

KO je vrhovni sodnik Hugo L. Black pretečeni petek večer v svojem radio govoru izjavil, da s tem zadevo smatra za zaključeno, je istočasno izrazil mnenje in željo vseh iskreno mislečih ljudi.

Blackov govor je bil kratak in močnat. Ni se vrgel v prah, nič ni moledeval niti se opravičeval. Priznal je, da je bil nekoč res član Ku kluks Klana, da je še pred nastopom senatorske službe odstopil in se mu nikdar več priklopil. V svojem apelu za versko in plemensko vzdržnost je podčrtal načela, ki so meso in kri ameriške demokracije in skrivnost njene veličine. In ne le to. Blackov rekord v senatu Zed. držav tekem enajstih let dokazuje, da je ta načela tudi praktično izvajal. Kdo more zahtevati več?

Progresivci in radikali nimajo nobenega vzroka, da bi se bali za svobodščine te dežele, ker Black sedi na najvišjem tribunalu. Pokazal je, da je mož, ki se iz razmer uči in ki je sposoben rasti. To so ljudje, ki jih svet zlasti dandanes kravi rabi.

Ali ni bolje, če nekdo zavrže stare zmote in postane bojevnik za napredek, kot pa da iz naprednjaka postane nazadnjak? Renegatov, ki na razvalinah svoje nekdanje naprednosti prižgajo kadilo reakciji, se ne manjka, in so celo bolj škodljivi kot dosledno zakrknjeni burbonci, ki se vsaj ne morejo sklicevati na svojo preteklost. Al Smith in senator Wheeler iz Montane sta dobra primera takih renegatov.

Če bi bil Black danes še vedno to, kar je bil nekoč, bi krogi, ki se sedaj penijo radi njegovega imenovanja, molčali ko grob o njegovi preteklosti. Kadar to vemo, je sodba o tej epizodi lahka.

KADAR GOVORIJO SRCA

NAROČENE demonstracije v diktatorskih deželah so vsakdanja stvar. Minister propagande naroči svojim hlapcem, da mora biti na določenem kraju ob določeni uri toliko in toliko ljudi, moških, ženskih in otrok, v takih in takih uniformah, ki bodo marširali, dvigali roke in kričali "Duce!" ali "Heil Hitler!" In zgodil se seveda natančno tako kot je bilo ukazano. Za to skrbi tajna policija in strah pred jezo diktatorskega režima.

Ko je umrl Tomaž G. Masaryk, je bila Praga pozorišče manifestacije, kakršna sodobna Evropa menda še ni videla. Ampak od podobnih dogodkov v diktatorskih deželah se je razlikovala kot noč in dan. To ni bila naročena manifestacija, temveč bil je spontan izraz ljudskega čustvovanja. Vlada je potem časopisja fakično pozivala ljudi, da naj ne prihajajo v Prago, kajti v teku dni pred pogrebom se je njeno milijonsko prebivalstvo podvojilo. Navzlic temu so nadaljni tisoči vreli v stolnico republike. Dasiravno se je rekviriralo vse mogoče prostore, je zadnja noč pred pogrebom mnogo tisoč ljudi moralo prenočiti na ulicah.

Resnično — Masaryk celo v smrti ni nehal služiti idealom demokracije.

St. Paul — Dr. R. B. Harvey z Minnesotske državne univerze je iznašel proces, potom katerega bo sadje dozorelo v polovici normalnega časa. Proces, pri katerem se rabi neke vrste nestrupeni plin, ki tudi nima nikakega duha, pa ne bo le pospežil zoričev, temveč bo sadju dal tudi boljši okus, pravi dr. Harvey.

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Aktivnosti SSPZ

—V današnji izdaji glasila je zaključen zapisnik zadnje seje glavnega odbora. Upamo, da je članstvo zapisnik pazno čitalo ter se poučilo o raznih važnih in koristnih sklepih, ki jih je seja napravila. Med te spada gotovo sklep za uvedbo dveh novih razredov zavarovanja za mladinski oddelek in pa za noveno-dolarski razred zavarovanja za odrasle.

—Med stalne aktivnosti vsakega zavednega člana in članice od sedaj pa do Novega leta spada agitacija za rast in napredek organizacije. Glejmo, da bomo v treh mesecih, ki jih še imamo, podvojili svoje sile ter tako zmagoslavno zaključili kampanjo Kolesa napredka.

Pokojni člani

—Po dolgotrajni boleznini duhu je v Johnstownu, Pa., dne 25. septembra t. l. umrl rojak Frank Krajec, star 48 let. Pokojni je bil doma iz Rakeka na Notranjskem ter tukaj zapuščal družino. Bil je član društva št. 74 SSPZ, katerega tajnik je bil mnogo let. Službi se je odpovedal pred par leti radi bolezni.

—V Triadelphiji, W. Va., je bil ubit v prenegorovu Ignac (James) Debenc, star 51 let, doma iz Bočne pri Poljanah nad Škofjo loko na Gorenjskem. (Dan smrti nam ni bil sporočen.) Pokojni je bil samec in kolikor nam znano, žive tu dve sestri, Mrs. Romashak v Power Pointu, O., in Mrs. Mary Vidmar v Boughtonu, Pa. Bil je član društva št. 127 SSPZ nad 24 let.

Razne vesti

—Albert Capuder, ki je bil doslej profesor na srednji šoli v Midwayu, Pa., je te dni nastopil službo na univerzi države Ohio v Columbusu.

—Pri primarnih volitvah, ki so se vršile pretekli teden v Clevelandu, O., so bili ponovno nominirani vsi štirje Slovenci, ki so sedaj člani mestne zbornice in sicer Vehovec, Novak, Pucel in Travnikar. Kot izgleda, bodo najbrže v novembru ponovno izvoljeni. V 23. vardi je bil nominiran tudi bivši councilman Kennick, ki se prihodnji mesec udari z Novakom. Ostali slovenski kandidati, dva v 23. vardi, dva pa v 32., so bili poraženi. Ena zanimivost teh li volitev je bila, da je bil neki volitev za imenom Chapek, councilman za imenom Chapek, ki je predlagal zvišanje councilman plač iz \$1800 na \$3000, manskih plač iz \$1800 na \$3000, ki s prihodom letom stopi v veljavo, pri volitvah neusmiljeno tepen.

—Iz Venezuele v Južni Ameriki pošilja pozdrave uredništvu in prijateljem znani pevec Anton Šubelj, ki se muči tam na turi z operno skupino iz New Yorka.

—V New Yorku je umrl Ivan Adamič, ki je bil dolgo let pevodvodja tamkajšnjega pevskega zbora "Slovan".

—V Towerju, Minn., je umrl v starosti 75 let slovenski župnik Jos. Florjančič. Bil je župnik Jos. Florjančič. Bil je tudi boljši okus, pravi dr. Harvey.

POSLOVANJE S. S. P. Z.

Piše WILLIAM RUS, gl. tajnik

V dnevih od 14. do 29. septembra, 1937, so v glavnem uradu pregledovali poslovanje te Zveze nadzorniki države Illinois.

Njihovega poročila predstojniku državnega zavarovalnega urada najbrže ne bomo dobili še nekaj tednov, vendar se da sklepati iz opazke nadzornika, da bo dokaj povoljno.

Rekel je, da se je stanje S. S. P. Z. od zadnje preiskave (pred tremi leti) zelo izboljšalo; razne kočljive zadeve so do malega vse izravnane v popolno zadovoljstvo zavarovalnega urada te države.

Celo čudil se je pred naglim preokretom te organizacije na boljše, medtem ko je marsikatera velika organizacija ostala na isti točki kot je bila leta nazaj.

Mnenje državnega nadzornika nam je v čast. Pove nam, da smo na pravi poti, s katere ne smemo kreniti.

S. S. P. Z. se je v zadnjih letih na vsej črti reorganizirala, modernizirala in moderna, napredna mora ostati, prednjačiti drugim našim sličnim ustanovam.

Vsak član je lahko ponosen na to svojo organizacijo, ki nudi za mal prispevek dobro protekcijo zavarovanja.

V ponosu na to organizacijo se ji skažimo lojalni in pridobimo ji še v tej članski kampanji KOLESA NAPREDKA čim več novega članstva za oba oddelka, odraslega in mladinskega!

INOZEMSKA KRONIKA

Fašisti v Angliji.

—Angleški fašisti so preteklo nedeljo za peto obletnico obstoja svoje organizacije v Londonu priredili paradno, da pokažejo, kako močni so, ampak izkazalo se je ravno obratno. Ko so fašisti začeli korakati iz osrčja mesta proti okrožju na južnovzhodnem koncu Londona, so se od vseh strani pojavile silne mase ljudstva, broječe do sto tisoč oseb ter začele obmetavati fašiste s kamenjem in drugimi predmeti. Sledil je kralval, kakršnega London še ni zlepa videl. Policija, peš in na konjih, je planila na anti-fašiste ter jih začela nasilno razganjati. Ko je hrup polegel, je na ulicah ležalo vse polno ranjencev, moških in žensk. Mnogi so bili zbiti do nezavesti. Policija pravi, da je bilo 111 oseb aretiranih, 30 pa ranjenih, medtem ko opazovalci pravijo, da sta obe številk preniški. Vodja angleških fašistov je Sir Oswald Mosley, ki je bil nekoč pristaša Delavske stranke in je bil kot tak izvoljen v parlament, od časa, ko je padla zadnja delavska vlada v Angliji, pa je velik oboževalec Mussolinija. Splošen vtis je, da je bil fašizmu v Angliji zdan usoden udarec, ko je bil sprejet zakon, ki političnim strankam prepoveduje rabo uniform.

—Neuradna vojna na Daljnem vzhodu se nadaljuje, toda Japonci nimajo dosti sreče. Zlasti pred Šanghajem je kitajska odpornost po šestih dnevih krvavih bojov japonsko ofenzivo vrgla na mrtvo točko. O položaju na Orijentu je pretekli teden ukrepala tudi zbornica Lige narodov ter soglasno obsodila Japonsko radi bombardiranja Nankinga in drugih kitajskih mest iz zraka, pri čemur je bilo

Sen. Wagner za zdravstveno zavarovanje

—Z Washingtona se poroča, da senator Wagner iz New Yorka pripravlja dodatek k zakonu za socialno zaščito, v smislu katerega se bo delavec potome davka na mezde (poyroll tax) zavarovalo za slučaj bolezni. Podrobnosti načrta niso znane. Socijologi pravijo, da povprečna družina, ki je v stanu plačati za zadostno zdravstveno oskrbo, potroši štiri odstotke in pol svojih dohodkov za to svrhu. Ko se je sestavljalo zakon za socialno zaščito, je odsek večakov, ki ga je imenoval predsednik Roosevelt, priporočal tudi zdravstveno zavarovanje, toda pod pritiskom od strani zdravniških organizacij se je načrt opustilo.

—Pobitih na tisoče civilistov. To je prvi tak korak Lige, odkar je pred dvema letoma na sličen način obsodila Italijo kot napadalko Abesinije.

—Mussolinijev obisk v Nemčiji se je zaključil z gigantičnim shodom v areni v predmestju Berlina, kjer se je lani vršila mednarodna olimpijada. Govorila sta oba fašistična glavarja. Glavna nota njunih govorov je bilo grmenje proti boljševizmu in pa svečano zagotavljanje, da sta za mir med narodi. (To dnevno spričujejo dogodki v Španiji!) Je dejal Mussolini: "Naciji in fašisti hočejo mir in so odločeni vedno skupno delati za mir. Osišče Rim-Berlin ni naperjeno proti nobeni tretji sili. Za mojim posetom v Berlin ni nobenih tajnih naklepov in nobenega poizkusa za še večjo razdvojitve že dovolj razdvojene Evrope. Če se naju vpraša, če bo rezultat tega obiska vojna in mir, jaz in Fuehrer lahko odgovoriva: "Mir, mir mir!" Ampak velika prijateljca "miru" sta baš te dni zavrnila predlog Francije in Anglije za pogajanja v svrhu odpoklica italijanskih in nemških čet iz Španije!

Ogledalo:

Tragedije, komedije in zanimivosti iz življenja

Washington — Demokratiški kongresnik Lamock iz Ohio, ki je predsednik finančnega pododseka, izjavlja, da bo pri prihodnjem zasedanju kongresa zbornici najbrže predložen zakonski načrt za uvedbo loterije, kar naj bi služilo za povečanje vladnih dohodkov. O tem se je že v preteklosti večkrat govorilo, toda pred zbornico ni prišla še nobena taka predloga.

Dunaj — Tu se je zvedelo, da nameravata vojvoda Windsor in njegova žena, bivša Mrs. Simpson, v bližnji bodočnosti priti na obisk v Zed. države.

Mexicali, Mex — Ko se je skupina delavcev, sedeča na tovornem vagonu, opremljenim le s podom, vozila na prostor, kjer je bila zaposlena ob progji, se je hlačnica enega izmed moških zamotala v kolo. Vagon se je prevrnil in delavce stisnil podse. Pri tem je bilo 13 moških ubitih, 23 pa poškodovanih.

Pariz — V Franciji živi pet milijonov inozemcev. Dva milijona sta se naselila v deželi iz leta 1931, ko so bile objavljene zadnje uradne številke. Eno tretjino vseh tvori Italijani.

New York — Na nekem samotnem kraju v bližini mesta sta bila najdena brutalno umorjena 20-letni klerik Louis Weiss in njegova 18-letna zaročenka Frances Hajek. Oba sta bila najprej ustreljena, potem pa večkrat zabodena. Dvojica je bila očitno čisto nenadoma napadena, ko je sedela v avtomobilu. Oblasti so prepričane, da je zločin delo kakega sadišta, kar je znanstveni izraz za človeka, ki se naslaja ob trpljenju drugih.

Butte, Mont — V južnozapadnem delu Montane so vladni raziskovalci te dni odrili novo podzemsko jamo, ki je že četrta, odkar se je pred dvema letoma začelo z raziskovanjem. Nova jama je polna krasnih kapnikov ter je tretja največja v Zed. državah.

New York — Dr. Carrell, odlični zdravnik, ki je svoj čas skupno z Lindberghom dovršil eksperiment s takozvanim umetnim srcem, je ob povratku iz Evrope izjavil, da so govorice, da namerava slavni avijatik izstopiti iz ameriškega državljanstva, navadna izmišljotina.

Portland, Ore — Ob pogledu na predsednika Roosevelta, ki se je ustavljal v tem mestu, se je Talmadge J. Stanley tako navdušil, da je vrgel v zrak svoj čisto nov klobuk, za katerega je plačal \$10. Klobuk je padel predsedniku naravnost v naročje. Roosevelt ga je pogledal, snel svoj ponošeni klobuk ter dal na glavo novega. Predsednik je odpoval naprej, Stanley pa je šel brez klobuka domov. Bil je uverjen, da bo predsednik klobuk po pošti poslal nazaj na prihodnji postaji. Naslednjega dne se je torej podal na pošto, pustil svoj avto zunaj ter stopil notri, da vpraša, če je klobuk že prišel. Klobuka ni bilo. Ko pa je stopil iz pošte, je videl, da tudi njegovega avtomobila ni nikjer. Nekdo ga je ukradel.

PREGLED EKONOMSKIH IN POLITIČNIH DOGODKOV V AMERIKI

Green in Lewis. Vsak otrok v Ameriki, pa bodisi da je rojen v koči ali palači, ima priliko, da nekoč postane predsednik. Tako se uči v šolah in je tudi res, akoravno je iz očitnih razlogov realizacija te prilike precej redka. Vendar, gojiti take ambicije do sedaj še ni veljalo za kaj pregrešnega. Ampak William Green je drugačnega mnenja. Vsaj kar se tiče John L. Lewisa. V Denverju, kjer se je v pondeljek otvorila konvencija Ameriške delavske federacije, je imel govor, v katerem je svečano izjavil, da Lewis gradi CIO edino z enim namenom v mislih — da ga porabi kot jedro za novo politično stranko, o kateri upa, da ga bo izvolila predsednikom Zed. držav. Green si bo moral pač kaj boljšeja izmisliti, predno bo pametne ljudi prepričal, da je Lewisovo delo za CIO škodljivo ljudskim interesom.

"Fater" Coughlin se je tudi oglasil v zadevi Blackovega imenovanja članom vrhovne sodnice in se seveda pridružil ostalim reakcionarnim bratcem, ki so kar ne morejo potolažiti radi "izdajstva" načel tolerantnosti od strani Rooseveltove administracije. Rekel je, da je Roosevelt za imenovanjem Blacka postavil "spomenik new dealerskemu prizadevanju za uničenje neodvisnosti vrhovne sodnice in pa svoji lastni gluposti". Zdej torej vemo, da je Roosevelt res dobro pogodil, ko je imenoval Blacka, kajti kar Coughlin graja, ne more biti slabo.

Predsednik Roosevelt se nahaja na povratku s ture na severozapadu, kjer je v zadnjih dneh imel več daljših in krajših govorov, v katerih je razlagal razne faze vladnega dela ter načrte, ki jih ima administracija za bodočnost. Tura ni bila nič manj važna s stališča popularne ljudske vzgoje kot s stališča politike, kajti Roosevelt je mojster v tem, da zna tudi o zapletenih in "suhoparnih" rečeh govoriti tako, da ga z zanimanjem posluša in razume vsak državljan. Ogledal si je razne velike jezove in hidroelektrične naprave, ki jih je vlada že dogradila ali pa jih sedaj gradi ter priliko porabil za podajo zagotovil, da bo administracija še nadalje podpirala slične projektke, prvič, ker se s tem omilja brezposelnost, drugič, ker želi, da bodo naravniri viri služili ljudstvu v obliki cenene elektrike in namakanja zemlje. Zopet in zopet je poudarjal, da skrb vlade bodi, vse dele dežele spraviti v gospodarsko ravnovesje, kajti narod ne more biti zdrav, če niso vsi njegovi deli zdravi. Na povratku proti vzhodu se je ustavljal tudi v St. Paulu, kjer ga je minnesotski farmersko-delavski governer Benson poslušalec predstavil kot "našega velikega humanitarnega predsednika." Roosevelt je v svojem govoru v tem mestu razločno dal razumevanje, da administracija ne bo odnehala z bojem tako za zakon za regulacijo farmerske produkcije, ki ga je razveljavila

vrhovna sodnja, kakor tudi za zakon za upostavitve minimalnih mezd in maksimalnih delovnih ur, ki so ga reakcionarnji zadavili v kongresu.

Produkcija jekla je zadnje tedne začela padati, ne sicer drastično, vendar toliko, da se že pozna pri zaposlenosti. Čezurno delo je skoro na celi črti odpadlo in v mnogih obratih je delovni teden padel pod 40 ur. Pričakuje pa se, da bo produkcija jekla in železa v prihodnjih tednih zopet poskočila.

Sporazum pri železnicah. Po dolgotrajnih pogajanjih med zastopniki petih železničarskih bratovščin in 86 železnic je bil te dni v Chicagu končno dosežen sporazum, glasom katerega je 259,000 železničarjev s 1. oktobrom dobilo okoli 44c meznega poviška na dan. Prvotno so bratovščine zahtevale 20-odstoten povišek. Nekako toliko zboljšanja pri mezah so si priborili nedavno tudi železniški delavci, ki so zaposleni v delavnicah in na progah.

ŠPANSKA SITUACIJA PRED LIGO NARODOV

Na seji zbornice Lige narodov se je preteklo soboto vršilo glasovanje o resoluciji, za katero je v prvi vrsti stala Sovjetska unija, da ako Mussolini in Hitler ne pokličeta svojih neprostopoljnih "prostovoljcev" iz Španije, se bo dobo nevrnešavanja od strani Lige smatralo za končano. 32 narodov je glasovalo za resolucijo, delegatje 14 držav — povečini južno-ameriških — so se glasovanja vzdržali, dve državi, Albanija in Portugalska, pa sta glasovali proti. Ker morajo biti ligini sklepi soglasni, je s tem akcija padla v vodo. Ironija pri tem je, da sta za to odgovorni državi, ki v svetu sploh nič ne štejeta. Albanija je že več let popolnoma pod peto Mussolinija, dočim ima Portugalska diktatorski režim, ki na vse kriplje pomaga generalu Francu vse od dneva, ko je v Španiji izbruhnila civilna vojna. Francija ima še vedno bič, ki ga lahko vsak trenotek porabi proti fašistom, to je, da odpre svoje meje za izvoz orožja za španske lojaliste. Dvomljivo pa je, da bo to storila, dokler ne bo imela zagotovila od strani Anglije, da bo stala za njo, ako bi tak korak dovedel do oboroženega konflikta z Italijo in Nemčijo. Kar se tiče piratstva na Sredozemskem morju, je ponehala, odkar so na patroli angleške in francoske bojne ladje in tudi Mussolini je končno podpisal sporazum za "sodelovanje"

TRGATVE ČAS

M. G. KUHEL

Pa brez zamere...



Čitam, da je Mussolini v Berlinu dobil nahod. In to je tudi približno vse, kar je tam dobil.

Sezona piknikov je pri kraju, zdaj pa pridejo na vrsto plesi in vsakojake druge zabave med štirinajstimi stenami. V sleherni izdaji slovenskih listov bodo društveni člani uradniki vabili oenjene rojake in rojakinje, da se vdeležijo njihove prireditve in v slehernem vabilu bo omenjeno, da po programu se bo vršila neizogibna prosta zabava.

Prosta zabava, my eye! V teku zadnjih dvajsetih let sem bil že na marsikateri veselici, igri in koncertu. Na vsaki prireditvi je bila prominentno oglašena tudi prosta zabava, ampak do zdaj sem moral še vsako pot za vse plačati, kar sem pojedel in popil, ali pa je plačal tisti, ki je tretal. Yes sir!

Vem, kdo bo rekel, da sem grd materialist in da nimam smisla za višje reči. All right, ampak prašam vas: Kako pa naj se človek z normalnimi instinkti in potrebami zabava, če je želodec prazen in grlo suho? Vem tudi, da bo tale moj protest ostal glas vpijočega v puščavi in da bomo še zmerom čitali o prostih zabavah in jih tudi navdušeno posečali. Nič zato. Povedal sem pa le, kar sem mislil.

Grem lahko celo za korak dalje in trdim, smelo trdim, da nas zgodovina, ki je učiteljica narodov, že od nekdaj uči, da smrtnikom sploh ni dano, da bi uživali kaj takega kot je prosta zabava. O ja, Adam in Eva sta mislila, da je prosta, pa sta kmalu spoznala, da sta ugriznila v kisljo jabolko.

Fašisti v črnih, rujavih, zelenih in drugačnih srajcah venomer in na vse pretege tulijo, da jim ne gre za nič drugega kot da rešijo svet in civilizacijo pred komunizmom.

Kar se jaz bojim, je to, da se bo nekega dne posvetilo v bučah morilcev in banditov, ki ne nosijo sraje predpisane barve, pa bodo pred sodnijami zahtevali medalje namesto vislice, ker pravzaprav le rešujejo civilizacijo. In se bodo slavne sodnije znašle v lepem zosu!

Izgleda, da slava Adamičev med Slovenci od leta do leta in od dneva do dneva bolj in bolj raste. Začelo se je leta 1908 v Ljubljani, ko je avstrijska soldateska streljala na Slovence, ki so zahtevali svoje narodne pravice ter dva ustrelila. Eden se je pisal Adamič, drugi Lunder. Največje društvo naše Zveze nosi ime teh dveh mučenikov. Drugi Adamič slavnega imena je bil sladatelj Emil, ki je ne dolgo tega umrl v stari domovini.

Ameriška Slovenija ni hotela zaostajati za staro domovino, pa je producirala tretjega Adamiča s prvim imenom Louis, slavnega ameriškega pisatelja. Zdaj pa se javlja četrti. To je Jakob Adamič, rojen v Michiganu od slovenskih staršev, o katerem gre glas, da bo bodoči svetovni boksarski šampijon.

Ce je boks slaven ali ne, o tem se na tem mestu ne bom prerekal, ampak eno je gotovo: Ce bo Adamič VI. imel srečo, bo naredil več denarcev kot vsi ostali trije skupaj.

Želi šolati in starši ji želijo pomagati. Ampak kako, če ni denarja? Mnogo jih je, ki bi dali (Dalje na 3. str.)

Tedenski pomenki

A. ZAITZ

Povračam se zopet s svojo kolono. Vračam po molku na ljubo nekaterim, ki niso prijazni tej koloni in kateri so najbrže mislili, da so me vgnali v rog. Prav nič se nisem spremenil od takrat in zato bodo pomenki taki kot so bili v prošlosti. Naravnost in brez ovinkov bom izražal svoje mnenje, pohvalil, kar je dobrega in pogrjal, kar je slabega. Samo eno bi vas prosil, predno se spustim v nadaljne pomenke. Kadar vidite kaj v moji koloni, kar vam ne ugaja, pokritizirajte me javno in Napredku, kateri je naš, in podpišite se pod svojo kritiko. Zagotavljam vam, da bom nasvete upošteval in se po njih ravnal, ako se morem kaj popboljšati. Nikdar in za nobeno ceno pa se ne spozabite lajati za plotom ali se igrati kukavico z anonimnim pismom.

O minulih Olimpijadi so se mnogi dopisniki pohvalno izrazili. Ker je bilo na Olimpijadi res fletno in ker se je naša metropola postavila kakor se zna le ona, bom pa še jaz podal nekaj vtisov z našega skupnega izleta SSPZ tistih dnevov. Za tuja, ki ima odločeno pičlo število dni, kakor sem jih imel jaz, je najbolje, da gre v veliko vas kot je Cleveland, z izdelanim načrtom. To in to hočem videti, približno toliko časa je na razpolago, pa lahko zračunaš, koliko časa se smeš pri čem zamuditi, ako hočeš, da se ti načrt ne pokvari.

V mojem načrtu, kaj si bom ogledal, je bil na prvem mestu orkester collinwoodskega Vrtea. Moj stari kolega Frank Pucelj me je že poprej parkrat opozoril: "Ah," je rekel, "da bi jih videl in slišal!" V resnici sem si želel, da bi jih slišal. Zato smo prvi petek povabilo, da pride cel štab na njih sejo, sprejeli z obema rokama. Kakor sem jaz do gotove mere ponosen na svojo malo družinico Vrtea št. 1 v Forest City, mislim, da ni nič manj upravičeno ponosen na orkester njihovega Vrtea v Clevelandu Frank Pucelj, ki si je mnogo prizadeval, da ga imajo. Za časa konvencije sem v nekem drugem listu videl laskavo priznanje temu orkestru, ki je takrat nastopil. Meni se je ta ocena oziroma priznanje, katerega so jim dali drugi, bolj dopadlo, kakor če bi mi kdo stisnil desetak v žep. Veste, velja, ako se takole malo pohvalimo med seboj, mnogo več pa velja, ako tudi kdo drugi pohvali nekaj, kar je našega in na kar smo lahko ponosni. Tisti večer so fantje od Vrtea igrali kakor za stavo. Ako bi bil jaz še krčmar, kakor sem bil svoje dni v Forest City, bi take fante enkrat povabil, da bi svirali. Gotov sem, čeprav v Forest City ne manjka muzikantov, da bi napravil z godbo kakor jo imajo, dober dobiček. Orkester collinwoodskega Vrtea zasluži več nego par vrstic, katere sem napisal. Zasluži, da ga tamkajšnji zvezarji podpirajo in društva da dajo fantom priliko igrati na njih priredbah. Na ta način sem gotov, da bo uspeval in sviral v zabavo občinstvu ter v ponos SSPZ.

Br. Zaman je administrator tega Vrtea. (Preje ga nisem osebno poznal.) Meni se zdi, da je on kakor nalašč za ta posel. Mnogi naši Vrteci imajo za administratorja katerega izmed tukaj rojenih fantov ali deklet. Jaz ne bom oporekal temu, ampak kjer so možje Zamanovega tipa, ga je težko nadomestiti z boljšim. Sploh pa pobrskejte v svojo mladost. Koga ste tako radi poslušali v rani mladosti — starega strica, ki jih je vlekli iz malhe ali par let starejšega od vas?

Na drugem mestu mojega načrta je bila želja, da bi se se-

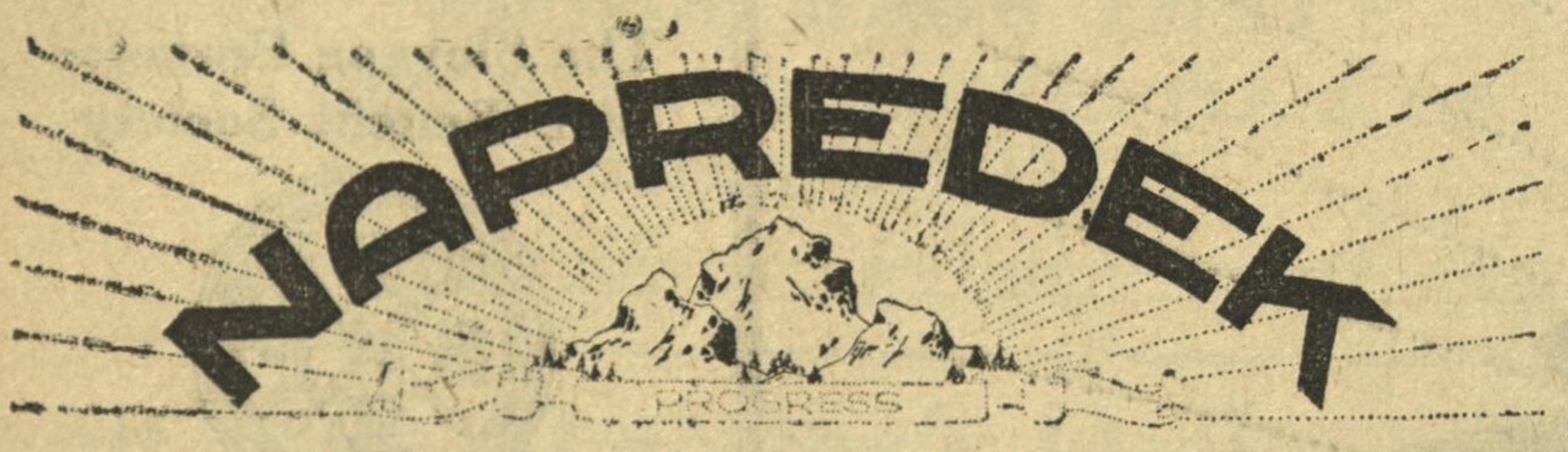
stal s čim večimi našimi tajniki in tajnicami. Ko si takole o uradnih zadevah dopisujemo si človek želi, da bi se z njimi seznanil ter jih osebno spoznal. Precej sem jih srečal — nekaj pa tudi zgrešil. Na pikniku, katerega smo imeli na Pintarjevi farmi, je bilo malo več ljudi, kakor sem jih navadno videl na naših piknikih. V Chicagi jih vidim toliko skupaj le v Forest Preserve, kadar ima po pet ali več društev skupaj piknik. "Čif" Krist Štokel se mi je nasmejal, ko sem ga prašal, koliko društev ima piknik na tem prostoru danes. "Samo mi od SSPZ," je govoril, "in ako bi se vreme ne držalo tako krmežljivo, bi jih bilo še mnogo več. Tako ni bilo nič čudnega, ako sem morda šel mimo marsikatero tajnika ali tajnice v gneči, ne da bi ga spoznal, ali našel, četudi bi ga iskal. Dva nova sem pa le staknil. Br. Viranta iz Brewsterja, Ohio, in tajnika štev. 153 Albina Osredkercja. Slednji je celo tam blizu doma kot sem jaz sam.

Več sreče pri tem sem imel v soboto v prizidku S. N. Doma, kjer smo imeli ples. "Oprostite," se je nekdo opravičeval, prisedši k naši mizi, "oprostito, ker sem pokrit s klobukom." Potem je pojasnil vzrok ter se predstavil za Johna Polantza iz Pierce, W. Va. Administrator tamkajšnjega Vrtea in aktiven dečko za napredno stvar. Po predstavitvi sebe je predstavil še druge iz W. Va. Tajnico društva št. 199 Jennie Kleivshar in tajnico št. 188 Mary Penko, prijazni in prikupni ženski. Ko smo tako kramljali, je br. Polantz pojasnil o bojih v rudarski uniji več let nazaj. Takrat mu je policijski količek pustil rano na glavi, katero nerad odkriva. Potolažil sem ga, da se mu tega ni treba sramovati, nasprotno je lahko ponosen, ker je v stavki stal na strani unije ter se z drugimi vred boril za boljši kos kruha.

Baseball je bila najbolj zanimiva igra med Vrteci, kar sem jih opazoval. Steve Skorjanc je to pot pripeljal svoje Vrtečve iz Indianapolis. Postavili so se fantje. Ako ne bi bil prseči dež pokvaril igrišča, bi bili najbrže oni zmagali. Sploh so vsi Vrtečevi oddelki igrali izredno dobro ter jih je bil prav užitek opazovati.

Pol. dneva sem se zamudil na farmi v Madisonu, O. Tam imam znanca iz Forest City, ki se je pred leti naselil na farmo. Frank Povhe, sedaj član društva št. 26. Frank s soprogo in družino se ima prav dobro. Pogreša le nekaj. Društvenega življenja, v katerem je bil svoje čase aktiven, sedaj pa vsled oddaljenosti ne more posečati društvenih sej. Na farmo nas je spremil tudi Felix Rozina, tisti Rozina, kateri je narisal glavo za Napredek in urednika s kumarom. Prišel je v Cleveland za delom ter me prisretil v kleti, kjer so balincali Kraševci, katere sem opazoval. Pričakoval sem iz Forest City poznano Angelo Pevc in njeno mater, ki pa nista prišli.

Od strani starejših je bila Olimpijada dobro posečena od zunanjih gostov. Iz Chicage je prišel br. Bostič s soprogo in hčerko. Br. John Tome in soproga ter še nekaj drugih, katerih imen se ne spominim. Na banketu v ponedeljek zvečer smo se imeli fino. Mrs. Ivanuš in Miss Milavec sta nam zapeli lepo pesem. Radi bi ju bili priklicali nazaj, samo ena je bila za nas premalo, pa so rekli, da je bilo nekaj narobe s piano. Potem smo se razšli veseli in zadovoljni vsak v svoj kraj z upanjem, da se še in še vidimo.



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ALI BO "REVOLUCIJA"?

NA ZADNJI SEJI glavnega odbora SSPZ, ki se je vršila pred mesecem dni v Clevelandu, se je razmotrivalo tudi o naši sedanji kampanji, ki nosi označbo "Kolo napredka". Med drugim je bilo izraženo mnenje, bil vzrok ta ali oni, da naša kampanja ni uspešna v toliki meri kot se je upalo in pričakovalo. Če hočemo biti odkriti, moramo priznati, da je to resnica. Člani, ki so zasledovali kampanjska poročila, ki so bila mesec za mesem objavljena v glasilu, so to lahko sami videli.

Na seji se je ukrepalo, kaj bi bilo treba napraviti, da bi se zanimanje članstva za kampanjo povečalo in s tem njen uspeh, predno bo kampanjska doba zaključena. Člani glavnega odbora, ki v minulih mesecih o kampanji kot taki niso direktno in obširno pisali, so obljubili, da bomo to storili v bodoče. Sklenjeno je tudi bilo, razposlati posebna pisma na naslov članov samih, v katerih se jih bo še posebej opozorilo na tekočo kampanjo. Obstoji namreč brez dvoma precej upravičena sumnja, da je mnogo članov in članic, ki glasila ne čitajo, oziroma ki ga kvečjim površno preletijo z očmi, se morda ustavijo tu in tam, ako jim oko pade na naslov, ki slučajno zbudi njih pozornost, potem pa list položijo na stran in ga več ne primejo v roke. Veliko članov je, ki imajo nekako antipatijo proti vsemu, kar ima videz "uradnosti" in če vidijo, da je članek ali poročilo napisal odbornik, smatrajo za nekako "neuradno dolžnost", da ga enostavno preskočijo. Kaj bi človek tratil čas s "suhoparnostmi"? Naj to delajo uradniki, ki so plačani za to! — Precej je takega sentimenta med članstvom.

Uredništvo glasila se strinja z vsakim korakom, čigar smoter je povečati zanimanje za organizacijo in njen napredek med članstvom, tako tudi pozdravlja ukrepe, ki jih je napravila prošla seja glavnega odbora. Ako je bila morda dosedanja publiciteta za kampanjo nezadostna, naj se podvzame obširnejšo. In če so člani, katere je treba takorekoc pod rebra dregniti, predno odpro oči in pogledajo, kaj se godi pri organizaciji — dobro, pa jim pošljimo posebna pisma, v upanju, da jih bodo prečitali in se morda spomnili, da bi bilo prav, če bi se tudi oni zganili in kaj storili za svojo organizacijo. Niti na misel nam ne pride, da bi oporekali kateremu-koli koraku, ki je napravljen v dobri veri, da se članstvo v splošnem vzpodbudi v kampanjsko aktivnost. Iskreno tudi upamo, da bo vsak tak korak rodil vsaj nekoliko sadu.

Ampak po našem mnenju vse to ne spremeni dejstva, da glavno breme bo še tudi v bodoče padlo na rame tistih, ki so slej ko prej delali največ. Vsaj to stališče je najvarneje zavzeti in je edino, ki ga morejo zavzeti vsi aktivni delavci in delavke za Zvezo v tej in prošlih kampanjah (To zapišemo mirne vesti in brez straha, da bomo koga "pohujšali", kajti glavo bi stavili, da kronični nečitalci glasila tudi tega-le članka ne bodo čitali.) Da, prijatelji, stari, zanesljivi lojalni Zvezarji so tisti, od katerih koncem konca zavisi uspeh in neuspeh sedanje kampanje. Če boste vi pritislili — pritislili bolj odločno in bolj energično kot kdaj poprej, bo šlo, če pa se bomo zanašali na one, ki so doslej spali spanje pravičnega, se bojimo, da ne pojde.

Pri tej stvari ni končno nič nenavadnega. V večji ali manjši meri velja to za skoro vsako večjo skupino. Eni delajo, drugi ne. Izgleda, da so nekateri že tako rojeni, da se vedno prvi, kadar se je treba žrtvovati za dobrobit celokupnosti, medtem ko pretežna večina le stoji ob strani in gleda. Pravično to ni, ampak tak je svet, pa si pomagaj, če si moreš. Slučaji, ko se masa zbudi, so jako redki. Napredek je v končni analizi plod dela posameznikov, ki razumejo potrebo dela in ki so tudi pripravljeni žrtvovati se za gotove ideje in ideale. Tako je bilo doslej in precej dvomimo, da bomo v tem pogledu tako brž doživeli "revolucijo."

Pa če se motimo — in se celo naši najbolj zaspani člani zbudijo in se vržejo v kampanjo z jekleno voljo in neugasljivim ognjem, recimo zato, da urednika na laž postavijo? (Razume se, ako to čitajo.) Kar naj! Če so kos take revolucije, bomo skesano priznali, da smo se motili in ponižno prosili, da senam oprostite. Dotlej pa — stari prizkušeni zvezarji, na noge in na delo, kajti kampanja se nagiba proti koncu!

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From The Director's Desk

By Michael Vrhovnik

VRTEC ASSESSMENT TO BE REFUNDED

Vrtec Administrators and members are hereby notified that assessments received for the months of September and October shall be refunded by the Society. This does not mean that the assessment can remain uncollected for either month. In fact, before the refund can take place, the assessment for both months must be in the hands of the Supreme Treasurer. The assessment for the month of September, of course, has already been collected and remitted to the Treasurer at the Home Office, leaving October's assessments outstanding and collectable.



M. Vrhovnik

As in previous years, so this year, the manner in which refunds shall be applied by the local units is left entirely to the decision of the local membership and Administrator. There are a number of courses that can be taken, and one of them is returning the refund to members in form of free assessments; but the most popular, and the one we heartily endorse, is using the refunded money for a XMAS PARTY for the youngsters. We have advised the application of this suggestion in former years and we do not hesitate doing so again... If it is the wish of the membership, perhaps, a part of the money can be used for an earlier celebration, that being Hallowe'en which falls on the 31st of the current month... Invite friends and prospective members to join in the fun—Apply the 1937 DIVIDENDS to the WHEEL OF PROGRESS campaign...

Incidentally, this refund amounts to more than 15 per cent of the annual assessments, which makes it quite a PLUM when looking at it from the percentage angle... The solvency of our Juvenile Department is set at approximately 260 per cent—That means that the REAL value of our juvenile assets (investments and cash) is two and three-fifths (2-3/5) greater than the total amount of the Department's liabilities. It isn't any wonder, then, that the Society is able to return a 15 per cent dividend to the members... Make use of this as a sales-point in the WHEEL OF PROGRESS membership drive!... And remember that after October 15th, no medical examination shall be necessary for juvenile applicants unless the Supreme Medical Examiner or some other higher authority demands such proof of insurability!... Another big feature of our new Juvenile By-Laws provides that juvenile members or applicants may be insured under one or more plans of insurance up to \$1000.00. Read the new Juvenile By-Laws for a bigger store of selling ideas and be sure to mention the Society's refund for the months of September and October.

DON'T READ THIS —

It has been said that few young members of our Society are interested in the insurance values offered and that about all that a great majority of them are after the good times that are frequently found at the lodge dances, picnics, parties, athletic events and, occasionally, after meetings; but as soon as they have had their fill of these "temporary" attractions, they not only stay away from the social and athletic affairs and monthly meetings, but also fail to pay their assessments, dropping out completely (unless, Dad still has the habit of paying for them) after a series of suspensions and lapsations. Perhaps, this attitude is somewhat exaggerated, but...

The statistics of the past year or two show that more than 50 per cent of the lapsations have been members under 25 years of age, and of these, nearly 75 per cent have been members for less than three years. Figures have a way of bringing the facts out in the open. When 75 per cent of the lapsations, occurring in any given period of time, are members who have been with us less than three years, then there is something radically wrong somewhere and the sooner we find what the cause is, the sooner will the Society hit that 10,000 membership mark in the Adult Department... Perhaps, the man, who suggested that in prospecting for "permanent" members...

We should qualify them between the ages of 25 and 50, because most younger people are not SERIOUS ENOUGH ABOUT THE SERIOUS THINGS OF LIFE, was not far wrong after all. THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH seems to be one of the big reasons for a large percentage of lapsation... Another reason one might offer with some degree of truth is that...

Many of our prospects have been approached and sold on the idea of insurance (behind a cloak of social and athletic good-times) without giving thought on their ability to pay the regular monthly assessments or without giving thought to the amount of insurance they can afford to carry and not burden themselves beyond the limit of their earning capacity... Steady employment for our young people has been an unsolved problem for a great many years and, probably, will continue to be such for many more... So, it stands to reason that there would be less lapsations if, when selling a prospect on the idea of membership in the Society, one stressed the importance of insurance protection, strictly, from a business angle...

Answers should be had on such questions as... How much insurance is he carrying at the present time? How much more can he afford? Is his work steady or part-time? What has been the general state of his health during the time you have known him? What of his moral reputation and character? Is he of a friendly, good-natured type or a chronic fault-finder and trouble-maker? Will his membership be an asset or drawback to your lodge? Does he lack confidence in fraternal insurance? What are some of his reasons for this lack of confidence?... Questions of this nature should be answered before an attempt is made to further induce one to join through social, cultural and athletic channels.

Since the progress of our Society can best be promoted through the interests and efforts of our local units, it is up to the

Spartanology

By "Moe"

While plans for the coming season were being made up by various lodges, the Spartans likewise prepared fall social calendars and set down "helpful" restrictions for the members.

The last out-of-door affair will be a hike. This will take place this coming Sunday, October 10th. We will all meet in front of the Slovene National Home at one o'clock, sharp. So be ready to join us! Wear comfortable walking shoes for you will do plenty of hiking. Here's a chance to lose some of that excess weight you gained in the hot summer months. Also, bring along some small change for some "eats" in case you get hungry and for "carfare" in case you're tired.

NOTICE — Fellows leave your cars behind and exercise your feet just a little for a change. Don't forget Sunday, October 10th at one o'clock sharp!

"Local Anesthetics"

With my eyes and ears wide open I've seen and heard much that other members would be interested in. Youwsah! Am I right?

Ambitious, I'll say, What? Haven't you heard? Well, Adolph Candon has equipped his basement with a bar. And it's just too ducky for words with decorations in pale green and silver. Did it all by his "ownsome" too. Well Adolph let us know when the grand opening is. We'll be there.

Hear ye, hear ye. Joyce Gorshe is in Penns and who has she seen? One guess! Yes you're right. None other than Pete Elish. Must be something wrong with the Cleveland fellows and girls too if they all rush to Penns to find their missing links.

Who's the fellow who remarked: "Dog-gone it, I hope her husband dies." Now, now Chuckie you don't mean it, do you. Poor Chuck but maybe she'll get a divorce. Why don't you mention it to her.

Hear that Lefty Hostnik will be saying "I do" to () in the near future.

Oh, Oh, Bob Matetich went out "to bed." Gee what this world is coming to. I bet a lot of the fellows are wondering who extended the invitation. How about it boys? Don't take it too seriously—that was just a pun.

Wonder if Toni Zagar's hand is sore from "swatting" Chuck all evening. Maybe Chuck is black and blue now. Then Chuck takes it out on our secretary Anne Opeka. Hear that Anne is afraid to walk alone on a dark street, tut, tut!!

Hear that Lefty Pletersk can't take it. Shots we mean. And then to top it off our Spartan lads rib him about it.

That's all folks!
Be seeing u Sunday—

Hear Ye Spartan Hikers

"There is something in October sets the gypsy blood a-strir;
We must rise and follow her,
When from every hill of flame
She calls, and calls each vagabond
by name."

—Bliss Carman

Come all you vagabonds and spend Sunday afternoon with the Spartans—tramping through the woods—watching "the leaves of brown come tumbling down."

Statistics show that October is the most romantic month, if weddings are a sign of romance. Those of you who have romance in your hearts and on your minds will thrill at the autumnal colors and sweet odors. The rest of you come along anyway, maybe you too will become romantic and sentimental. You see it's in my blood already.

The gypsy-blooded Spartans who cannot resist the call of October will meet in front of the National Home at 1:30 p. m. on Sunday, October 10. Girls please remember to wear comfortable shoes for we are hiking.

The exact route of the hike will be explained when you arrive, but let me assure you that it will be worthwhile. The hike, if you are all prompt, will last until 6:00 p. m. giving all of you plenty of time to get ready for your evening engagements.

I'll see you Sunday if the wanderlust bug bites you.

Vera Candon

What's the News?

What's The News is coming back after a hike. This will take place this coming Sunday, October 10th. We will all meet in front of the Slovene National Home at one o'clock, sharp. So be ready to join us! Wear comfortable walking shoes for you will do plenty of hiking. Here's a chance to lose some of that excess weight you gained in the hot summer months. Also, bring along some small change for some "eats" in case you get hungry and for "carfare" in case you're tired.

I had the pleasure of attending the special meeting of Outlookers in Collinwood on the night of September 3. Nearly the entire Supreme Board was present and was very much impressed with the spirit that prevailed at the meeting, during the initiation of two dozen or more new members, and with the performance of Outlookers No. 1 advertisers—their orchestra. The meeting was ably conducted under the supervision of John Zaman, their Administrator, members of the Supreme Board were introduced and given a chance to say "Hello" to the enthusiastic youngsters and other members assembled in the Slovene Workingmen's Home. I have heard comments on several occasions about the Outlookers' orchestra, and now I had a chance to hear their music. Considering their age the boys play marvelously, not only in the volume and quality of their tone, but in the variety of Slovene and American dance music as well. I was told that the boys can play more than one-hundred Slovene pieces. While playing after the Victory Banquet on Labor Day the boys nearly verified that in actual performance. I am sure that the whole SSPZ is proud of their achievements not only in social development, but in the growth and progress of their Vrtec Unit as well. It is logical to assume that in the future we will have to watch—Collinwood.

During the Meet there were three outstanding events that I recall at present, one was a thrill, the other two—disappointments. The thrill was provided by the championship game between Outlookers and Ambridge Comets for the crown in the Juvenile Division. The Pennsylvania boys jumped to a 10 to 0 lead in the first inning, and it appeared that they had the championship sewed up. Collinwood boys, however, pulled their nerves together, began to play headsup game and eventually tied the score at 12 all in the sixth inning. The Comets won in the last inning, when a mighty homerun with a man on base gave them a two run advantage. This was in my opinion the outstanding game of the whole Meet, including regular games. I was disappointed by the downfall of Spartans, the pre-game favorites, who were eliminated in their first game, and the failure of Chicago Lodges to compete in the SSPZ Softball Championship for the first time since 1928. Watching the Spartans trim Oreis in the Inter-Lodge championship game a few days earlier, I was confident (and so probably were the Spartans) by their performance that they had the SSPZ title in the bag. But something snapped somewhere and they just folded up. Or were those triple champions, the Progressors, just a wee bit under-rated? As for Trail Blazers, there is no alibi. They could not bring a full team to Cleveland, and when they were given a chance to play by combining with Victorians, they gummed it up. But this is history now.

We turn now to bowling, which will attract our attention during the next six or seven months. Trail Blazers are determined to make a good showing in this phase of athletics and are practicing every Sunday at 113th and Michigan Avenue 2:30 p. m. Victor Tomic is in charge of the boys, while Dolly Tisol and Alice Puzell will handle girl keggers. According to the rules no member joining the Lodge after December 1 can participate in the National Bowling Tournament next Spring. Which reminds us that the WHEEL OF PROGRESS CAMPAIGN will also close next December and that there is still a good chance for a Chicago lodge to win one or two of those grand prizes as well as the individual prizes offered by the Society for new members. Trail Blazers' own offer is also still open to a challenge.

Among the social events in the near future will be the 25th Anniversary of Lodge No. 100 at Stancik's Hall on November 6th. The Dance of Roses will be a novelty, according to the information received. Keep the date in your mind!

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individual members of each Lodge and Vrtec to gain the objectives embodied in the ideals and principles of genuine fraternalism and to see that only such prospective members are proposed and accepted into the SSPZ fold, who are sincere in their interest and willingness to become good members. But not until they are thoroughly acquainted with the insurance benefits they will receive, in the event of sickness, accident or death, and the rates of assessments per month for each benefit, should they be proposed at the Lodge or Vrtec meeting. It is far better to have gained 50 new members and lose 19 than to have gained 200 new members and lose 150, for nothing will place the Society in a more unfavorable light in any community than losing members as fast as they are gained. That is the first outward sign of misunderstanding and discord within the ranks.

Victorians

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Victorians' regular meeting will be held Thursday, October 7, at Berger's Hall, 2653 South Lawndale Ave., at 8:30 p. m.

Well SSPZ Olympics are over with again. I must say that I had a wonderful time while I was in Cleveland. Thanks to Louise Hovecar for your kindness to me. I shall also remember my trip for years as I met friends and in-laws which I haven't seen for years. I hope to make the trip again. From the looks of things the rest of the Victorians had a good time too.

Gee it was so nice to meet the rest of the lodges. I think that these Olympics are grand. Let us hope that the next Olympics will be still larger. Let's work hard to make it a success. When persons see those beautiful trophies, it just makes them want to work harder. Congratulations, Penns! Pennsylvanians always seem to be lucky. They are a very nice bunch I must say. But "Spider" takes the cake. Just keep up your good work, Penns! Congratulations once more! Oh, Pete don't forget you promised me that you would attend our Tenth Anniversary Banquet. We will be looking for you. But watch the "Napredek" for the date as to where and when it will be held. It is in the latter part of October when we will be 10 years old.

These are words to all SSPZ members, old and young: You are invited to attend our Tenth Anniversary Banquet. Watch for the date in the "Napredek" as to where and when it will be held. So—watch and keep a date open for us Victorians. What about it? Say "yes" and then do it. We'll be looking for you.

All Victorians attend and let's make it a 100 per cent perfect attendance, although it may be difficult for some to attend. Oh Al why don't you attend the meetings, since you have missed a few previously. Did you say: "I take and obey?" Bring the Mrs. along and perhaps a brand new Victorian. How about it Al? Don't be afraid Al. Victorian boys are good boys. Don't you think so?

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Valencic are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sept. 1. The little lady was named after her dad and mother, Mary Lou. Sister Valencic will be remembered to the Victorians as she was secretary for two years. She was then known as Mary Gornik. Mary Lou also has a brother. Victorians wish you loads of happiness with your little family. Congratulations!

Here Is A Few "Don'ts"

Don't forget the meeting, October 7.
Don't forget to watch in the "Napredek" for information regarding our Tenth Anniversary Banquet.
Don't forget to pay your dues on time.
Will be seeing you at the meeting.
Let's have a good attendance.
Fraternally yours,
Mary E. Novak, Victorians' Secretary-Treasurer.

"Balkans" Journal

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Again I'm bringing you good news and fortune, etc., and all of these bestowed upon you, "Balkans"!

First of all a special feature has been adopted at our last meeting and this will not only promote better attendance of members to our meetings, but will also create even more progressive and effective strides of activity in the near future. Beginning next meeting there will be a \$1.00 cash gift given away on each meeting date. Since you can participate only if you are present see that you'll be there. Here's a chance of a lifetime to you all, not only to take home the gift but also to meet new faces, renew former acquaintances, and lastly, and most important get the full benefit of the procedure at our meetings.

Another very important factor and most worthy of mentioning is the fact that it was decided on, at our last meeting, that lodge "Balkan" pay due honors and respects to the "Balkans" 30th Anniversary Celebration—which will be scheduled sometime in the month of March.

Everyone understands that an occasion of this nature does not happen annually, or more occasionally, so we might as well join in—make a real affair of it, and we're bound to make a great success of it. One cannot be but confident of this, due to the fact that our membership, as a whole, responded so splendidly to that great task for the preparation of our last Convention. Especially, do those ladies and girls deserve praise for that splendid job they did in preparing the meals, as also, the perfect service at the tables, on our banquet night. Yes, it still is the "talk-of-the-town."

The above mentioned discussion, with the electing of a preparation committee on same, alone, will be worthy the consideration to attend, not only because we are about to commemorate the origin of our lodge "Balkan" but also, for the good and welfare of its progress in the future. And, therefore, all loyal members be prepared to do your bit!

I wish to conclude with a reminder. Our 1937 Membership Campaign Drive is now creeping toward the "home stretch," so let's all get together, and give it that "final spurt" toward the goal, by each obtaining several new ap-

The American Yugoslavs

By Ivan Mladineo

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One of the noted missionaries of that period was Francis S. Pirc, who came to America in 1835 and remained in service among the Indians of the North-West until 1873. There were many others, some of them even now being engaged in this work.

To the present generation this is ancient history. It is important to recall, however, these facts if for no other reason than to reassert a well known but too often overlooked fact, that America of today—comfortable, secure, great and powerful—is the result of sacrifices of men of every race of which it is composed. In this arduous work the Slavs in general, and the Yugoslavs in particular have undeniably contributed their full share.

Later immigration.

Yugoslav immigration in larger numbers began after 1890. It was chiefly caused by the spread throughout Europe of wonderful tales of easy riches in America. It affected people of all nations of Europe, especially those who were indebted and otherwise in material difficulties. Improvements in the means of transportation facilitated the satisfaction of the urge to financial independence.

This immigration differed from the earlier one in the fact that it came from the soil, while the earlier immigrants were seafaring people accustomed through generations to face new conditions and dealt in acclimatizing themselves to them. The later immigrants came, generally, with the intention of remaining here a few years until they achieve their object then to return to their old homes. At first they were hired by various industrial concerns and brought over. Later they came to a relative, a friend, or to someone from their village who came earlier to America. Their destinations were mostly the industrial centers of the East and of the Middle West.

Unskilled, except in farming which required initial capital and a long period of time before able to realize upon their labor, they preferred hard manual work as laborers in mines, steel and iron works, in quarries, on

railroad tracks, as longshoremen, masons and similar. Seeing that the expected fabulous riches did not come their way, they prolonged their stay in America, with it their hopes of success diminished. Anxious to improve their lot they joined labor unions and in some of them they formed a majority in their respective locals. Since the World War many have changed their occupations fitting themselves for different trades—in automotive and other kind of factories, some of them even going to farming. But the majority still cling to their original industrial pursuits.

With the increase of population the group life intensified. Churches, fraternal and cultural societies sprung up. Each subdivision of the Yugoslav immigrants grouped itself separately. This was caused, primarily, for three reasons: (1) by intense group consciousness developed at the turn of the century; (2) by language differences between the Slovenian on one hand and the Serbo-Croatian on the other; and (3) by the difference in religious—the Croats and Slovenes belonging to the Roman Catholic and the Serbs to the Eastern Orthodox church. Catholics were under the jurisdiction of the respective Catholic bishops. The Serbian Orthodox Church, until after the world war, was under the jurisdiction of Russian bishops in America. Since then it is organized as a separate diocese with its own bishop for the United States and Canada, residing in Chicago and appointed by the Serbian Orthodox Patriarch of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. The first Yugoslav church was established in Brockway, Minn. by the Slovenian farmers in 1871. Today there are some 70 Roman Catholic and 30 Serbian Orthodox parishes and churches in the United States maintained by the Yugoslavs.

With the establishment of the churches, schools were organized. Some 38 full time schools with some 12,000 pupils exist today. Half of them belong to the Croatian and half to the Slovenian groups.

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Progressors Harvest Gathering

Have all of you SSPZ fans set aside this coming Saturday, October 9th for the celebration of the Progressors annual grape gathering? If you cannot definitely answer "yes siree", hurry and rearrange plans making the affirmative decision final.

Little need be written concerning the significance of a harvest dance as all by now are well acquainted with this type of a social gathering. It is beyond a doubt that anyone attending has the slightest impulse of deviating the temptation of grasping the luscious clusters of grapes, the rosy red apples and the large juicy pears hidden beneath the artificial yet realistic arbor. How tasty are these ripened fruits more so providing the droll is enacted without attracting the eyes of the ever alert "cops" on duty. Oh what fun and how pleasing it is to keep the pretty girls puzzled as to which individual of a certain group has possession of the stolen goods. Then when the guilty person is finally convicted, oh my does he pay a penalty.

Now we Progressors will be waiting the arrival of you SSPZ neighboring lodges and friends in readiness to show you what a good time really is. We promise you an evening of excitement galore chucked full of chuckles and what not, that is this Saturday, October 9th at the Slovene Hall, Bridgeville.

John Maren

EVENING STARS

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — I must say that I was really very, very disappointed at our last few monthly meetings, as we really had a very, very poor attendance.

Our next two regular monthly meetings will be held at the home of brother Frank Lavrich and meeting starts promptly at 2 o'clock.

So let's have a better attendance for the last three meetings of the year than we have ever had during the summer months; let's have a 100 per cent attendance members.

Jennie Lavrich, President

Utopians Meeting

CLEVELAND, O. — Utopians are urged to attend the regular meeting on Monday, October 11 at 8:00 p. m. at the Slovene Workmen's Home at Waterloo road.

Let's all get together and plan for a grand time at that Hallowe'en Party. Let's get together and turn that "Wheel of Progress."

Elsie Puuel, Secretary

SPARTAN JUNIORS NOTE

A very important meeting of Spartan Juniors Vrtec No. 5 SSPZ, will be held Friday, October 8, at Slovene National Home, room No. 2 new building. All members should be present at this meeting. Incidentally this is also the regular monthly meeting date.

Be sure and make it your duty to attend this meeting.

Administrator