spremljavi mehke melodije Domovina. To točko je podala folklorna skupina Kres. Ob zaključku so vsi nastopajoči — večina v narodnih nošah — prišli na oder in Fantje na vasi so z zanosom zapeli Slovenec sem, tako je mati d'jala...

Po mnenju mnogih je to bila doslej največja in najpomembnejša proslava slovenskega narodnega praznika v Clevelandu. Bistveni namen proslave je bil, da ameriški Slovenci javno izrazimo solidarnost s Slovenci v domovini, ki se prav v tem času morajo trdo boriti za svoje narodne pravice.

Ameriški Slovenci so se pred 70 leti mnogo močnejše in bolj učinkovito zavzemali za osvoboditev svojih rojakov v domovini. Po vseh večjih mestih od Kalifornije do New Yorka so Slovenci prirejali velike manifestacije v podporo rojakom v domovini, javne parade v Chicagu, Clevelandu, Pittsburghu in New Yorku, katerih se je pri vsaki udeležilo več kot tisoč ljudi. Bodimo tudi mi v tem kritičnem času složni!

Pripravljalni odbor se vsem, ki so pri proslavi slovenskega narodnega praznika sodelovali pristrčno zahvaljuje.

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Boltizar Hozjan

ki je preminul 12. novembra 1964.

Počivaj v miru, dobri soprog,
preljubi oče, v grobu tam,
v ljubezni trajni boš ostal,
dragi, nepozabni nam!

Zalujoči:

ANA — soproga
IVAN — sin, JANE — snaha
JOHN, ROBERT, MARK in JOE
— vnuki, JANETTE — vnučinja
MATIJA — sin, MARJANCA — snaha
MATTHEW in STEVE — vnuka
LAURA in ANA — vnučinki
ter ostalo sorodstvo.

Cleveland, O., 11. nov. 1988.

Jugoslovanska kriza se zaostrojuje

Ta analitični članek je izšel v najnovejši številki slovenskega zahodnoevropskega mesečnika »Naše luči« (nov. 1988). Analiza je sicer nepodpisana, je pa zelo dobra. Po vsebini in načinu pisanja bi skoro dejal, da je avtor v ZDA živeči rojak ali rojakinja. Članek posredujem bralcem v celoti. Ur. A.D.

Največji zahodni časniki obširno poročajo na prvih straneh o stopnjevanju krize v Jugoslaviji. V javno razpravo o dogajanju v Jugoslaviji so se vključili tako vplivni in ugledni politični svetovalci kot Kissinger, Brzezinski in Eagleburger. Vsi so si edini v tem, da sodi Jugoslavija med tiste države, ki se bodo z nestabilnostjo soočale dolgoročno. Kissinger meni, da se Jugoslavija v zgoščeni obliki srečuje s podobnimi težavami kot Sovjetska zveza. Če hoče spodbuditi gospodarsko prenovo, mora spremeniti tudi partijo, to pa je po njegovem mnenju zaradi odpora birokracije nemogoče. Centralizacija pomeni zanj mrtvilo, decentralizacija pa poraja mednarodnostne spore. V tako različni narodnostni se-

stavi, kot jo ima Jugoslavija, je po njegovem mnenju skoraj nemogoče, da bi republike lahko oblikovale skupno politiko.

Iz raznih obširnih razčlenjevanj in razlag o burnih političnih zapletih v naši domovini lahko razberemo, da ima takšno klavrno stanje vsaj tri vzroke: zastrupljene mednarodnostne odnose, pomanjkanje demokracije in politične svobode ter napačno gospodarsko ureditev.

• Zastrupljeni mednarodnostni odnosi. Komunistična Jugoslavija je bila le na papirju ustanovljena kot zveza enakopravnih narodov. Albanci so se vseskozi nahajali pod terorjem Rankovičeve policije in so si šele z ustavo iz 1974 pribojevali nekaj samostojnosti; Hrvatje, ki živijo v svoji republiki skupaj z močno srbsko manjšino, se počutijo po padcu svojih legendarnih voditeljev iz sedemdesetih let kot drugorazredni narod na svoji zemlji, ki mu krojijo usodo Srbi v hrvaški partiji, policiji in na direktorskih stolčkih; Makedonci morajo krmariti med pravicami številne albanske manjšine in velikosrbskimi

skominami; Bosna-Hercegovina je utrujena od spopadov med različnimi klani iz muslimanskih, srbskih in hrvaških vrst; po naravi pridni in ubogljivi Slovenci so dolga leta svoje nezadovoljstvo ob gospodarskem izžemanju zamolčevali in potlačevali.

Tito je izumil čarobno geslo o »bratstvu in edinstvu jugoslovanskih narodov in narodnosti«, ki pa je bilo le spretna pretveza za izigravanje pravic enega naroda proti pravicam drugega in mu je omogočalo neomejeno oblast. Za svoje premetene politične račune je v vsakem narodu našel nekaj stalinističnih privrženecv in preračunljivcev, ki so bili pripravljeni za ceno določenih ugodnosti teptati pravice svojega naroda. Posledice takšne politike so zastrašljive: noben politik ne zaupa drugemu, republiški veljaki izkoriščajo mednarodnostne razprtije za uveljavljanje svojih koristi, zvezna država je dobila potezo le še zveze različnih državnih delov, skorajda nemogoč je postal dogovor tudi o le najmanjših stvareh.

• Pomanjkanje demokracije in politične svobode. Kakor

(dalje na str. 12)



SLOVENCİ V STIKU Z BUSHOVO DRUŽINO IN STATE DEPARTMENTOM — Dne 15. oktobra se je v Clevelandu, kot smo takrat poročali, zbrala skupina narodnostnih predstavnikov, in sicer ob sprejemu za sina sedaj že izvoljenega naslednjega predsednika ZDA Georgea Busha, mladega Marvina, ki je prišel z namenom pomagati očetu na letošnjih volitvah. Kot posebni gost je bil navzoč tudi bivši illipoiški kongresnik poljskega rodu Edwin Derwinski, sedaj namestnik državnega sekretarja. Derwinski se zanima predvsem za vprašanja vzhodne Evrope in ZSSR ter sploh ameriške nacionalne varnosti. Na sliki so (z leve): Derwinski, Paul Voinovich (brat župana Clevelanda Georgea Voinovicha), August B. Pust, Peter Osenar in Marvin Bush. Navzoča na sprejemu, čeprav nista na sliki, sta bila tudi g. Jože Melaher in g. Anton Oblak.

Bolnik

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

vorne fanatike in spada v normalnem življenju v kategorijo fikcij in iluzij.

Vendar partijskega bacila se ne sme izrezati, to bi pomenilo bolnikovo smrt. Kaj podobnega tudi tovariš Gorbačov ne namerava. Pač pa gotovo namerava nekaj, čemur bi rekli v zdravniškem žargonu transfuzija krvi v partiji. A je tudi ta operativni poseg v bolnikov organizem skrajna nevarna zadeva, in tovariš šef-zdravnik to dobro ve.

A izgleda, da drugačne rešitve enostavno ni. Partijo je vkljub vsemu potrebno ohraniti, kvečjemu v njeni konstrukciji kaj spremeniti na bolje in poskusiti priliti ji nove krvi iz vrst prepričanih socialistov, katerih možgani niso okuženi z zgoraj imenovanimi bacili, ampak kljub svojemu socializmu verujejo v svobodo in demokracijo, kar verjamemo, da je v mislih tudi tovariša šef-zdravnika, ki za trdno noče in ne želi bolnikove smrti.

Kako bo, če bo mogel, to izpeljal je veliko vprašanje. Temu piscu se zdi njegov dosedanji prijem celotne zadeve malo primeren. Vrti se samo znotraj partije in si s prevzemom državnega predsedstva združil v svojih rokah poleg partije še moč državne uprave z močno povečanimi prerogativami predsednika. Najbrž tako skoncentrirano moč potrebuje, a njegova akcija močno diši po partijski, na pa po državniški mentaliteti. Nam ni za njegove osebne ambicije, ampak za usodo bolnika, ki ga skuša rešiti. A če se mu ne posreči in ta izdihne, ne bo za človeški rod nobene škode.

L. P.

DODATEK: Kakor koli se bo zdravljenje velikega bolnika v Sovjetski zvezi končano: ali bo ozdravel in si opomogel ter svoje delo mogel nadaljevati, vse skupaj ne bo več isto zaradi težkih posledic bolezni (kar je zelo verjetno), ali pa se mu bodo dnevi iztekli (kar ni verjetno); v vsakem primeru se zdi primerno ob njegovo stran postaviti malega bolnika, ki je zbolel v majhni državi, ki jo je točno po marksistično-leninističnih načelih formiral Stalinu globoko nevhvaležni Tito, potem ko je Stalina zatajil in obupno iskal svoje lastne poti v socializmu s tako vnemo, da ga je svobodni svet že proglašal za velikega demokrata med komunisti, pa po teh lastnih potih pripeljal Jugoslavijo komaj nekaj let po svoji smrti na mrtvaško posteljo. Tam zdaj leži nemočna in vsa izžeta in bi bila že zdavnaj preminila zaradi enopartijskega sistema in popolne nesposobnosti partijskih voditeljev, ko bi jih s težkim denarjem ne podpiral svobodni svet, kateri iz političnih, zlasti pa strateških razlogov noče njenega razpada in konca.

Tako imamo dejansko dva marksistična bolnika, enega iz ozemeljsko največje dežele, ki je bila izbrana kot učni model in »mušter« za druge; enega pa iz ene manjših komunistično zasadenih držav, kjer so se izdelovali poskusni baloni za še večji uspeh novega marksističnega pokreta za zavojevanje oblasti na Zemlji.

Oba tragično dokazujeta z eksperimentalno jasnostjo, da marksizem-leninizem na celi črti odpoveduje, da ni zmožen privedi človeštvo v boljše, srečnejše življenjske razmere, marveč mu pripravlja z delitvijo sveta v dva sovražna tabora — uničenje.

Kdor ima odprte oči, mora biti na jasnem.

Zlasti pa tisti krogi v svobodnem svetu, ki brez političnega posega v tamkajšnje tudi politične razmere z denarjem vzdržujejo bolnika v Jugoslaviji, naj se — za Boga — ne bi spozabili in bi s podobno politiko začeli podpirati tudi velikega bolnika v Sovjetski zvezi. Ko bi imelo do tega priti bi človeštvo ne preostalo drugega kot skleniti roke in moliti za pravo pamet: »Oče naš...«

L.P.

NAZNANILO IN ZAHVALA

1937



1988

V globoki žalosti sporočamo, da nas je po volji Vsemogočnega zapustila 2. septembra 1988, po dolgi bolezni naša ljubljena žena, mati, hčerka, sestra in teta

RADMILA (Rada) VEIDER

Rojena je bila 10. februarja 1937 v Sodražici na Dolenjskem. Pokopana je bila 6. septembra 1988 na pokopališču Vernih duš, kjer čaka njeno truplo vstajenja.

Pogreb je bil iz Zak-Blessing pogrebnega zavoda na Willoughby Hillsu v cerkev sv. Felicite.

Globoko smo hvaležni č.g. Bober, župniku sv. Felicite, za darovanje pogrebne sv. maše, za obiske na domu z duhovno tolažbo in za spremstvo na pokopališče. Iskrena hvala č.g. Božnarju in č.g. Kumšetu za molitve ob krsti pokojne Rade, č.g. Mehok-u in č.g. Templin-u za obisk v pogrebnem zavodu in za bodrilne besede. Prav tako smo hvaležni članicam Oltarnega društva Marije Vnebovzete, članom Katoliških borštnarjev ter članicam društva Danica št. 11 (ADZ) za molitve ob krsti. Iskrena hvala cerkvenemu pevskeemu zboru fare Marije Vnebovzete z g. Rudijem Knezom na čelu za ganljivi žalostinki, ter vsem nečakom in nečakinjam, ki so sodelovali pri sv. maši in nosili krsto. Hvaležni smo tudi Mrs. Schell, organistki, ki se je potrudila in igrala primerne slovenske pesmi.

Bog plačaj vsem, ki so Rado prišli kropit, se udeležili pogrebne maše in jo spremili na zadnji poti na pokopališče. Bog povrni vsem darovalcem vencev in šopkov, za vse darove za maše in druge dobrodelne namene v spomin pokojne.

Iskrena hvala ge. Zofi Mazi, ki je pripravila okusno kosilo po pogrebu, vsem njenim pomočnicam in vsem gospodinjam, ki so prinesle pecivo. Naj Bog poplača Mrs. Peggy Wittington, prijateljici in sodelavki, ki je redno prinašala pokojni obhajilo in ji ves čas bila v duhovno in vsestransko podporo. Hvaležni smo tudi vsem, ki so pokojno obiskovali in jo bodrili v času bolezni.

Razposlali smo zahvalne kartice vsem, za katere smo imeli naslove. Ako kdo te kartice ni prejel, naj nam oprostijo in naj s to javno zahvalo sprejme našo globoko hvaležnost.

Prerano Te je usoda doletela,

saj imela si še mnogo dela,

a vdana v Njegovo voljo si molila,

še nas tolažila si, nas bodrila.

V krogu dragih si zatisnila oči,

le božja Previdnost nam dajala je moči.

Nepopisno ljubezen in strnjenost smo čutili,

ko zadnji so zdihljaji trpljenja te rešili.

*Sedaj pa žena, mati, hčerka draga,
pomagaj do nebes nam praga,
da snidemo se v ljubezni popolni,
ko tudi nam se čas dopolni.*

Tvoji žalujoči:

Mož Edi, sinova Tomaž in Andrej, hčerka Bernardka, mati Pavla, sestre Pavla in Mira z družinama, brat Tone z družino ter ostali sorodniki v Sloveniji in Ameriki.

NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA

(nadaljevanje s str. 3)

žen, je narodnopolitični cilj Zedinjene Slovenije ostal osrednje vodilo slovenskega naroda skozi obe svetovni vojni do danes.

Roesmann: *Vaša knjiga obravnava dober del novejšje slovenske zgodovine in sedanosti. V čem pa, mislite, lahko vaše delo pripomore mlajšim slovenskim rodovom pri iskanju poti v slovensko bodočnost?*

Žebot: NEMINLJIVO SLOVENIJO sem napisal predvsem zato, da bi knjiga povojnim slovenskim rodovom pomagala izpolniti spoznavno vrzel, ki je nastala po drugi svetovni vojni, ko je tedanji jugostalinistični režim neusmiljeno zatiral — v šolah, medijih in prisilnih organizacijah — slovenski zgodovinski spomin o petdesetih demokratičnih letih slovenskega javnega življenja pred nasilnim prevzemom jugostalinistične oblasti. Ta kulturni genocid je z nekaj prejšnjimi izjemami v glavnem prenehal šele sredi osemdesetih let. Moja knjiga SLOVENIJA VČERAJ, DANES IN JUTRI leta 1967, v kolikor je iz Celovca prodrila v SR Slovenijo, je v tedanji slovenski narodnokulturni pustini podtalno odmevala kakor kak klic vpijočega v puščavi. Pa tudi NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA ni mogla iziti v Ljubljani — dokaz, da svoboda slovenske besede v SR Sloveniji še ni popolna.

S svojim nemarksističnim prikazom novejšje slovenske zgodovine bo NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA — tako upam — utrdila izkustveno že napravljeno odločitev novih slovenskih rodov, da v sedanji veliki krizi jugo-unitarizma slovenskemu narodu priborijo izpolnitev slovenske suverenosti.

Ti rodovi so se izkustveno že priborili do zaključka, da je v danih razmerah alternativa utrditvi slovenske narodne samobitnosti postopno posrbljenje pod pretvezo socialističnega jugoslovanstva kakor je pred prvo svetovno vojno alternativa bila ponemčenje in poitalijančenje.

V letošnjem letu so mladi Slovenci prepričevalno dokazali — URBI ET ORBI — da so premagali nekdanji slovenski strah pred imperialističnim nasiljem od zunaj. Vojaškim izvrševalcem beograjskega nasilja v Sloveniji — tokrat na neomikanem vojaškem sodišču v Ljubljani — so mladi slovenski obtoženci povedali, da si bo slovenski narod sodbo pisal sam. V tem duhu se bo upiral tudi vsem poizkusom centralističnega spreminjanja jugo-ustave. Slovenski narod hoče od te ustave napredovati v popolno slovensko suverenost, ne pa nazadovati v znova rastoči beograjski unitarizem.

Roesmann: *In kaj je vaša sklepna misel ob predstavitvi vašega novega knjižnega dela?*

Žebot: Za sklep bi le še dostavil, da bo NEMINLJIVA SLOVENIJA — tako upam — pomagala razčistiti tudi nekatere sporne pojme v slovenskem narodnopolitičnem programu: Kakor so v sodobnih razmerah svobodni trgi bistveni za uspešno gospodarjenje, tako je državna suverenost naroda pogoj za ohranitev in rast narodnega življenja. Toda, kakor tržno gospodarstvo ne pomeni, da je tržni mehanizem sam sposoben v vsem usmerjati narodno gospodarstvo, tako državna suverenost slovenskega naroda ne more sama po sebi zadovoljiti nekaterih potreb novega časa. Le-te zahtevajo sodelovanje z drugimi narodi, ne da bi s tem kaj odvzele od slovenske samobitnosti in enakopravnosti. Bistveno je, da je meddržavno sodelovanje jasno dogovorjeno in pogodbeno sklenjeno.

Knjigo označuje tudi obilna in skrbna dokumentacija. Upam, da bo to v posebno korist strokovnjakom, ki bodo zamolčano ali potvarjano razdobje bližnje slovenske zgodovine podrobno preučevali.

Roesmann: *Gospod profesor Žebot, najlepša vam hvala za vse vaše dolgoletne napore in delo, ki so rodili to pomembno in izredno knjigo, ki obravnava zadnjih 70 let slovenske narodnopolitične zgodovine iz nemarksističnih spoznavnih izhodišč in jo moremo smatrati za najpomembnejše delo in dejanje Slovencev v svobodnem svetu.*

V Washingtonu, 29. oktobra 1988

Jugoslovanska kriza se zaostruje

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

vse komunistične države trpi tudi Jugoslavija na tem dvojem. Povojni komunistični režim je v svoji stalinistični zagnanosti temeljito obračunal z vsemi meščanskimi strankami in dopustil le nekaj manjših strank s socialističnim programom, ki pa se jih je kmalu znebil in jih tudi izrecno prepovedal. Različni pogledi na družbo in njen razvoj naj bi se zrcalili v Socialistični zvezi; a se je njena vodstvena piramida tudi po zgradbi oblikovala po okusu partije: postala je le sredstvo za najširšo uveljavljanje partijskih navodil. Vsako

zdravo politično tekmovanje je bilo ukinjeno, narodi so izgubili svoje najboljše politične predstavnike, volitve so postale zgolj burka. V kroge odločanja so se na osnovi svoje vdanosti ideološke zvestobe in politikantskih zvez povzpeli povprečneži. Razvil se je močan sloj uslužbenih politikov, ki se bojuje za ohranitev svojih posebnih pravic in mu ni do svobodnega boja med tekmeci, kjer zmagujejo najbolj sposobni, najbolj smeli.

• Napačna gospodarska ureditev. Krona vseh težav je samoupravna gospodarska

ureditev, ki naj bi bila uspešnejša od načrtovanega gospodarstva sovjetskega vzorca. V resnici se je partijsko odločanje o gospodarstvu preneslo na širok sloj birokracije. Ideologi so določili gospodarstvu nesmiselne oblike in metode, v gori predpisov in upravnih navodil se nihče več ne spozna. Ob »sijajnih načrtih« je jugoslovansko gospodarstvo tehnološko zaostalo, neuspešno, na zahtevnem svetovnem tržišču nima ponuditi skoraj ničesar, bremeni ga dolg 21 milijard dolarjev, vrednost plač je v letošnjem letu zdrknila za 20%, inflacija pa narasla na 217% (po zadnjih podatkih, ki jih je posredoval prejšnji teden v Washingtonu, D.C., slovenski predsednik Janez Stanovnik: 236% — op. ur. A.D.).

Rešitev nastalih družbenih in socialnih stisk vidi jugoslovansko partijsko vodstvo v spremembi ustave, ki naj bi omogočila uspešnejše gospodarstvo. Na pritisk Mednarodnega denarnega sklada in številnih tujih upnikov se je jugoslovanska vlada odločila za zahtevanje pasu, bolj tržno usmerjeno gospodarstvo in nekoliko več podpore zasebnim obrtnikom in kmetom. Ti ukrepi so krizo socialno še priostrili in posamezni partijski veljaki so pričeli izkoriščati nezadovoljne in bivanjsko ogrožene ljudske množice za uveljavitev svojih političnih koristi.

Najglasnejši in politično najspretnější je srbski partijski šef Slobodan Milošević, star 47 let, ki ga primerjajo s predvojnimi srbskim politikom Stojadinovićem. Z direktorskega in bančniškega stolčka se je povzpela do vodilne partijske funkcije. Hitro je spoznal pomen sredstev družbenega obveščanja in nasilno prikrojil uredništva srbskih časopisov in beograjske TV v enoglasne oznanjevalce svojih političnih pogledov. Neodvisnih časniškarskih mnenj v Srbiji danes skorajda ni slišati.

Kaj želi Milošević? V Beogradu močno centralno vlado, odpravo avtonomije Kosova in Vojvodine, gospodarske reforme in ustavne reforme, ki bi zvezni vladi zagotovile nadvlado nad republikami. V bistvu hoče zagotoviti Srbiji tisti vpliv, ki ga je imela pod kraljem Aleksandrom.

V BLAG SPOMIN

6. OBLETNICE MOJEGA LJUBLJENEGA OCETA



ANTON DEBEVC

Umrl 10. novembra 1982.

Zalujoča:

Julia Grabelšek — hčerka.
Geneva, Ohio, 11. novembra 1988.

Za dosego svojih političnih ciljev se poslužuje najrazličnejših sredstev. Nezadovoljne srbske množice se trumoma zbirajo na srečanjih v različnih mestih in zahtevajo odstop vodilnih funkcionarjev. Odstopiti je moralo vojvodinsko partijsko vodstvo, črnogorska vlada, zahtevajo odstope na Kosovem, v BiH, na Hrvaškem in v Sloveniji.

Kučan nasprotuje Miloševiću

Najodločnejši Miloševićev nasprotnik je slovenski partijski voditelj Milan Kučan. Zahteva dosledno ohranitev federativne Jugoslavije, ohranitev decentralizacije in pa gospodarske reforme; glede teh zadnjih se bistveno ne razlikuje od Miloševićevih predlogov. Sviri pred razplamtelimi nacionalnimi strastmi in terja prepoved pouličnih pohodov in zborovanj.

Ker so vse republike dosegle soglasje glede ustavnih sprememb, ki naj bi uredile gospodarstvo, tiči jedro nesporazumov v politični ureditvi: federacija ali centralizem. V Jugoslaviji gre danes končno za dve različni zamisli o njeni politični ureditvi. »Enotnost« pod nacionalno prevlado Srbov ali sožitje enakopravnih narodov.

Možni izhodi iz krize

Izhod iz sedanje krize je možen na štiri načine:

— po prvem, ki je najbolj verjeten, obstaja možnost lažnega dogovora med Slovenijo in Srbijo z delnim popuščanjem obeh, kar pa pomeni le podaljševanje umiranja;

— po drugem, ki je tudi verjeten, bo izbruhnil odprt spor med Slovenijo na eni strani in Srbijo ter vojsko na drugi, kar bi pomenilo uničenje slovenskega gospodarskega in demokratičnega vzorca razvoja;

— tretji, zmaga slovenskega vzorca, je najmanj verjeten;

— četrti, ki je z ozirom na današnjo družbeno dejanskost stvaren, pa je uspeh Miloševićev.

V BLAG SPOMIN

dvajsete obletnice smrti ljubljenega moža in očeta



Antona Perovška

Umrl je 10. novembra 1968.

Dvajset let je že, kar hladna zemlja krije te.
Globoko vsi smo te ljubili in prezgodaj izgubili.

Zalujoči:

Mary Perovšek, soproga
Toni, sin

Vnuki in ostalo sorodstvo
v stari domovini.
Cleveland, Ohio, 11. nov. 1988.

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