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## Pozdrav delegaciji Ameriške bratske zveze

*Člani in članici glavnega in gl. porotnega odbora, delegati v delegaciji 17. redne konvencije Ameriške bratske zveze, pozdravljeni in dobrodošli v našem mestu Rock Springs, Wyoming!*

*V čast si štejemo, da moremo zastopnike te naše organizacije po 34 letih zopet enkrat pozdraviti na našem zapadu, in naša iskrena želja je, da se počutite med nami prijetno in domače kot bratje in sestre med brati in sestrami. Mi, od naše strani bomo skušali v tej smeri storiti vse, kar nam bo mogoče v sedanjih izrednih razmerah.*

*Upamo, da bodo zaključki 17. redne konvencije taki, da bodo v načrtu korist in čast Ameriški bratski zvezi in naši domovini Ameriki, in da se boste vračali na Vaše domove z lepimi spomini na naš zapad in zavestjo, da ste dobro izvršili našo, ki Vam jo je poverilo članstvo Ameriške bratske zveze.*

*Za društvo št. 18 Ameriške bratske zveze:  
Urban Jelovšek, predsednik; Louis Taucher, tajnik; Val. Marcina, blagajnik.*

*Za društvo št. 134 Ameriške bratske zveze:  
Mary Kershner, predsednica; Theresa Jereb, tajnica; Christina Mehle, blagajničarka.*

## Spoštni tedenski pregled

### Priznanje Rdečega križa

**OBRĀČUN Z JAPONCI**  
Ameriški obračun z Japonci v vsakem tednu bolj razvijen. Ameriški veliki bombardirali teden bombaridili industrijsko mesto Nagasaki v prav Japonski, velike cistilnice na Sumatri in mesto Davao na filipinskem otoku Mindanao. Ameriški marini in vojaki so dokončno likvidirali japonsko vojaštvo na otoku Guam, ki so ga bili Japanci iztrgali Američanom v prvih dneh vojne. Na otoku Sajpanu, ki je oddaljen manj kot 1500 milj od Tokija, so Američani razvili veliko vojno bazo. Ves japonski odpor ob reki Drinumore na New Guineji je bil likvidiran. Ameriške podmornice so potopile nadaljnih 16 japonskih ladij, med njimi eno bojno ladjo.

### EVROPSKE FRONTE

V Franciji se vali ameriška zavezniška ofenziva naprej in zavzema vedno večji obseg. Na nekaterih točkah so zavezniške armade baje oddaljene manj kot 50 milj od Pariza. V Italiji je napredovanje zavezniških armad počasno, toda ne prestano. Ruska ofenziva se poskuša naprej nekoliko bolj potiski pred tedni, vendar je vsi besni nemški protinapadi ne morejo ustattiti. Rusi so skoraj okrožili Varšavo, se na dolgi arti približali češkoslovaški meji, so razširili svoj predor do Baltika in so zapleteni v ostre boje z Nemci tik ob meji Vzhodne Prusije.

### ROOSEVELT NA HAVAJU

Ameriški listi so šele 10. avgusta priobčili poročilo, da se predsednik Roosevelt 27., 28. in 29. julija mudil na Havaju, kjer si je ogledal vojno pravljilost in je konferiral z generalom MacArthurjem in admiralom Nimitzem. Obiskal je tudi vojaške bolnišnice in se razgovarjal z ranjenci. Poročilo predsednikovem posetu Havaju je bilo zaradi varnosti zadruženo 12. avgusta. Predsednik je 21. julija na bojni ladji odpotoval iz San Diega, California, proti Havaju.

### GNEZDA PODMORNIC

Ameriška ofenziva v Franciji, ki je doseglja pristanišča Brest, St. Nazaire in Lorient, je dočinila zatočišče nemškim podmornicam. Omenjena pri-

### NEVSIJIVO BOGASTVO

Skoro vsak izmed nas se je že vozil mimo ali preko polj šeleteči koruze, ki je sredi poletja v svoji najbujnejši rasti. Malokdo pa se je zavedel, da je koruza eden izmed najvažnejših ameriških pridelkov. V letu 1943 se je cenil pridelek koruze na ameriških farmah na tri tisoč milijonov bušljiv. Četrtno vseh obdelanih polj v Zedinjenih državah je pokrivala koruza. Vrednost koruze, pridelane v Zedinjenih državah, je večja kot skupna vrednost pridelka pšenice, bombaže, sirk, ječma, in rizi. Tako bogastvo je v koruzi, katerega pa javnosti ne kaže niti navidezno ne ponuja.

Navedeno se nekako-čudno in neverjetno sliši vprito znanega dejstva, da se koruza v tej deželi le v mali meri porablja za direktno prehrano prebivalstva. Znano nam je, da je koruza v znaten delu Evrope, Centralne in Južne Amerike in v raznih drugih delih sveta eden glavnih faktorjev za prehrano revnejšega prebivalstva, toda v Zedinjenih državah prihaja koruza za direktno hrano prebivalstva le malo v poštvet. Poznamo kuhanino in praženo koruzo kot poslastico ali del sezonske prehrane in v naših južnih državah pride do neke mere v poštvet tudi koruzni kruh v raznih oblikah.

V glavnem pa prihaja v naši deželi koruza v poštvet kot indirektno živilo, in to v zelo veliki meri. Rabi se največ za krmno prasičev, goveje živine in kokoši. Mi se hranimo s koruzo potom mesa in jaje. In, če upoštavamo, da je v Zedinjenih državah okrog 80 milijonov glav goveje živine in okrog 84 milijonov glav prasičev, nam postane jasno, kam gre ves ogromni pridelek koruze. Koruza daje tudi škrob, ki je potreben za eksplozivne snovi, in stodrugih produktov, ki so potrebni v vojni in mirnih časih. Značilno je, da se v vojne svrhe potrebni alkohol dandanes ne izdeluje iz koruze, ampak iz bolj aristokratske pšenice. Koruza je preveč važna za krmo goveje živine, prasičev in perutnine. V zvezi s tem je vredno omneniti, da je svinjska mast zelo potrebna za izdelavo glicerina, ki je potreben za izdelavo razstreli.

### PRAKTIČNI VERNIKI

V Zedinjenih državah je poleg mnogih drugih verskih sekturnih verskih sekta, ki se imenuje Brethren. Vseh skupaj je okrog 185,000 in so večinoma farmerji, živeči v državah Pensylvanija, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia in Maryland. Sekto je ustanovil Alexander Mack v letu 1708 v Evropi in v letu 1719 so se skoraj vsi pripadniki iste izselili v Ameriko, kjer so postali pridni, miroljubni in pošteni farmerji. Njihove verske navade, ki so zelo preproste, nas ne zanimajo, upoštovanja vredna pa je njihova človekoljubnost. Trpljene ljudi, katere je prizadelata svetovna vojna, jih boli, in skršali jim bodo po svojih močeh pomagati.

Ko je bil v Tampa, Florida, poslužil odbor naprošen, so v Elginu, Ill., ustanovili posebni pomožni odbor, katerega naloga je zasigurati kar največje število mlade plemenske živine za vojni opustošene dežele Evrope. Odbor je tozadovno že v stikih z vladami štirih evropskih dežel: Holandske, Španije, Belgije in Jugoslavije. Prispemanje goved v to svrhu je pravstvoljno, toda dosedaj se je

### SEMEÑA VROČNICA

Senena vročnica ali senena mrzlica je sezonska bolezen, ki se vsako leto okoli 15. avgusta razpase po večjem delu Zedinjenih držav in mrevari svoje izbrane žrtve do prvih jesenskih slan. Žrtve se počutijo kot bi jih mučila prava vročnica, težko dihajo, se solzijo in kihajo. Američani imenujejo to sezonske bolezni hay fever; pri tem je značilno, da bolezen ni niti vročnica, niti je ne povzroča seno, kot bi se moglo sklepati z imenom. Druga značilnost te sezonske bolezni je, da ji je večina ljudi nedostopna. Vsekakor pa trpi na tej sezonski bolezni vsako leto nad pet milijonov ljudi v Zedinjenih državah, in vsako leto se pridruži originalnim trpinom okrog 20 tisoč rekrutov.

Hay fever ali senena vročnica ni vročnica, ampak samo vnetje sluzne kožice v nosu, grlu in očeh. To vnetje provzroči cvetni prah različnih cvetčnih rastlin. Ta prah je silno droben in lahak in ga veter nosi na velike daljave. Nevaren je zato, ker ga je v zraku nešteče milijone. Ko jesenska slana cvetje zamori, je tudi konec senene vročnice. Kot že omenjeno, so žrtve senene vročnice leto za letom isti ljudje, medtem, ko se drugih ne loti.

Cvetni prah skoraj vseh cvetčnih rastlin more povzročiti seneno vročnico, toda v Zedinjenih državah smatrajo znanstveniki za največje zločinke v tem oziru štiri rastlinske vrste, namešči ragweed, redroot pigweed, sagebrush in timothy. Pravih slovenskih izrazov za ta plevel nimamo in direkten prevod bi nikomur nič ne koristil. Rastlina goldenrod, ki je bila nekoč obdolžena za največje povzročiteljico senene vročnice, je primero nedolžna. Po srednjem zpadu povzroči največ senene vročnico ragweed. To je nekaki nemški detelji ali lucerni podbeni plevel, ki raste po praznih stavbiščih, ob cestah, po nasipi in drugih.

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## POTA DEMOKRACIJE

V naši demokratični republiki je volja naroda najvišja postava. Vsa oblast izhaja od spodaj, iz ljudstva samega. Najprej je narod in še potem vlada, kajti brez naroda ne more biti vlade. Postave sprejemajo od ljudstva izvoljeni zastopniki v soglasju z željami svojih volilcev; za izvrševanje postav mora skrbeti administracija ki je istotako izvoljena od ljudstva. To velja tako glede mestnih odborov in županov ter državnih postavodaj in governerjev kot glede kongresa in administracije v Washingtonu. Mestne odbornike in župane, državne poslanke in governerje ter člane kongresa in predsednika lahko ljudstvo ob zaključku termina ponovno izvoli, ako je bilo z njihovim delom zadovoljno, prav tako lahko pa jih tudi odslovi, če je bila njihova služba nezadovoljiva. Tak je sistem in taka so pota demokracije.

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Naša Ameriška bratska zveza temelji na sličnem sistemu. Njena avtonomija je obširna. Članstvo organizacije po svojih svobodno izvoljenih zastopnikih formira svoje lastne postave ter voli svoje upravne in nadzorne odbornike in sodnike. Gledate pravil, ki so postave organizacije, velja le toliko omejitve, kolikor jih predstavljajo državne postave. To na nek način sliči omejitvam, ki jih imajo mestni zastopi ali državne legislature, ki ne morejo sprejeti postav, katere bi bile v navzkriju s federalnimi postavami. V vsem ostalem pa morejo izvoljeni zastopniki slediti izraženim željam članstva ki ga zastopajo, in svoji lastni razsodnosti.

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Sedemnajsta redna konvencija Ameriške bratske zvezze, ki se je ta teden sešla k zasedanju v mestu Rock Springs v državi Wyoming, sliči do znatne mere zveznemu kongresu. Razlika sistema je v tem, da mandat delegatov traja le za čas zasedanja konvencije in da so vodelitelji organizacije za prihodnji termin izvoljeni od delegatov. Moč delegacije je tako na eni strani omejena, na drugi strani pa povečana. Na splošno pa je uprava naše organizacije močno podobna upravnemu sistemu naše demokratične republike, katere majhno celico tvori. Tipična značilnost vsake demokratične skupine je odločanje večine. Za kar se večina odloči, tisto obvelja; v tem se najbolj izrazito ločijo od diktatur, kjer odloča manjšina, včasih ena sama oseba. V diktaturah so ljudske mase preizbrane in smatrane za nezmožne samovlade, v demokracijah prihaja do izraza volja ljudskih mas. Naš pesnik Prešeren je pred davnimi leti zapisal: "Največ sveta otrokom sliši Slave; tja bomo našli pot kjer nje sinovi si prosto vol'jo vero in postave." Mi smo našli pot v Ameriko, v deželo svobode, kjer si prosto volimo vero in postave. Med drugimi tudi postave naše podporne organizacije.

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V diktaturah mora veljati volja ene osebe ali male skupine oseb in večina se mora z odloki zadovoljiti in molcati. V demokracijah pa ima vsak svobodo izraziti svoje mnenje in glasovati po svojem prepršanju; večina pa odloča. Iz tega pa sledi, da se nobena postavodajna oblast ni mogla prikrojiti vsem postav tak, da bi ugajale vsem. To velja za naš zvezni kongres in za državne legislature prav tako kot za naše konvencije. Prav gotovo je, da na naši konvenciji sprejeta pravila ne bodo v vseh ozirih zadovoljila vse člane, toda zadovoljila bodo večino, ker bodo odobrena od večine zastopnikov članstva. In v demokraciji mora manjšina upoštevati odlok večine, ker sicer bi nastala anarhija. Nobena postavodaja in nobena konvencija ne more vedeti za izpremenbe razmer v bodočnosti in ne more rešiti problemov oddaljene bodočnosti. Zato se vršijo zasedanja takih postavodaj ali konvencij v določenih razdobjjih, da se v izpremenjenih novih razmerah izboljša tisto, kar zahtevajo novi časi.

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Vsega navedenega se delegati 17. redne konvencije nedvomno v polni meri zavetajo in bodo Ameriški bratski zvezi za bodoče poslovanje začrtali tako smernico, ki bo po njihovem izkrenem prepršanju v obstoječih in pričakovanih razmerah najboljša. Urednik uradnega glasila, Nove Dobe, jih vse iskreno pozdravlja in z vso govorstvo pričakuje od njihovega odgovornega dela takih zaključkov, ki bodo v največjo korist in čast Ameriški bratski zvezi in naši domovini Amerikai.

## VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

Pisano je: V potu svojega obraza boš jedel svoj kruh in potico! Da ta odlok velikega Jezu velja tudi za vašega poročevalca, so se lastnoročno prepričali clevelandski delegati, ki so bili prišli vročega avgustovega večera v uredništvo, kamor jim je agent železniške družbe uslužno prinesel naročene vozne listke.

Ruske armade so dne 31. julija na svoji 800 milj dolgi fronti osvobodile 2140 mest in vasi. To je rekord, kakršnega ni dosegljalo nobena druga vojska sila v znani zgodbini.

V lokalnem listu, ki izhaja v malem mestu severne Minnesota, je prijatelj Cahej opazil poročilo, da imajo tam tudi nadzornika za plevel, in sarkastično pripomnil, da pri nas v Clevelandu uspeva prevel brez oficielnega priznanja in nadzorstva. In še kako!

Vse na svetu se poplača, če ne čež sedem let, pa nekoliko pozneje. Po revoluciji izčrpana Rusija je bila v marcu 1918 prisiljena podpisati sramotni mir z Nemčijo v Brest Litovsku. Nejak pozneje je bila prisiljena v Rigi podpisati mir s Poljsko, in je pri tem izgubila veliko odločno ruskega ozemlja. Pred nekaj tedni pa so zmagovali ruske armade prepodile Nemce iz Brest Litovske in velikega dela Poljske, in višje na severu so prodrlje do Rige. Kako se je obrnilo! Zdaj bodo Rusi tisti, ki bodo Nemcem stavili pogoje miru, ne v Brest Litovsku, ampak v Berlinu, in bodo Poljaki povedali, kje so njihove meje.

Svica, ki je bila vedno približaličje političnih beguncov, je priprala vrata svoje gostoljubnosti. Vstop bo dovoljen samo tistim, katere bo smatrala za vredne zavetnike. Iz tega izhaja, da Hitler, Mussolini in druga nacifašistična svojstvo ne bo našla v Švici jerperg, ko se bo Nemčija zrušila.

Dobri ruski vzgledi vlečejo. Ko so Američani in Angleži videli, kako vratolomno brzino podijo Rusi Nemce nazaj na vzhodni fronti, so jih pričeli posnemati v Franciji. In še je imenito in še gre v smeri proti Berlinu.

Farmerju Johnu Ballu v Greece Cityu, Pa., se je zgodilo kot lačnemu človeku, ki je prsil kruha, pa je dobil potice. Kopal je nov vodnjak na svojem posestvu, ker se je bil stari posušil. V globini 65 čevljev je zadel na mokroto, toda mestno vode je bilo olje. Danes ima olje dobro ceno in farmer Ball bo pil pivo mesto vode.

Dandanes se marsikaka starina pobere iz ropotarnice in ponovno rabi, ker zaradi vojnih razmer primanjkuje novih produktov. Ampak včasih gre to pobiranje starine predalec. Prijetno gorke julijiske nedelje do poldne sem se leno obiral v stanovanju, komodno srkal kavo, malomarno pregledoval nedeljski list in tu in tam nekoliko poslušal radio, ki je igral, kar je hotel. Nedelja je zame res gospodov dan, ker lahko igram gospoda: pozno vstanem, pozno pijem kavo in pozno se odpravim za izhod v beli svet. Hipoma pa sem pozorno in neverjetno dvignil ušesa. Iz radio-aparata je donela prava staru avstrijsko cesarska pesem. Poslušam in poslušam: ali res mrljči vstajajo, ali duše prehajajo iz enega bitja v drugega, kot verujejo Indijci? Res, bila je prava staru avstrijsko cesarska pesem; ne besedilo, ampak melodija. Peli so jo pevci neke verske skete, katere imem sem pozabil, ki so mělodijo prikrojili za svojo nedeljsko himno. Tako,

sem si mislil, bivši podaniki njegevga apostolskega veličanstva so to himno vrgli v obcestni jarek pred več kot četrstetjem, zdaj pa jo je pobral neki ameriški pastor ali pa njejegov mežnar, jo nekoliko okrtal in jo porabil za melodijo verski himni! Ali je vojna povzročila res tako pomanjkanje glasbenih talentov, da moramo pobirati iz obcestnih jarkov za vržene himne davno umrlih cesarskih avtokratov! Ne jezik se rad, posebno ne ob nedeljah, toda takrat me je tako prijelo, da bi bil šel v salun in se na jezo napisil, če bi bili saluni ob nedeljah odprtji. Tako sem pa samo ponovil izrek generala Shermana: war is hell!

Ali ste kdaj razmišljali, prijatelji, po kakih križevih potih pridejo pred vas vrstice, ki jih citate? Morda vas bo zanimalo.

Najprej je treba ujeti idejo, in, kdar je izkusil, ve, da je včasih ideje težje loviti kot zvezdne utrinke. Vaš poročevalec jih navadno lov v oblakih tobačnega dima. Vprito kakovosti dima pet in šestcentnih cigar se lahko sklepata, da so tuudi ideje včasih pet-ali šestcentne. Ujeto idejo je treba potem razplesti kot kokon sviloprejke. Nato se jo reproducira na papir, prečita, popravi morebitne napake in odnesi v tiskarno. Tam jo črkostavec izpremeni, primerno število svinčenih vrst, napravi provizoričen odtis na ozek kos papirja, katerega odda avtorju v ponovno prečitanje. Tudi stavci delajo napake in te je treba pronajti in označiti na odtis. Potem je umotvor v svinčeni obliku pripravljen, da se vloži v formo. Tam ga je včasih treba večkrat preložiti ker tu je morda predolg, tam prekratek, drugje morda v nepravi soseščini. Ko je forma napolnjena in gradivo z želesnimi vijaki primerno pričvrščeno v svoji položaj, napravi tiskar novo odtis cele strani. Tam urednik pregleda, če so bili vsi popravki pravilno izvršeni, če ni kakva vrstica izpadla, če ni kos kakakega članka zabolid v kolono, kamor ne spada, itd. Tiskarski škrati so podobni Izrealcem starega testamenta, ko je Abraham rodil Izaka, Izak rodil Jakoba in njegove brate itd. Zadnji popravki se označijo na zadnjih odtisih posameznih strani, ko so vsi važnejši članki ponovno prečitani. Potem šele gre vse v teči v tiskarski stroj in so prvi iztisi predloženi uredniku, da v primerjanju s prej označenimi popravki še enkrat pogleda za morebitnimi tiskarskimi škrati. Ako je vse v redu, da listu poslednji blagoslov in zeleno luč.

Ko je vse to opravljeno, zna urednik skoro vso vsebino listu na pamet in ga več ne pogleda. Z vzdihom olajšanja sede na stol, si priže cigaro in skuša pozabiti vse, kar je v novopečenem listu, nakar začne v tobacnem dimu loviti nove ideje za list prihodnje izdaje.

A. J. T.

## SLOVENSKE VESTI

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

**Prava konvencija** Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta se bo sestala v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Clevelandu v soboto 2. septembra; zborovanje se bo po potrebi nadaljevalo v nedeljo in ponedeljek, 3. in 4. septembra.

Tajnik društva št. 1 ABZ, v Elyu, Minn., poroča, da je društvo izgubilo v sedanji vojni svojega prvega člena-vojaka. Na francoski fronti je namreč padel Anton Tomsich, star 29 let, član naše organizacije iz detinskih let. Društvo št. 1 ABZ ima 85 svojih članov v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav.

**V Detroitu, Mich.**, je umrl Joseph Misica, star 58 let, član

društva št. 144 ABZ. Pokojnik zapušča soprogo, osem hčera in sestro. Rojen je bil na Talčjem vrhu pri Črnomlju v Beli Krajini.

**V Conemaughu, Pa.**, je nagaoma umrla Frances Ošaben, starca 62 let, članica društva št. 36 ABZ. Zapušča 4 sinove in 7 hčera. Rojena je bila v Blokah pri Grahowem v Sloveniji in je bivala v Ameriki od leta 1902.

**V letovišču Lonely Acres, 27 milj od Conemaughha, Pa.**, je dne 5. avgusta utonil Victor Dremely, star 32 let, član društva št. 36 ABZ. Nesreča se je zgodila, ko je skušal rešiti iz vode nekega 13-letnega dečka. Slednjega so z umetnim dihanjem oživelj, njegovega reševalca pa ne. Pokojnik zapušča soprogo, štirimesečno hčerko, dva brata in dve sestri.

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## Greetings to the Delegation of the American Fraternal Union

Members of the Supreme Board and Supreme Judiciary Committee, delegates to the 17th regular convention of the American Fraternal Union, we greet you and bid you welcome to our city of Rock Springs, Wyo.!

We feel honored to greet the representatives of our organization again to our West after 34 years, and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy yourselves and feel at home with us as brothers and sisters among brothers and sisters. We, on our part, will attempt to do all we can in this regard and all that possibly can be done during the present unusual conditions.

We hope that the decisions of the 17th regular convention will be such that they will be of most benefit and honor to our American Fraternal Union and our homeland America, and that you shall return to your homes with pleasant memories of our West and with the knowledge that you have performed well the duty which was entrusted to you by the membership of the American Fraternal Union.

For Lodge No. 18, American Fraternal Union:  
Urban Jelovsek, president; Louis Taucher, secretary; Val. Marcina, treasurer.

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Mary Kershishnik, president; Theresa Jereb, secretary; Christina Mehl, treasurer.

For Lodge No. 202, American Fraternal Union:  
James Shuster, president; Fannie Jenko, secretary; Jennie Komenski, treasurer.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When from our better selves we have too long  
Been parted by the hurrying world, and droop,  
Sick of its business, of its pleasures tired,  
How gracious, how benign, is Solitude.

—Wm. Wordsworth

### THE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP

The man who is worthy of being a leader of men will never complain of the stupidity of his helpers, the ingratitude of mankind, nor the unappreciation of the public. These things are all part of the great game of life, and to meet them and not go down before them in defeat and discouragement is the ultimate proof of power.

—Elbert Hubbard

**Ode To A Porker**  
The pig is a caution,  
He's seldom seen washin',  
His grooming, at best, is inferior,  
But that doesn't faze him,  
He knows we'll raise him  
Because of his lovely interior.

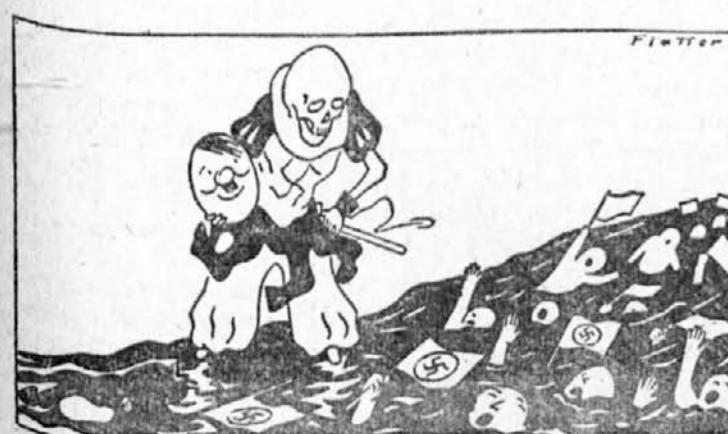
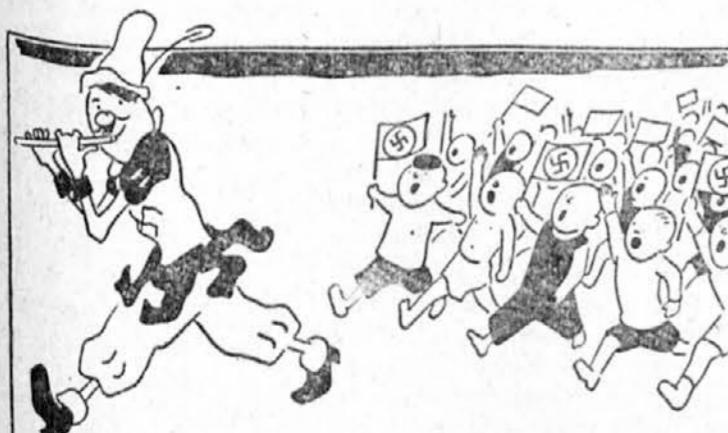
—Skyscrapers.

Every American should pledge "To have and to hold War Bonds for ten years!"

feet, and is powered by a 185 horsepower engine.

—Science Service

### THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN.



### Change Meeting Date of Lodge 55

Uniontown, Pa. — Members of Lodge No. 55, AFU who were not at the meeting of July 16th are hereby notified that it was then decided that our regular monthly meeting of August be changed from the third to the FOURTH Sunday. Therefore, our next meeting will be held Sunday, August 27. This change was necessary due to my attending the 17th regular AFU convention, from which I cannot return by the third Sunday of the month. In the future, however, our meetings will be held as usual, every third Sunday of the month; the change was made for the month of August only.

The members are invited to attend, in as large a number as possible, the meeting of August 27th so I can report to them about the most important decisions of the convention. I am leaving to attend the convention with the best intentions of working for the greatest benefits for our membership and for the progress of our American Fraternal Union. Fraternal regards to all.

Joseph Prah,  
Sec'y and Delegate  
Lodge No. 55, AFU  
Uniontown, Pa.

### Women At Work And At War

A lumber mill near Concord, N. H. is operated entirely by women—a model of the gradual female encroachment in this hitherto 100-percent male industry.

About one-third of the country's aircraft workers are women.

Twelve officers of the Army Nurse Corps have been awarded the Bronze Star for heroic service in Italy, the War Department announced recently. This brings to 17 the number of American nurses who have been decorated for gallantry under fire.

One Bronze Star and four Silver Star awards were made earlier.

Women of the Transportation Corps handle more than 200 types of Army vehicles at the gigantic shipping pools at ports of embarkation. They also get the ships in shape to carry them.

Today, 29 per cent of the 84,000 civilians behind the Army Engineers are women.

Kindergartens are accepted as a prime factor in America's educational system. Few know, however, who organized the first one, or why.

If the title of "mother of the kindergartens" should go to anyone it must be to Margarethe M. Schurz, wife of the noted German-American statesman and orator, Carl Schurz. She opened the nation's first one in Watertown, Wis., 88 years ago. Her first class had six pupils.

You can borrow money to pay your lodge dues; you can't borrow health to pass a fraternal life insurance examination. Enroll now and be assured of protection and security!

### American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



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### Another AFU Yank Dies For His Country



Ely, Minn. — Brother Tony Tomsich, a member of Lodge No. 1, AFU since birth, was killed in France in the performance of his duty. He was with an infantry unit and was wounded on D-Day and then taken to England to recover. However, after his recovery he was again sent to the front and this time he was fatally injured.

He is the first member who lost his life in the armed forces from Lodge No. 1, although we have about 85 members in the service. May he rest in peace in the foreign land which he helped to liberate. He was 29 years of age and was a twin brother of Joseph Tomsich, who was also in the service but was discharged due to a stomach ailment, and is one of a family of seven boys, all of whom are members of the AFU. During a furlough last September he came to say goodbye as he was going overseas and said he would see me after the war, however, fate had other plans. His family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire membership of Lodge No. 1, AFU.

Frank Tomsich Jr., Sec'y Lodge No. 1, AFU Ely, Minn.

### KID VICTORY



### Lodge No. 36, AFU Member Loses Life, Rescues Young Lad

Conemaugh, Penn. — On Saturday, Aug. 5, 1944, Lodge No. 36, AFU lost one of its staunchest friends and supporters when Victor Dremely, popularly known as "Vic," lost his life while trying to save a boy from drowning.

Vic, who was an assistant scoutmaster at Parkhill, Pa., was with a group of scouts that had arrived at the camping site, "Lonely Acres," for an overnight stay. Shortly after their arrival, the boys went for a canoe ride; a short distance from the shore one lad toppled into the water. Vic quickly removed his shoes and swam toward the boy who was struggling in the water; upon reaching him, the boy suddenly grabbed Vic around the neck, they both went down and were brought to the shore within five minutes.

The lad regained consciousness within a few minutes but Vic never rallied, despite the fact that four of the finest rescue squads in the state worked tirelessly trying to bring Vic to life. Fourteen tanks of oxygen were used.

The news that Vic was dead shocked everyone for he had many, many friends. He will be remembered by the delegates of the 16th regular convention as the guy who made everybody happy. He was an honorary delegate at that time. He was elected as alternate delegate for this coming convention. Vic was also manager of our lodge softball team and a good friend of Ott Kaushep, who was reported missing in action.

He was an ardent supporter of all athletic activities, being a familiar and picturesque figure at all the games; everybody yelled "Hi Vic!" whenever he appeared. He was beloved by young and old alike. He was never ashamed at any time to speak the several foreign languages that he knew. He was very proud that he was a Slovenian American.

Vic was a member of the Conemaugh Volunteer Fire Co. He also belonged to the local Union No. 6394, U. M. W. of A. knowing and advocating that in union there is strength. He was also committeeman for the Democratic Party of Parkhill, Pa.

Vic was born in Conemaugh, Pa. on Aug. 28, 1912, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dremely, both deceased. His mother died in 1921 and his father passed away in 1933. About three years ago he married Dorothy Semich of Parkhill, Pa. who survives him and he also leaves a baby daughter, Vickie, who is four months old.

Members of Lodge No. 36, AFU extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dremely, Vickie and the remaining members of his family.

**TO YOU VIC**  
'Twas your special delight  
To give happiness to  
Those who were sad.

And like a sudden beam  
Of gleaming light  
There was gladness and sunshine  
Where previously there were tears.

So long, now, Vic, in our hearts  
you'll always be dear.

Joseph Turk, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 36, AFU  
Conemaugh, Penn.

### Central European News

British Recall Liaison Officers From Mihailovic Headquarters

Washington. — The decision to withdraw British liaison officers stationed at the headquarters of Gen. Draza Mihailovic was the subject of an inquiry in the British Parliament on July 18, the BBC revealed in a broadcast reported to OWI.

The liaison officers were withdrawn. Prime Minister Winston Churchill is quoted as having said during the inquiry, "when it became clear that General Mihailovic was not engaged in preparations against the enemy, and that some of his lieutenants were fighting Marshal Tito's partisans."

The decision to withdraw the British officers, Churchill added, "was in every way justified."

The clandestine radio station "Woods and Mountains of Yugoslavia," maintained by General Mihailovic, in a broadcast on July 18, reported to OWI by U. S. Government monitors, named the quisling detachments of Vojvoda Kosta Pecanac, Vojvoda Blasko, Milija Majstorovic and Spasenac as "having fled to towns to seek protection under their masters—the Gestapo," from the wrath of the people, "for dishonoring the name of the Serbs."

The clandestine broadcast quoted the June 15 issue of the underground paper "Glas Beograda" as having written that "the bearded men who have appeared in Belgrade and other towns, have entered the service of the Germans in order to compromise the real Chetniks."

"One of these, Vojvoda Blasko, has been caught and got what all traitors deserve—death," the broadcast added.

Office of War Information

### Free Jugoslav Court Orders Execution of Captured Ustashi Leader

Washington. — The Free Jugoslav radio, broadcasting outlet for the Jugoslav patriot forces under Josip (Tito) Broz, said on July 25 that the quisling provincial governor and Ustashi commander at Nova Gradiska, Stjepan Urojic, had been tried and sentenced to death by a "People's Court" in Cazma for atrocities against the Serb population in Croatia.

While Urojic was provincial governor at Varazdin before taking over the governorship at Nova Gradiska, the broadcast said, "several hundred Serbs from villages in the Varazdin province were abducted and killed." The broadcast added that "for nearly one and a half years Urojic, together with other Ustashi criminals gloated

### Congratulations, Cleveland!

The citizens of Cleveland are to be congratulated for the splendid traffic safety record they have just made. Not one person was killed in Cleveland's traffic during the entire month of July.

The establishment of such a mark as this indicates that Cleveland's citizens are conscious of the need for carefulness while using the streets. The police department recognizes the fact that the full co-operation of Clevelanders made such a feat possible. The credit for being safe belongs to all our people. This credit certainly does belong to the people despite inferences that the reduction in traffic fatalities was only brought about by fortunate combination of circumstances. We know that accidents are not due to unfortunate occurrences over which we have no control but they are due to acts of carelessness and thoughtlessness on the part of the persons involved. Traffic accidents may therefore be prevented and eliminated if we are determined to eliminate them. We can and do control the number of traffic accidents that occur in Cleveland. When we are careful, accidents are lowered and when we are careless, accidents are increased.

Despite the overall reduction in traffic fatalities, there is one group that still contributes a disproportionate share of fatal accidents. This is the group of people over the age of fifty years. Two out of three pedestrians killed in traffic are in this class. The person over fifty must be extra vigilant when using the streets.

—Cleveland Police Dept.

### BE PREPARED!

Camp Cooke, Calif. — Smiling as he handed Sgt. Harold O. Vogler a premarital physical examination certificate, Maj. Nino deProphetia, second ranking officer of the Eleventh Armored Division's 81st Medical Battalion, remarked pleasantly, "So you're getting married?"

"No, sir, not necessarily," came the astonishing reply. "I'm going on furlough and just thought I'd like to take this thing along, just in case."

More than a ton of metal or explosive must be hurled on the battlefield in the present war to kill one enemy.

over this bloody terror in the suffering Croat land."

Urojic was captured by patriot forces quite some time ago, the broadcast revealed, and about a month ago was indicted by the "People's Court."

### Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:

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For Plan "D" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 1.50 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 2.50 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 1,000 death benefit, \$ 5.00 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 1,500 death benefit, \$ 7.00 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 2,000 death benefit, \$ 9.00 award;  
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 3,000 death benefit, \$ 12.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 2.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 3.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 1,000 death benefit, \$ 6.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 1,500 death benefit, \$ 10.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 2,000 death benefit, \$ 12.00 award;  
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 3,000 death benefit, \$ 18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

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**Comrade Tempo And His Serbian Partisans**

Condensed from a dispatch of Russell Hill to the New York Herald-Tribune of July 7th:

In the mountains of eastern Serbia, more than a hundred miles from any seacoast, the Partisan movement has been growing like a mushroom in the last few months, until now there are several purely Serbian divisions of Partisans which have forced the Germans to reinforce heavily their garrisons along the vital Nis-Skopje and Nis-Sofia railways.

Indeed the Nazis have become so anxious lest the movement spread into other part of Serbia, that they launched a few days ago a large-scale offensive against Marshal Josip Broz's (Tito's) Serbs, hoping to destroy this new army while it still is in process of formation. However, the Allied officers who maintain contact with the Serbs are confident that the offensive, in which Germans, Bulgars and Chetniks (Mihailovich guerrillas) are taking part, comes too late to effect its purpose.

One of the most significant aspects of the Partisan success in recruiting an army in Serbia is that this is the heart of what was once Mihailovich country.

The last doubts that the Partisan movement in Yugoslavia rather than Croat in character should now be dispelled.

**Serbs Already in Tito Forces**

Actually, Tito's armies outside Serbia also include a large proportion of Serbs. His movement originated in Serbia and was forced west into Montenegro and then north into Bosnia. Allied officers estimate that Serbs and Montenegrins form more than half of the fighting troops in the National Army of Liberation.

The recent development of Partisan warfare in Serbia is not the result of an eastward advance by Tito's forces. The Serbian movement grew from small groups which started operating near the old Bulgarian-Yugoslav frontier last November. Their leader was a mysterious "Comrade Tempo," about whom very little is known even now.

"Tempo," like "Tito," is a fabricated name. The Serb leader's real name is secret, and there are probably not a half-dozen people outside Yugoslavia who know it. He is not in general referred to by any military rank but merely as "Drug (Comrade) Tempo." He is the recognized No. 1 Partisan in Serbia, and acknowledges Tito as his commander in chief.

Among these is a steady trickle of Chetniks, whose rank and file are tiring of increasingly open collaboration with Nedich troops and Germans.

Tito is hoping for great things from his Serb followers.

Bulletin of the U.C.S.S.A.

**Wounded in France Receive Good Care****Juvenile Voices****ELY REVIEW**

By Margaret M. Startz

The fast, efficient attention given the wounded in France has saved many lives, according to Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, Chief Surgeon of the European Theatre. Gen. Hawley also expressed his pleasure at the work of the Ninth Air Force in evacuating wounded soldiers, sometimes within an hour of their arrival in evacuation points behind the lines.

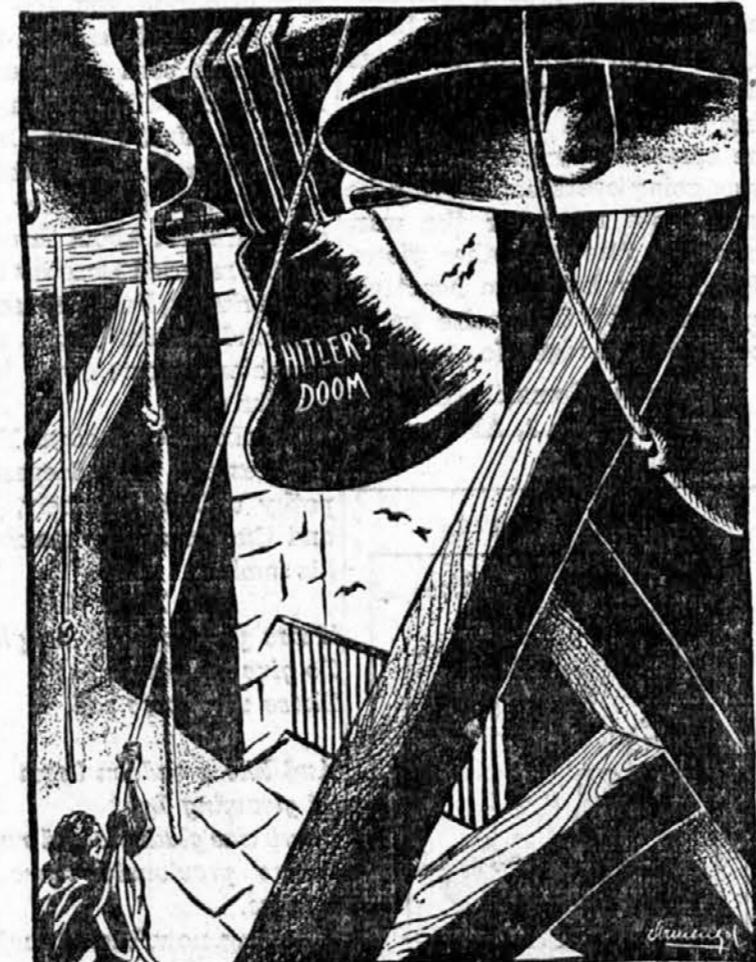
The chief surgeon described how a field hospital platoon waits at the field in the United Kingdom, to receive patients brought in by air, and transports them immediately to fixed hospitals in the vicinity. "The condition of the casualties on arrival in the United Kingdom has been surprisingly fine," he said. "Fractures have been well splinted, and shock is treated on the LSTs and hospital carriers so that rarely does a patient arrive in a state of shock."

Medical supplies of all kinds were plentiful, Gen. Hawley stated, revealing that one experienced surgeon was placed on each LST and in addition there were two young medical officers of the Navy and about 20 hospital corpsmen. Provisions for receiving casualties in England were described as "more than adequate."

One of the surgical miracles of the war was disclosed when the War Department reported how the Army doctors laid open five layers of flesh, muscle, and bone in a soldier's chest to remove a shell fragment a half-inch in length which had lodged against his heart. Though amazing enough in itself, what makes the story really incredible is the fact that the soldier had been fighting for seven months before the fragment was discovered and removed.

The soldier, unidentified in the report, was wounded in March 1943, but the wound healed rapidly and he rejoined his unit 26 days later. Occasionally during the next seven months he felt chest pains which he considered no worse than a "sprained finger," and which disappeared of their own accord. Not wanting to miss action with his unit, he said nothing about it until after he had suffered his third attack. He was sent to a general hospital and X-rayed, after which the delicate operation was performed. Then the incisions in each layer were closed, and six weeks later the soldier was out of the hospital with no serious post-operative symptoms.

—Army and Navy Journal

**FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS**

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**Juvenile Voices****ELY REVIEW**

By Margaret M. Startz

Ely, Minn. — We have just spent a most wonderful week at Vertin's cabin, located at White Iron Lake. There were eight of us girls there: Veronica Vertin, Theresa Kapsch, Jean Marinko, Aves Hall, Evelyn Kivipelto, Johanna Novosel, Leona Janezich and myself. We went there July 30th. Mrs. John Kapsch and Mr. Vertin drove us. We had been looking forward to this week's vacation and we were so impatient to get there that we thought the day would never arrive when we were to leave.

It was wonderful for the lake was right in front of the cabin and the beach was very nice too. The cabin has a big two-way screened-in porch where we spent most of our time as it was the coolest place. It was wonderful sitting there watching the gorgeous sunset. We practically lived in our swimming suits and pajamas.

We went swimming daily, off and on, depending upon the mood we were in. There was a swell dock off which we dived and took sunbaths on. We took daily hikes and walks. We often walked to the "Silver Rapids Lodge" owned by Mr. Frank Jenko. He is a good musician and plays both the accordion and piano and he is also a good singer having often broadcast on the Slovenian hour and appeared in various entertainments in Ely and on the range.

We spent quite a few enjoyable evenings with my aunt, Mrs. Joseph Grahek at her cabin. We went there to dance as she has a combination radio and recorder with many good records, including Slovene music. Although we are American born we have Slovene blood running in our veins, so naturally we are drawn to the Slovene music.

We had many visitors, including our parents and friends who brought us good things to eat, etc. One of our most frequent visitors was Mr. Matt Vertin, owner of the cabin. He never came empty-handed but always brought some ice cream and pop, etc. He also allowed us the use of the cabin free of charge. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Vertin for myself and the rest of the girls for the use of the cabin and also for all his donations to us. We also thank all the others who brought us all those nice things.

In the evening we would pop corn, read or sit and talk until the wee hours of the night and then usually sleep late in the morning. We would have a late breakfast and in that way eat only two meals a day. We did all our own cooking and enjoyed doing it.

In conclusion I would like to say that this was a very happy week living with these other seven girls. It brought us closer together and this gave us a better understanding of real friendship. I shall forever cherish this memory of this week at Vertin's cabin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Anton Golenko of Chicago, Ill., who are in business there, are visiting here in Ely and while here, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Svetich entertained them at a dinner at the Grahek cabin at White Iron Lake. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sever, Mrs. Matt Cherne, Mrs. Frank Jenko, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grahek, Steve Startz and my mother.

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Last week Mr. and Mrs. Anton Murgel and my mother went to their cabin located at Half Way. They have a large cabin there and another smaller one. The view there is very picturesque, surrounded by lovely tall pines.

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This is all for now, Juveniles.

Little Willie put his baby brother in the ice-box. When his mother found the little darling there, he had become a frightened heir.



"WHO PUT HUNDRED-OCTANE IN MY LIGHTER?"

**Yugoslav Refugees**

Washington — There are 38,400 war refugees now in the Middle East. Five thousand more are coming from Yugoslavia shortly. The figures are contained in a report from the UNRRA office in Cairo, reported by the Office of War Information.

The report covers the activities of the MERRA, (Middle East Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) and forms a history of the refugees in the Middle East. It covers many peoples from many lands.

As long ago as 1941, the appalling condition of the Balkans forced thousands to escape to Turkey and the Middle East. In May of that year, the first camp for refugees was established in the heart of Cairo, and 35,000 tons of wheat were sent to Greece through MERRA from the Middle East. It was, by the way, under the direction of Mr. Matthews in the relief section of the Minister of State's Office, the forerunner of MERRA, that the SS RADMANO left Haifa with food for Greece. It was the first time the blockade had been breached. The RADMANO was followed by other ships, and together 35,000 tons of wheat were sent to Greece through MERRA.

The need for an organization to handle the situation became immediately apparent, and in July by order of the Middle East War Council, MERRA was organized, as an associated department of the Office of the Minister of State. Its immediate task was the care, maintenance and the finding of homes for 27,000 persons—17,000 Greeks and 10,000 Poles. But later in the same year, the problem was increased by another influx of Poles into Persia. And it was known that 23,000 more remained that would have to be dealt with as refugees.

Negotiations were then begun with the East African Governors' Conference, and arrangements were made to accommodate the Poles at Kenya, Uganda, Nyasaland, and Rhodesia. Appeals also were made to the Belgian Congo Government, and 4,000 Greeks were admitted there. Later Haile Selassie gave war asylum to 1,500 additional Greeks, and refugees were also found for Senussi Arabs, and Jews from Libya, the Yemen and Russia.

In most cases stipulations had to be made by MERRA that the refugees would not become a financial charge upon the countries that took them in. In some cases, where the country itself was in straitened circumstances, the guarantee had to include the matter of supplies. A guarantee of repatriation as soon as practicable also had to be given.

To meet the problems of shipping, food supplies, clothing, medical services, and necessary security precautions, MERRA works in close liaison with the Army, with foreign governments, and voluntary societies. Each refugee is documented regarding name, age, place of birth, nationality, number of passports (if any), profession, and religion.

On arrival at a camp, each refugee is given an identity card, and is disinfected and inoculated. Security plays a big part in the work of MERRA, as the appearance of thousands of refugees, speaking a number of languages, presents an ideal situation for infiltration of enemy agents.

MERRA is also credited with much of the food assistance that has gone out to Greece. It was under the direction of W. T. Matthews, Directors General of MERRA, that the SS RADMANO left Haifa with food for Greece. It was the first time the blockade had been breached.

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As of May 1, 1944, the location of the camps and the numbers of persons in each was:

Aleppo, Syria (transit camp)—270 Greeks, 431 Dodecanese, 36 Italians, 1 Spaniard, 1 Armenian;

Athlit, Palestine—326 Greeks;

El Shatt, Egypt—15,599 Yugoslav Patriots;

Persia—8,195 Poles;

Khatatba, Egypt—3,444 Yugoslav Patriots, including 50 orphans;

Moses Wells, Egypt—2,832 Greeks;

Nuseirat, Palestine—7,779 Greeks and Dodecanese;

Souk el Gharb, Palestine—811 Greeks;

Tolumbat (near Alexandria) Egypt—86 Greeks, 388 Yugoslav Patriots, 139 "neutral" Yugoslavs, 1 Spaniard, 33 Italians, 1 Frenchman.

There are, in addition, in camps instituted by MERRA abroad, 1,047 Greeks in Ethiopia, 513 Greeks in Tanganyika, 2,432 Greeks in the Belgian Congo, 5,766 Greeks in Cyprus, and 4,319 Poles in four camps in India.

The Staff of MERRA in the general headquarters and in the camps consists of military officers, civil service employees, civilian and voluntary workers from the memberships of a number of societies. There are more than 300 such workers "in the field" representing the following societies:

British Red Cross; Near East Foundation (American); Friends Ambulance Unit (British and American); Save the Children Fund; International Voluntary Service for Peace; British Jewish Relief Unit; Mennonite Central Relief Agency; Greek War Relief Association (American); Greek Red Cross.

Sixty-six of the volunteers

**Uncle Sam's Corner**

Civilians will be lucky to get as much cocoa later this year as they've been getting, and certainly won't get more unless the war ends, WFA officials predict. Cocoa stockpiles have been dropping under heavy military demands. Now fresh stocks are on the way from Africa and Brazil. But there's still a shipping shortage. And besides the possible shortage of raw cocoa, grinding facilities are limited.

Factories are working full time on government orders and 70% of pre-war domestic consumption to which civilian quotas are limited.

**Pickle Priority**

Pickles have joined the list of foods on which the Army wants first call. No pickle packer, under a new WFA order, may sell pickle products to anyone unless he has first contracted to sell at least 25% of his product to the Army.

**Glass and Aluminum:**

More glass and aluminum will be available for food containers this year. Production is expected to exceed 1943 totals by about 13,000,000 gross.

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**Milkweed Pods Are Worth Cash:**

Filled milkweed pods worth cash this fall. Plant collect them. The floss they contain, a substitute for kapok, used in life jackets and aviators' uniforms. Taken from 1600 pods to fill one jacket. USDA is promoting a collection drive through agents and extension service. Three years ago when Dr. Iris Berkman discovered a method of processing milkweed floss, (Farm Journal) told the story, but idea was poohed by USDA, Army Navy Navy.

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**More Men Needed for Navigation**

Military calls for men grew louder last month when NACA announced 194,000 inductions will be needed before Dec. 31, and probably 189,000 more by June 30, 1945, because of pace of the Pacific War.

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**Need More Nurses in Army and Navy:**

Nurses will be recruited at the rate of 1,000 per month by the Army and 500 a month by the Navy until 5,500 Army nurses and 3,000 Navy nurses have been added to the present strength, Chairman Paul McNutt of the War Manpower Commission announced.

The present Army and Navy total is around 50,000. The Army has been operating under a 40,000 ceiling, which was raised in May

# RESULT OF THE PRE-CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN DRIVE

Rezultat pred-konvenčne članske kampanje

Lodge No.—Location	Adult Members	Members Odraslih članov	Juveniles Mladinskih članov	Total Skupaj
1 Ely, Minnesota	16	26	42	144
2 Ely, Minnesota	13	27	40	145
3 La Salle, Illinois	0	1	1	146
4 Federal, Pennsylvania	0	1	1	147
5 Soudan, Minnesota	1	20	21	148
6 Lorain, Ohio	10	31	41	149
7 Calumet, Michigan	2	1	3	150
8 Omaha, Nebraska	5	6	11	151
9 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	3	10	13	152
10 Baggaley, Pennsylvania	1	21	22	153
11 Pueblo, Colorado	3	17	20	154
12 Johnstown, Pennsylvania	2	0	2	155
13 Rock Springs, Wyoming	4	17	21	156
14 Gilbert, Minnesota	3	1	4	157
15 Denver, Colorado	0	42	42	158
16 South Chicago, Illinois	3	4	7	159
17 Eveleth, Minnesota	8	20	28	160
18 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	4	14	18	161
19 Diamondville, Wyoming	1	0	1	162
20 Kemmerer, Wyoming	0	2	2	163
21 Imperial, Pennsylvania	2	1	3	164
22 Chisholm, Minnesota	4	5	9	165
23 Braddock, Pennsylvania	1	1	2	166
24 Black Diamond, Washington	0	0	0	167
25 Center, Pennsylvania	33	0	33	168
26 Lloydell, Pennsylvania	1	5	6	169
27 Conemaugh, Pennsylvania	4	7	11	170
28 Cleveland, Ohio	12	2	14	171
29 Roslyn, Washington	2	9	11	172
30 Claridge, Pennsylvania	2	3	5	173
31 East Palestine, Ohio	0	0	0	174
32 Pueblo, Colorado	2	12	14	175
33 East Helena, Montana	12	26	38	176
34 Barberton, Ohio	12	14	26	177
35 Indianapolis, Indiana	6	14	20	178
36 Aspen, Colorado	3	8	11	179
37 Kansas City, Kansas	2	3	5	180
38 Brooklyn, New York	0	0	0	181
39 Murray, Utah	0	0	0	182
40 Mineral, Kansas	1	0	1	183
41 Little Falls, New York	1	4	5	184
42 Hibbing, Minnesota	5	19	24	185
43 Uniontown, Pennsylvania	4	16	20	186
44 Export, Pennsylvania	8	14	31	187
45 Bear Creek, Montana	1	9	11	188
46 Reading, Pennsylvania	1	1	2	189
47 South Range, Michigan	0	0	0	190
48 Joliet, Illinois	13	31	42	191
49 Monessen, Pennsylvania	0	3	3	192
50 Thomas, West Virginia	0	0	0	193
51 Chicago, Illinois	11	18	29	194
52 Cleveland, Ohio	4	9	13	195
53 Renton, Washington	1	0	1	196
54 Meadow Lands, Pennsylvania	2	0	2	197
55 Oregon City, Oregon	1	2	3	198
56 Greensburg, Pennsylvania	3	9	11	199
57 Salida, Colorado	1	0	0	200
58 Heilwood, Pennsylvania	0	0	0	201
59 Aurora, Illinois	1	0	1	202
60 Sheboygan, Wisconsin	4	3	7	203
61 Superior, Wyoming	0	0	0	204
62 Trinidad, Colorado	3	8	11	205
63 Aurora, Minnesota	1	12	13	206
64 Midvale, Utah	1	5	6	207
65 St. Louis, Missouri	1	0	1	208
66 Roundup, Montana	3	19	22	209
67 Gowanda, New York	0	0	0	210
68 Rockdale, Illinois	0	0	0	211
69 Waukegan, Illinois	0	10	10	212
70 Moon Run, Pennsylvania	1	1	2	213
71 Walsenburg, Colorado	7	8	15	214
72 Cleveland, Ohio	0	3	3	215
73 Butte, Montana	0	0	0	216
74 Davis, West Virginia	1	0	0	217
75 Duluth, Minnesota	0	0	0	218
76 Girard, Ohio	3	3	6	219
77 Keeawatin, Minnesota	0	1	1	220
78 McKinley, Minnesota	0	1	1	221
79 Leadville, Colorado	0	0	0	222
80 Kitzville, Minnesota	0	3	3	223
81 Ely, Minnesota	9	11	20	224
82 White Valley, Pennsylvania	3	7	10	225
83 Sartell, Minnesota	0	2	2	226
84 Bon Carbo, Colorado	1	0	1	227
85 Ely, Minnesota	4	24	29	228
86 Homer City, Pennsylvania	2	0	2	229
87 Crosby, Minnesota	0	0	0	230
88 La Salle, Illinois	1	19	21	231
89 Iselin, Pennsylvania	0	1	1	232
90 New Derry, Pennsylvania	0	1	1	233
91 Akron, Ohio	1	0	0	234
92 New Duluth, Minnesota	1	0	0	235
93 Ely, Minnesota	0	0	0	236
94 De Pue, Illinois	0	0	0	237
95 Great Falls, Montana	1	8	9	238
96 Euclid, Ohio	4	6	10	239
97 Gilbert, Minnesota	2	8	10	240
98 Rock Springs, Wyoming	6	107	113	241
99 Rices Landing, Pennsylvania	8	9	17	242
100 Krayn, Pennsylvania	0	0	0	243
101 Cleveland, Ohio	3	5	8	244
102 Export, Pennsylvania	5	1	6	245
103 Cadillac, Michigan	0	0	0	246
104 Morley, Colorado	2	0	2	247
105 San Francisco, California	0	0	0	248
106 Anaconda, Montana	0	0	0	249
107 Slickville, Pennsylvania	0	0	0	250
Total—Skupaj			450	1119
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ANTON ZBASNIK, glavni tajnik

## WINNERS OF PRE-CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN AWARDS

### Zmagovalci predkonvenčne članske kampanje

#### SUPREME OFFICERS

##### Glavni uradniki

Points

točk

Theresa Centa, (15)

Janko N. Rogelj, (14)

Frank Okoren, (11)

Paul J. Oblock, (10)

Joseph Kovach, (9)

Anton Krapenc, (14)

Mary Predovich, (26)

Anton Zbasnik, (26)

Frank Tomsich, (21)

Louis Champa, (15)

Dr. F. J. Arch, (17)

A. J. Terbovec, (2)

John Kumse, (20)

F. E. Vranichar, (15)

Matt Anzelc, (14)

Andrew Milavec, (16)

F. J. Kress, (14)

Anton Okolish, (28)

Frank Mike, (11)

Rose Svetich, (9)

Steve Mauser, (11)

Delegates in društveni uradniki

Points

točk

Ivan Kapelj, (71)

Frank Novak, (77)

John Yeray, (82)

Joseph Mishmash, (1)

Anton Knapp, (2)

Joseph L. Champa, (2)

Martin L. Stepan, (5)

Ludwig Vidrick, (6)

Vida Kumse, (6)

Jurij Previc, (116)

Mary Mistek, (120)

Matt Vogrich, (124)

Ann Allen, (131)

John Cecelic, (132)

Frances Lopp, (133)

Mary Kershnik, (134)

John Blazine, (135)

Dorothy Strmis, (137)

Henry Mikec, (149)

Frank Zele, (149)

Mary Balint, (162)

Raymond Kladnik, (167)

John Yakopich, (168)

Agnes Jurecic, (170)

Frank Udovich, (176)

Mary L. Bodack, (182)

Joseph Pishler, (184)

John Furcr, (196)

Fannie Jenko, (202)

Anton Klemencic, (203)

Mary Oblock, (221)

Pauline

# DOPISI

**Ely, Minn.** — Danes moram zadostiti založni dolžnosti, namreč poročati o smrti sobrača Antona Tomsicha, ki je bil član društva št. 1 ABZ do rojstva. Padel je pri izvrševanju svoje državljanske dolžnosti v Franciji. Služil je pri pehoti in je bil ranjen prvi dan zavezniške invazije Francije. Odpremljen je bil v Anglijo, kjer je kmalu okreval, nakar je bil spet poslan na fronto; to pot je bil ranjen tako, da je ranam podlegel. Pokojni Tony Tomisch je prvji član našega društva, ki je padel v sedanji vojni, dasi ima društvo 85 članov v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav. V Tomsichovi družini je oziroma je bilo sedem sinov in vsi so bili člani Ameriške bratske zveze. Pokojni Tony Tomisch je bil 29 let star in njegov bratdvoček, Joseph Tomsich, je tudi služil v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav, pa je bil odprušen zaradi neke želodčne bolezni. Pokojni Tony je bil na dopustu lanskega septembra, predno je bil odposlan preko morja, in se je prišel pred odhodom posloviti tudi od mene. Takrat sva oba dejala, da se bova videla po vojni. Vsekakor, usoda je določila drugače. Naj mu bo lahka tuja zemlja, katero je pomagal osvoboditi! Člani društva št. 1 ABZ bodo ohranili pokojnega sobrata v britskem in lepem spominu in iskreno sočustvujejo z njegovo družino in sorodniki. — Za društvo št. 1 ABZ:

Frank Tomsich, Jr., tajnik.

**Uniontown, Pa.** — Članom društva Sv. Roka, št. 55 ABZ, ki niso bili na seji 16. julija, naznanjam, da je bilo na omenjeni seji sklenjeno, da se naša redna seja meseca avgusta premesti iz tretje na ČETRTO nedeljo. Torej, prihodnjia seja se bo vršila v nedeljo 27. avgusta. Premestitev seje je potrebna zaradi mojega odpostovanja na 17. redno konvencijo ABZ, odkoder se ne bom mogel vrneti do tretje nedelje. V bodoče se bodo naše seje vršile spet kot po navadi, vsako tretjo nedeljo v mesecu; samo za mesec avgust je bila napravljena izjema.

Člane vabim, da se v obilem številu udeležijo seje 27. avgusta, da jim bom sporočil važnejše skele in ukrepe konvencije. Na konvencijo odhajam z najboljšim namenom delati za največjo korist članstva in za napredok Ameriške bratske zveze. Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 55 ABZ:

Joseph Prah, tajnik in delegat.

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** — Doživljaj marinarja Varoge. — Saržent Rudolf Varoga je sin slovenskih staršev. Sedaj služi kot ameriški marinar na pacifični fronti. Njegovi doživljaji na otoku Saipan so bili tako drzni in zanimivi, da je "Pittsburgh Press" prinesel njegovo sliko z več kot pol kolone dolgim članom.

Saržent Varoga je sin družine Louis in Rose Varoga, stanujoče na 644 Tokay St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Vsa družina je včlanjena pri ABZ in sicer pri št. 66 ABZ:

Peter Musich, tajnik.

**Detroit, Mich.** — Sporočati mi je žalostno novico, namreč, da je smrt pobrala iz naših vrat dolgoletnega člena v večletnega uradnika društva št. 144 ABZ. Preminil je sobrat Joseph Misica, star 58 let. Tu zapušča žaluoči soproga, šest omogočnih hčer in dve samski, sestri Mrs. Kramarich in več drugih sorodnikov. Pokopan je bil po katoliških obredih. Pokojnik je bil rojen na Talčjem vruhu pri Črnomlju v Beli Krajini leta 1886. V Ameriko je prišel še mlad, in sicer v Calumet, Mich., odkoder se je po 20 letih preselil v Detroit. Naj bo pokojnemu sobratu ohranjen blag spo-

"Kolikor se je nas tikalo," pravi Varoga, "je bil slučaj 12 mož in enega tanka, da se spopadejo z japonsko armado, kolikor je je še ostalo na otoku Saipan. Mi smo bili daleč v ospredju naše linije, za nami pa hrib, na katerega plezati bi vzel pol dneva.

"Japonske strojnice so odprle ogenj na nas. Marinarji so streljali nazaj, dokler nam ni zmanjkalo municije. K sreči je imel naš tank dovolj streliva, katerega smo si izposodili. Zmanjkalo nam je tudi vode. Tu je bila ena strojnica, ki nam je ovirala napredovanje. Jaz sem se pripeljal do nje takoj blizu kot je bilo mogoče. Bil sem prizavljen vreči granato, toda ko sem jo potegnil ven, mi jo je krogla iz japonske strani zbilj iz rok. Eden naših mož je ustrelil strojnici in šel naprej. Vse skupaj smo pobili 15 Japoncev na poti.

"V enem slučaju je Sgt. Varoga srečal Japonca v obraz. Japonec je gledal v nasprotno smer in se je ozrl proti meni, ko sem ga opazil.

"Ne vem, kdor je bil bolj presenečen, toda jaz sem bil hitrejši strelec.

"Celo uro je naša posadka prebila pod goro. Streljali smo kar naprej, delajoči vtiš, da prihajajo še ostali marinarji. Med tem nam je bilo jasno, da naša pomoč ni mogla priti skozi, zato smo se podali nazaj.

"Sgt. Varogovo poročilo njezovemu poveljniku se je glasilo:

"Sovražnikov odpor do vnožja hriba je bil strt po 12 zelo prestrašenih mardin in raji h in enem tanku."

"Podpora kompanija, ki se je podala z gore naslednji dan, se še vedno čudi, da ni srečala nobenega napada na poti v dolino." — (Poslano po Geo. Witzkovich.)

**Joliet, Ill.** — Vsem članom in članicam društva Sv. Petra in Pavla, št. 66 ABZ, naznanjam, da se bo naša prihodnja seja vršila ČETRTO nedeljo v avgustu, to je 27. avgusta. Vršila se bo na navadni uri in v načinu Park Hill, kjer je živel. Kot pomočni "scout master" je hotel in želel, da bi ti mladi dečki imeli tudi kako razvedrilo, ter se je odločil, da jih vzame na izlet za par dni. Tako se je Vic (tako je vse klical njega "Vic") odločil, da jih pošlje v avtomobil v Lonely Acres, ki je malo letovišče z malim jezero, oddaljene 27 milij od tukaj. Odpeljali so se v soboto 5. avg. ob 3. uri popoldne in okoli pete ure istega popoldne je siromak utonil. Razdelil je fante v čolne ter jim dal različne instrukcije v prid varnosti, sam pa šel na obrežje ter pazno in veselo opazoval fanke, ki jim je tako iz srca želel razvedrila. Pripetilo se je pa, da je 13-letni deček, ki ni znal plavati, omahnil in nekako padel v vodo. Vic je to opazil; hitro je zdiral kakih 50 čevljev po suhem, brenil čevlje z nog ter planil za dečkom, da ga reši. Na žalost, Vic menda ni vedel kako ravnavati s človekom, ki se potaplja. Deček se ga je oklenil okoli vrata in posledica je bila, da sta šla oba na dno vode. Po nekolikih minutah so oba nesrečna spravili na suho; takoj so prihiteli na pozorišče različni rešilni oddelki in med njimi tudi eden izmed najboljših v naši državi, to je, premogarski rešilni oddelki iz Revloc, Pa. Posrečilo se je jim spraviti dečka k zavesti v 45 minutah ter tako rešiti njegovo življenje. A ves trud za Vic-a je bil zmanj. Porabili so 14 tankov ogljikove kislino na njem, a Vic ni pokazal nikakega znaka življenja. Že ko je bil od zdravnika proglašen mrtev, rešilni oddelki še vedno niso izgubili upa ter tako delali na njem 7 ur. Končno so uvideli, da je vse zaman in so se udali v žalostno usodo Vic-a.

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