



Doma in po svetu

— PREGLED NAJVAŽNEJŠIH DOGODKOV —

V četrtek glasovanje v predstavnem domu o pomoči za »contras« — Obe strani govorita o zmagi — Izid nejasen

WASHINGTON, D.C. — V četrtek bo spodnji dom zveznega kongresa glasoval o pobudi predsednika Reagana, naj ZDA odobrijo 100 milijonov dolarjev pomoči nikaragveškemu »contras«, ki se bojujejo zoper sandinistični režim v Nikaragvi. Preteklo nedeljo zvečer je Reagan govoril po televiziji in prosil gledalce in poslušalce, naj pritiskajo na kongresnike, da bodo le-ti glasovali za zakonski osnutek. Reagan je govoril zelo pohvalno o »contras«, sandiniste pa označil kot marksiste in komuniste. Trdil je tudi, da je aktivnih več kot 20.000 »contras«.

Larry Speakes, predsednik tiskovni predstavnik, meni, da je Reaganov govor narejen na splošno odobravanje, drugi opazovalci pa so mnenja, da predsednik ni veliko napredoval. Vodilni demokrati kongresniki še vedno nasprotujejo pošiljanju orožja »contras« in so prepričani, da bodo zmagali na četrtekovem glasovanju. Reaganovi nasprotniki trdijo med drugim, da »contras« tudi z ameriško podporo nimajo možnosti uspeha, odobritev podpore bi pa lahko pomenila prvi korak k eventualni neposredni ameriški invaziji Nikaragve. Ko je pričal pred nekim senatnim odborom pred dvema tednoma, je državni tajnik George P. Shultz priznal, da bodo »contras« najbrž propadli, ako ne bodo dobili precej ameriške podpore. ABC televizija je ugotovila po strokovnem povpraševanju javnega mnenja, da le 30% Amerikancev podpira Reaganovo pobudo, proti pa je kar 54%.

Filipinski komunistični gverilci zopet napadajo — Nova odkritja o Marcosovi komaj verjetni grabežljivosti

MANILA, Fil. — Včeraj je skupina kakih sto komunističnih gverilcev napadla neko skladišče v mestu Allacapan, 250 milj severno od Manile. V boju je baje padlo 15 gverilcev in 8 drugih oseb. Preteklo soboto je druga gverilska skupina napadla vozilo v Amlanu, 375 milj južno od Manile. Gverilci so ubili 12 oseb. Kot kaže, poskus nove predsednice Corazon Aquino, da bi gverilci odložili orožje, ne uspeva.

Vladni izvedenci, ki vodijo preiskavo o osebnem finančnem poslovanju Ferdinanda in Imelde Marcos, njih družine in sodelavcev, skoro dnevno ugotavljajo nove primere grabežljivosti. Včeraj je prišlo na dan, da so Marcos in njegovi pajdaši uvozili več kot 300 luksuznih avtomobilov, ne da bi pri tem plačali carine. S tem so oškodovali državno blagajno za dobrih 15 milijonov dolarjev. Med uvozniki teh avtomobilov, pravijo preiskovalci, je bil tudi 3 leta stari vnuk Marcosa.

Kot kaže, Reaganova vlada noče aktivno sodelovati s filipinsko preiskavo. Razni kongresniki pa pomagajo filipinskim preiskovalcem in menda bodo izročeni Filipinam dokumenti, ki so jih ZDA zaplenile, ko je Marcos prišel na Havaje. Marcos sem ni več zadovoljen s sprejemom, ki ga je bil deležen v ZDA, zato išče zatočišče v kaki drugi državi. Doslej pa ni našel države, ki bi mu bila pripravljena dovoliti bivališče.

Včeraj našli več posmrtnih ostankov Challengerjevih astronautov, tudi več kosov raket na trdo gorivo

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Včeraj je ladja USS Preserver, last ameriške mornarice, pripeljala v Cape Canaveral posmrtno

ostanke Challengerjevih astronautov in tudi dele posadkine kabine. Preteklo nedeljo je druga ladja dvignila z morskega dna kos ene od raket na trdo gorivo. Kos tehta 3250 funtov. Danes, upajo, bodo dvignili drugi večji kos, o katerem menijo, da je morda pomemben del tiste rakete, na kateri je okvara povzročila eksplozijo Challengerja.

Uradno NASA nič ne komentira o posmrtnih ostankih astronautov, sproti pa obvešča svojce astronautov, ti pa govorijo z novinarji. Kot kaže, še niso zanesljivo identificirali posmrtnih ostankov.

OPEC države še vedno neenotne glede ustavitve padanja cene nafte — Včerajšnja cena okoli 13 dolarjev na sod

ŽENEVA, Švi. — Naftni ministri OPEC držav sestajajo, vendar doslej še niso našli kompromisne rešitve, katere namen bi bil ustaviti naglo padanje cene nafte. Cena za sod nafte je bila včeraj okoli 13 ali 14 dolarjev, kar pomeni 60-odstotni padec v zadnjih mesecih. Nekateri poznavalci naftne industrije govorijo celo o možnosti cene 8 dolarjev na sod, ako OPEC države ne bodo kmalu izoblikovale skupno stališče, po katerem bodo omejile količino nafte, ki jo pošiljajo na mednarodni trg. Krizo je sprožila Saudska Arabija, ki je začela pošiljati na ta trg veliko več nafte. Ker je torej ponudba veliko večja kot povpraševanje, je začela cena nafte padati.

Poznavalci naftne industrije menijo, da je cenejša cena nafte res koristna za gospodarstva razvitih držav, da bodo pa OPEC države v poznejših letih imele še več vpliva, ker bodo za nadaljnja desetletja razpolagale z največjimi znanimi nahajališči tega tako imenovanega črnega zlata.

— **Kratke vesti** —

Washington, D.C. — Danes bo predsednik Reagan sprejel v Beli hiši kanadskega ministrskega predsednika Briana Mulroneya. Državnika bosta govorila o problemih v odnosih med njunima državama, Mulroney se bo zanimal za ukrepe v ZDA zoper kisli dež, ki baje škoduje okolju v mnogih krajih Kanade. Kisli dež nastaja po kurjenju premoga v elektrarnah in drugih industrijah v ZDA. Prizadeti zaradi tega so tudi mnogi kraji v ZDA. Kanadska vlada želi odločnejše ukrepanje zoper kisli dež v ZDA.

Pariz, Fra. — Na parlamentarnih volitvah preteklo nedeljo, so si priborili večino v francoskem parlamentu konservativci. Socijalistični predsednik Francije je Francois Mitterand, ki je rekel, da je pripravljen sodelovati z novim parlamentom. Menda bo novi predsednik vlade Jacques Chirac. Po zakonu traja Mitterandova mandatna doba še dve leti.

Stockholm, Šve. — Včeraj so švedske oblasti obtožile 32-letnega Šveda, da je sodeloval v atentatu na predsednika vlade Olofa Palmeja. Viktor Gunnarsen naj bi bil skrajni desničar, morda celo duševno zmoten. Osumljenec zanika, da bi bil ubil Palmeja, trdi njegov pravnik.

Rim, It. — Vatikan je sporočil, da bo papež Janez Pavel II. obiskal glavno rimsko sinagogo v nedeljo, 13. aprila. To bo prvič od sv. Petra, da je kateri papež prišel v sinogogo, menijo nekateri. Namen obiska je izboljšanje odnosov med Cerkvijo in židovsko skupnostjo.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Duhovna obnova—

Slovenska duhovna obnova bo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti v Collinwoodu in sicer ta teden. Začela se bo jutri in nadaljevala v četrtek in petek. Ob 7. uri zvečer bo sv. maša s pridigo, nato spovedovanje. Duhovno obnovo bo vodil č.g. Franc Urbanija, ki je prišel iz Argentine in se nahaja pri Mariji Vnebovzeti. Vabljeni ste, da se te duhovne obnove udeležite.

Letna seja—

V četrtek, 20. marca, ob 7.30 zvečer v Laurich dvorani Slovenskega doma za ostarele bo letna seja Slovensko ameriškega kulturnega sveta. Poleg redne seje z izvolitvijo novih odbornikov ter raznih poročil, bo film in kratko predavanje o vplivu sv. bratov Cirila in Metoda na slovanska ljudstva. Govoril bo dr. Vladimir Rus. Vabljeni ste vsi, vstopnine ni.

Prodaja krofov in peciva—

PTU odsek farne šole Marije Vnebovzete bo imel prodajo potic in peciva v soboto, 22. marca, začenši ob 11.30 dop. v šolski kafeteriji.

Novi grobovi

Jennie Lenarcic

V nedeljo, 16. marca, je v Geauga bolnišnici umrla 88 let stara Jennie Lenarcic, rojena Svete na Preserjahu, Slovenija, od koder je prišla v ZDA l. 1904, vdova po l. 1974 umrlem Johnu, mati Johna (pok.), Augusta, Dorothy Marshall, Marion Malavasic in Joan Fetsoff (Kalif.), 16-krat stara mati, 13-krat prastara mati, članica SZZ št. 14, Oltarnega društva pri Sv. Jeromu in Maccabees. Pogreb bo iz Grdinovega pogrebnega zavoda na Lake Shore Blvd. jutri, v sredo, v cerkev sv. Jeroma dop. ob 10., od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš. Na mrtvaškem odru bo danes pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Stella Mocičnikar

Umrla je 70 let stara Stella Mocičnikar, rojena Zadell, vdova po Johnu, mati Franka in Glorie Timm, 6-krat stara mati, 2-krat prastara mati, sestra Tonyja, Franka in Alexa (vsi že pok.). Pogreb bo iz Zak pogrebnega zavoda, 6016 St. Clair Ave., danes, v cerkev sv. Vida dop. ob 10., od tam na pokopališče Vernih duš.

Frances M. Juratovac

Umrla je Frances M. Juratovac, rojena Pernus, vdova po Thomasu, sestra Mary Somrak, Olge Loewe, Amelie Pernus ter že pok. Johna in Josepha, teta in prateta. Pogreb je bil iz Želetovega pogrebnega zavoda na E. 152 St. včeraj, v ponedeljek, s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Jeroma. Po-

(dalje na str. 4)

Butare pri Mariji Vnebovzeti—

Slovenski folklorni inštitut in Slovenska sobotna šola vas vabita ta petek zvečer in soboto dopoldne, da pridete v družabno dvorano Baragovega doma pri Mariji Vnebovzeti k delanju butar. Naprošeni ste, da prinesete, če morete, potrebni material. Blagoslov butar bo to nedeljo (23. marca), dop. ob 10. uri. Vabljeni ste tudi, da sodelujete v procesiji in sv. maši, še posebej pa narodne noše.

Seja—

Ta četrtek pop. ob 1.30 bo redna seja Kluba upokojencev na St. Clairju in sicer v prizidku SND. Na razpolago bodo tudi vstopnice za klubovo letno kosilo in zabavo, ki bo v nedeljo, 20. aprila. Pridite in si nabavite vstopnico. Novi člani kluba vedno dobrodošli.

Poroka—

V soboto, 8. marca, sta se v cerkvi Presvetega Srca v Jacksonville, Fla., poročila Linda Adams in Tone Nemeč. Tone je sin našega dopisnika Mecana. Čestitamo!

Žalostna vest—

Frank in Henry Zupancic sta prejela vest, da jima je dne 5. marca v vasi Meglenik, v Sloveniji, umrla zadnja še živeča tega, Frančiška Zupančič, V družini je bilo sedem bratov in sester, od katerih se je v Ameriko preselil Ignacij Zupančič, ki je umrl 9. julija lani.

Spominski dar—

Julka in Jože Klammer, Painesville, O., sta poklonila \$15 Ameriški Domovini v spomin na v zadnjem času umrle osebe iz rojstne župnije Begunje pri Cerknici. Ti so Ivanka Švigelj, mati Francke Vasle, in Nežka Švigelj, mati Toneta in Janeza Švigelj, obe iz Bezuljaka, ter John (Janez) Mramor, iz Loraina in doma iz Begunj, oče Staneta Mramor, in Jože Ulčar, Lorain, O. Vsem žalujočim izrekata g. in ga. Klammer globoko sožalje. Pri AD se jima zahvalimo za podporo in prijazno velikonočno voščilo!

Ribja večerja

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Diktatorji odhajajo

Po Jean-Claude Duvalierju, ki je bil prisiljen iti v izgnanstvo, čeprav se je razglasil za dosmrtnega predsednika karibske države Haiti, se je ista usoda zadela 68-letnega diktatorja Filipinov Ferdinanda Marcosa.

Dokler ga je podpirala vojska, se je zdelo, da se bo kljub nepoštenim predsedniškim volitvam obdržal na oblasti. Ko pa sta se mu uprila obrambni minister Ponce Enrile in namestnik generalštaba Ramos, je bila njegova usoda zapečaten. Ker mu je podpora že predčasno umaknila filipinska Cerkev, zadnje dni pa tudi predsednik Reagan, mu ni preostalo drugega kot da se zateče v tujino, kjer bo užival »sadove« svojega dolgoletnega vladanja, saj si je pravi čas oskrbel velike denarne naložbe v inozemstvu.

Toda če je Marocs brez časti moral zapustiti svojo državo, s tem ni prav nič rečeno, da so problemi te države rešeni. Do sedaj je bil vseh težav kriv njegov režim. Kdo bo sedaj zanje odgovarjal po njegovem odhodu?

Njegova naslednica Corazón Aquino zato ne bo imela lahkega položaja. Navdušenje množic bo hitro minilo in kdo ve, če se ne bo kmalu sprevrglo v nasprotovanje. In tedaj bo od tega imela največjo korist komunistična stranka, ki že vodi lastno gverilo.

Seveda pa je treba računati s tem, da bodo ZDA skrbno na straži, da ne pride do nove Kube, Vietnama ali Nikaragve. Do sedaj so se Američani že ponovno opekli, ko je čas neusmiljeno odplaval njihove varovance kot Somoza v Nikaragvi, Batista na Kubi, šaha Pahlavija v Iranu, razne južno-ameriške generale, pa etiopskega cesarja Haileja Selassieja in še druge manj pomembne.

Toda če ima svet »desne« diktatorje, ki so imeli oporo v Washingtonu, ni manjkalo tudi levih, ki so se sončili v Moskvi, Pekingju, libijskem Tripoliju in še kje drugje. Seveda je največji nesmisel govoriti o »naprednih« in »nazadnjaških« diktatorjih. Vsem je lastno, da morijo lastne rojake, jih zapirajo in izvajajo nad njimi vse vrste nasilja.

Tako je v očeh Moskve napeden Etiopce Mengistu Haile Mairan, ki je zrušil neguša Selassieja in uvedel rdeči teror; ugandski diktator se je nazadnje naslonil na diktatorja Kadafija, ki bi ga levičarji radi prikazali za naprednega, za seboj pa v sedmih letih pustil strahotno morijo pol milijona žrtev. Za »naprednega« je veljal kamboški klavec Pol Pot, ki je kriv rodomora dveh milijonov prebivalstva; pri Kadafiju je bil dobro zapišan tudi centralnoafriški cesar Bokassa, ki je poprej po ječah in ulicah na debelo pobijal.

In še bi lahko naštevali, saj zlasti v Afriki takšnih vladavin kar mrgoli. V polovici 50 neodvisnih (vsaj na papirju) afriških držav je na oblasti vojska z vsemi znaki avtoritarnosti. Vsaka diktatura si pač hoče podvreči vse živo in mrtvo, nadzorovati vse, kar obstaja, spremeniti vse v osebno lastnino ali družinski fevd.

Seveda se diktature osebno navadno spleča, saj si samodržci znajo nagrabiti bogastvo in ga pravočasno naložiti v tujini. Tako pravijo o Marcosu, da si je v obdobju od

Cvetna nedelja pri Sv. Vidu

CLEVELAND, O. — Kadar na vrbovih vejicah nabreknejo brsti vemo, da je blizu pomlad. Mehko bele mačice se zibajo na tankem lesu kot da bi se veselile, da jih bomo kmalu povezali v lepe butarice. To je radovanje zares, saj bomo z njimi pozdravili Jezusa, kakor ga je pozdravljala množica ob njegovem slovesnem prihodu v Jeruzalem.

Spomladi je prvi veliki cerkveni praznik velika noč, ki vključuje premnoge slovenske običaje. Na cvetno nedeljo bo pri Sv. Vidu blagoslov zelenja in procesija z butaricami. Otroci slovenske šole že več let pri tem sodelujejo, ko z velikim veseljem v sprevedu nosijo zelene snopiče in s pesmijo kličejo: Hozana! Cvetna nedelja je vesel cerkveni dogodek, ki ga bodo naše butare in še posebej naše slovenske narodne noše močno obogatile.

Vežanje butaric je posebna umetnost, ki zahteva dosti vaje. Kakor druga leta bo tudi za letošnjo cvetno nedeljo pri Sv. Vidu izdelava butar organizirana. To delo že več let pridno vodi gđ. Anka Mihelič. V soboto, 22. marca dopoldne, prinesite zelenja in pisanih trakov v cerkveno dvorano pri Sv. Vidu. Anka vam bo dala mačic in vam pomagala tako poviti ta šopek, da bo v veselje vam in vsej svetoviški okolici. Lepe butarice bodo povzdignile slovesnost cvetne nedelje. V rokah mladine bodo krasile našo slovensko cerkev, v naših domovih pa vse praznike ohranjale veliko-nošči žegen.

JML

Franc Rozina

Milwaukee, Wis.

DNEVNIK MOJIH SPOMINOV

VII. del

Od začetka 1946. leta nisem nekaj časa vodil dnevnika. Morda zaradi enoličnosti taboriščnega življenja, malodušnosti, ali pa zaradi obojega.

Dne 25. marca 1946 pa je bil, po mojem dnevniku, lep pomladanski dan. Zato smo se z dijaki podali na izlet. Po enourni hoji smo prišli do neke reke, ki nas je s svojim šumenjem vabila v prijetno, že dovolj toplo valovje. Prijetno smo se osvežili v nji in potem nadaljevali pot. Precej utrujeni smo se proti večeru vrnili v taborišče. Po vrnitvi me je ustavil Marjan Gorjup in povedal, da pripravlja Cankarjevega »Hlapca Jerneja« ter mi ponudil vlogo Jerneja. Igra pa zaradi nekaterih nasprotovanj ni nikoli prišla na oder.

Dne 2. aprila je taboriščna folklorna plesna skupina pripravila za vse prijeten večer z izbranim sporedom, za kar so nastopajoči prejeli veliko pri-

znanje in aplavz.

Dne 3. aprila je taborišče obiskal minister dr. Vošnjak.

Dne 4. aprila sem prejel prvo pošto od mame. Z žalostjo mi je naznanila, da dragega očka ni več med nami. Umrl je bil namreč 8. novembra 1945. V tihi molitvi sem se mu zahvalil za vso ljubezen in očetovsko skrb.

Zanimivo je bilo, da smo v tem mesecu aprilu kar trikrat uspešno odigrali »Tri vaške svetnike«.

Prišel je mesec maj, prva obletnica velike žalosti in bridkih spominov. Življenje se nam ni med tem letom v ničemer spremenilo.

Prišlo je pismo iz Rima. Prinesel mi ga je prof. Langus. Dr. Stanko Verčon me je vabil v pismu, naj pridem z njim. Tako sva se bila pred njegovim odhodom v Rim namreč domenila. »S seboj pripelji še koga svojih prijateljev,« je pi-

1979 do nedavna v ZDA nakupil za šest milijard dolarjev vrednosti nepremičnin in naložb. Bokassa si je v Franciji nakupil graščine, zairski diktator Mobutu v Belgiji. Milijarde so odnesli s seboj šah Pahlavi, Duvalier; v Jugoslaviji je ogromno dediščino zapustil Tito, za katero se sedaj pričkajo žena Jovanka, sinova, pa še marsikdo drugi bi si rad zagotovil kos pogače.

Pravijo, da je v vsaki demokraciji kal diktature kot je pač v vsakem človeku delček živali. Pa bo kar držalo. Množice si želijo nezmotljivih voditeljev, »očetov ljudstva«, »dosmrtnih predsednikov«. Pogosto je njihov način vladanja tudi v mednarodnih krogih obzirno sprejet, saj jamčijo za red, mir, gospodarsko stabilnost.

Ko pa veliki botri od njih dvignejo roke, jim hitro odklenka. Tako se je zgodilo sedaj z Marcosom. In se bo morda jutri s Pinochetom v Čilu ali s Strössnerjem v Paragvaju, ali z diktaturami v Pakistanu, Bangladešu in na Južni Koreji.

Poglavje zase pa so diktature sovjetskega bloka. Tam je oblast tako v rokah partije, in sistem medsebojne povezanosti tako prefinjen, da je vsak upor že vnaprej obsojen na neuspeh. Dogodki leta 1956 na Madžarskem ali 1968 na Češkoslovaškem to kričeče dokazujejo.

Zato menimo, da je treba med vsemi diktaturami še zlasti poudarjati te levičarske, saj jih je veliko težje odstraniti kot desničarske. In tudi menimo, da so doslej levičarske diktature človeštvu prinesle največje število zaprtih, pobitih ali beguncev, kar jih pomni zgodovina. Zato pazimo, da ne bomo hote ali nehote postali koristna budala v službi rdečega totalitarizma.

J.K. (Kat. glas, 6.3.1986)

sal, »se bo že kaj našlo za vas.« To sem omenil Darkotu Sedlarju, ki je bil seveda takoj pripravljen in navdušen za to.

Dne 5. maja sva zapustila taborišče. Od nekaterih prijateljev sva se tiho poslovila. Na železniški postaji Eboli sva pričakala vlak za Rim. Brez lire v žepu sva nemirna vstopila. Na vsaki postaji sva izstopala in nato vstopila v drugi vagon. Pri vsem tem se je vlak mirno približeval Rimu. Šele ko so se zadnjič zavore zaškripljale in je sprevodnik zaklical: Statione termini Roma, sva se z Daretom oddahnila.

Izstopila sva in se Bogu zahvalila za srečno, brezplačno vožnjo. Prepričan pa sem vendar bil, da je sprevodnik vedel za najin neprijeten položaj, vedel, da sva sočloveka-poštenjaka, a brez denarja. Zato ni hotel naju spravljati v sitnosti in težave. Tudi take ljudi srečavaš v življenju.

S postaje sva se po navodilih dr. Verčona in na njegovo priporočilo podala peš naravnost na Via De Colli. Pri slovenskih sestrah sva bila lepo sprejeta. Odprli so nam velik zaboj, v katerem so bile obleke, poslane iz Amerike. Jaz in Darko sva si izbrala vsak primerno obleko in tako postala prava nova člana človeške družbe.

Prejela sva tudi vsak po 500 lir, nato sva bila odpeljena na Via Reno, kjer sva se na ravni strehi bivše avstrijske ambasade pozdravila z nekaterimi drugimi našimi »podobniki«. Tako smo na slami tam skupaj čakali, kaj nam bo prinesel naslednji dan.

Končno nam je odprla vrata vaticanska dobrodelna menza. Vsak dan opoldne smo začeli dobivati tam grahovo juho in kruh.

Dne 14. maja je posijal nov žarek sreče. Ko smo stali v mezni na obrok, k nam je pristopil kapetan Vilko Cuderman in nam povedal, da bomo nekam šli naslednje jutro. Dobili smo namreč službo (dalje na str. 4)

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Če vas je padajoči dolar navdal s skrbjo, da se bodo cene vašega naslednjega tujega avtomobila, ki ga boste kupili, zvišale, se te skrbi znebite. Vaše možnosti za sorazmerno poceni prevoz še nikoli niso bile tako velike. Po zaslugi Južne Koreje in Jugoslavije, pa tudi Japonske, so zdaj na razpolago nič manj kot trije novi pritlikavi avtomobili. Kot vaš drugi ali tretji avtomobil pri hiši se vam utegne bleščeti gospodarni prišlek zdeti mikavnejši kot rabljeno večje vozilo. Toda vsem ko prihajajo novi tovari teh novih — in potemtakem manj znanih — mini avtomobilov z vseh koncev sveta, bi bilo pametno, če bi avto preizkusili, preden dovolite trgovcu napisati račun.

Ko sedete v tak avto, vas utegne njegova prostornost presenetiti. Ta vozila so tudi okretna in varčna pri gorivu. In čeprav večina malih avtov ni ravno razkošno opremljena, vam vseeno dajejo vse, kar potrebujete, da pridete od tu do tja — in sicer za manj kot pol povprečne cene sedanjih novih avtov, ki je 12 tisoč dolarjev.

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Izbiro naših malih avtomobilov začnemo z yugom iz

ZAPLETI...

(Nadaljevanje s str. 3)

Dne 27. februarja se je seja skupščine končala. Za javnost je bilo sporočeno, da so bili »sprejeti neki sklepi, ki bi do nadaljnega onemogočili izseljevanje Srbov in Črnogorcev s Kosova pod pritiskom.«

Ob koncu poročila piše *Borba*, da »je sprejet skupni sklep, ki predstavlja prispevek k reševanju najtežjega in žgodega problema države«. Iz tega se vidi, da neredi in nesoglasja še trajajo in da je ta del države še vedno v »izrednem stanju«, ali celo, da en del Jugoslavije preživlja državljansko vojno.

Kat. glas (6.3.1986)

Jugoslavije. V ZDA je napredaj od lanske jeseni in je zdaj najcenejši najmanjši avto, na prodaj v Ameriki. Za njim pride excel iz Južne Koreje, ki pomeni prvi poskus te države, da bi prišla na avtomobilski trg ZDA. Excel je drugi najcenejši avto za yugom. Yugu in excelu med prišleki so se pridružili chevroletov sprint, ki ga na Japonskem izdeluje družba Suzuki. Sprint, skoraj tako droban kot yugo, ima manjši, zgolj tricilindrski motor.

Čisto malo dražji je colt, ki ga izdeluje Mitsubishi na Japonskem. Približno enake cene kot colt je lanska uvozna uspešnica iz Japonske, Nissanova sentra. Zdaj jo izdelujejo v Nissanovi veliki tovarni v ZDA. Najdražji avto pri našem testu je bil Honda civic, ki je potem, ko so ga lani na novo zmodelirali, postal nekakšen luksuzni mini avtomobil.

O »yugu«

Najmanjša avtomobila od tega pol ducata, yugo in sprint, sta najmanj za čevlji krajša od drugih testiranih in približno pet čevlji krajša od pravega avtomobila. Vzlic temu so njuni sedeži približno v enaki višini kot pri večini drugih vozil. Če pa ste privrženec velikih vozil, se boste počutili udobneje v nekoliko prostornejših civicu, excelu ali sentri.

Kar zadeva gibljivost in varčnost pri gorivu, današnji mali avtomobili nimajo para. Z njimi smo prevozili okoli 33 milj za galono, pri čemer je bil rekorder sprint z 42 miljami na galono.

Kar zadeva cene, niso tako nizke, kot bi si morda mislili. Osnovne cene ne zajemajo deležev posrednikov, dostave in pristojbin. Ob konkurenčni ceni 3990 dolarjev za yugo ti neizogibni dodatni izdatki spravijo ceno za blizu 13 odstotkov višje, na kakih 4500 dolarjev. Plačali boste še več, če bo vaš trgovec pridal k ceni še take stvari, kot je zavarovanje proti rji.

V vlogi kupca se morate pač znajti in se izogniti tem dodatnim stroškom. To je kar lahko pri yugu, ki ima kot standardno opremo reči, kot so klju-

čavnica na pokrovčku bencinskega rezervoarja, brisalec in grelec za zadnji šipi.

Če je cena vse, je seveda vozilo za vas yugo. Toda razen te prednosti ni kaj dosti drugega. Revija Consumer Reports je najnovejši številki objavila uničujočo kritiko in kupcem svetovala, naj se rajši odločijo za sprint ali za rabljen avto.

Yugo je vzlic celi vrsti standardne opreme nekoliko primitiven. Notranja oprema je malomarna, od nerodnih vzvodov do zastarelih instrumentov. Ključavnica na vratih avta, ki smo ga preizkušali, se je rada zaskočila in gumb za kontrolo gretja nam je ostal v roki, kakor hitro smo ga zasukali. Grelec je slabokrven. Dvobrzinski ventilator je pri drugi brzini hrupen kot preživahen sušilec za lase, razen tega pa ni predala za rokavice.

Yugo je izpeljanka iz starega Fiatovega modela. Sedež je pokončen, spričo česar je razgled zelo dober. Volan je nastavljen pod kotom, ki ga Fiatovi vozniki zelo dobro poznajo. Motor je obotavljivo vžigal v hudem mrazu, in dokler ni bil segret, je kašljal.

Štiribrzinske prestave so podobne loteriji, kjer je pretična ročica muhasta. Kako najdemo vzvratno brzino pri yugu? Pretikalo suneš proti desni in ga nekaj časa obračaš, dokler vozilo ne spelje vzvratno, ko popustiš sklopko.

Na avtocesti je najglasnejši yugo, pri katerem že pri 40 miljah slišimo zavijanje vetra, pri 55 miljah (yugo je brez težav hitrejši od tega) veter malone preglasi hrup motorja.

DNEVNIK MOJH SPOMINOV

(Nadaljevanje s str. 2)

stražarjev (watchmen) v angleški bolnišnici. To je bilo po službi dr. M. Krika, kar smo zvedeli pozneje.

Bolnišnica (British Field Hospital) je bila na Via Fontana. Pri vhodu na dvorišče nas je že čakal angleški narednik, debelušen in prijazen človek, ki je nas vodil v pisarno. Vpisal nas je in razložil pravila in dolžnosti službe. Vilko Cuderman, ki je znal angleško, je bil naš tolmač.

Odšli smo z narednikom polončke za čaj in jedilni pribor, nato v jedilnico, kjer smo si skupaj z Angleži naložili obilno kosilo. Po kosilu smo šli v skladišče, kjer smo si pomerili angleške uniforme. Tako smo postali nekakšni angleški »vojaki«. Za nas se je začelo novo, človeka dostojno življenje...

(Konec)

Colt in sprint sta tišja, toda zaradi tega lažje slišiš cviljenje gum.

Če ste že dolgo vozili majhne avtomobile, vas take nadloge ne bodo motile, toda vseeno boste najbrž bolj srečni na odprtih cestah v excelu, civicu ali sentri, treh največjih od naših šestih testnih avtomobilov. Vsi trije omogočajo bolj gladko vožnjo kot yugo, sprint in colt.

Kateri avto je torej najboljši? Očitno ni nespornega zmagovalca. Toda naši favoriti so sprint, kar zadeva športno vožnjo, excel zaradi splošnih kvalitet in civic zaradi moderne izdelave. Pri cenah pa so tako in tako vsi zmagovalci.

(Konec)

NOVI GROBOVI

(Nadaljevanje s str. 1)

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Od vseh navad, ki smo jih prinesli iz stare domovine, je slovenska zborna pesem ena najbolj priljubljenih in trajnejših naših izročil. Poje jo prvi, drugi, včasih tudi tretji rod. Prinaša nam košček domovine, nas druži in povezuje, nam obuja spomine na brezskrbno mladost tudi potem, ko smo že čisto uvedeni v tukajšen način življenja.

Podpirajmo in gojimo to našo slovensko pesem, da ne bo umrla, pač pa še naprej donela po odrih slovenskih dvoran širom Kanade in ZDA.

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O enakopravnosti »delavnega ljudstva« v Sloveniji

TORONTO, Ont. — Kako doma izvedejo volitve, nam je že vsem znano. Izbiranje kandidatov za razna mesta je seveda iz kadra zaslužnih komunistov, ki so se izkazali v preteklosti za poslušne izvajalce partijske linije, pa če je ta pametna ali ne.

Pred kratkim sem bral v *Naših razgledih* (17. feb. 1986) dopis Jožeta Penca, diplomiranega ekonomista, aktivista krščanskosocialistične struje pokojnega Edvarda Kocbeka v OF od 1941, in člana SNOS in AVNOJ-a.

V svojem dopisu se bavi z izbiro kandidatov od raznih družbenopolitičnih organizacij, ki kandidate predlagajo (in kateri so potem z gotovostjo izvoljeni), pa se pri tem vprašuje, kako da kmetje nimajo v predstvedstvu republike Slovenije svojega zastopstva?

Takole piše Penca: »Po velikih razpravah o vprašanjih, ali je treba kaj spremeniti v družbenem sistemu, je obveljala teza, da je dovolj, če sprememimo prakso, sistem sam da je dober. Tudi volilni sistem da je v redu. Izpolniti je treba le sistem evidentiranja in kandidiranja.

Z evidentiranjem možnih kandidatov so se družbenopolitične organizacije, predvsem SZDL (Socialistična zveza delovnega ljudstva), ukvarjale skoraj celo leto 1985. Republiška konferenca SZDL je 24. decembra lani razpravljala o tem in dala v javnost spisek možnih kandidatov za republiške funkcije na prihodnjih volitvah.«

S tem so volitve v Sloveniji že rešene, in ljudje, ki volijo, nimajo nobene izbire. Kot je zapisal nedavno humoristični list *Pavliha*: »Lahko volite za jajce, za jace ali pa za jajce!« Mislim, da je s tem več povedanega, kakor bi jaz mogel s tem svojim dopisom.

Penca pa v svojem članku nadaljuje: »Včasih je veljalo pravilo, da so za opravljeno delo, ki pa je moralo biti tudi DOBRO opravljeno, dajali odlikovanja, častne naslove pa

tudi denarne nagrade. Ob tej priložnosti pa kaže, da hočejo ljudi nagraditi še kar z novim delom, in to zelo zahtevnim, če naj voz naše družbe potegnemo izpod brega, kamor je zaradi slabih voznikov zdrknil. Za tako kadrovske politiko pa je možna še druga razlaga, in sicer tista, ki jo je zelo zgoščeno izrazil na nedavni okrogli mizi ljubljanske televizije udeleženec iz Sarajeva. Približno takole je rekel: ZK je v preteklosti upoštevala predvsem poslušne kadre.«

Kot se je pokojni Kocbek ob spoznanju svoje zmote hotel opravičevati pred slovensko javnostjo zaradi pokola 12.000 slovenskih domobrancev po končani vojni, tako sedaj Jože Penca skuša zastaviti svojo besedo kot nekdanji krščanskosocialistični aktivist v OF za slovenskega kmeta, ki ga je prav Kocbekov krščanski socializem prodal marksizmu in ga tako domala uničil. Kot Stalin s svojimi agrarnimi reformami, tako so tudi Titovci po dobljeni revoluciji nemudoma pričeli (in to najprej) s takimi reformami.

Hinavsko zdaj Penca zagovarja uničenega kmeta in se čudi, da na listi izbranih kandidatov za predsedstvo SR Slovenije ni nobenega kmeta. Kaj mož od totalitarističnega sistema pričakuje? Enakopravnost? Skoraj kar smešno se bere, kjer pravi: »Seznam sem prebral in sem med možnimi kandidati odkril enega obrtnika kot možnega kandidata za zvezni zbor, kmeta pa nobenega.«

Znano je, da so bili kmetje na Slovenskem prvi, ki so se komunizmu uprli (Vaška straža pri Št. Joštu). Kot taki seveda niso vredni, da bi svoj sloj zastopali v predsedništvu republike Slovenije. Zato je pisanje Jožeta Penca bob ob steno, ker je monopolizacija politične in gospodarske strukture še vedno v rokah partije, kot je bil odpor proti okupatorju (glej članek *Odpor proti okupatorju* — partijski mono-

Nekaj spominov na Petra Markeša ob obletnici njegove smrti

BUENOS AIRES, Arg. — Na ljudeh sloni svet, pravi pregovor. In to res drži, kajti ljudje so tisti, ki delajo zgodovino, ki oblikujejo ljudske skupnosti, ki pospešujejo splošno blaginjo ali pa sejejo revščino. To velja za večje ali manjše skupine ljudi, za državne, družbene ali družinske poglavarje. Poznamo može, ki so oblikovali celine, državo, vzgojili cele generacije, dali svoj pečat stoletjem.

Tak mož je bil tudi rajni Peter Markeš, ki je umrl dne 25. marca 1985. Bil je mož, ki je oblikoval slovensko ljudsko skupnost že v domovini, še bolj v zdomstvu, v svoji novi domovini — v Kanadi.

V domovini se je posvečal nemu izmed najvažnejših del — delu za mladino, delu za njeno vzgojo. Kot mlad dijak se je začel udejstvovati v mladinskih organizacijah, ker je spoznal silen pomen teh organizacij za duhovno in telesno vzgojo slovenske mladine. Kmalu je prevzel vodstveno mesto v teh mladinskih organizacijah in se je temu delu posvetil z vso dušo.

Kmalu je Peter spoznal, da je v novih razmerah potrebno dati slovenski mladini poleg druge tudi politično izobrazbo. V letu 1936 se je pridno udeleževal shodov in sestankov SLS zaradi bližajočih se občinskih volitev. Tedaj je Peter opazil — in tudi drugi politični delavci so to opazili —, da prihajajo na te shode tudi manjše skupine znanih in neznanih ljudi, ki z medklici in demagoškimi

pol! Koledar MD v Celovcu 1984), česar bi se morali krščanski socialisti še posebno vedeti, saj je bil Edvard Kocbek tisti, ki je v njihovem imenu podpisal famozno Dolomitsko izjavo.

Sedaj Jože Penca v kaši, ki jo je skupaj s Kocbekom pomagal skuhati, brezuspešno tarna o enakopravnosti »delovnega ljudstva« Slovenije.

Škoda, da ta isti gospod ni zastavil take besede v času, ko bi morda še kaj pomenila. Po toči zvoniti je prepozno, pravi že star slovenski pregovor.

Zanimiva pa je tudi njegova ugotovitev, ki jo navaja v svojem zaključnem odstavku: »Predstavljam si, da naj bi bilo predsedstvo Socialistične republike Slovenije vsaj približno reprezentančni vzorec volilnega telesa. Če je stvar taka, potem bi med 27 naštetimi možnimi kandidati, med katerimi je dve tretjini politologov, pravnikov in sociologov, po mojem mnenju moral najti mesto tudi kakšen kmet. Pa ne samo za okras, marveč

(dalje na str. 6)



Rudolf Markeš

vprašani motijo te shode. Bile so skupine komunistov, ki so jih izšolali v tem, kako je treba motiti shode političnih nasprotnikov.

Vodstvo SLS je prav na podlagi poročil rajnega Petra spoznalo, da je treba preprečiti taka komunistična izzivanja in da je treba zrelo mladino pripraviti na politično delo ter na javne debate. Kmalu po volitvah je tajništvo SLS v Ljubljani organiziralo politične tečaje, ki so se vršili v Vajenskem domu v Ljubljani. Ko so iskali vodjo teh tečajev, je padla izbira na visokošolca Petra Markeša, ki je bil za to delo zelo primerna oseba.

Z vso mladostno silo se je Peter vrgel na delo v teh tečajih, ki jih je vodil dve leti. Tečaji so trajali po 14 dni in skozi Petrove roke je šlo takrat nad 1000 slovenskih fantov iz vseh krajev Slovenije. Na teh tečajih so dobili fantje temeljito politično izobrazbo (o ustavnih, upravnih, banovinskih, občinskih vprašanjih, o volilnih sistemih, o zakonodaji, finančnih vprašanjih itd). Na teh tečajih so predavali: dr. Natlačen, dr. Kulovec, Tomažin, dr. Puš, Košiček, dr. Ahčin, Finec, ing. Sodja, Češnovar, Smersu idr.

Peter je s tečajniki podano tvarino podrobno predelal, po potrebi tudi razložil tako, da so bili fantje pripravljeni na debato o teh vprašanjih z nasprotniki. Tudi je Peter tečajnikom razkazal Ljubljano in njene znamenitosti, jih popeljal v gledališče, na ljubljanski grad, jim razkazal Jugoslovansko tiskarno, v kateri se je tiskal dnevnik *Slovenec* na najmodernejšem rotacijskem stroju.

Že pri parlamentarnih voli-

tvah leta 1938 so se pokazali uspehi teh tečajev. Tečajniki so pomagali organizirati shode, so se priglašali k debati in skrbeli za red na zborovališču ter razkrinkavali komunistične agente, ki so skušali motiti zborovanja.

Posebej je treba poudariti, da so bili prav ti fantje, ki so dovršili politični tečaj, prvi člani Slovenske legije in njeni organizatorji, ter pozneje prav tako organizatorji Vaških straž, po ustanovitvi Slovenskega domobranstva pa vojaki domobranske vojske.

Rajni Peter je bil tudi član »častne čete«, ki jo je ustanovil in vodil v okrilju Zveze fantovskih odsekov Ivo Peršuh, eden izmed najbolj aktivnih slovenskih javnih delavcev in odločnih protikomunistov. Ta častna četa je sodelovala na kongresih, taborih, pri sprejemu visokih cerkvenih in državnih ter drugih osebnosti.

Neposredno pred drugo svetovno vojno se je ta četa vključila v tajno organizacijo, ki se je ustanovila z imenom »Reditelji« (ali na kratko »R«). Z njo se je tudi Peter vključil v to tajno organizacijo in prevzel v njej vođilno vlogo. Skupine »Rediteljev« so se ustanovile po vseh občinah in bile prve tajne formacije, ki so skrbno opazovale gibanje komunistov in preprečevale njihove namene.

Po izbruhu komunistične revolucije je bil Peter Markeš med prvimi borci v Vaških stražah in prav tako v Slovenskem domobranstvu. Bil je odločen in pogumen častnik in poveljnik v protikomunističnih edinicah, v katerih je užival polno zaupanje mož in fantov.

Ko se danes spominjamo rajnega Petra ob obletnici njegove smrti, se ga spominjamo skupaj z njegovimi fanti, katerih velika večina je umrla za domovino v bojih s komunističnimi partizani ali bila poklana v Teharjih, Hrastniku, Podutiku, Rogu in še na mnogih drugih moriščih. Bog naj nakloni Petru in vsem njegovim soborcem večni mir in pokoj!

Rudolf Smersu

Otmar Mauser:

POSLEDNJA ŽELJA

Ko prišel bo čas, da v tujo zemljo me boste položili, takrat poslednjo željo mi izpolnite: krsto mojo s slovensko trobojnico pokrite, in na grob moj, prsti domače potrosite, da kot nekdo doma — v miru bom počival — še naprej o svobodi domovine snjval — ker ne bo mi dana, da v objemu njenem bi prebival.

KOLEDAR PRIREDITEV

MAREC

22. — Pevski zbor Glasbena Matica priredi koncert z večerjo in plesom v SND na St. Clair Ave. Začetek ob 7h zv. Za ples igra Ray Polantz orkester.

APRIL

5. — Tabor, DSPB Cleveland prireja svoj pomladanski družabni večer v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Igrajo Veseli Slovenci.

12. — Plesna skupina Kres priredi večer slovenskih narodnih in umetnih plesov v Slov. nar. domu na St. Clair Ave.

12. — Pevski zbor Jadran priredi večerjo s koncertom in plesom v SDD na Waterloo Rd.

20. — Šentklerski klub upokojencev priredi kosilo v spodnji dvorani SND na St. Clairju. Serviranje od 1.30 do 3.30 pop. Zabava do 5. pop.

26. — Pevski zbor Korotan priredi pomladanski koncert v Slov. nar. domu na St. Clair Ave. Igra Alpski sekstet.

MAJ

10. — Slovenska šola pri Sv. Vidu priredi materinsko proslavo v farni dvorani. Pričetek ob 7. uri zvečer.

11. — Slovenska šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi materinsko proslavo ob 3. uri pop. v šolski dvorani.

25. — Društvo SPB Cleveland priredi slovenski spominski dan žrtve med okupacijo in revolucijo, s sv. mašo ob 11.30 pri Lurški votlini na Chardon Rd.

26. — S.K.D. Triglav, Milwaukee priredi Spominski dan slovesnost v parku.

JUNIJ

1. — Otvoritev Slovenske pristave za leto 1986.

14. in 15. — Tabor, DSPB Cleveland poda spominsko proslavo na Orlovem vrhu Slov. pristave za vse slovenske domobrance in vse žrtve komunistične revolucije ter obhaja 40-letnico umora gen. Leona Rupnika.

15. — S.K.D. Triglav, Milwaukee priredi prvi piknik. Začetek ob 11. s sv. mašo pri kapeli v Parku Triglava.

22. — Slov. šola pri Mariji Vnebovzeti priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

JULIJ

5. — Dramsko društvo Lilija priredi predstavo »Pri belem konjičku« na prostem na Slovenski pristavi, v proslavo 25-letnice SP. V slučaju slabega vremena, bo prireditev prestavljena na 12. julija zv.

6. — Misijonska Znamkarska Akcija priredi piknik na Slovenski pristavi.

27. — MZA krožek v Milwaukee priredi Misijonski piknik s sv. mašo ob 11. Kosilo, igre in srečolov.

AVGUST

9. — Balincarski krožek Slovenske pristave priredi družabni piknik na SP.

10. — S.K.D. Triglav, Milwaukee priredi drugi piknik. Sv. maša ob 11., sledita kosilo in ples. Igra Amonov orkester.

24. — Slovenski dan na Slovenski pristavi, v proslavo 25-letnice SP. Sodelujejo slovenska kulturna društva v Clevelandu.

28. — S.K.D. Triglav, Milwaukee priredi Vinsko trgatav. Kosilo opoldne, sledi veselica.

SEPTEMBER

13. — Fantje na vasi priredijo koncert v Slov. nar. domu na St. Clair Ave. Po koncertu ples. Igra Alpski sekstet.

14. — Vinska trgatav na Slovenski pristavi.

21. — Društvo SPD Cleveland priredi romanje v Frank, Ohio.

28. — Oltarno društvo pri Sv. Vidu priredi kosilo v avditoriju.

OKTOBER

18. — Tabor, DSPB Cleveland priredi svoj jesenski družabni večer v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Igrajo Veseli Slovenci.

18. — Glasbena Matica poda večerjo, koncert in ples v SND na St. Clair Ave. Igra Don Slogar orkester.

26. — Slomškov krožek priredi kosilo v dvorani pri Sv. Vidu. Serviranje od 11.30 do 1.30 pop.

26. — Občni zbor Slovenske pristave.

NOVEMBER

8. — Belokranjski klub priredi martinovanje v Slov. nar. domu na St. Clair Ave. Igra orkester Veseli Slovenci.

9. — Pevski zbor Jadran priredi koncert z večerjo in plesom v SDD na Waterloo Rd.

15. — Štajerski klub priredi martinovanje v dvorani pri Sv. Vidu. Igrajo Veseli Slovenci.

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JANUAR

31. — Tradicionalna »Priglasitvena noč« v Slov. nar. domu na St. Clair Ave.

ANDREJ KOBAL

SVETOVNI POPOTNIK PRIPOVEDUJE

(nadaljevanje)

Živela sva po hotelih, pri mnogih prijateljih in sorodnikih ter se ustavila v sedemnajstih državah ter v Kanadi in Mehiki.

Krištofu je najbolj ugajalo kopanje v Tihem oceanu, nato obiski na visokih planotah države Montana in dnevi v Yellowstone parku in prevozi čez Skalnat gorovje. Sorodniki in znanci na daljnem zahodu so se izkazali z gostoljubnostjo, kakršne, je rekel Krištof, bi ne našel nikjer v Evropi.

Oktober 1974 sem bil s Krištofom v Trstu, deloma po opravkih. Tamkajšnji slovenski radio je sprejel mojo tridejansko komedijo »Denar« za uprizoritev v novembru. Potreben je bil dogovor.

Nikdar nisem izvedel, kako se je stvar končala in skoro mi je bilo žal, da se take vrste igra daje na radiu, ker sem jo napisal pred davnimi leti kot druge komedije po tako imenovanem ameriškem *ad lib* sistemu, ki zahteva improvizacijo od strani režiserja in igralcev; bolj po domače bi rekel, da se šale in burke v taki igri stresajo iz rokava po zamisleku uprizoriteljev in se tako izpopolni okostje igre same.

Obisk v Trstu sem moral nenadno prekiniti. Dogovorjen sem imel sestanek z odgovornimi pri Goriški Mohorjevi družbi. Moral sem ga odpovedati, da se po zdravnikovem nasvetu takoj vrnem »domov«

O enakopravnosti »delovnega ljudstva« v Sloveniji

(Nadaljevanje s str. 5)

za to, da bi njegov glas imel kakšen odmev. Na pragu informacijske družbe in fetišiziranja kompjutorizacije bi bilo včasih na mesto input in output lepo slišati tudi staro ljudsko: da krava pri gobcu molze.«

Tako je slovenski kmet tudi v »novi brezrazredni družbi« tisti, ki stoji na zadnjem klinu lestve in se preko njega oportunisti in izkoriščevalci vzpenjajo in sebi gradijo »lepšo in vzornejšo bodočnost«.

Otmars Mauser

in v bolnišnico.

Nalezem sem se nekaj zelo neprijetnega in niti slovenske besede za bolezen nisem vedel. Slovenski zdravnik v Trstu je dejal, da Italijani temu pravijo *Fuoco di Sant'Antonio*. In res je peklo po obrazu in vratu, kot da bi se brisal z žerjavico.

Zdravnikom v Münchnu je uspelo, da so hitro izlečili opekline in zatekline; bolečine pa so ostale. Njih edino zdravilo proti tem je bil izrek *Geduld* (potrpljenje). Potrpljenja, te božje masti, sem potreboval dolge mesece.

»Ne odtuji se!«

To je bilo zadnje naročilo moje matere. Redko je pisala. Njene roke so bile spretno za kmečko in hišno delo, neuke za pero. Zato se je zatekala k sosedovi hčeri, da napiše pismo zame, sama je pridala le kakšno opazko v obliki blagoslova in dobe želje in podpisala.

Velike, neravne pa čitljive črke naročila so se mi vtisnile v spomin za vse življenje. Mati ni izrazila zapovedi, le prisrčno željo, ki ni obvezna, dasi v svoji blagosti močnejša kot vsak ukaz. In one tri besedice, pripisane na koncu pisma, so mi bile za to, da bi bil poslušen in veren, vodnik do današnjega dne.

Mogoče materin nasvet glede odtujevanja od svojcev in rodne grude ni bil potreben. Saj sem po svetu srečaval rojake, ki so z večjim ponosom kot jaz naglašali svoj izvor, toda okorno napisane besede »Ne odtuji se!« so se mi čestokrat

porajale pred očmi. In ponosen sem bil, da jih je napisala mati.

Zame je materino naročilo pomenilo to, kar je pred stoletjem naglašal slavni angleški pisatelj Jožef Conrad. Po rodu je bil Poljak. Tujih jezikov ni poznal. Kot mladenič se je priselil na Angleško. Njegovi preprosti besedi narodno zatirani poljski deželi so mu pri slovesu rekli:

»Nikdar ne pozabi, da si naš, poljskega rodu; ne zapostavljal jezika in ne sramuj se povedati v svetu, da si Poljak.«

Tako je Jožef Conrad sam povedal na stara leta, ko je slovel kot velikan v angleškem književnem jeziku. In ni se obotavljal izjaviti, da je pripisoval svoje velike dosežke svojemu narodnemu izvoru ter dejstvu, da je zavestno sledil navodilom staršem ter se ni nikdar odtujil svojemu narodu.

Človek se odtuji ali izneveri svojemu narodu na razne načine. Nekaterim ni treba iti po svetu, da se odtujijo. V prvi tridejanski drami »Naši domači tujci« sem pred več kot štiri desetimi leti predstavil razmere, ko se sinovi in hčere odtujijo staršem zaradi različnih socialnih nazorov. Živijo pod eno streho, pa so vendar odtujeni. Tisti prizori so bili vzeti iz življenja naših ljudi v Ameriki.

Nekaj podobnega, čeprav iz drugačnih razlogov, se dogaja po Evropi, a v mislih imam predvsem razmere v slovenskih krajih na Tržaškem, Goriškem in Koroškem. Tod je odtujevanje predvsem narodnostno, jezikovno, v površnem oziru neredko iz materialnih ali namišljenih potreb.

Mladina na primer misli, da ima več uspeha, če v javnosti ne občuje v jeziku roditeljev. To sem vedno smatral za pogrešno in škodljivo, v primerih odtujevanja otrok od staršev pa kar sramotno. Videl sem in slišal, da se to dogaja zlasti v večjih krajih.

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Društvo SV. VIDA št. 25

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph Božnar; preds.: Joseph Baskovic; podpreds.: Joseph Hocevar; taj.: Albin Orehek, 18144 Lake Shore Blvd., tel. 481-1481; blag.: John Turek. Nadzorniki: Mary Hodnik, James Debevec, Stan Martincic; vratar: Frank A. Turek. Vodja atletike in mladinskih aktivnosti: Joseph Hocevar. Za pregledovanje novega članstva vsi slovenski zdravniki.

Društvo zboruje vsako drugo nedeljo ob 10:15 dopoldne pod cerkvo sv. Vida. Mesečni assement se prične pobirati pred sejo in tudi 25. januarja in 25. julija od 6. do 7. ure zvečer v društveni sobi avditorija pri Sv. Vidu. V slučaju bolezni naj se bolnik javi tajniku, da dobi zdravniški list in karto.

Društvo SV. LOVRENTA št. 63

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Anthony Rebol; preds.: Joseph L. Fortuna; podpreds.: Ray Habian; taj.: Ralph Goddec, 847 E. Hillsdale, tel. 524-5201; zapis.: Mary Ann Sray; blag.: James T. Weir, 15052 Rochelle Dr., Maple Hts., OH 44137; nadzorniki: Anthony B. Lausche, Olga Sray, Virginia Fortuna; zastopnika za SND na E. 80. St.: Joseph Fortuna, Ralph Goddec; zastopnika za SND na Maple Hts.: Joseph Fortuna in Ralph Goddec; zastopnika za atletiko in »booster« klub: Joseph Fortuna in Ralph Goddec. Zdravnika: Dr. Wm. Jeric in dr. F. Jelercic.

Seje so na 25.-ega v mesecu na 5316 Fleet Ave. Začnejo se ob 7.30 zv. Novi člani sprejeti od rojstva do 60. leta starosti. Bolniški assement je 65 centov na mesec in plačuje \$7 bolniške podpore na teden, če je član bolan 5 dni ali več. Rojaki v Nevburgu, pristopite v društvo sv. Lovrencal

Društvo SV. ANE št. 150

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Anthony Rebol; preds.: Angela Winter; podpreds.: Helen Krofi; taj.: Josephine Winter, 3555 E. 80. St.; blag.: Laura Berdyck. Nadzornice: Anna Winter, Theresa Zupancic, Helen Krofi; zapis.: Katherine Zabak; zastopnica za SND na E. 80.: Laura Berdyck; zastopnica za SND na Maple Hts.: Helen Krofi; zastopnici za Federacijo: Angela Winter in Josephine Winter. Zdravniki: Vsi slovenski in družinski. Seje so vsaka prva nedelja v mesecu ob 2.30 popoldne v šolski dvorani šole pri Sv. Lovrencu.

Društvo SV. MARIJE MAGDALENE št. 162

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph Božnar; preds.: Frances Nemanich; podpreds.: Anna Zakrajšek; taj.: Mary Ann Mott, 760 E. 212 St., Euclid, OH, tel. 531-4556; blag.: Betty Orehek; zapis.: Frances Novak; nadzornice: Frances Macerol, Josephine Gorencic in Mary Palcic; rediteljica: Rosalia Palcic; zastopnice za Ohio KSKJ Federacijo: Anna Zakrajšek, Frances Novak, Frances Nemanich; zdravniki: vsi slovenski zdravniki.

Seje se vršijo vsako prvo sredo v mesecu, ob 1.30 pop. v društveni sobi avditorija pri Sv. Vidu. Asement se pobira 2-krat na leto in sicer na 25. jan. in 25. julija od 5.30 do 7. ure sv. v društveni sobi pri Sv. Vidu. Če je 25. dan meseca sobota, se pobira v petek, če je nedelja, pa se se pobira v ponedeljek.

Društvo SV. JOŽEFA št. 169

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Victor Tomc
Preds.: Eugene Kogovsek
Podpreds.: Anthony Tolar
Fin. tajnik: Anton Nemeč, 708 E. 159 St., Cleveland, OH 44110, tel. 541-7243

Pomožna tajnica: Anica Nemeč
Bol. taj.: Helena Nemeč, 541-7243

Blag.: Jennie Tuma
Zapis.: Mary Okicki
Nadzorniki: Joseph Ferra, John Obat, Antonia Lamovec
Direktor za atletiko: John Obat, 481-6129

Dir. za ženske aktivnosti: Jennie Tuma
Vratar: Gary Kokotec
Zdravniki: dr. Maks Rak in vsi družinski zdravniki

Por. v angleščini: Helena Nemeč
Por. v slovenščini: Dorothy Ferra
Seje se vršijo vsak tretji četrtek v mesecu ob 8. uri zv. v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

Assement se pobira pred sejo od 7.30 naprej in po vsaki seji, kakor tudi 25. vsak drugi mesec (jan., marec, maj, julij, sep. in nov.) ob šestih zvečer v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Če pade 25. dan na soboto ali nedeljo, pobiramo assement naslednji ponedeljek.

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Društvo PRESVETEGA SRCA JEZUSOVEGA št. 172

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph Božnar
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Podpreds.: Frank Kuhel
Tajnica: Draga Gostič . 19831
Locherie Ave., Euclid, O. 44119, tel. 531-5678

Blagajnik: Joseph Melaher
Zapisnikarica: Tanja Gostič
Revizorji: Joseph Lach, Bogomir Glavan, Draga Gostič ml.

Vratar: Štefan Marolt
Častna preds.: Theresa Lach
Seje se vrše vsako tretjo sredo v mesecu in sicer: januar, marec, maj, julij, september in november, na domu predsednice na 13307 Puritas Ave. ob 7. zv.; februar, april, junij, avgust, oktober in december pa v Baragovem domu, 6304 St. Clair Ave., ob 7h zv. Pobiranje asesment pol ure preje.

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Društvo KRISTUSA KRALJA št. 226

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Jože Božnar
Predsednik: Joseph F. Rigler, tel. 943-2306

Podpreds.: Mary Wolf-Noggy
Tajnik: Frank Šega, 2918 Emerald Lakes Blvd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44092, tel. 944-0020

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Nadzorni odbor: Ivan Rigler, Louis Ferlinc, Anthony Rigler

Športni referent: Raymond Zak, tel. 526-3344

Direktor za mladinske aktivnosti: Judy Ryan
Zastopnica za Klub v SND: Angela Lube
Zastopnik za SND: Joseph F. Rigler

Vratar: Antonia Šega
Seje se vrše na drugo nedeljo v mesecu od februarja do decembra ob 12. uri. V januarju in decembru je začetek seje ob 2. uri. Vse seje se vršijo v Slovenskem narodnem domu, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Pobiranje asesment je pol ure pred sejo in takoj po seji.

KSKJ vam nudi mnogovrstno in najnovejšo, moderno zavarovanje in to pod najbolj ugodnimi pogoji. Za podrobnosti se z zaupanjem lahko obrnete na tajnika društva.

Slovenska Ženska Zveza Slovenian Women's Union

PODRUŽNICA št. 10

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Victor Tomc
Predsednica: Jean Planisek
Podpreds.: Elsie Watson
Zapisnikarica: Ann Stefancic, 900 Rudyard Rd., Cleveland, OH 44110, tel. 531-7635

Taj.-blag.: Rosemary Susel
Nadzornici: Marie Gombach, Helen Suhy
Scholarship: Caroline Stefancic
Sunshine Comm.: Faye Moro in Joyce LaNassi

Zgodovinarka: Ann Stefancic
Sgt.-at-Arms: Alice Struna
Seje se vrše vsako tretjo sredo v mesecu ob 1. uri pop. v Slovenskem Domu na Holmes Ave. in sicer v sledečih mesecih: Januar, marec, maj, junij, september, november in december.

PODRUŽNICA št. 14

Duh. vodja: Rev. Francis Paik
Predsednica: Martha Koren
Podpreds.: Mary Strazisar
Taj.-blag.: Donna Tomc, 2100 Apple Dr., Euclid, OH 44143
Zapisnikarica: Addie Humphreys
Nadzornice: Vera Bajec, Antoinette Zabukovec, Frances Plut
Poročevalka: Alice Kuhar
Zastopnice za SDD na Recher Ave.: Anna Cekada, Celeste Frollo, Donna Tomc

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PODRUŽNICA št. 25

Duhovni vodja: Rev. Joseph Božnar
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Zapisnikarica: Marie Telic
Nadzornici: Mary Turk, Frances Kotnik

Seje se vrše vsak drugi torek v mesecu, ob 1.30 pop. v društveni sobi avditorija pri Sv. Vidu. Asement se pobira pol ure pred sejo, ter tudi 25. dan v mesecih januarja, aprila, julija in oktobra, od 5.30 do 7. zvečer, prav tako v društveni sobi pri Sv. Vidu. Ako pride 25. dan na soboto, se pobira en dan prej, ako pride 25. dan na nedeljo, se pa pobira en dan pozneje.

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Zapisnikarica: Jennie Praznik
Nadzornici: Anna Harsh, Elsie Lovrencic

Zastopnici za vse SND: Jennie Gerk in Mary Taucher
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Mladinske aktivnosti: Nettie Malnar

Poročevalka: Frances Kotnik
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Zapis.: Jennie Antloga
Nadzorniki: Jože Gabrič, Gabriel Mazi, Ana Mihelich
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Blag.: Sophie Matuch
Zapis.: Jennie Kapel
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Mlad. odbor: Joseph Skrabec
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Zapisnikarica: Frances Tavzel
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Imenik slovenskih društev

Slovene Organization Roster

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dol, Frances Tavzel; SDD, Recher Ave. - Frances Modic, Frank Plut, Louis Šilc; Slov. dom za ostarele - Louis Šilc, Frances Modic, Frank Plut; Slov. čitalnica: F. Tavzel

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Društvo KRALJICA MIRU št. 24

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Društvo SV. CECILJA št. 37

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Odbor za potovanja: Margaret Kaus

Sestanki se vrše vsak tretji četrtek v mesecu ob 1.30 p.m. v spodnji dvorani Slov. nar. doma na St. Clairju.

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WILLIAM JANSA

William Jansa is man of the Year

William (Bill) Jansa's family often good-naturedly teases him about his "home away from home." Whether at Recher, St. Clair, or one of the other Slovenian homes, Bill has spent countless hours promoting the rich cultural heritage of which he is so proud. The long list of organizations to which he belongs attests to his belief that one should actively support those things held dear to him.

A member of Holy Cross Parish for over thirty years, Bill also belongs to Moses Cleveland General Assembly, Order of Alhambra No. 142, K.S.K.J. No. 255 Our Lady of Fatima, A.M.L.A. No. 9, Cleveland Slovenian Radio T.V. Club, Club Ljubljana, Coalition Club of Euclid, and Euclid Democratic Caucus Club. He is an honorary life

member of the Knights of Columbus, and a supporting member of Zarja Singing Society. He is also charter member and past treasurer of United Slovenian Society, Conductor of F.O.P.A. No. 15, Financial Secretary of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes, Director of Slovenian Society Home, elected Euclid's Slovenian Man of the Year (1982), past president of Klub Drustev, and past treasurer of Slovenian National Art Guild. From December of 1981 through December of 1982, Bill volunteered to manage the bookkeeping for the Slovene Home for the Aged. He helped Tony Petkovsek's Radiothon raise \$76,000.00 toward this cause.

Bill Jansa was born in New York City on October 14,

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25th is truly special

We celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes by recognizing the colloquy of contributors, our Slovenes who have written for this special edition of the *Ameriška Domovina*. Their ideas and reflections re: government, education, religion, the arts and politics vis-a-vis the Slovenes are indicative of the historic adaptability of the Slovenes to various social and political conditions.

From their initial contact with the Bavarians and then the Franks, the Slovenes have proven to be a genuinely cultured people. In the family of Christian and Central European nations and notwithstanding the significant influences of Italian, German, Hungarian, and yes, even Croatian acculturation, they have preserved their national identity.

At one time inclined toward central Europe for cultural sustenance rather than the Slavs of Bulgaria and Serbia, we now see Slovenia commingled with the other republics of Yugoslavia, the remaining European countries and the rest of the world, becoming an important part of the family of nations.

This identity as a Slovene has obviously carried over to this hemisphere and especially to North America. Here the Slovene has found a home in virtually every human endeavor and has contributed his work ethic, sensitivity to humankind and his active role in public life as a manifestation of his Slovene character. All these attributes are recognized as valuable and worthy contributions of a people who are rightfully proud.

The Slovene influence on European history is seen in the Freiburg manuscripts, in the first presidency of the University of Vienna, in the French presence in Stična monastery and certainly in Koroška, on the plain of Maria-Saal where the Dukes of Carinthia were installed in a ritual of democracy cited by our own Thomas Jefferson. We find evidence of American parallels by these same Slovenes, the co-called "silent people". Prof. Edi Gobec's *Slovenian Heritage* is a must reading for every Slovene home.

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JUNE PRICE

June Price Is Woman of the Year

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes in the greater Cleveland and surrounding area annually selects two individuals whose involvements and participation in the community have been so outstanding that it is befitting to recognize them publicly. A special event at which the selectees are honored has been held traditionally in March of each year, since the first such program began in 1962. Ten Slovenian National Homes are members of the Federation. Their representatives review the submitted resumes of proposed candidates to consider in making their selection for the title of "SLOVENE MAN" and "SLOVENE WOMAN OF THE YEAR."

Representatives for the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue, in making their report of the Federation's decision for the 1986 honorees, surprised the Board of Directors at the regular meeting when they announced that the Federation selected our JUNE PRICE as its nominee. June had been mentioned at the previous board meetings as the Home's choice for the honoree, but she adamantly rejected the nomination. That the Federation representatives saw fit to nominate and select her for the title is indicative of the esteem she enjoys from her counterparts.

June Price was born in Cleveland, Ohio. As a youngster, she was exposed to the activities in the Slovene community as well as at school

performances. Coming from a culturally included family, it was natural that she joined various groups. In her teens she became a member of the flourishing Glasbena Matica Chorus, in which, after 45 years, she is still very much involved. She served as president of the chorus for five years, and throughout the years she has held every office. Not only has she participated with Glasbena Matica, but for five years she was simultaneously also a member of the Triglav Singing Society on the West Side. During the early years of Glasbena Matica, the group delighted the public with a number of outstanding operatic performances. In these, June had the lead roles. Her singing was enhanced by her dramatic skills that won hearty applause of the audience each time.

Glasbena Matica made a concert tour to Europe in 1966, and June accompanied the group. In June, 1972, June and Delores Mihelich joined the Pecon Orchestra with visit to Europe. Both times the singers appeared on stage and received resounding applause for their performances.

On January 17, 1954, June presented a concert at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. The program was comprised of operarias, semi-classical and folk songs. It was a memorable day for her as she received accolades, praise and compliments on her excellent performance. The concert is still

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Federation honorees include (seated from left), George Kitko, West Park, June Price, St. Clair Federation Slovene Woman of the Year, William Jansa, Recher, Federation Slovenian Man of the Year, Emma Urbančič, Maple Heights, Rudy Lokar, Recher. Standing are John Ivančič, Denison, John Cech, Waterloo, Sophie Opeka, St. Clair, Josephine Stanonik, Holmes Ave., Charles Kapel, Fairport Harbor, and Albin Strazar, E. 80th. Not pictured is Louis Kamnikar Sr.



Officers of the Federation of Slovenian National include (seated from left) Pauline Stepic, corresponding secretary, Stephanie Pultz, financial auditor, Charles Ipavec, president, William Jansa, treasurer, Tom Meljac, 2nd vice president. Standing are Frank Mahnic, Sr., executive secretary, Steve Shimits, auditor, Ella Samanich, historian, Joseph Petric, first vice president, Robert Kastelic, recording secretary, and Dan Pavsek, auditor.

A Message from The President

The Slovene people have a tenaciously persevering quality which has resulted in the continuation of the Slovene language and culture despite the fact that both the people and the homeland have been dominated by conquerors for almost their entire history. Even today Slovenia is not united but rather the homeland has been splintered into several parts; and although the major portion is contained within the Socialist Republic of Slovenia other regions of our homeland are contained within the confines of neighboring countries, with the largest segments being in Austria and Italy.

As a result of the foregoing, Slovenes have developed a propensity for organizing into various types of organizations for cultural insurance and

social purposes. In every country that Slovenes have chosen to live they organize and maintain contact with one another. The most notable endeavor is the building and maintaining of Slovenian National Homes which are used for cultural and social gatherings. The Slovenian National Homes are unique among nationality endeavors in that they have more staying power than the national homes of other nationalities. In that respect we, as Slovenes, are fortunate indeed.

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes has now been in existence for over Twenty Five Years, which is not a long time in the total history of the Slovene People; however, the Federation is but another example of the significant effort Slovenes make to amalgamate.

This Federation is dedicated to preserve and to continue the existence of Slovenian National Homes world wide.

Honoring the Slovenes of the Year, now for the Twenty Fifth consecutive year, is a cohesive endeavor which not only honors the people who have distinguished themselves but it causes all of us to reflect upon the past efforts of the Slovenes being honored and thereby encourage each of us to continue the effort of making our Slovenian National Homes the centers of our cultural and social lives.

Živijo, Slovenci!

Charles F. Ipavec
President
Federation of
Slov. National Homes

June Price is Woman of the Year

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remembered as a grand event even after 32 years.

Genuinely interested in preserving her heritage, June did not spend long hours merely to satisfy her enjoyment with participating as a singer with Glasbena Matica. She managed to find time to devote to the Junior Chorus of Circle 77, SNPJ in West Park, directing the youngsters in singing and as their pianist for five years. She also assisted in directing the Junior Chorus Circle 2, SNPJ, which had its base in our Home on St. Clair Avenue.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of our Home, June coordinated the cultural program for the elaborate three-day festivities. Then in 1980, June again proved her capability for planning, arranging and carrying out a most successful and exceptional event, a Testimonial to Edward Kenik, president of the Slovenian National Home, for his many years of dedicated service. The commemorative booklet containing the highlights of Ed Kenik's life was one of the most impressive of this nature.

The above are just a few of the very many varied activities that June Price gives of her time. She is an active member and former officer of the United Slovene Society, Lodge No. 5, SNPJ, member of the Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home for 20 years, currently serving as vice president and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and formerly as a member of the House Committee.

Although this is a limited biography on June Price, we would be remiss were we not to mention that June was very generous in sharing her talents as a singer to enhance countless affairs, civic, social, fraternal and cultural, which enjoyed the benefits of her participation. We are proud to boast that our Home can claim our most popular Trio — June Price - Ed Kenik - Dolores Mihelich. The trio appeared in concert for the benefit of the Home on St. Clair Avenue and the Home on East 80th Street in Newburgh, likewise for the Slovene Home for the Aged.

June Price is a fine example of a true Slovenian. Although the Slovene language was not the spoken word at home, this did not deter her from our Slovenian circles. She was fortunate to enjoy the encouragement of her parents, and after her marriage, by her husband, who also appreciates June's dedication to the preservation of our fine culture.

June's mother, Marie (nee Jezeršek) Babitt, was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia. She, too, is a longtime member of Glasbena Matica. Her late father, Steve Babitt, was of Slovak descent, but he enjoyed coming to the various affairs sponsored by the Board of

Directors, and we remember him on occasion tickling the piano keys as a group of jolly friends would join him in the annex around the piano. Husband Jack Price, is always ready to give a helping hand whether at Glasbena Matica events or the Home's affairs.

Many changes occur as the years go by. We note that with these changes our lives likewise are different. From a teenager starting out with the youngsters' cultural groups, June Babitt grew and became an attractive young lady. She married Jack Price in 1947, and they were blessed with two sons, David (wife Linda) who resides in Lansing, Michigan, and Michael (wife Jean) living in Port Clinton, Ohio, and a daughter, Karen (Mrs. David Carrino) in Parma, Ohio, who have given them two lovely grandchildren. Completing the family circle, along with her mother, is June's sister, Shirley, who formerly also sang with Glasbena Matica, until her work schedule did not provide the time for her to continue participating.

The above notations relate just some of the contributions June Price has made in our Slovene circles. These have made a marked impact in the struggle our ancestors encountered as they strove to keep alive and promote the values of a truly cultural people, who tho burdened with the concern for a livelihood expended their efforts not to let their culture die. It is dedicated people like June who are unselfish with their talents that the Slovenes are today enjoying the prestige of a people that earned a niche in the world of the cultured nations.

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian National Home is most happy that the Federation of Slovenian Homes selected June Price for the 1986 award as the "SLOVENE WOMAN OF THE YEAR." It was a wise choice, a fitting tribute to a fine lady, who is worthy of the honor.

JUNE, MAY YOU THOROUGHLY ENJOY THIS HONOR TODAY. You have earned and deserved it before this time. We look forward to having you with us at the Board of Directors for many more years.

Julia Pirc
Recording Secretary
Slovenian National Home

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Art Guild Talks About New Book 'Splashers'

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA Federation of Slovenian Homes, March 14, 1986

The following two contributions from members of the Slovenian American National Art Guild serve to let the readers of this special edition of the Federation of Slovenian Homes know of the work of the Art Guild which has culminated in the newly released publication of a 36 page book, "Splasher Cloths: Traditional Slovenian Stitchery." Based on Slovenian ingredients and flavor, having been supported in part by public funding, it is an exemplary example of democracy in action, containing features such as proverbs and translations, region maps, symposium presentation, and more. The Art Guild, a non-profit organization, is structured to meet necessary government requirements and is

qualified to receive grants if proposals are approved.

Officers and members serve without pay, choosing to belong because of interest, either as artists or supporting persons, Slovenian and non-Slovenian. All events and affairs in the 13 year history have been free and open to the public, with numerous displays and exhibits set up throughout the area, including the various Slovenian Homes.

"AN OPEN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO SHARE AN AFTERNOON WITH THE ART GUILD AS IT REVIEWS ITS NEW BOOK AT THE EUCLID PUBLIC LIBRARY, 631 EAST 222ND ST., EUCLID, OHIO, IN THE MICHAEL WACH ROOM.

DATE IS SUNDAY, APRIL 13th, HOURS ARE 2-4:00 p.m., WITH A SHORT PROGRAM AT 2:30 p.m. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED."

In conjunction with the day, there will be a month-long display of Slovenian splashers in the library during the entire month of April. Our publication will be their featured topical book of the month.

We are pleased to be a working part of the library system which houses treasures of redaing material, easily accessible to the public. This has always been important to Slovenians, a people of high literacy rate, and particularly in this case because the spotlight is on a subject never before documented.

When beginning this article,

the thought of combining Slovenians and Democracy as it pertains to the Slovenian National Art Guild seemed a bit overwhelming. Giving the matter the attention it deserves, it has become quite easy to share the actions of the Art Guild as it serves the people and reaches out to the community. The group is alive and doing well, enjoying the heritage of our Slovenian backgrounds, and sharing our discoveries with all peoples, in true American manner. Let our book stand as proof that democracy played an important role in its creation and actuality as it is circulated among the citizenry. Just as the art work of our artists is admired and made a part of the home, so is the publication of "Splasher Cloths: Tradi-

tional Slovenian Stitchery" destined to become a part of the American scene.

Books can be ordered at \$6.50 plus mailing cost of \$1.50 from S.A.N.A.G., Heritage Stitchery/Design, 31827 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH 44094.

Doris Sadar
Publicity

Tony also marks 25 years

by Tony Petkovsek

Looking back the past quarter of a century to 1961 when FM radio was in its infancy and when young 20 year-old Tony Petkovsek began a half hour Slovenian polka program on the then new full time "Station of the Nations" WXEN — 106.5 megacycles. Such a happening took place on an introduction by the then Justine Mervar of Mervar Records who contacted Rudy Menart of the Slovenian Show and the Program Director-Engineer of the new nationality voice (ethnic was an unheard of word at the time) station.

He proposed the new show, one of a very few ethnic shows with all English talk, which was self-produced from day one incorporating a slate of commercial sponsors.

Little did anyone dream the 106FM programs at 1 p.m. daily would span a period of 15 years featuring a variety of polka music and music from Slovenia plus community news of an ever busy Slovenian and polka community.

In 1967 the first tour to Europe, in 1969 the first polka tour to Hawaii were initiated and promoted on radio and from there thousands of polkas musicians and followers traveled to every continent of the world even to the present time. "Polkas on Tour" became such a popular concept of the well established Kollander Travel agency that Tony Petkovsek became a partner and vice president of the ever expanding office facilities on East 185th Street.

The association with Kollander also led to the establishment in 1971 of a full ethnic specialty record shoppe and box office for community event ticket sales, art displays and button accordion sales and lessons known as Tony's Polka Village in the same building complex with Kollander. A permanent remote radio studio was also put in place for daily "live" programs emanating here. Polka celebrities from near and far; the governor, bishop, mayor and other dignitaries visited the "village" often.

While in Cleveland as the polka capital with 50 different polka bands, the radio show promoted many out of town and Canadian artists,

Halls are our Slovenian Necklace

All readers of the *Ameriška Domovina* and all of the local papers have read and heard about the Emerald Necklace which we have in the Cleveland and the surrounding areas of this great City. This is the name given to the Metro Park System which all of us can enjoy for our recreation leisure, sightseeing, picnics, bird watching and other many year round recreational purposes. In winter and summer, spring and fall, we Slovenians should be very proud that we also have a Slovenian Necklace which in its own way also serves our personal, recreational, cultural, fraternal and assorted needs of our busy ethnic schedules that all Slovenians, young and old can and do enjoy; being a part of it all.

That Slovenian Necklace is our National Homes.

The Slovenian Necklace I am referring to is from the far West to the far East, North and South of Cleveland. The Slovenian Necklace is a great monument to the far thinking, industrious, ambitious, culturally and fraternally minded fathers and mothers, grandparents who came to this country and decided to build a gathering place in their communities.

Our forefathers in their own humble and fashionable way sought work to prosper, feed, educate, practice their religious beliefs and create a place to relax enjoy each others company and still hold ties to Slovenian cultures.

The head of the Slovenian Necklace is Lorain, Ohio which was the scene of a great Parade and Slovenian Heritage Day sponsored by Slovenians in Lorain which we as members of the United Slovenian Society Band marched in a "Day in Lorain", never to be forgotten. From Lorain we travel to the near west side and the West Park Slovenian Home and their activities, button box concerts, dinners with Marie Pivik and company, with her young

Slovenian singing groups in the smallest Slovenian Home. It is a home filled with good memories and a strong heart for Slovenian culture.

As we continue on our way with our Slovenian Necklace, we stop on the way at the Denison West Side Home. It has a beautiful Club Room with activities building at the rear of the grounds.

Then on the freeway to Maple Heights Slovenian Home on Stanley Avenue where we can be a part of their Vinska Trgata, Fantje na Vasi concerts and Steak and Lobster Roasts and other various get-togethers.

As we continue on our tour we head South to the Newburgh East 80th Avenue Slovenian Hall under the capable leadership of the Mahnic family and Directors to use their bowling alleys and New Year's Eve parties with the Vadnal Orchestra and fund raising parties for the benefit of many.

Then back on the circle of our Necklace, we stop at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue (the largest of all Slovenian Homes) and we think of all the activities that have taken place there: concerts, dramas, weddings, anniversaries, the site of Tony (Petkovsek's) Thanksgiving dances, which attracted thousands of polka lovers for over 20 years. Also it was the site of a huge parade to celebrate their 50th anniversary, plus home to numerous prominent aspiring political leaders of Slovenian ancestry. Some of the European performers and entertainers were there including Lojze Slak, Otavio Brajko, Miha Dovzan, Slavko Avsenik, Fantje pri Dolin and numerous other great entertainers over the past many years.

Then as we continue on our circle of the Slovenian Necklace we find Waterloo Slovenian Home where there is good food, refreshments prepared by Mary Dolsak, Millie Bradac, Bertha Dolgan

and Company. This is our Home away from Home for the United Slovenian Society Band and United Slovenian Society meetings, plus the Home of Jadran Singing Society. The use of their facilities reminds us of all the activities that happened here after World War II: dances, Mladinski Pevski Zbor, fund raisers, etc. It was the scene of another big parade led by Grand Marshall John Glenn and Congressman Dennis Eckart, Presidential candidate Muskie to celebrate their big anniversary.

Since all Slovenians are full of energy, we continue across the East 152nd Street Bridge south to the Slovenian Home on Holmes Avenue where on some beautiful summer evening we are honoring a director, band leader or other hard working, dedicated beautiful people who have helped this Home. An outdoor bandstand is set up we we can hear botton box groups, the Vadnals, Yankovics, the Schauer Band and many others play to the huge crowds. There are two beautiful halls for concerts, dinners and plays by Lilija. There is also a big parade in August to bring people to the Hall for Homecoming Days. This Home has been the site of USS Blood Bank Drives, with great help from Dan Pavsek, Gus Petelinkar, Frank and Mary Podlogar, Frank Koncilja, the Joe Ferras, Habat Families, Leroy and Viaian Koeth, and many others, too numerous to mention.

Then as we continue on our tour of th Slovenian Necklace, we seem to tire a little, but we head on over to the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid Ohio. As we arrive on any given summer day or weekend, we hear the click and bang of the balinca courts with cheer and laughter. Also on these grounds, many a great wedding, anniversary party has taken place in their two halls. We have seen Pecon Day, Blue Baby Fund Raisers, Euclid

Vets, Club 59ers, Zarja Concerts, Cecelija Dolgan Button Box Bash and also her young singing group of which she is Director. It was also the site of Lojze Šlak playing and entertaining for the Pensioners to a sold out audience. It was the location of the recent United Slovenian Society Band Concert, and annual Bake-Off thanks to the gracious help of President Max Kobal and Directors.

We are tiring a little now, but we catch our final Slovenian Necklace pearl at the Fairport American Slovenian Home and are greeted by a quaint setting among trees, balinca courts of a very friendly Home with drink and food. It is the site of numerous button box bashes, balinca tournaments and fond memories.

The tour of the Slovenian Necklace ends. We turn towards home and are grateful to our forefathers who took the time and trouble to plan and build these structures and stock them with friendly directors who want to ensure everyone who visits their Home has a good time.

By supporting one Home, in one way or another you support them all. Do not let these Homes become frayed or worn out. Take care of them, and they will take care of you.

Congratulations to Mr. Bill Jansa and to Mrs. June Price, the Slovenian Man and Woman of the Year. Also Congratulations to all the Slovenian Men and Women of their respective Slovenian Homes.

Every Slovenian Necklace should be accompanied by a Slovenian Bracelet. This bracelet consists of AMLA, SNPJ, KSKJ, and Slovenska Pristava picnic grounds. And for religious worship, the four Slovenian Catholic Churches: St. Vitus, St. Mary, St. Lawrence, and St. Christine. They all deserve your support. When you think about it, they are you — they are indeed preserving your heritage.

Albert J. Pestotnik

My Old Slovenian Home

I am a product of that big wave of Slovenian immigrants who arrived in Cleveland in the first decade or so of the 1900's. The wave must have crested with the arrival of my parents in 1911 as my entering class at St. Vitus in 1918 had 117 first grade students, (Joe Zelle among them) the largest number before or since, I understand. St. Clair was teeming with recent arrivals. It was a veritable small Slovenia, complete with a Slovenian church (St. Vitus), numerous gostilnas (but, of course), Slovenian merchants, and a kind of social center in an old mansion set back from the street at Addison Rd. (on the lake side of St. Clair).

This must have been a difficult period for the Slovenian immigrants to make their adjustment to the new world. My parents surely struggled to make the first few dollars necessary to get established in a house of their own. My mother worked at a saloon, rising early to get there at the opening, 6 a.m., and staying on well on through lunch. My father got himself a job as a laborer at White Motor Co. factory somewhere near 72nd St. In this period of adjustment I can't say there was much of a home life in our modest house. After coming home from work my mother had to cook dinner, do the laundry once a week, make beds and tend to the general housecleaning. My father worked 10-12 hours per day, now and then on a night shift, and he must have been good and tired when he got home. Sunday was the only free day of the week, and what with church, the Sunday big dinner, and tending to minor house repairs (fixing broken chairs, painting fences, etc.), it wasn't much of a free day. Frequently Sundays were also for social gatherings, usually in someone's kitchen, that of a relative or neighbor — with the ambience being 100% Slovenian. Two or three times a year there would be a festive occasion — a wedding or a christening.

One interesting chore I seemed to have assigned to me was to make the monthly (or was it weekly) payment of lodge dues at that social center at St. Clair and Addison. Sundays it seems was the day for the meetings of the lodges, and my job was to find the right meeting room, get past the sergeant-at-arms and find the secretary at the front of the room to make the two-dollar payment and have him make the appropriate entry in a little book he carried. There it was — the big outside world was opened up for me. In these cigar-smoke filled rooms men discussed the affairs of the Slovenian community. There were teeming crowds in these rooms — there was activity and a noise which in a strange way I enjoyed. This was for me! I found myself liking to

go there every chance or excuse I had. Home was nothing like this, where my mother was usually busy with house chores, maybe washing clothes in the cellar on a scrubbing board by hand, and my father after his good long day at the mill sitting on a couch with a newspaper in hand.

One day something interesting began to happen at that social center. Some kind of excavating was going on out in front near St. Clair Ave. This was in 1923, and a year or so later (it seemed to take forever) a big Slovenian home emerged before our eyes. It surely must have been the pride of the Slovenians, as it had the largest theatrical stage in all of Cleveland at that time. I recall that my parents took me to the first concerts, where I was to see Ivan Zorman, and others. They took me to the stage plays, all in Slovenian, of course. I quickly learned that in every play there was a comic who got the whole audience to laugh. I paid little attention to the "love stuff", but that comic, that was real acting, so far as I was concerned. And it was not long before the gymnastic group, Sokols, set up a gym room on the second floor. A man we called "Unk" had charge of us youngsters and we learned the fundamentals of tumbling: handsprings, forward and back flips, back handsprings, diving off a spring board, etc. Some of us worked up to the parallel bars, the high bar, and the rings (a Stanley Bencina did giant swings on the high bar) but I stuck with the tumbling. More to the point, I, in spite of my being on the short side, became quite strong and muscular — a good thing for the meeting of the occasional neighborhood toughies.

In due course I joined the boy's singing group at the Slovenian home and had my voice classified as baritone. I learned to sing and harmonize in a group pretty well. We sang mostly Slovenian songs with a sprinkling of American songs such as My Old Kentucky Home, and Ole Black Joe. Getting a little older I joined the Lilija theatrical group, but I never got to play on the stage. A bit later I joined the Yugoslav Little Theatre group, where I met Vatro Grill and there I got "on the boards" in a play or two. I also met here some Slovenian intellectuals like John Alich, John Fakult, and Frank Suhadolnik (a reporter for one of the Slovenian newspapers). Psychologists are wont to say that youngsters who come from broken or unhappy homes will likely have a problem adjusting to adulthood. In my case the Slovenian home and in general the Slovenian community were my surrogate parents, and I must say because of these I had a most happy childhood, right on up

to learning to dance and meet girls. I became a Saturday night habitue not only of the Slovenian home dances at St. Clair, but with my little beat up Chevy coupe I managed also to get to the Slovenian homes on Waterloo, Holmes Avenue, and Recher Avenue. What, with the Sokols, the singing groups, the little theatre, and the meeting with girls at the Slovenian dances I did indeed have some wonderful teen-age years. Many a Saturday evening when I should have been home studying for an exam, I was seeking out some polka band. Indeed, to pick up a little change I played a banjo with some accordionists, Tony Jagodnik, for one, and I believe a Pete Sokach (not sure of the spelling) who lived somewhere in Euclid. I learned to play under the tutelage of no less than Joe Sodja, a really superb and brilliant banjoist (and later, guitarist).

No doubt in one of these cigar-smoke filled meeting rooms, way back in the post World War I years, some stalwart soul stood his ground as he urged, pleaded and cajoled for a Slovenian home to be built on St. Clair. He must have at one point said that what he dreamed of was a place where young Slovenians could come and gather, to learn Slovenian, to have a library, to go to concerts, to participate in singing and theatrical groups.

I for one can say that his commitment and dedication turned out prophetic for me. I was one of those beneficiaries he had in mind. I got a good start on a Slovenian culture, which did not hurt me one bit in my aspiration to acquire also an American one. I had a happy childhood and teen age years because of him, and when the time came, I entered fully into the American stream. Thus, I not only got to realize his dream but also the American one. As I sit here in my study, in Greenwich Village, looking down at the joggers slogging their way around Washington Square Park, and then out upon the Empire State Building up Fifth Avenue, so nicely illuminated in the evenings, writing perhaps a manuscript about a just-finished piece of metallurgical, biological or chemical research, I speculate a bit on whether I have really attained this American dream. I believe I share the respect and reverence of my former students and I seem to be highly regarded by my colleagues, both in this and other countries. I have enough money not only to go abroad once or twice a year, occasionally traveling first class, but also to sponsor now and then a relative, or another young Slovenian, on a similar trip.

In passing I must tell this story. Joe Spretnak (a faculty member at Ohio State Univer-

sity) and I for some reason got to make a trip to the Soviet Union, in the late 50's. We naturally got acquainted with the American community associated with the embassy in Moscow and one or two other U.S. Government agencies. On one of the rounds we made, we came across the place where the American community did their socializing. It was a small building with a plaque in front of it with the label "Amerikanski Dom". We hurriedly took our cameras out. This was too precious to pass up. It really cracked us up — we must have laughed over this for several days.

Help Wanted

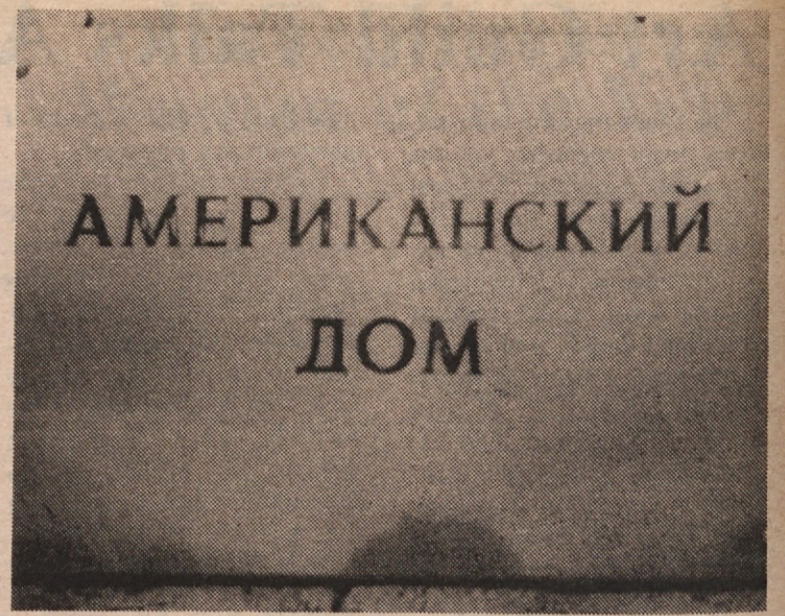
When our first pioneers established themselves in Cleveland, they worked diligently and looked for a place to socialize, a place to talk with friends and to learn from each other. Soon they built their own hall. To accomplish this they had to go into debt, even though they did much of the work themselves. Social affairs were planned for entertainment and for profit. One was paid to work — it was considered an honor to be called upon to help. Formost was the commitment that the debt MUST be paid and thru perseverance and loyalty it was a proud day when the debt was paid in full.

Now as the communities have expanded to a number of Homes we face new problems. Due to spiraling costs of operation, maintenance, utilities, redecorating and renovation, our incoming dollars do not stretch far enough. Each Board of Directors want our friends to know we need your help by supporting the activities being scheduled throughout the year. It is your heritage kept alive by your parents and grandparents. Increase your interest in it. Keep it alive. Lease the halls for your affairs and acquaint your friends with the availability of its use for their affairs.

According to a recent deci-

I would not be surprised if by some divine magic the fighter to preserve my Slovenian heritage by seeing to it that a Slovenian home was built on St. Clair would be standing before me and grinning in making the comment that little would I know how close it came that no Slovenian home was ever built, but that he and his colleagues stuck it out and won. And so, whoever he may have been, and wherever he may be, I salute him for his foresight. I salute the institution of the old Slovenian.

John P. Nielsen, Ph.D.
New York City, 1-31-86



The American counterpart in Moscow of a Slovenian National Home in Cleveland. Plaque on a building in Moscow was photographed October 5th, 1957, the day the Russians launched that first sputnik into space. Joe Spretnak of Ohio State University and the author were in Moscow on that significant date, while Joe Zelle was monitoring here in Cleveland the beep-beep from sputnik on his short wave radio. (Photo courtesy of John P. Nielsen)

sion with the principles of several of our Slovenian National Homes it was noted when rentals, prearranged or scheduled events and general attendance were discussed there were many problems. It was evident for the most part that a decline in patronage for various reasons was most notable among St. Clair and Waterloo Halls. Both of these well established homes have been finding it difficult to keep their traditional status of excellence even with a corps of willing volunteers who clean, make minor repairs, paint and keep up the facilities without any remuneration. Getting help to set up for events and dinners is a problem, but the same stalwart crew seem to share most of the work.

Recent Board Meetings and Election of Directors, the problem of red ink because of increased costs, taxes, upkeep and maintenance, especially major repairs and renovation was the topic of major interest and discussion.

Although Recher Slovene Home has a full calendar of hall rentals this year its constant cost of operations outrun earned income. Minimal rental fees shall need adjustment to keep pace with the inflationary spiral.

Holmes Ave. has recently

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HERMAN KAPEL — FAIRPORT HONOREE

Fairport American-Slovenian Club Names Herman Kapel Man of year

Herman Kapel has been selected by the Fairport American-Slovenian Club to be honored as its Man-Of-The Year. As a charter member, he has been an active and loyal member since its founding in 1947.

Although he can now be found behind the bar, he remembers the days when he was mixing cement, hauling bricks, and digging water lines to convert what was purchased as a three-car garage into the original Club Rooms. On weekends during those early days he was volunteering his time at Saturday night dances or Sunday afternoon picnics or other fund-raising projects to launch the fledgling organization.

Herman was born Dec. 9, 1924 in Fairport Harbor and was graduated from Fairport Harding High School. Shortly after his graduation he joined the Air Force during World War II, serving in the British West Indies.

Following his service years, he joined with his twin brother, Charles, and stepbrother, Frank Zadnik, to help operate Kapel's Winery in Fairport, the family business which was founded by his father, Andy, and stepmother Antonia.

While helping out in the family business, he went to work at the Diamond Alkali Co. in Fairport (now the Diamond-Shamrock Corp.). He was employed there for 26 years before the plant was closed down. Upon its closing, the coke operation was sold to

the Erie Coke & Chemical Co. Herman worked there for six years, before it too was boarded up. He is now employed at the Kopper's Co. in Wickliffe.

Herman married the former Mary Burns and the couple now resides at North Carson Street in Grand River. He has two sons, Mike Kapel, living in Arizona, and Robert Burns in Illinois. There are four grandsons: Rodney and Peter Kapel and Scott and Michael Burns.

In addition to his involvement with the Slovenian Club, Herman is active in preserving the Slovenian culture in the area through his membership in American Mutual Life Assn.'s Grand River Valley Lodge No. 30 and the SNPJ's Lodge 355. Both lodges meet regularly at the Club.

He is also a member of the Fairport Harbor VFW Post 7754 and the Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport.

"We're pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the many years of dedicated service that Herman Kapel has devoted to our Club and in preserving the Slovenian heritage here in Northeastern Ohio," Tony Satej, Club president said in announcing the action of the Board which named him to receive the honor.

Herman's twin brother, Charles, was honored as the Club's Man-of-the-Year in 1984. Previous year's honorees have been Andy Her-
vatin, John Drobnick, Jennie Mohorcic, and Frank Turek.

Help Wanted

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completed a beautiful and extensive remodeling of both upper and lower halls. They have purchased additional parking on School Ave. which abuts the present lot. It has enhanced the entire facility. Again your support is needed by making your bowling groups etc. aware of this fine party place.

The St. Clair National Home has been classified as a "National Heritage" building. It is in the process of a major repainting and redecorating project running from last year into the present administration. An agreement with Steel Improvement has recently been negotiated for the use and patrol of that company's east parking lot (north of S.N.D. property) for affairs held on weekends.

Waterloo Home Trustees and directors have discussed the possibility of expanding their security operations to include the parking facility which lies between Carst Memorials and Jephson Drugs. Our councilman Mr. Polensek, has asked for additional or improved street lighting along the Waterloo and E. 156th St. business area.

Recent discussions regarding decline in patronage, potential patronage, popularity of events, social activities of ethnic background and, above all, cultural events of major appeal which would appeal to our third generation descendants even though they have moved from this area.

If this stirs interest enough that the threat of the loss of these wonderful halls so filled with memories will warrant some joint action committees to act it may be the beginning of some light on the bright side.

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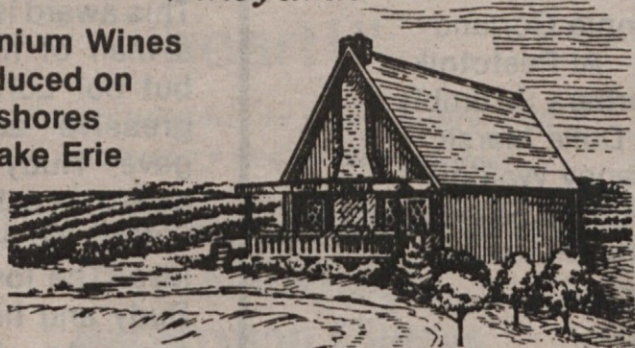
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Rudy's Roots began in the Collinwood area on March 1, 1914 in the parish of St. Mary's Church. He attended Collinwood high school and was employed for 36 years at the Foote-Burt Company, until his retirement in December of 1975. Seven weeks later his wife, Dorothy, succumbed to a lengthy illness after a 37 year marriage. They

have an adopted daughter, Patricia.

During his employment Rudy enlisted into the Army during World War II and returned to civilian life as a veteran in 1945 residing on Schaefer Ave. in the St. Clair area for 16 years.

Later he moved to Euclid at his present address for twenty-three years until his

untimely death from cancer earlier this year.

His fraternal and civic activities led his world of activities of which he was a fifty-one year member of Modern Crusaders No. 45 AMLA, fifty-five year member of Strugglers No. 614 SNPJ, a member of Independent Lodge "Lovska Dolina".

The SDZ News, a fraternal weekly was edited by Rudy while serving on the Supreme Board of AMLA. He was also Sports Director, serving two terms from the mid-thirties to 1943. He was a member of the Euclid Slovenian Pensioners Club, Waterloo Slovenian Pensioners Club, Waterloo Slovene Pensioners, and the Fairport Slovene Pen-

sioners. He held shares in the Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, Slovenian Workmen's Home, and Slovenian Society Home.

In 1977 Rudy married Caroline Mihelich of Geneva, widow of Tony, who owned and operated a very popular eatery on Geneva-on-the-Lake. Upon their union of marriage Caroline became a resident of Euclid where both continued club socializing and enjoying many interests in common at Club Ljubljana and as members of Euclid and Waterloo Balinca Clubs, etc.

Rudy was a director and recording secretary of the Slovenian Society Home. Civically he was involved in the Euclid Independent Coalition

Club, Democratic Ward Two Leader and Cuyahoga County Volunteer Deputy Registrar, a 500 plus membership of the Euclid Democratic Caucus and served as its treasurer.

He was very proud of being a seven gallon donor to the American Red Cross.

All of this still gave Rudy time for his Slovenian Home, promoting good will during his many conversations on the balinca alleys, in the club room, socializing many evenings, especially Saturday nights with Caroline who supported his many roles in various clubs. She is one terrific ticket promoter and very loving and caring of Rudy in his many interests.

During this past year Rudy carried on between hospital visits and his Slovenian Home. A man of good stature and a voice which matched, I'm sure he would have been a good second bass singer. When he spoke you listened, his timber filled the room. He seemed a bit awkward in his ways, but there was a quiet love he tried to convey and a glistening of his eyes that showed how much he cared. A very public person and yet very private.

We can write many things Rudy did and say, but Rudy has gone physically, yet his accomplishments and history of being with us will be forever. This award is fitting for a man of his stature, but our Lord took aggressive action and gave Rudy a great award — salvation. No suffering — and His love. The love we give Rudy and his memory also to his wife Caroline, and family. God bless him and you, Caroline, for you've touched us all with your Slovenian caring.

—Joseph F. Petric, Jr.

It is a great experience to be associated with men and women of so many callings, coming together, sharing ideas and common interests that make the organization work and titled — "THE FEDERATION OF SLOVENIAN HOMES."

God bless us all on our twenty-fifth anniversary.

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We are very honored this year to have two recipients at this year's twenty-fifth awards banquet. Even with emotions mixed as they are between these men — Bill Jansa — will receive again an award at this year's banquet — the Federation's choice of Man of the Year.

He truly deserves this honor for all the timeless and selfless devotion to the Federation and the many Slovenian Homes Bill and his wife, Jean travel to supporting the various benefit drawings, ticket sales, dinner-dances. He is a true ambassador of good will and supporter of all the Homes — from one side of town to the other.

Bill is very conscientious in the handling of the organization's accounts. He can be heard at various meetings, giving the up-dated ac-

counting of their books. His belief in Slovenian heritage is as strong as his faith. A very devote and practicing Catholic, he is a member of Holy Cross parish for over 30 years. His generosity is very quiet, but his wife Jean and he are active in many drives and campaigns, raising funds for various charities, both in his fields of interest.

We are sure on this Bill's day, his zeal for his fellow Slovenes will be known to all as the line of various awards and recognitions from all sides will come forth, expressing their words of congratulations which Bill Jansa deserves.

We at Slovenian Society Home extend our esteem of well wishes to him, his wife, Jean, and the Jansa family on this day.

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RUDY LOKAR

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To All Honorees, Best Wishes, especially to our "Rudy Lokar". A little bit of him will live forever in our hearts.

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Maple Spotlight Shines on Emma Urbancic

Mrs. Emma Urbancic was born in the state of Pennsylvania and is the daughter of the late Martin and Louise Koprivnik. When Emma was a young child, her parents moved to Cleveland, Ohio residing in the Old Prince Hall area near E. 93rd and Union. The family then moved to the southeast section of Cleveland where she grew up.

During her childhood years, Emma and her sister Rose Myers, presently of Reno, Nevada, sang in the "KANARCKI" children's singing group which was headquartered at Prince Hall.

This was the start of Emma's Slovenian culture of which she became very proud over the years.

On August 31, 1940, Emma was married to Frank Urbancic, known to his many friends as "Schmeitzi". They were one of the first couples married in the new St. Lawrence Church in Newburg.

Early in their married life, they moved to Garfield Heights where they have been in residence for the past 41 years. This was the area where they raised their children, Frank Jr., Michael, Mary Ann and Caroly, of Maui, Hawaii.

Emma is the proud grandmother of six: Laurel, Michelle, Frankie, Kelly, Donald and Chad.

Emma and her family have been active members of the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Garfield Heights for as many years as they have lived in that community.

Mrs. Urbancic, as busy as she was raising her family, always found time to play an active role in the Slovenian community at the Maple Heights Slovenian National Home. One of her favorite activities is singing with the Planina Singing Society where she held the office of Financial Secretary for 12 years.

There is an old adage that

reads "When the going gets tough, the tough get going". This fits Emma to a tee. Whenever a social function is underway at the Maple Heights Home, you will be sure to find Emma working hard in the kitchen or performing some other necessary task.

Whenever a work party is formed to clean up, paint up or fix up, you can find Emma actively involved.

When Emma is not involved with the activities at the Maple Heights Slovenian Home, she enjoys traveling with the various bus tours and gardening in her yard on Lincoln Avenue in Garfield Heights.

She is an active member of the Newburgh/Maple Heights Pensioners and long time member of KSKJ St. Joseph No. 146 Lodge.

The Maple Heights Slovenian Community is proud to present Mrs. Emma Urbancic as our Slovenian Woman of the Year.



EMMA URBANCIC

1985 Was Busy

The last two years 1983-1984 were a busy time of clean-up, paint up, fix-up projects. New drapes were purchased and the meeting room was paneled and spruced up. It was a lot of work and everyone pitched in to help including the wives of the directors.

Although there were no major projects undertaken in 1985 it was a busy year. The main activity was the bi-monthly raffle. It keeps us on our toes preparing and planning for the event. We try to please our guests by serving something different each time and entertaining them with different bands for their dancing and listening pleasure. People love to come to our raffles to enjoy the company of their friends, to have a drink, to dance and at the same time have a chance to win some money. All the board members and their wives pitch in to help. Along with the hard work, there is a lot of comraderie and cooperation among the workers.

Planina's Concert, held on April 28 was a success even though there were so many conflicting events. A varied and interesting program was put on, including both Slovenian and English music, under the capable direction of Robert Tayek and his wife, Bernadette, who is the pianist. The year 1987 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Planina. We hope to have a special concert

to commemorate the event. In the month of June, that great group of singers, "Fantje na Vasi" under the direction of John Sršen, presented a program at our Home. As usual they attracted a large audience. It is always a pleasure to have them with us. After the concert everyone stayed to enjoy the dancing.

Our annual event the "Grape Festival" was held in October. Again, although there were conflicting events, it drew a large crowd. Al Lipnos was pressing the grapes and bottling the juice which was a very popular item. We could have sold twice as much. There was a variety of attractions including a display of printing and artifacts by the Art Guild under Justine Skok. The various lodges displayed a large variety of home baked goodies. There were many crafts to choose from and a rummage sale. All this and button box music, too. Last but not least the kitchen had roast beef and sausage sandwiches, strudel, and donuts to benefit the hungry. It was a typical fall day, chilly outside and warm and cozy inside.

The month of December is always a lively and happy time at the Home. That is when all the various groups have their Christmas parties. There is a delicious smell of food and goodies permeating the hall, and the sound of Christmas carols being sung.

It was a perfect evening to a year of much activity.



All on board

Striking a proud pose for the photographer are members of the Maple Heights Slovenian Home's Board of Trustees. They include (seated, from left): Tony Kaplan, Lou Champa, Frank Urbancic, Tom Meljac and Lud Hrovat. Standing are William Ponikvar, Louis Ferfolia, Marjorie Church, Albert Lipnos, Mildred Lipnos, Tony Planisek, Joseph Habjan and Robert Hribsek. Missing is Frank Hrovat.

Bill Jansa is Man of the Year

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1913. His mother (Mary) was born in Domzale, and his father (Matthew) in Zasip (Bled). His sister, Mamie, still resides in Massapequa, New York with his favorite brother-in-law, Tony. After ten years of marriage to Pat Kern, Bill became a widower in July of 1950. He married Jean Perusek in May of 1953. The couple bought their present home in Euclid and raised five children there - Bill, Donna, Marian, Jim, and Tom. Now Bill also boasts of his three grandchildren - Jackie, Billy, and Jennifer, plus one due to arrive in late March.

After coming to Cleveland in 1937, Bill worked for Steel Improvement during World War

II as a diesetter. He then became a painter and an employee for the Cleveland Board of Education for twenty-eight years, specializing in basketball, tennis, volleyball, and shuffleboard layouts. He retired in 1975, however, he is more active now than ever. Presently, he is a collector of LP records, especially polkas and waltzes, his favorite being, "My Harmonica Waltz" by Johnny Vadal. He received national recognition for his large display of police patches, notably in federal and K-9 patches.

Bill had a severe heart attack in May of 1978 and, consequently, had quadruple bypass surgery at the Cleveland

Clinic. Totally recovered from his open heart surgery, he says he has never felt better.

He has been active in various Slovenian Fraternal and Social organizations for the past forty-six years. Bill feels truly honored for having been designated Slovenian Man of the Year!

Maple Heights Coming Events:

- 50/50 Raffle May 7
- Fantje na Vasi
- 50/50 Raffle July 2
- 50/50 Raffle Sept. 3
- Grape Festival - October
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Working the kitchen at the recent Maple Heights New Year's Eve party and Jozie Gruden (left) and Woman of the Year Emma Urbancic.

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One of the reasons for the very existence of the Federation is to act as a central sounding board for all ten Slovenian Homes. It serves this purpose well since each Home finds strength and moral support from her sister homes. Initially, each Home served to consolidate the Slovene community and sustain the Slovene traditions of music, dance, festivals and veselice, oftentimes in conjunction with the local parish which encouraged cultural traditions as a means of fostering religious devotion. Many of the Homes now face a greater challenge because of the diminution of the Slovene presence leaving only the semblance of a Slovene past and an uncertain future.

Today however, we join with each other in joyful celebration by paying happy homage to our deserving honorees and in so doing, we honor ourselves as the remaining community smiles approvingly, saying "How happy are these Slovenians!"

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Maple Heights Home
Is Legacy of Tradition

The first Slovenian settler in Maple Heights was Martin Potisek who migrated around 1912. It was all farmland then and part of what was known as Bedford Township. A short time later John Fortuna came, followed by Anton Prosen, Louis Lipoglavšek (Lipnos), Ignac Novak and the Chesniks. Most of the settlers came after WWII from the Newburg area.

The Slovenes in Newburg had built a national home in 1928 so it was logical to assume the idea had also occurred to the Maple Heights Slovenians. The idea was first suggested at a meeting of Lodge Dom No. 25 SDZ, by Anton Pelko in the fall of 1925. Andrew Rezin took him up on the suggestion and passing the hat around collected 35 cents.

A general meeting of Slovenians in Maple Heights was called to find out if there was sufficient interest to start a Home. The meeting was held January 17, 1926. The answer was yes, and the election of the first officers followed. Elected were Anton Pelko, President; Andrew Rezin, Sr., Secretary; Vincent Zinisek, Treasurer; Frank Vercek, Recording Secretary; Luka Gorup, Frank Legan and Louis Kastelic, Sr., auditors. The meeting was held at the home of John Breznikar.

The officers were to be responsible for fund raising activities for the benefit of the future home. These affairs were held at individual homes.

At the annual meeting in January, 1928, Joseph Plute announced that they had been given a corporation charter by the State of Ohio under the name "Slovenian National Home of Maple Heights, Ohio." Also, membership certificates of this corporation were now offered for sale for the first time. Volunteers went from house to house to sell them.

On May 22, 1928 a special meeting was held to approve the purchase of land on which the Home now stands.

A very important contribution was announced at the February 21, 1932 meeting. It was the formation of a 14 member Cooking Club, headed by Mrs. Anna Fortuna.

Although the Home was desperately needed by now, the depression put a crimp in their plans and it had to be postponed. By this time there were 61 Slovenian families.

Finally at the annual meeting held January 24, 1937 permission was granted to the directors to make plans to start the home. At the July 3rd meeting, the directors signed the contract to build the original Home. It was a modest, one story wooden

building with a basement; cost \$6,500.

On October 3, 1937, it was dedicated. They waited 12 years for this glorious day. A great celebration took place. It started in the afternoon with a parade through the streets led by the St. Lawrence Church Band from Newburgh. The program included such personalities as Ivan Zorman and Frank Lausche.

Music was provided by button box artists Frank Novak and Matt Hojer. The Louis Sadar Orchestra played for the dance in the evening.

In a few years it became evident that the home was too small. At the annual meeting January 5, 1941 it was agreed to enlarge the facilities. The auditorium was opened August 3, 1941.

So the interest in the Home grew and it continued to serve as the heart of the Maple Heights Slovenian Community. The younger generation took an active part and it was through their insistence, plans were made to not only enlarge it, but completely renovate it. The remodeled and expanded Home was dedicated on April 21, 1963.

On November 12, 1978, the Home celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet. The program was highlighted by the presence of Anton Pelko, the first president and Louis

Ferfolia, who was also a speaker at the original dedication.

Another big event was held on March 4, 1979. This was a Mortgage Burning Celebration. It was a great day in the Home's history.

For over 50 years it has served Slovenian societies and organizations and its members. Planina, the Slovenian Singing Society, has held rehearsals and concerts here since the Home opened. More recently it has become home base for the Maple Heights Button Box Club. The Pensioners Club hold meetings and parties here.

The Home is a legacy from our Slovenian fathers and mothers for us to nurture and perpetuate. The present directors are dedicated to maintaining its high standards.

The officers for 1986 are: President: Frank Urbancic; Vice-President, Lud Hrovat; Secretary, Tom Meljac; Treasurer, Mildren Lipnos; Recording Secretary, Margorie Church. Auditors are Frank Urbancic, Tony Kaplan and Bill Ponikvar. Trustees are Lou Champa, Albert Lipnos, Marty Planinsek, Louis Ferfolia, Joe Habjan, and Robert Hribšek.

(Taken from a history prepared by Ann Ranik, 1980.)

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St. Clair community helpful following World War II — Turk

My heritage as a Slovenian recalls the days when I was born and spent the better portion of my life on East 69th Street just off St. Clair Avenue. At that time the population of the area was predominately Slovenian.

My earliest memories center around St. Vitus School and St. Vitus Parish along with a great number of other Slovenians who attended those institutions. Nearby was the Slovenian National Home on East 65th and St. Clair Avenue. Without doubt, these institutions, the Slovenian community, and the Slovenian ethnic greatly influenced my life. Entwined with those early memories is the struggle of my parents, our whole family and all the other families who settled in this Slovenian center of Cleveland.

There was a strong work ethic and honesty in all endeavors. The parents in the community understood that in addition to adherence to God and church, the basis for fulfillment in life lay in achieving a good education.

In those early days, because of limited opportunities and resources, virtually all activities took place within the community and neighborhood. As a good number of us can remember, spending fare for public transportation strained the family budget. Of necessity all the activities of the community were neighborhood oriented.

It is understandable that the building of St. Vitus Church and school and the Slovenian National Home and the programs and activities that followed developed from the social needs of the community. The Slovenian community supported these institutions, and in turn these institutions fostered and engendered participation and cultivation of our Slovenian heritage.

As my contemporaries will remember, the advent of the second World War brought a change to the St. Clair community. Following the war, there was movement within the area of people marrying and moving to different neighborhoods, and in their place many displaced persons from Slovenia arrived and settled in the St. Clair Avenue community.

The new Slovenians added another focus and dimension to our Slovenian upbringing and heritage. Like my parents, they found comfort in this community of persons who were of their background, ethnic and culture. Undoubtedly they felt more secure in being surrounded by people who could speak their language and with whom they could readily identify.

In and around that time, I had become the concilman in this area, and these new Slovenian arrivals helped fill the void left by those moving to

other areas in northeastern Ohio. The addition of the new Slovenians, plus the resurgence in the economy, increased the stability and cohesiveness of the St. Clair Avenue Slovenian community. The new Slovenians with the help of the old Slovenians instigated new programs, and these programs brought an assimilation of the newcomers with the older residents. It seemed at times that they were teaching us and we were teaching them.

Baragov Dom was formed on St. Clair Avenue, and that provided another outlet for the many cultural events that were presented in this particular area. Throughout the period of these changes, it seemed that an even greater pride developed in the heritage and ethnicity of our Slovenian background.

During this time frame, an outstanding number of Slovenians emerged as leaders in the community; educators, clergy, persons in public service, the arts, business, etc. Indeed if we were to attempt to list all of them, we would surely omit many more than we could mention.

Without going into detail, undoubtedly the person of

greatest prominence was Frank J. Lausche. His stature, character and achievements were justly upheld as a model to emulate.

Looking back on all of these years, one wonders what role ethnicity plays in the realm of family life and all those other attributes we generally define as comprising good citizenship. It is obvious that the upbringing and background of persons of Slovenian origin have contributed to the whole development of a particular segment of society.

Even though many of our forefathers had a minimal education and were limited by way of experience, truly there was some fundamental concept of life that they learned in Slovenia and imbued in their children who brought it to this country. Needless to say, that background and heritage acted as a good foundation and enabled the Slovenians to make the many basic adjustments that were necessary in taking up life in America.

That background was certainly not taught in school, but it is a heritage of which all of us who call ourselves Slovenians can be extremely proud.

—Edmund J. Turk

Former Euclid mayor says hall helped successful life

The Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, known throughout Greater Cleveland as "Recher Hall," continues to provide special meaning and fond memories for many of us in the northeastern Ohio area.

The Sustarsic family came to Euclid Village from Collinwood during the 1920s, settling in a new house on Recher Avenue. The church a few doors away would later become the Slovene and Croatian Home, the social and cultural center of the neighborhood and the Euclid area.

The early years were exciting for us kids with the weekly picnics by the many lodges, and the dances and weddings which automatically involved everyone in the area. There was a depression in the country, but being at the "hall", when playing as a kid, or dancing and hanging around as teenagers, temporarily took us away from all of our problems and brought us all together as one.

The dedication of my parents to their family and friends brought us to a respected association with the many leaders of the Slovene Hall who would later play a part in my future.

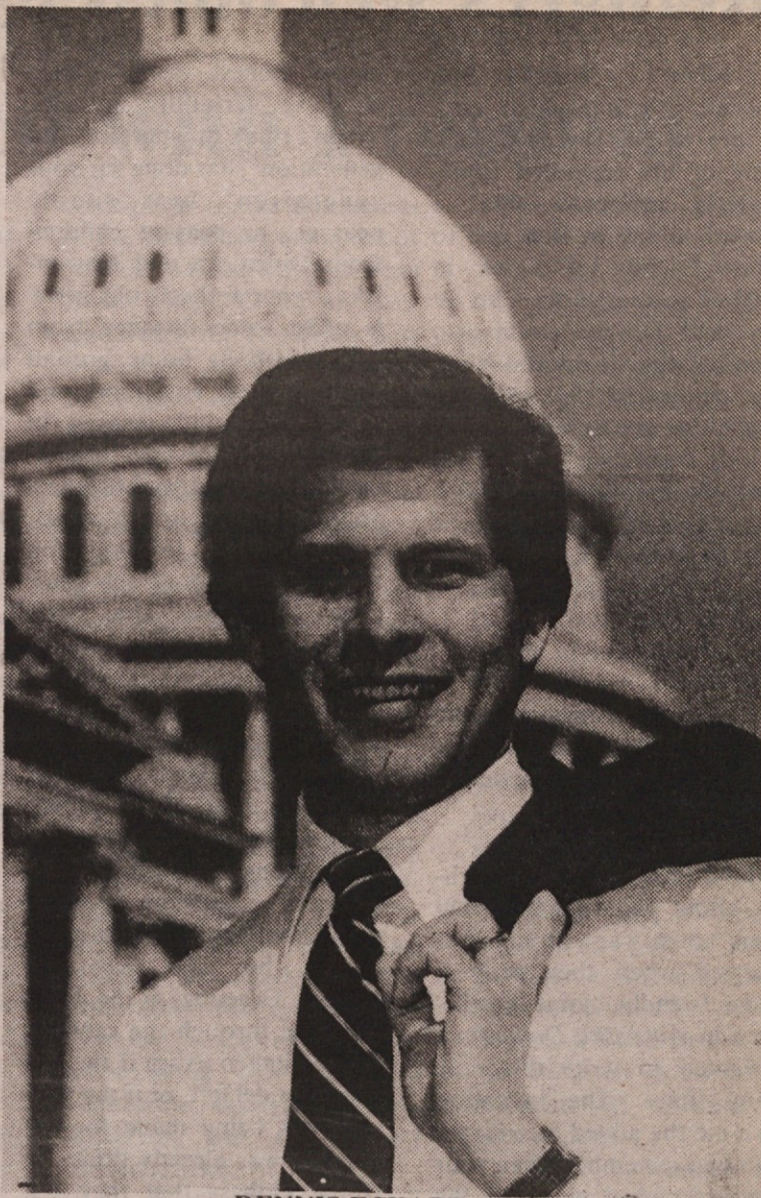
World War Two saw my friends and I volunteer at the time of our country's greatest need to protect our families

and way of life. Some of us would never return, while others, including myself, were wounded. Those of us who were fortunate enough to come back victorious looked forward to the start of a new life.

The gathering of many servicemen and women at Recher Hall, where they would relive their wartime experiences, prompted six of us to form the Euclid Veterans Club. Our first meetings were at the hall, where we sponsored dances and socials. Our main purpose was dedicating ourselves to the community that gave us so much. This further involvement with civic affairs led to my appointment to the Euclid City Council by Mayor Kenneth J. Sims, bringing a successful career of public service that would reach its high point as Mayor of the City of Euclid 25 years later.

Although there were times of frustration, as is the case with all public servants, many more times proved rewarding as I saw my concerns and interests for the community's welfare take hold and make the city that much better. The love and support of my family throughout these years has given me the satisfaction that my efforts at being a community leader were as successful as they could be.

Tony Sustarsic
Euclid, Ohio



DENNIS ECKART

Slovene background taught sound principles — Eckart

By Dennis Eckart
U.S. Congressman

I am pleased to have this opportunity to share my personal reflections on how my Slovenian background has contributed to and helped sustain my career as an elected official representing Ohio's 11th district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The traditional ethnic principles and beliefs taught to me by my grandparents and parents have been the trusted guides by which I have steered my professional course and the daily decisions it brings. As a young child, I can readily recall how I was often told by my Slovenian grandparents to "stay in school and get a good education."

This sound principle was usually followed by the stern reminder that "hard work never killed anyone." Their lessons were practical and they were tough, delivered by people I respected who came to America seeking a better life and a brighter future for themselves and their children. They came to this nation by their own choice, leaving behind a beloved homeland for this new land of opportunity. They brought with them little in the way of material possessions; but they retained that solid Slovenian strength of character that saw them through the bad times and helped pave the way for the better life they sought in this country.

My grandparents, and my

parents in turn, also impressed upon me the importance of maintaining a steadfast commitment to achieving personal excellence. No matter how small the task, or how routine the duty, I was always told to try my hardest and do my best — never losing sight of the goals I set or the goals assigned to me by others. These traditional ethnic principles, brought to this land from the Old Country by my grandparents, and thousands of immigrants like them, became a part of my character and now form the basis of the lessons I teach my young son. These traits and beliefs, so deeply rooted in the Slovenian culture, help me to appreciate this country's potential while retaining an understanding of my ancestors' contributions.

As an elected representative to Congress, I am indeed called upon to make many tough decisions, and I face constant public scrutiny of my actions. The belief in individual freedoms and rights that is so integral a part of my Slovenian heritage has helped me to make the necessary choices.

Nothing was handed to my grandparents, and they made me understand that anything worth having or achieving is worth fighting for. Through their example, rich in true Slovenian spirit and attitude, I have been given not only a pride in my background but a pride in this nation's accomplishments and promise, which they helped to build.

Congratulations to the Federation of Slovenian National Homes for its great efforts in perpetuating the good name of the Slovenians in the metropolitan area of Greater Cleveland.

—Frank J. Lausche

Refugees welcomed by Maple Heights community

When I received Bob Kastelic's invitation to contribute to this special issue, none of the suggested topics directly reflected what I wanted to say to Bob and to other friends. I write in English so that those who do not read Slovene could also have an idea of my thoughts. The readers of the *Ameriška Domovina* are exposed to my writing from time to time; my contributions to the English section have often been published elsewhere and are not specifically aimed at Slovene Americans.

I keep clippings from *Ameriška Domovina*. I would like to share my experiences with the readers.

Many things have been written about the reception that some post-war immigrants received when they arrived. Some friendly, some hostile. Even in *Ameriška Domovina*. I wanted to write this note many times. The invitation gave me the added incentive.

Do you remember when your relatives picked us up at the Terminal Tower in late November 1955? I am not sure if I met you in Maple Heights that day or a day after. Certainly not later than the second day. The only people that I met before were your father and your mother, Louis and Tonka Kastelic. We met in Trieste a year or so before. In Maple Heights we stayed for a few days with your aunt Betty; we came to visit your parents in the old house on Stanley Avenue across the street from the Slovenian National Home.

For us, the first semblance of a home was Maple Heights and the generous welcome of your family. There was always time for a friendly chat in the old house or in the new one just a block away. When I wanted to show to friends what splendid people are the "old Slovene immigrants," I brought them to Maple Heights. Not very often, since after two years we moved away and only occasionally came to visit. Your relatives dispersed. Florida became attractive and with hesitations I scrutinized each issue of the *Ameriška Domovina* and read the obituary notices. We received Christmas greetings from teta Francka a year ago, where she said, "I am 87 now. I read your writing in *Ameriška Domovina*. *Dobro pišeš.*" No Christmas card this year. I noticed the announcement of her death. The life has expired, the friendship lasts forever. The enriching experience to know the Maple Heights clan is the brightest remembrance that I possess.

It did not occur to me at the time. I became more and more aware as I became more and more Americanized. The Kastelics and the Legans, the Kosaks and the Jordans are very likely similar to numerous common people with different

names: honest, descent, hard working, friendly people. When I think of what the "old generation" has done for your generation, how simple peasants or peasant children from Dolenjska and Notranjska - your father's old home is quite some distance from your mother's home ground - with limited education and skills, lived and worked in America and provided the support for you and your brothers and your sister, to go ahead, to advance in learning and knowledge, and at the same time to retain the basic goodness, I never stop to marvel.

In Maple Heights, we really didn't make much distinction who is who. If Betty was not at home we stopped at Tonka, your mother; if she was busy in the Home, we walked down the road to see Francka, your aunt. She was always in poor health, but she lived the longest. Greetings at the door, browsing through the cabinets in the kitchen to see if there is some strudel left, or if the stew that was being made for the evening was already done, or if the klobase that they - a non-identified they - had brought could be ready to eat in a few minutes.

So simple, so natural, so friendly and homey. It didn't matter when, early in the morning or late in the evening on our way from Chardon to St. Clair. We liked to make a detour.

"Joe, kaj boš?" was the usual question that Louis, your father, uttered.

"Come over here, tell me how does it go."

We inquired about the children and grandchildren. About marriages and health, about new houses and transfers, about successes and worries. Also about America. I remember so vividly, what Tonka said about you and about your attitude:

"He wouldn't mind even to bring a black to the house."

This in 1956, not in 1986. Open minded, helpful; I am quite aware that at numerous occasions and in many places the Slovene immigrants did not see eye to eye with their black co-workers.

"Now I have to go," she said. And when we inquired where, she was on her way to serve as the bartender in the Slovenian Home across the street. The whole family was very proud when the building was renovated and Louis took me there to show me the expanded parking.

"See what we did." A reminder to me and to many others, that they did it without sit-ins in the mayor's office and without running to Washington to get public money. They did it just like they did it when they built the Home. Louis, your father, was a founding member of the Maple Heights Slovene National Home. It was part of his life and it is part of your life now. I read the *Ameriška*

Domovina.

The essential goodness of people was very evident in their lives, in their faces, in their activities. They understood my peculiar habits, for which I had occasional troubles elsewhere: keeping hundreds and hundreds of books at home, using my typewriter, talking and writing, exploring and observing. I do things that common people don't do very often. For the Maple Heights clan, they tried to understand, they encouraged, they prodded with love and consideration.

No Bob, I do not subscribe to the idea that the Slovenes are something special. Yes, I try to uphold the Slovene values, which means the values that are maybe more common among the Slovenes than they are among other immigrants.

But I have spent too much time mingling with many other nationalities and found among them good people and bad people, as I did and do among the Slovenes. Good people are good even if they do not speak Slovene and do not subscribe to *Ameriška Domovina*. What is special with the Slovenes is that we share some commonalities while other nationalities share other and different commonalities. When your father was visiting Europe, he was most concerned to buy and bring back the Slovenian 'button accordions.' He did not find them in Ljubljana, he bought them in Trieste. The Slovenes are not the only people using them. Maybe 'tamburica' would be more Slovenian, but in the United States the Croats are identified with it; just like the Poles are with the polka dance in spite of the fact that the Slovenes made it popular in the United States.

The old generation fades away, but life goes on. I fully understand the hardship with which the generation of your parents built the Slovene institutions; I have seen Father Cyril Zupan's notebook with the record of contributions for the building of St. Mary's church in Pueblo, Colorado almost ninety years ago. The largest contribution was \$10, most donations were a dollar or two.

I am quite aware how the Slovenski Dom in Rock Springs, Wyoming - the only one that carries a Slovene sign, as far as I know - was put together. Yes, I do know how the church of Santa Barbara in Black Diamond not far from Seattle, where I live, was constructed by the Slovene coal miners. I also understand why the old generation and their children cling to these jewels of sacrifice and accomplishments. The newer immigrants, like myself, did not want to take away anything. They were willing to prolong the satisfactory life, they were accepted in a few places and they were not welcome at others.

Too bad Albert Godec died

before he was able to show me the minutes of the St. Joseph Lodge of the KSKJ in Pueblo since I was very anxious to see the records of two periods, the early years before KSKJ was established, and the first years after World War II where the attitude of 'old immigrants' toward the 'new immigrants' is documented.

I am searching for documentation throughout the United States and elsewhere. Father Gnidovec came to visit me in Seattle - he read my reports in the *Ameriška Domovina*; I could not return the visit on time, he died before I had the chance to travel to Rock Springs, Wyoming again. Father Dolšina showed me some pictures that he rescued from the old Slovene church of St. Elisabeth in South Duluth; and I had the fortune to talk to Rev. Breznik in Davenport, Washington shortly before he died. We talked about the Slovenes in Valley and at Jump-off Joe north of

Spokane, Washington. The transitions from one generation to another are often difficult and painful. Your parents were able and fortunate to pass on the torch. There are values that your parents transmitted to your generation. The open world of America made possible for them to blossom.

Maple Heights is not any more what it used to be. Aunt Betty is the only one left of the older generation. Frank Kosak was the first to go. Then Joe Legan and your father, then teta Tonka, your mother, and this past year teta Francka.

Our encounters were brief. I don't believe that I saw you after we left Cleveland in 1957 - but the warmth of your family is still with us and the friendly handshake, the unselfish concern, the willingness to help has survived. Yes, these are Slovene values.

Thanks, Maple Heights.
Jože Velikonja
Seattle, Wash.

Are we builders or the destroyers?

by James V. Debevec

There are two types of civilizations: the builders and the destroyers.

Where do the Slovenians fit?

The answer may be found throughout these pages of this special edition to the *Ameriška Domovina*. Many persons of Slovenian background have paused a moment from the hectic pace of their daily lives to reflect on the wisdom of predecessors who have gone before them and built the Slovenian Homes. These writers have also lauded the present Directors of the various Slovenian homes in their duties of preserving the Homes and making them a comfortable stop along life's tiring highways.

Although those of Slovenian heritage have been in this country for only a century, they have contributed to the technology and successful growth of America. Most of the men and women who arrived at the turn of the century had little technical skills, yet they brought with them a tendency to be unafraid of hard work. Company owners and foremen appreciated the staunch reliability of the Slovenian men and women.

When the offspring of these pioneers came into being, their parents encouraged them to develop technical skills and go to school. Those families who arrived after the Second World War came with little in their pockets, but with their mind filled with knowledge.

The two groups have multiplied and with their offspring are now forming some of the greatest think tanks

America has ever seen. We are producing in great numbers, doctors, lawyers, engineers, scientists, writers, artists, teachers, accomplished musicians, computer wizzards, agricultural specialists, architects, builders, government leaders, and business experts and now even industrialists. There are no fields in the arts or sciences, or sports where the Slovenian has not contributed to the success of the venture.

In these fields and the many others in which Slovenians are involved we discover they are areas of progress and construction.

From the earliest times when Slovenians were farmers and eventually landowners we ascertain they have been occupied with construction, making things grow, and improving the standard of living.

Therefore the answer to the question into which category does the Slovenian fall as builder or destroyer, the answer becomes obvious. Slovenians are builders. And the first thing Slovenians did in the U.S. was build their National Homes.

It is fitting we pay tribute to the principles of Democracy as Robert Kastelic suggested with this newspaper today because we are saluting our Slovenian heritage of fair play, hard work, education, and enjoyment of life - especially at our National Homes. We are in effect, recognizing a quality that is bred within us and we will pass to the next generation - to carry humankind to its ultimate peak of civilization.

Slovenian Heritage Filled with Freedom

"Slovenec sem, tako je mati d'jala"

("I am a Slovene, so my mother told me")

The Slovenes form a numerically small nation nestled in the heart of Central Europe in the single and unique area where all three major Indo-European groups — the Germanic, Latin and Slavic — meet and mix. Thus the Slovenes have been surrounded by much stronger neighbors historically intent on overtaking the strategically important Slovenian territory by manipulating a process of systematic absorption and gradual disappearance of the Slovenian population into the larger German, Italian and Hungarian nations. It is thus no wonder that the Slovenes' survival over some fourteen centuries in their continuously shrinking territory is generally considered to be the "miracle in Central Europe."

Not even two millions in numbers, still divided among four states (Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria and Hungary), the Slovenes proudly cling to their identity and tenaciously still withstand further cultural and political de-nationalization. No other small nation in Europe has been subjected to such pressures — but the Slovenes still survive, mostly because borderlands Slovenes make conscious decisions to remain faithful to their forefathers' heritage.

But what has made this "miracle" possible? Probably some of the same characteristic traits that have helped Slovenian immigrants and their descendants in America to not only survive but to prosper and fully participate and contribute to the social, cultural, political and economic wellbeing of their "Ameriška domovina" (American Homeland). What are these traits? Let me try to describe them briefly as I and many others have experienced them in our lives and also observed them, in my case, over some fifty years of events both in Europe and America.

The major forces that have "molded" the Slovenian nation through its history are Christianity and an innate yearning for democracy and freedom.

Christianity — The Creator-Father has endowed each one of us with an immortal soul and, through His Son's suffering, has opened the gates to salvation and eternity. Being all of one God-Father makes us brothers and sisters of equal worth and the divine commandment tells us to love one another as ourselves in deep respect for each other as persons and/or groups. Two sayings we were frequently told by parents and elders have had a lasting impact on many:

— "Duty before pleasure" —
— When duties are viewed as the exercise of Christian love —

duties become pleasures and other pleasures follow.

— "Quality before quantity" — The imperative of excellence was derived from the command of love and duty — and, through consistent practice, excellence becomes a pleasure also. Quality and excellence also became a necessity for survival in the competition with much stronger groups that tended to control minorities by keeping them ignorant about themselves. "Slovenes are a small nation: only through quality and excellence can we survive" was a common saying when I was growing up in the culturally and politically stifling regime of fascist Italy.

Democracy — Slovenes instinctively love democracy. Perhaps they have unconsciously absorbed into their national trait an abhorrence for authoritarianisms of any kind, having suffered under them as a small group subjected to the will of more

powerful neighbors-conquerors. Perhaps there is also lingering in the Slovenian national psyche a dim remembrance of the middle ages rite of installation of the Dukes of Carinthia by a Slovenian-speaking "peasant prince." This ancient rite probably symbolized a "social and political contract" through which the people entrusted sovereign authority to a just and caring ruler. This custom, observed as a legal process well until A.D. 1414 — and in the Slovenian language — echoed the inherently democratic nature of the old Slovenes' society that preceded the feudal era.

How many Americans are aware of the historical fact, documented in Joseph Felicijan's book (*The Genesis of the Contractual Theory and the Installation of the Dukes of Carinthia, 1967*), that Thomas Jefferson found the inspiration in writing the **Declaration of Independence** in the

description of the uniqueness of the ancient Slovenian rite of installation contained in Jean Bodin's **Republic** (1576)? How significant and gratifying it is that some of the founding principles of the greatest democratic power on earth were influenced by the inspiring tradition of one of the smallest nations of Europe! Slovenes ought to be justly proud and aware of this extraordinary event and forever grateful to Dr. Felicijan for his persistent research and findings.

Cleveland's Slovenian community should also see to it that tourists and visitors to Cleveland are informed, as a point of great cultural interest, about the plaque installed by the Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation on the Fountains Mall by the Convention Center commemorating this historical connection between Thomas Jefferson and the ancient Slovenian rite.

The Slovenian immigrants to the American continent maintained the same traits received from their forefathers and worked very hard to build their communities on the principles they shared throughout their long history. "Quality before quantity" — even though small in numbers, Slovenian-Americans in the Cleveland area can proudly point to their common institutions, their churches and national homes, as the expression of their tenacious character.

As one who could have been absorbed into some other stronger national group back in Europe, I am proud to echo our popular song — "Slovenec sem, tako je mati d'jala," and join in the congratulations due our Slovenian National Homes for their continuous and dedicated work for the common good of their communities: čestitam in še tako naprej!

Vladimir J. Rus

Federation — 1985 Anniversaries Rekindled Memories

The Federation of Slovenian National Homes held its 24th Awards Banquet and Program on Sunday March 17th 1985 at the Slovenian National on St. Clair Ave. It was another huge success. Hosted by the Slovenian Home of Maple Hts, Ohio. The main awards were presented to Julia Zalar Woman of the Year and Bishop A. Edward Pevec the Man of the Year.

Outstanding speeches during the program were delivered by Frank J. Lausche, Bishop A. Edward Pevec and Charles F. Ipavec, Federation President.

Compliments go to Mary Blatnik and Joe Petric for the beautiful and expert stage and table decorations, also to the host hall of Maple Heights.

At the annual meeting of the Federation on March 19th election of officers was in order for 1985-1986.

President....Charles F. Ipavec
1st V. Pres.....Joseph Petric
2nd V. Pres.....Tom Meljac
Financial Sec'y..William Jansa
Rec. Sec'y.....Robert Kastelic
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Auditors.....Dan Pavsek Sr.,
Stephie Pultz..Steve Shimits
Historian.....Ella Samanich
Executive Sec'y..Frank Mahnic
Legal Adviser.....

.....Charles F. Ipavec
The elected officers take the reigns for the future business. Immediately plans for the 25th Anniversary take place that will be held on Sunday March 16th 1986 at the Slovenian Home St. Clair Ave., hosted by the Lorain Slovenian Club of Lorain, Ohio.

1985 EVENTS

The West Park Slovenian Home celebrated its 65th Anniversary on Sunday April 13th 1985 with a Dinner, Program and Dance.

On Sunday March 31st the Slovenian Home on St. Clair Ave. celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a Banquet and a Super Cultural Program paid tribute to Mrs. Mary Grill Ivanusch and Mrs. Antoinette (Tončka) Simcic. These two ladies with their outstanding voices were members of the Zarja Singing Chorus excited many an audience on the stage of the Slovenian Home. Tončka Simcic also taught the Slovenian language at the Slovenian Home. A Landmark Presentation was given to the St. Clair Home from Director John Cimperman of the Cleveland Landmark Commission. Each Slovenian Home celebrating their anniversaries is a recipient of \$200.00 and a purchase of 10 admission tickets from the Federation treasury.

On August 25th the Slovenian Home of Holmes Ave. paid tribute to Frank Mahnic at their Home Coming Celebration.

November 17th a Testimonial was held in Honor of Frank J. Lausche for his 90th Birthday sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, Inc.

October the 6th Maple Heights Slovenian Home held their Annual Grape Festival including a Bazaar and Wine Pressing.

All the Slovenian Homes hold fund raising activities through the year to defray the cost of repairs and overhead.

Each Slovenian Home selects names for the Federation Man and Woman of the year at their Board of Directors meetings. At the September meeting of the Federation these names are announced. Then from these selected names the Federation representatives elect the Federation Man and Woman of the year. Each Home elects their own deserving person as their Honoree of their respective Home.

The newly elected Honorees for 1986 were introduced at the Annual Christmas Party held at the Slovenian Home on St. Clair Ave. Photographs were taken for publicity in the Number 7 Special Federation Edition of the American Home Newspaper.

The newly elected Woman of the Year is June Price; the Man of the Year is William Jansa for 1986. Both are very deserving of this Honor.

THE INDIVIDUAL HONOREES

John Ivancic Denison Home
George Kitko.....West Park
Josephine Stanonik.....
.....Holmes Ave.
Albin Strazar..East 80th Home
Sophia Opeka...St. Clair Ave.
Rudy Lokar.....Recher Ave.
John Cech.....Waterloo Road
Emma Urbancic.....Maple Hts
Herman Kapel.....
.....Fairport Harbor
Louis Kamnikar..Lorain Home

Accolades to these dedicated individuals for their involvement and efforts to preserve the Slovenian Homes and their culture.

We commend the Lorain Slovenian Club, the Host Hall, for their cooperation as well as the members of the Federation in preparation for this 25th Anniversary.

Thanks to the talented participants on the Program, the cook Mrs. Julia Zalar and her staff.

We appreciate and thank all the Lodges, Slovenian Homes, individual Special Articles, business establishments and individuals for their contributions to this 7th Special Federation Edition of the American Home Newspaper and editor Jim Debevec, and to John Habat and Robert Kastelic in charge of all the articles to be published.

We were saddened to hear of Rudy Lokars passing on February 6th, Honoree of the Slovenian Home on Recher Ave. Condolences to his wife Caroline and Family and to the members of the Slovenian Home.

The Federation of Slovenian Homes endeavors to promote the preservation of the Heritage and culture of the Slovenes.

A SLOVENIAN HOME IS YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

Ella Samanich
Federation Historian

Slovenes Care For Their Own

As a Past President of the Slovene Home for the Aged and playing a role in the expansion from 24 rest home beds to its current 150-bed nursing home facility, as Slovenians we could take a great deal of pride in assuring our frail and elderly that we have and continue to provide care in order that they may maintain their dignity and respect.

The general atmosphere of the Slovene Home for the Aged symbolizes the concern of us, as Slovenians, to provide care for our frail and elderly. The Home is rather unique since it does not discriminate in any way pertaining to the various religious beliefs that prevail among our Slovenians.

As a special interest in the fact that both Mrs. Cerer and Mrs. Pace were my students through the Administrator-in-Training (A-I-T) program while I was the Administrator at Saint Augustine Manor. Another hallmark is the fact that the Slovene Home is one of five out of 100 nursing

homes that has maintained accreditation as a long term care facility. To qualify for this accreditation, the Home must exceed the licensure rules and regulations normally applied to the Home. The Administrators and the Board of Trustees, as well as all Slovenians, should look upon this distinct honor as a real tribute to the Slovenians.

While most nursing homes are suffering from low occupancy, the Slovene Home for the Aged continues to maintain its high occupancy supported by a waiting list for those wishing to enter the Home.

One only needs to enter the Home and be encompassed by the aurora of tender loving care. As long as we love our aged and take care of them, the Slovenian heritage will maintain its high quality and concern for those to whom we should give our special care.

Frederick E. Krizman
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Federation Means Friendship

by Fred V. Stanisa

A fellow Slovene is a buddy to be cherished. That is what the Federation of Slovenian National Homes is all about.

It wasn't always so. Some fifty years ago, the idea of a Federation was far fetched. Initially, the various Homes were built and supported according to political or religious beliefs.

Prior to 1919, the original Slovenian pioneers arrived in America with no concept of the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. Many remembered their parents living under the yoke of Austrian aristocracy. Socialism was the talk of the day. Since the language barrier shunted them into menial

labor, many believed in it. Others adhered to their religious heritage. Slovenian language newspapers, fraternal organizations and National Homes were established according to political or religious beliefs. Back then, the individual factions were far apart.

Animosity between the factions broke down after World War II. The hard line pioneers mellowed after their American born children stepped into their shoes. The children's pride in their Slovenian heritage took over. Suddenly, the idea of a Federation was in embryo.

started pensioners clubs in just about each National Home. They began to attend and support each others affairs, regardless of status. The younger generation noted that the old timers had so much fun, they wanted the camaraderie carried over throughout the year. Just about then, the idea for a Federation of Slovenian National Homes was born.

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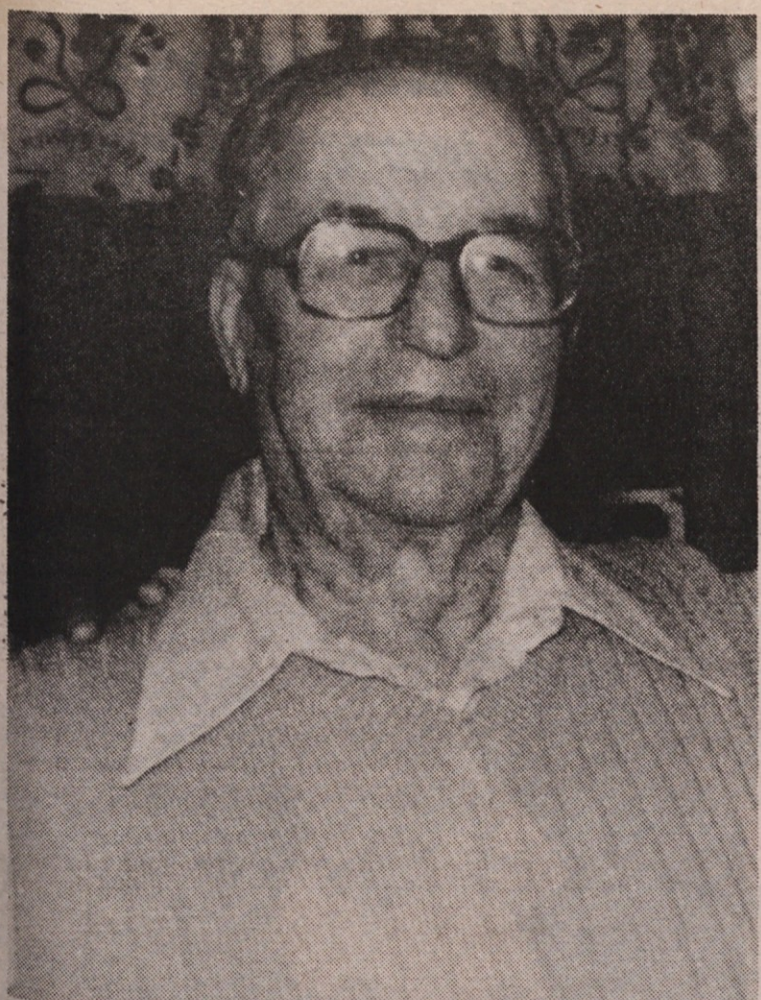
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LOUIS KAMNIKAR, SR.

Louis Kamnikar Sr. Wins Lorain Honors

Louis Kamnikar, Sr. was born June 21, 1894 in Javor, Yugoslavia. He came to the United States in 1913 and settled in Aliquippa, Pa., where he worked for Jones and Laughlin Steel until 1926 when he and his wife moved to Lorain. He then worked for U.S. Steel until his retirement in 1962 after 30 years of service.

Mr. Kamnikar served in the U.S. Army in Texas during WWI, 1917-1918.

He served as manager of the Lorain Slovenian Club from 1929 through 1931.

He is a charter member of Slovenian National Benefit Society Lodge No. 17, having joined in 1915 in Aliquippa, and is one of two charter members still surviving. He served as president of the

lodge from 1947 to 1980, and at the same time also served as treasurer from 1961 to 1972, and recording secretary from 1973 to 1980.

Mr. Kamnikar is a 58-year member of the American Slovenian Society Lodge No. 21, AMLA, having joined in 1928, and served as recording secretary for 25 years. He was a delegate to four AMLA conventions.

Mr. Kamnikar has always been a strong supporter and promoter of the Lorain Slovenian Club, and even now attends many functions there. He and all members of his family are stockholders in the Club.

Mr. Kamnikar married Elizabeth Mlakar in 1921 in St. Joseph's Church, West

Aliquippa. They are members of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Lorain. They have three sons — Louis, Jr., James and Kenneth, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. His son, Louis, Jr., has served as president of the SNPJ Lodge No. 17 since 1981. His son, James, is president of the Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists and plays the button box. His granddaughters, and Jim's daughters, Karen and Mary Beth, were the Slovenian Princesses in the 1975 and 1983 Lorain International Festival's Princess Pageants.

In recognition of his many, many years of activity in Slovenian culture and heritage, Mr. Kamnikar is deserving of this award.

The Year in Review

Lorain Enjoyed A Very Successful 1985

A new Board of Directors and a new manager took over operation of the Lorain Slovenian Club this past year. Our manager, Dale Kosco, has been doing a fine job bringing in new social members and sponsoring fund-raising activities.

Trying to combat a very poor economy in Lorain has given the Board a tough job. Monthly steak dinner dances, sponsored by the Board, have been very successful. They are held the first Saturday of the month; dinner served from 6:00 to 8:00, and dancing begins at 9:00 p.m., at a cost of \$10 per person.

Our special events involved a polka mass, international dance and bake sale in June which tied in with Lorain's International Festival; a "Night In Slovenia" dinner, concert and dance in November; a barnyard, and, of course, a dinner dance on New Year's Eve. Our manager sponsored a spaghetti dinner and a barbecued rib dinner which drew good crowds. The Board also continues our fish dinners every Friday, serving from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Board are: Adolph Ravnkar, president; Wayne Golob, vice president; John Garrett, secretary-treasurer; Helen Urbas, recording secretary; John Pavlich and Richard Klinar, house committee; Joyce Dugovich, John Pavlich and Cyril Zgonc, auditors; Joyce Dugovich and Pauline Pavlich, fish dinners committee.

The Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists continue to be very active participating in jam sessions sponsored by SNPJ Circle No. 2 at Recher Hall, Euclid, and at the German Club in Akron sponsored by the Akron Button Box Club. They also participated

in the Slovenian Folklore Institute's Annual Peasant Wedding Celebration at AMLA; Lorain International Festival, and church festivals in Avon and Elyria.

The Button Accordionists sponsored two projects of its own in 1985 - one was their second annual Valentine Dance in February at the Club, which featured four musical groups - the orchestras of group members Al Battistelli, Chris Benda, Wayne Golob, and the Lorain Slovenian Button Accordionists.

The other project was the beginning of monthly jam sessions in May at the Club to benefit the Club. These are held every third Sunday of each month except during the summer. Hours are 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., and all musicians and polka lovers are welcome. Seems people like to dance on Sunday afternoon. We have been having very successful events.

Current members of the group are: accordionists Don Aust, Al Battistelli, Chris Benda, Harry Debevec, Wayne Golob, Jim Kamnikar and Jack Tomazic; banjoist Lou Volpe; bassist Lou Hunyad; and percussionist Frank "Butch" Tomazine, Jr. Officers are: president Jim Kamnikar; vice president and assistant director, publicity chairman and chairman of record sales Wayne Golob; secretary Harry Debevec; treasurer Frank Tomazine; musical director Al Battistelli; sergeant at arms Jack Tomazic.

The group is looking forward to more personal appearances and full-filled activities in 1986.

Our Slovenian folk dancers performed at last year's Valentine Dance, SS. Cyril & Methodius Church picnic, several nursing homes in the

area, and a Christmas party, under the direction of Angeline (nee Kozjan) Voytko.

Our Women's Auxiliary is in charge of the kitchen for the jam sessions and sells sausage sandwiches and pastry with all the proceeds going to the Club. The Auxiliary holds several bake sales and a card party each year to raise funds for the purchase of supplies and equipment for the Club. Officers are: president, Helen Urbas; vice president, Stephanie Ivancic; secretary-

treasurer, Anne Zeleznik, recording secretary, Angeline Voytko, auditors Frances Pavlovic and Angeline Zgonc.

Although the Lorain Slovenian Heritage Assn. has not been active this past year, it did sponsor Marieanne Janezic as our Slovenian Princess in the Princess Pageant held in conjunction with Lorain's International Festival.

The Club sponsors a women's Slovenian Classic bowling league, and a softball

umpires group. Our manager sponsors two women's and one men's bowling team. He also sponsors bus trips to sporting events.

The various Slovenian lodges continue to hold their meetings at the Club. Nine of our stockholders have died since March 1985, including one of our staunchest and oldest supporters, Mrs. Vida Kumse.

We continue to hope for more support of Lorain Slovenian Club activities.



West Park Singers sing at their 65th anniversary last year.



St. Clair Selects Sophia Opeka as tops

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AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA Federation Slovenian Homes, March 14, 1986

In 1962, a group of officers of the various Slovenian National Homes in the Cleveland area decided to form a Federation of these Homes. Their aim and purpose was to consolidate their efforts to honor worthy individuals at an annual event at which they would honor a "Slovene Man of the Year." Also they had other ideas of plans for mutual benefit.

These events began to grow and with each year, the attendance became greater, as more and more people became aware of how many dedicated individuals there were who worked to perpetuate our Slovene culture. Eventually, it became evident that it was not only men, but that the ladies, too, were deserving of such honor, and consequently it came about to name a "Slovene Man of the Year" and a "Slovene Woman of the Year" for the honor at the annual banquet and presentation. These events are by now traditionally held during the middle of each March.

The Slovenian National

Home on St. Clair Avenue, being one of the largest, has been the scene of these events for a number of years. This year, we are happy to say that our Honoree will be Sophia Opeka, who will represent our Home.

Sophia Opeka is no stranger to our community. She was born in the vicinity of the Home, where she grew up and attended the local elementary school. Her parents were Anton, who was a Mover and well known in the community. Her mother was Anna, nee Mekinda, Opeka. They were among the pioneer stockholders and membership certificate holders of the Slovenian National Home. Their interest in the Home, undoubtedly influenced Sophia's and her sister Ann's interest in following in their parents' footsteps. Both were natives of Notranjsko, Slovenia; her father passed away in 1932, and her mother in 1973.

Sophia graduated with high honors from East High School. Then for three years she at-

tended night classes at John Hay High School to receive her degree in Accounting and Business. She began her employment at Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., which later became Clevite Co., and more recently as Gould, Inc. Beginning in the Accounting Dept. as a clerk, her abilities were soon recognized by the management and she was advanced to higher positions in the Accounting Dept., during her 38 years of service with the company.

While holding down a full time job, she and her sister Ann, who also held a very important position at the same company, took care of their ailing mother. They provided special care for her during their working hours, and took over after work. It was a tight schedule for a number of years, but both Sophia and Ann, being the careful planners of their time, managed to take an active part in the fraternal, cultural and civic organizations in the community.

When one of the first English-speaking lodges in our fraternal society, by the name of Spartans, was organized, she became an active member. She was soon appointed to various committees. She is serving on the auditing Committee for many years.

Sophia also actively participated in the many picnics, socials and unique dance events that the Spartans were noted for in their early years of existence. These were held at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue, lower hall, and it always was a capacity crowd in attendance.

With energetic leadership and dedicated members such as the Opeka Sisters, Spartans enjoyed a great popularity that has carried on to this day. The much looked forward to annual "Starlite Ball" which Ann introduced 16 years ago, is one of the more elaborate social functions in the fraternal local groups. Special decorations and other features make it an outstanding event. But to achieve this, much work and hours of planning and preparations are required. Sophia has spent endless hours with her sister Ann in these projects. And, incidentally, Spartans Lodge is one of our staunchest fraternal groups that annually contributes support, thanks to the Opeka Sisters.

The Slovenian National Home always held a special part in Sophia's heart. Even before she was elected to the Board of Directors, she was around to help with the functions sponsored by the Home. Diligent and precise, she can always be counted on to promote whatever events the Board undertakes, and these are frequent as the need to maintain its facilities keeps increasing, due most to the constant economic conditions.

In years past, a number of



SOPHIE OPEKA

cultural groups were active in the Slovenian National Home with concerts, stage performances and socials. Sophia always was found among those who worked hard to please the guests and make the performances as successful as possible. Glasbena Matica Singing Society has had her participation at its events, as Usher, and she has also assisted at the St. Vitus Church festivals. In short, it can be said, that whenever a function for a worthwhile cause was being held, Sophia was there to help.

Sophia is also a member of St. Ann Lodge No. 4, AMLA, the Slovene Heritage Foundation, noted for its promotion of Slovene culture, scholarships, educational seminars and tribute to humanitarians and leaders in the community. The foundation held a successful annual meeting last December at Borromeo Seminary, at which she also took part.

She is a charter member of the American Slovene Committee for Cultural Exchange, which fosters a better understanding between our cultural groups coming from Slovenia to perform in the States and our native Slovenes and the general American public. One such event was the highly successful Slovenian Philharmonic Concert held at the Cleveland Severance Hall. Among other volunteer organizations that enjoy Sophia's help are the Cleveland Seamen's Service, to which both she and her sister devote several hours weekly. This Service provides counseling and assistance in personal problems, and provides recreational plans to the seamen during their free time while in port in Cleveland. She is also a member of the Slovenian National Art Guild, serving as auditor, the American Red Cross and the Euclid Democratic Caucus. At the

testimonial dinner held a while back, at which Mrs. Josephine Voinovich, mother of our Cleveland Mayor, was honored, Sophia assisted with the preparation committee; likewise she helped the committee when Mrs. Dagmar Celeste, wife of our Ohio Governor, was honored.

Paging through the many sheets of Sophia's biography, some facts on her productive life might have been overlooked, but those groups that have had the pleasure and opportunity of her participation know that she was a dedicated and sincere participant.

Among some of the major events during 1985, in which Sophia participated was the Committee for Mayor Voinovich in March, Committee honoring Senator Frank J. Lausche on his 90th Birthday on November 17th; Committee for Red Cross Ball at Stouffer's Inn on the Square, November 16th, and Starlite Ball sponsored by Spartans on November 16th.

It is an honor for any person to be designated by a group of publicly involved individuals to recognize one, whose outstanding service for the perpetuation of one's heritage and the wellbeing of the community has been unselfish. This can be said of Sophia Opeka.

On Sunday, March 16 Sophia Opeka will be on stage at the Slovenian National Home, to be the recipient of the annual award as the "Slovene Woman of the Year for 1986". The Board of Directors unanimously selected her for this honor, and our heartiest congratulations are being extended to her not only on behalf of the Board members, but also her countless friends, associates and fellow members of the many groups that Sophia has served. May your future years hold much good health and happiness for you, Sophia.

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Cech. They opened their arms to him, and so started his life in America as a Slovene.

Shortly after his arrival, eager to make new friends, he joined Zarja Singing Society

and the Ivan Cankar Dramatic Club. He continues to be a supporting member of Zarja and Jadran Singing Societies. His other memberships include 45 years with SDZ

Slovenec NO. / and SNPJ Lipa No.129, of which he is currently president. He is also lodge representative of the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges.

John owned and operated a Slovenian Sausage Store for many years on Waterloo Road in Cleveland. He retired from the store in 1979.

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65th Anniversary of Jadran Singing Society

All names from left to right, first row, Frank Bittenc, Betty Rotar, Reginald Resnik, Alice Cech, Florence Unetich, Don Gorjup. Second row, Cecelia Wolf, Ramona Sayre, Christine Verch, Joe Primc, Vida Zak, Steve Shimits, Angela Zabjek, Tony Primc, Emma Grk, Betty Resnik, Dorothy Gorjup. Third row, Wilma Tibjash, Helen Prebevsek, Bertha Dovgan, Tony Silc, Sophie Matuch, Joe Dovgan. Fourth row, Peter Tomsic, Josephine Tomsic, Stanley Grk, Joida Mann, Clarence Rugar, Valarie Traska. Fifth row, Frank Grk, Louise Petrac, Caroline Kess, Jennie Zakrajsek, Frank Zakrajsek, and Fred Skolaris.

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John Ivancic selected as West Side Club Honoree

The directors of the West Side Slovenian Home, Denison, have selected John Ivancic as their man of the Year for 1986. John has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the past nine years.

During his years of service, John has made some very productive contributions. After his first year on the Board he was appointed Hall Manager. His enthusiasm and devotion as Hall Manager has increased business as well as made some excellent public relations.

The position of Entertainment Chairman was then given to Ivancic as a result of his accomplishments.

He then was instrumental in reviving the club's social events. The great response to these events have opened the doors to a brighter future for the West Side Slovenian Home.

John has been involved in

many other areas benefiting the Club, including the construction of the newly remodeled party center.

As a child John was enrolled as a member of Circle 77, AMLA, Soca No. 26, and Nanos Lodge No. 264. He remembers attending dances and working the coat room as a youngster.

Born and raised in Cleveland, he was a graduate of West

Technical High School in 1967. He then went to work as a Lithographer and is presently employed at Continental Lithograph.

John was married in 1970 and has three children (twin girls 10 years old, and a son 6 years).

John and his family reside in Brookpark, Ohio and are involved in many community activities.



JOHN IVANCIC FAMILY PHOTO: (Left to right) Michelle, Mary Ann (wife), John Jr., Pamela and standing is John. Michelle and Pamela are twins.

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By Gary Suhadolnik

As an American who has spent the past eight years of my life in public service as a City Councilman, State Senator and now a Candidate for Congress, I know that the formation of my own stand on issues comes from my strong relationship with my parents.

Some of my earliest memories of my family are from the strong ties with the religious holidays of Easter and Christmas and of course, the Slovenian pastries and cooking related to those holidays. I remember my mother baking and preparing everything for the family. Those memories are etched deeply into my personality. Family and everything that is built on a strong faith, loving family and helping ones community have been the basis of everything I have done in public service.

Because this nation has been the "melting pot" we all have the opportunity to grow up and become anything we want. Who would have thought that a boy from the west side of Cleveland could rise up through our political structure to even consider running for Congress. I firmly believe that what has enabled me to be as successful as I have been is the strong foundation I received from my parents and their heritage.

I have always known that things are either honest, or they are not. That decisions are either right or wrong. It is my responsibility to ensure that the decisions our government makes are fair to the working men and women of this nation. And, the bottom line in every decision is whether it is good for our families.

These philosophies are not something new to Gary Suhadolnik; they are beliefs that grew out of my Slovenian heritage. If more politicians and people in decision-making rolls throughout this nation would ask themselves if their decisions are honest, right, fair to working men and women and good for our families, we could insure the continued greatness of the United States as we move into the 21st Century.

I am thankful for my Slovenian heritage, because what it gave me is real sense of being a strong, free-thinking individual who has the power to make a difference in what kind of world we leave to our children.

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Josephine Stanonik Is Collinwood's Top Gal

The Board of Directors of the Collinwood Slovenian Home has selected as their honoree for the "Slovenian Woman of the Year," a well known cook of the Collinwood area, Josephine Stanonik.

Josie was born in Slovenia. In her early teens, she started developing her cooking

talents. As a housekeeper for a cooking instructor, she was able to attend some of her classes, furthering her interest in culinary arts.

The end of World War II forced Josie, her husband, Frank, and their family to leave Slovenia. They eventually immigrated to the United States and in 1950 found a per-

manent new home in Cleveland.

To supplement the financial needs of a growing family of five children, Josie accepted a part time job at Izanec's Four Points Tavern.

In the early 60s she held a series of cooking classes at St. Mary's School, sharing her ex-



JOSEPHINE STANONIK

Collinwood Year Went Quickly

Where does the time go? It seems like yesterday that I was writing about the activities for the year 1984 and here it's 1986 already.

Our festivities in 1985 started with the Shrove Tuesday party. It is held in the Club Room and is always a very popular event. Managers John and Alba Plutt make sure there is plenty of food, and our Button Box players are there to entertain us.

Every March we have our Winter Bowling Banquet. We had 18 teams last year. Mrs. Josie Stanonik and her staff

prepared a delicious dinner. Corky Godec and his orchestra had everyone dancing all evening. Mrs. Stanonik, a most deserving person is our Home's Woman of the Year 1986.

In April we held our Spring Dance honoring Frank Podlogar and Julie Zalar as "Man and Woman of the Year". We had a full house. Al Markic Orchestra played for this event. The dance floor was crowded all night.

We had a lot of activity in the sports department. Our dart team didn't do as well as last

year, but all had a good time. They throw darts every Wednesday night and everyone is welcome to kibitz. This year we have two teams for twice the fun. We also back two bowling teams, a volleyball team, and a girls' softball team. We also had three balinca teams this past year. They didn't do too well as far as winning is concerned, but there are high hopes for next season. The funds for all of these sports activities are raised with a split raffle.

Our Homecoming in '85 was one of the best we ever had. Thanks to Gus Petelinkar, Frank Koncilja, and Al Pestotnik, our parade was really a sight to be seen. It was the largest one we ever had. A lot of hard work goes into a project like that. We had bands and clowns and fancy wheels, balloons and music and lots of fun, too.

We honored Frank Mahnic as our hall's "Musician of the Year." Frank is a member of the Johnny Vadnal Orchestra. Frank, you really deserve this honor. In the evening the festivities moved inside the hall. The Vadnals showed their talent and the people couldn't resist. There were wall-to-wall dancers all evening.

During the day and evening plenty of refreshments were available. The aroma of sausage and pizza blended well with smells of just-made krofe. We thank Josie Stanonik, Maria Jereb, Marie Dular, and Julie Zalar for donating their time and making the delicious donuts. Julie Zalar was named "Woman of the Year" by the Federation, but we still consider her part of our hall.

Fall found us busy with a spaghetti dinner in the Club Room. It was a huge success thanks to John and Alba and Vicki. Alba, you made a delicious meal!

Our yearly Poor Man's Raffle was held in October. The Sumrada Brothers played for the dance. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a success.

In November our dream finally came true: a larger parking lot. Thanks to President Dan Pavsek and Roy

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pertise in preparing the many old favorite Slovenian recipes.

For the past 25 years, she has been cooking for many cultural and social events in the area. She has been an active member of numerous Slovenian organizations, including Dramatic Club Lilija, St. Marys Churchy, PTU and Altar Society, St. Joseph Lodge 169 KSKJ, and a shareholder of Collinwood Slovenian Home.

For the past eight years she has volunteered her time and expertise in the preparation of the annual venison benefit dinner for the Slovene Home for the Aged, sponsored by St.

Mary's Church in Collinwood.

Although she enjoys cooking for others, she especially likes to cook for her family. Her 12 grandchildren always look forward to eating at "Grandma Stanoniks" house. One of her grandsons asked his mother, "Mommy, when you'll be a Grandma, will you cook like my Grandma?"

Sharing the honor of being named Collinwood Slovenian Home "Woman of the Year" will be her husband of 49 years, Frank, their daughters Andrea Novak, Milena Densa, Mary Loncar and sons Tony and Frank, along with their spouses and children.

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Sankovic for the many hours of hard work to get this accomplished. Just running back and forth downtown for permits was a job in itself. Board members all pitched in to help clear the lot. Sidewalk superintendents were amazed at the huge loader pulling down trees and clearing debris. The top of one spruce was saved and used as the Hall's Christmas tree for all December parties. The parking lot will be backtopped and landscaped in the spring. It will be fenced in to provide secure parking for our guests.

A first for our hall was the "After-Thanksgiving Dance", held on Friday after Thanksgiving. We have John Habat to thank for this great idea. He got the ball rolling and soon everyone was willing to help, especially Johnny Vadnal. Thanks, Johnny!

We had guests from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Alaska, Kansas, and Montana. Thanks to our Button Box players for all the help they gave us that day. You are always there when we need you! Thanks also to the Vadnal orchestra for playing for us. The music was just great. The hall was filled to capacity. Mrs. Stanonik and her staff prepared a delicious meal. The dumplings were a particular hit with out-of-towners who are not familiar with our good cooking. The overflow of people went to the downstairs hall for more dancing and socializing. An old-fashioned jam session was going on most of the evening there.

December was busy, too. An appreciation dinner was held for all the workers who helped make our Homecoming such a success. Again thanks to our Button Box players for providing the music. Our annual Christmas Party was held in the Club Room. Everyone waits for this event. Thanks to managers John and Alba Plutt for all the hard work that goes into it. Free food and music for everyone is part of the attraction.

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