

THE HOLY LAND TOUR

By JOE GORNICK

We left on an initial tour of religious significance, sponsored by The Kollander World Travel Inc., and escorted by Msgr. Louis Baznik and Tony Petkovek; destination Holy Land.

Our group left Cleveland Hopkins Airport via T.W.A. 5:30 P.M., March 27. Upon arrival at J.F.K. Airport, in New York, we transferred to Swissair Terminal. Our transatlantic flight took our group of 51 to Zurich, Switzerland. It's 10:40 A.M. local time) six hour time change. After a short stay we boarded a Jumbo Jet, and arrived at Tel-Aviv Ben Gurion Airport, Israel at 7:30 P.M. Total time 30 hours from Cleveland. Israel was established in 1948, and Jerusalem is the captial city.

We were greeted by local hosts, and bused to Hotel St. George in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, a holy city, place of pilgrimage for Jews, Christians and Moslems.

For over 50 centuries, Jerusalem has stood, crowning the bleak hills of the Judean desert. Bonded by the East by the Kidron Valley, and to the South by the valley of Hinnon. Its name derives from the name of Urusalim or Urasalem. That is foundation of (the God) Salem, David took it and called it City of David. In the II millenium it appears in cuneiform documents (El-Amarna Letters, 1400 B.C.) as a Canaanite City. To the Jews it is the holiest of cities. Located here are four orders of the Roman Catholic Church. The Benedictines, Dominicans, Franciscans, and Cistercians. The Jesuits are a society, the others are Congregations. For many centuries under Palestine, this city has been occupied by Israel since 1967.

Important to the economy are tourism, oranges, cotton and diamonds. The price of gasoline, three dollars a gallon. The monetary system, we received 20 pounds for a dollar. All the buildings are of limestone construction, present population of Jerusalem, about 250,000. The city on a

hill, with slopes, imbedded with rock.

After breakfast, on a guided tour of the Holy Land, our first stop is to the Mount of Olives, where the Ascension of our Lord took place. In the center, where the Basilica stood, an Edicule covered the stone on which, according to tradition, Jesus left the imprint of his feet, before ascending into Heaven. In 1187, the church was transformed into a Mosque, and today, of the ancient edifice, only the Edicule remains standing.

On the Mount of Olives the Greek Patriach has a residence (Viri-Galliaci) and the tower of the Russian Sisters' Convent is the highest point in the district.

Bethphage was a small village on the Mt. of Olives, from which was taken the ass (donkey) which served the Master for his triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Next we visit the Pater Noster Church, built in the 20th Century, and erected over the place where, according to tradition, Christ taught the Pater Noster for the second time to his disciples. Around the cloisters, and in the church, the Our Father is inscribed in 62 languages.

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S.Z.Z. Branch 41 news

Our monthly meeting for May has been changed to May 29 at Waterloo Road Hall at 1:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and please attend so we can hear the report of the convention and all about our "Mother of the Year" affair.

Thank you everyone who made it such a wonderful affair and to our help, especially the cooks: Mary Dolzak and Albina Mersnik and to all the others who helped so generously.

I will collect dues at the meeting on May 29 so attend and pay your dues also.

I hope all our members had a wonderful "Mothers Day" with their loved ones. Congratulations to Justine Girod and "Thank You" for everything. See all our members at the meeting on May 29.

Valeria Fortuna

Madeline:
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mėnshek — Ann Cooke
Branch 50 — Ann Tercek—
Irene Jagodnik
Branch 55 — Marie Cvetic
Branch 73 — Kay Juratovec
Also attending will be the
three National Officers:
Mary Fostian — National
President
Sophie Magayne — Regional
President
Frances Sietz — Youth Director

Guests attending:
Ann Winter and Dorothy Winter of Branch No. 50.
The group is departing Cleveland, Sat., May 19 aboard North Central Airline flight No. 945 at 10:15 a.m.
A SAFE and HAPPY JOURNEY TO ALL!

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St. Anselm's 7th Annual Wine and Cheese Festival is May 25, 26, 27 and 28 at St. Anselm's Church, Route 306, 3/4 mile south of Rt. 322 in Chesterland, O. Featured will be rides, dancing, Friday Fish Fry, the Vadvnals Sunday 8:00 to 12:00.

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The Center for Urban-Metropolitan Development of Cupahoga Community College announces "Growing Up In Urban America" Multicultural Forum from May 16 thru June 13 at 8:00 p.m. Wednesdays at the Science and Technology Building, Rm 101.

Fee is \$3 for all five forums. \$1.00 for any individual forum. Free to people under 17 and over 65 years.

May 30 — Speaker: **Rose Mary Prosen**, Nationally recognized poet, Professor of English, CCC, author of "Looking Back: Newburgh". Her topic will be "Growing up Slovenian".

The Metropolitan Campus is located at 2900 Community College Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115, 241-5966 Ext. 323.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:
Ann Marie Zak of Cleveland, Ohio (May 22)
Eddie Fujs of Euclid, Ohio will celebrate his 15th birthday on May 26.



TONY PETKOVSEK

NEWS AND MUSIC NOTES

In a contest of true Slovenian style music ensembles held in Toronto on April 28, Cleveland's Alpine Sextet came in second in a field of eight competing bands.

The band, which appears regularly at Frank Sterle's Slovenia Country House on East 55th Street, is led by trumpet player Eddy Mejac of 15900 Arcade Avenue. The other five members are Stan Teskac on accordion, Paul Jurkovic on baritone and bass guitar, Lou Kuhar on drums, Tony Hocevar on clarinet and sax, and Steve Roznja on guitar.

Other competing Slovenian bands which generally played the Avsenik style of music were from various areas of Canada with the exception of another Cleveland band, "Sonnet".

Members of the Alpine group are of an average age of 20 and have participated in various Slovenian Home functions including the first concert of the United Slovenian Society Band in January.

The contest in Canada is sponsored by a number of local cultural groups which promote Slovenian music. The judging is done by a panel of five select individuals in the field of music and a point system considering the stage presence and the musicianship of each group plus the three selections that they do feature.

By the way the winning band was the long established "Wanderers Ensemble" of Toronto.

Recher 60th Celebration is Saturday, Sunday. The popular Slovenian Society Home at 20713 Recher, Avenue in Euclid, one of nine in the greater Cleveland area and the first to commemorate its 60th Anniversary, will celebrate in grand style this weekend.

Saturday will see a dinner and dance with the Joe Luzar Orchestra and Sunday's multi-cultural program, which I'll emcee, will present the singing groups which are

based at the Home. The dance and social on Sunday will feature the Eddie Rodick Orchestra which recorded the "Recher Hall Polka" on its Goodtime Polkas LP.

Sunday's program will also honor Euclid's Mayor, who was born and raised in the vicinity of the Home, Tony Sustarsic.

Chairman Joe Petric Jr. will guest on my radio show this Saturday at 3 p.m. on WZAK-FM 93.

New Releases from Milwaukee and Minnesota. The Don Fleury Orchestra released "Toe Tappin Time" with some original material plus a few Cleveland selections like "Snap Happy Polka" and "Hawaiian Polka". Met Fleury recently at the Melody Bar in Milwaukee.

Hank Thunander of St. Paul, Minnesota appeared in Cleveland last Thanksgiving weekend and he came out with "Reminiscing", an LP of pop and country tunes but no polkas.

DAN'S DIARY

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we loathe to see Father Pevec transferred, but let us all get behind our new Pastor and give him our wholehearted support and cooperation. Father Boznar certainly deserves it!

Our new pastor will be installed at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Ascension Day, May 24.

On Sunday, June 3rd our parishioners will have the opportunity to say "goodbye" to Father Pevec in the auditorium. Read the church bulletin for more details.

Congratulations from all of us to Father Allan Bruening, Ass't at St. Vitus, who decided to study law in his late forties in his spare time, and recently passed his Ohio Bar exam. It is not that often that we see such initiative and dedication in furthering a second career in later years. I am now fully convinced that life "begins at 40", and anything is possible if the desire and impetus is there. But I forgot to say that it also takes "brains". The very best is wished for you Father Bruening in your future years, both as a priest of God and an Attorney!

Best wishes are also extended to our new Slovenian Counselor, Mr. Anthony Lavrisa. He is the son of the well known Mr. and Mrs. Anton Lavrisa, 1004 Dillewood Rd., Cleveland, O. All of us are very proud of you, Tony, and we know that you will be able to do much good in your chosen career for our Slovenian people.

Catholic Charities Campaign is in full swing now and will last until Sun., May 20. Please be generous in your donations to this worthy cause. Remember there are many people who urgently need your help and who are less fortunate than you. Make a little sacrifice for the aged, ailing and the poor in Christ's name — you will feel better for it. Who knows, someday you may appreciate it, too!

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OUR HEROES

It is really difficult to find a true hero in our day and age. Even the term hero has almost disappeared from our vocabulary. Many authors earn their fame and fortune by digging up the shadowy sides of our past heroes, while investigative reporters do the same for people of our time.

Yet we need someone to look up to whose footsteps we may follow, and whose ideals become our own. We need heroes.

The Slovenians have heroes — 12,000 of them. Those soldiers and civilians who sacrificed their lives rather than compromise their ideals. In

addition, there are thousands who gave up family and home to begin again in a land of freedom and liberty. The years of World War II and the Tragedy of Vetrinje were times of hardship and grief which brought forth acts of incomparable valor, courage, and heroism.

A Mass in the memory of these heroes will be offered in the St. Vitus Church at 2:00 p.m.

May their shining example lead us in the path of righteousness and brotherhood in the one family of God.

881-1725

WORLD TRAVELER WITH PEACE CORPS.

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"I will meet with her next week," came his brisk reply. Due to technical difficulties at the college in Brussels I could not enroll even though I had been accepted. Before I discovered this fact, I had accepted a job from the Honorary Director with the I.L.P.H. as a caretaker of horses on a farm in England. I returned to Brussels, found out about the college technicalities, and moved from Brussels to Newchapel Crossing, Surrey, in England.

The lovely autumnal days closed and winter set in first with frost and later with cold, clear days. My living quarters was a small camping trailer on the horse farm. It had not heat, electricity, or toilet, I often awoke in the morning to find the curtains frozen to the windows. After 6 weeks on this farm I obtained a position as an Animal Nurse Auxiliary in the largest small animal veterinary practice in England. I moved

from the country to the East end of London into a room above the veterinary clinic. I often think of those days with pleasure as the job was demanding and I was at last doing work that closely paralleled my reasons for being in Europe. Christmas brought pangs of homesickness, so I bought a roundtrip ticket from London to Cleveland and promised my friends in England that I would return after New Year's.

Imagine my shock as I was

refused entry into England two weeks later. According to my employers I had not needed a work permit to be employed. According to the immigration authorities I was to have had one. I returned to the States within 24 hours.

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