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CVET NAŠE VASI

"Ti? Saj ga še ne poznaš ne! In Novaku ni treba nobenega spoštovanja, on doseže vse tudi brez spoštovanja."

"No, potem je pa vaša šola hudo imenitna."

"Pa še kako! Vse se da kar samo od sebe in zlahka naučiti. Kar bojimo se počitnic."

Mina se je zasmejala. "Počitnic se bojite! No, to je pa nekaj novega. Kaj niste nič tepeni?"

"O, pa še več ko prej! A Novak sam nikoli ne tepe. Mi tepemo! Novak samo določi: ta nima naloge, oni je motil pouk, ta je zvezek popackal, oni je lagal. Nato se med odmorom posvetujemo — in nato padajo bunke. Novak se pa stran obrne. Vidiš, Mina, to se pravi: ljudski sod in samouprava!"

"To je pa pravcata menažerija. Kaj si ti tudi eden častnih odbornikov?"

"Jaz te bom že 'pomenežaril', le čakaj! Seveda sem skoraj zmeraj v častnem odboru. Samo pred včerajšnjim sem bil delikvent."

"Kaj je pa to?"

"Delikvent je tisti, ki dobi batine. Ti tiči so mi jih dali pet na zadnjo plat. Kuštrin je bil za rablja. O, fant, fant, kakšen boš ti, ko te dobim v pest!"

"Kaj si pa zagrešil?"

"Nič! Mislil sem si, 'kar se ljubi, se rado puli', pa sem vteknil Novaku šopek šmarnic v tintnik. Najprej se je malo zasmel, nato ni mogel pisati, potem je vzel šopek iz tintnika in si popackal mizo, potem je bila tinta polna muck in je moral tin-

to izliti in posodico pomiti in iznova napolniti in potem je Novak vprašal, ali je to prav, kar sem naredil. Pa je ves razred navdušeno zatulil: 'Ne!'. In v odmoru so mi s petimi debelimi bunkami strojili kožo. Novak se je stran obrnil. Svoj živ dan mu ne ponesem več šmarnic. Pa je le imeniten človek."

"Kaj bi pa rad pri nas?"

"Veš, zaradi drugega predsednika v društvu pride. S tem morajo mati soglašati. Je res neumno, za vsako reč, ki jo hoče kak fant napraviti, morajo mati pokimati z glavo. Kakor da ne bi šlo brez tega!"

"Res, res, vam otrokom slaba prede!" je smehljaje se dejala Mina.

"Pa še kako!" je potrdil Tone. "Le v šoli je prijetno, ondi se nam blesti tako zvana jutranja zarja svobode!"

Popoldne je prišel učitelj Novak. Ko je mati slišala, da prihaja, je naglo odkoračila po stopnicah.

"Ostanite vendar," je zavpil Tone, "saj bo koj tu! Ostanite, no!"

Mati je izginila. "Zdaj se bodo še enkrat počesali in si opasali drug predpasnik," si je mislil Tone.

Novak, ki je vstopil v sobo, kjer je bila Mina, je bil visok, šestindvajsetleten mož, utrjenih mišic, svežega, čeprav ne vprav lepega obraza in krasnih, bujnih las. Bil je v sportni obleki in brez klobuka. Nalahno se je priklonil Mini in vprašal, ali bi za trenutek mogel govoriti z materjo. Namesto Mine se je

oglasil Tone:

"Ko so vas videli mati prihajati, so odvihrali gori po stopnicah. Zdaj se radi vas še enkrat češejo."

"Ven!" je ogorčeno vzkliknila Mina in s prstom pokazala na vrata.

"Ven!" je zavpil tudi Novak, a njegov glas je bil bolj veder ko resen.

Tone je odšel, a se skozi okno spet splazil nazaj in se prisluškovaje skril v kot. Mina je vnela učitelju sestri, zavzdihnila je in začela: "Oh, tale Tone je strašen fant!"

"Res, prav strašen!" je smehljaje pritrtil Novak.

"Pred včerajšnjim je bil v šoli tepen."

"Aha — ali vam je to povedal?"

"Vse mi pove. Kar je res, je res, odkritosrčen pa je, nikoli se ne zlaže in mi ničesar ne prikriva."

"To pomeni, gospodična, da je zdrav in nepokvarjen. Prav rad imam fanta."

"Da bi bil le nekoč pošten, zmožen človek!"

"Kaj vse naj bi bil," je mislil Tone v kotu.

"Zakaj pa ne bi bil pošten človek?"

Mina je odvrnila potro:

"Ce očeta ni pri hiši, je s fanti težko. Komaj leto je imel Tone, ko so nam oče umrli. Bernardu pa je bilo tri leta."

"Tone je prav živahen, Bernard pa tih deček, ki gre večkrat h gospodu župniku."

"Župnik in mati bi rada, da bi bil Bernard duhovnik. Drugo leto pojde v gimnazijo, kar v četrti. Za prve razrede ga pripravljajo gospod župnik."

"Brzkone ste bili tudi vi, gospodična, v mestni šoli?"

"Da, tri leta."

Nato je prišla mati. Nerodno in plaho je pozdravila učitelja. Novak ji je povedal o Tonetovi soudeležbi pri nameravani mladinski zvezi. Ne da bi sedla, je

odvrnila žena:

"Vprašajte Mino; jaz teh reči nič ne razumem." Potem mu je dejala, če bi popil čašico kave, in brž odšla v kuhinjo.

"Izmikajo se," si je dejal Tone v svojem kotu. "Le zakaj so se šli prej počesat?"

Novak se je začel pogovarjati z Mino o mladinski zvezi. Še enkrat ji je razložil smernice zveze in jo vprašal za mnenje.

Pa mu je smehljaje se dejala: "Zdaj bi pa jaz rekla: vprašajte mater, jaz vendar ne razumem teh reči!"

"Tudi ta se izmika," si je mislil Tone v kotu. A Mina se ni 'izmikala'.

"Nikar mi ne zamerite, gospod Novak, marsikaj, kar je v vaši šoli, se mi zdi nenavadno. Seveda sem vse zvedela od Toneta, ta je pa velik bahač in čenča."

Prisluškovalec v kotu je stisnil pesti in prisegel divje maščevanje.

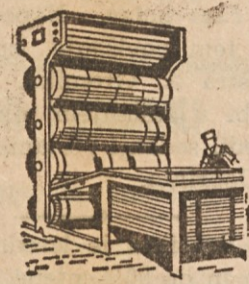
"Toliko svobode je v vaši šoli."

"Ali je svoboda kaj slabega?"

"Ne vem, vendar mislim, da se pri fantih izcimni v nesramnost."

"Zal mi je, da tako rečete, gospodična. Ali je vaš brat Tone nesramen?"

"Je!" je odvrnila Mina. (Dalje prihodnjič)



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S pesmijo, katero je rajniki tako zelo ljubil, se je poslovil od njega Gačnikov pevski zbor.

Na njegovi zadnji zemeljski poti so rajkega spremili med drugim še sledeči duhovniki: pater Lavrencij, OFM, gvardijan, in njegov namestnik pater Janez, OFM, dr. Marjan Dokler, župnik v Špitaliču, Jože Smolič, župnik v Tuhinju, dekan Lojze Groznik, rojak, kanonik Miha Golob, Vinko Zaletel, župnik v Vogrčah v Podjuni na Koroškem.

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(Continuation of Western trip with the Happy Elders earlier this month.)

On the go again, heading for the California area. Vast open spaces of the Mojave desert, snowcaps atop the San Bernardino mountains as we descend to the flatlands of California. Elements of the weather changing from desert to habitual.

For pastime, the Happy Elders enjoyed card games. The last two vacant seats served our purpose. A big asset, and a little loud at times, but no blows were exchanged. Jokes and singing, too.

Vocalists Mary Gornick and Mary Polutnik led the gang. Everyone is in a happy mood. We are about midway on our tour.

The next stop is Fontana, California. Here we were most graciously welcomed by the Slovenian Mayor of this city, Mr. Frank Horzen. Mr. Horzen is on the Supreme Board of K.S.K.J. serving as Second Vice-Pres.

In the company of His Honor, we visited SNPJ Hall of combined lodges 569 and 723 where we were served a delicious dinner by the Slovenian Pensioner Group. Joseph Kocar is President of this club of 250 members. Peter Stone Vice-Pres., Mary Simcic Secretary, and Elizabeth Fortuna is the reporter.

In the company of the Mayor we visited the Slovene Rest Home, Isabella Rideout is the Administrator.

We then were escorted by the Mayor to the neat and spacious K.S.K.J. Hall, and the Brookside Wineries in Old Guasti. Mr. Swetkar serenaded our group with his accordion. We reluctantly left because of time schedule.

Bid adieu to Mr. Horzen and his wife, and Mr. Swetkar and his wife. Mr. Swetkar is related to Ray and Barbara Strumbly. Thanks to all of you from the Happy Elders.

We then proceeded to El Monte, for a three day stay.

Another busy day starting in the morning, World Famous Market in Los Angeles. Shops of all sorts, eating places, covers an area about a mile square.

Sightseeing on the bus we traveled along Wilshire Blvd. lead-

ing into Beverly Hills and Fairfax Ave.

Another thrill was seeing Universal Studios, world's largest. Boarded the Universal Glamor Tram where we saw how movies are made.

On Sunday morning attended Mass at the Church of the Nativity in El Monte. Whenever you are on a Happy Elders tour, you can go to church of your own free will, no pressure and no criticism whether you go to church or not. Enjoy yourself—it's later than you think.

On today's schedule we visited Exposition Park, Science and Industry Buildings and Museum. Thousands of roses were in full bloom. All different varieties.

Some of the Supermarkets in Los Angeles are open 24 hours a day. We had our first glimpse of the Pacific Ocean at Del Ray Beach. The temperature was 98 degrees and a light fog, but over a million bathers were along this 25 mile stretch.

Continued on the bus along Palos Verdes, a most exclusive area with beautiful homes.

Continued on, entered San Pedro, and on to the Ports of Call of Los Angeles. Sea vessels from all over the world load and unload in this port.

Stopped at Wayfarers Chapel, a national memorial to Emanuel Swedenborg.

The next day we headed for San Francisco. Our experienced driver Herb W. Gatewood headed north on Int. 5, thru Burbank. Saw olive groves, thousands of cattle grazing. Very little rainfall here. The water flows from the snow capped mountains and Columbia river into the aqueducts. Different phase of life here.

Continued on thru the following mountains: San Bernardino, St. Almos, St. Angel and the Sierra Nevadas. Checked in for a three night stay in Oakland.

The next morning crossed the Oakland bridge. This is a two level one way bridge. Pacific Ocean on the left, and the Bay on the right. After viewing the large overseas shipping docks, we crossed the Golden Gate Bridge. Built in 1937, it cost 35½ million. Walked along the streets of Chinatown, then enjoyed a delicious Chinese din-

ner at the elegant Four Seas restaurant.

Another thrill, we got on a cable car. Market and Powell to world famous Fisherman's Wharf. Fare 25 cents, senior citizens, 5 cents. In the distance we saw Alcatraz, and Lombard street, the world's crookedest street.

Foot sore and tired from walking up and down the streets of San Francisco, we returned to our motel for a good night's rest.

A late start the following morning, visited Knowland State Arboretum and Zoo. And along Skyline Drive, atop the hill, another thrilling scenic view overlooking the cities.

Then toured the city of Berkeley, where thousands of students attend the University of California. Strolled along the Oakland Municipal Rose Garden, containing 8000 roses and 400 varieties.

The next morning, another thrill, a most gorgeous and picturesque view on Interstate 50 and Eastbound. Thru Eldorado National Forest, Sierra-Nevada snow-capped mountains 7300 feet high. Although the top of the mountains were covered with snow, and in some places 14 to 21 feet deep, the sun shone brightly with golfers out in full force in the valley.

We re-entered Nevada and are staying in Carson City, which is the capitol. This historic city has several gambling casinos. In the State Museum the West's first silver dollars were minted here are on display.

That evening we visited Carson Nugget casino and were welcomed by Mr. Herb Stufflebee the manager of the casino. We received many free tokens which included some spirits and food.

After a night's rest we headed for Ogden, Utah. Saw the Bonneville Salt Flats. Toured Salt Lake City. The salt is all that remains of huge prehistoric Lake Bonneville. Then visited Temple Square the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Church of the Mormons. Is in a ten acre block in Salt Lake City and is noted for an atmosphere of quiet and repose. Included in the square

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is the historic Tabernacle. It seats about 8,000. We listened to an organ recital. Also included in the square is the first house built by the pioneers who came to Utah in September, 1847.

To gain entrance to the Temple, you must be a fully dedicated believer of Mormonism. A true Mormon does not smoke, gamble, drink or use drugs of any kind.

The Mormon Church operates and owns a cannery. The members who work there donate so many hours a day for the upkeep. All others donate money. If a member is in need of assistance, medical or food the church will provide. No mem-

ber of the Mormon church is on welfare.

We attended Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph Church in Ogden. The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. John Kokal. His parents are from Helper, Utah.

(To Be Continued)

Sunday — June 30
Central Chapter of the Catholic Order of Foresters Picnic at St. Joseph Park on White Road.

August 4 —
Ohio Federation of KSKJ Societies Annual Ohio KSKJ Day at St. Joseph's Picnic Grove on White Rd.