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gleži v bližini glau-
ge mesta Eritreje

MINISTER EDEN V
ATENAH

London, 1. apr. — General Sig-
urd List, "osvojitelj Poljske"

dajz vrhovni poveljnik nem-
oborožene sile v Bolga-
riji, je odletel v Berlin, da se
posvetuje s Hitlerjem in ge-
rali pripravah glede napada
Jugoslavijo in Grčijo. Tukaj-
diplomatični krogi so uver-
ni, da bo napad kmalu odrejen,
krog pravijo, da so nacijski
pričeli pritisnati na Fran-
cijo zaradi bojne ladje osiš-
Poročilo, da je Berlin na-
čil nov ultimatum Jugoslaviji in
je ona že odločila proti ko-
raciji z Nemčijo, posvečajo-
čelko pozornost. Velika Brit-
anija je ponovno zagotovila Ju-
govju, da ji bo takoj priskop-
na pomoč, če jo bo Nemčija
ada.

Belgrad, 1. apr. — Nemčija je
da formalno evakuacijo svo-
državljanov v okolnostih, ki
je, da oborožen konflikt z
Jugoslavijo lahko izbruhne vsak

Zadnji vlak, na katerem se
nahajajo čez tisoč Nemcev, je
mil iz Belgradu. Govorce se
da, da je Hitler zahteval ta-
njo demobilizacijo jugoslo-
vake armade, ki šteje 1,200,000
in katera je pripravljena na
jo.

airo, Egipt, 1. apr. — Angleži
prodriajo naprej v Eri-
treni Abesiniji in ujele so že

stevilo italijanskih voja-
ščev zaplenitev zaloge orožja

anglovega materiala. Za upu-
titev, važnega že zelo-

čedila, so Angleži pre-
dali zeleni zvezdo med

zeleni in pristaniščem me-
mehiški Adenski zalivu, in

in Abavo, glavnim mestom

zunje. Vrhovno poveljstvo

da nadaljnje angleške

me prodirajo proti Addis

Ababu, dveh drugih strani.

Angleški oddelki so le

o 10 milij oddaljeni od Asmara,

glavnega mesta italijanske

reje. To leži 45 milij vzhod-

od Kerena, fašistične trdnja-

ki so Angleži okupirali

teden.

Roga vest pravi, da je Italija

delila pet in morda osem boj-

ladij v bitki z enotami an-

gleške mornarice, ki se je

na zadnji petek zapadno od

grškega otoka, med temi

10-tončne bojne ladje Vit-

o Veneto. Skoro 3000 čas-

ov in mornarjev je izgubilo

življenje v bitki z Angleži. Več

mornarjev in častnikov je

poškodovana v bitki

z Angleži.

Obnova obrata v jek- larnah v Johnstownu

Oblasti odkrile sabo- tažo v elektrarni

Johnstown, Pa., 1. apr. — Tu-
kajšnje jeklarni Bethlehem Steel Co. so obnovile obrat, ko se je 15,000 stavkarjev, članov jek-
larske unije CIO, vrnilo včeraj
na delo. Stavka je trajala samo
dva dni. Kompanija se je po-
dala in preklicala volitve glede
reprezentancije pri pogajanjih,
katere je oklical Employes' Reprezentacij Plan, kompanijski
unija.

Stavka v jeklarnah omenjene

kompanije v Bethlehemu, Pa.,

je bila končana zadnji teden.

Državni posredovalec Thomas

Lambert je naznani konferen-

co med reprezentanti unije CIO

in kompanijo, na kateri bo raz-
prava o sklenitvi pogodb.

Youngstown, O., 1. apr. — Drž-
avne in federalne oblasti so o-
dkrile sabotažo v elektrarni, ki

zalaga z električnim tokom tu-
kajšnjo tovarno Youngstown

Sheet & Tube Co. Prosekutor

okraja Mahoning je dal arretira-

ti 17 let starega fanta Williama

J. Ambrosa na obtožbo sabota-
že. Slednji je bil po aretaciji

odpeljan v okrajno jetnišnico.

Chicago, 1. apr. — Dve izmed

štirih tovarn International Har-
vester Co. sta včeraj obnovili

obrat. Unija Farm Equipment

Workers, včlanjena v Kongre-
su industrijskih organizacij, je

preklicala več tednov trajajočo

stavko zadnjo nedeljo. V glav-
ni tovarni na Blue Island ave. in

Western ave. je produkcija nor-
malna. V tej dela zdaj 5600 de-
lavcev.

Tovarna v Richmondu, Ind.,

je tudi obnovila obrat. Izmed

1200 delavcev se je 1100 vrnilo

na delo. Nadaljnja tovarna In-

ternational Harvester Co. v Rock

Fallsu, Ill., bo obnovila

obrat v četrtek ali petek. V

Washingtonu, D. C., se je vče-
raj pričela konferenca o situaciji

med reprezentanti unije CIO in

ADF in člani federalnega po-
sredovalnega odbora.

Zaslisanje proti

Bridgesu otvorjeno

Bivši komunist Gitlow

nastopil kot pripovednik

San Francisco, Cal., 1. apr. —

Federalna vlada je obdolžila

Harryja Bridgesa, voditelja unije

CIO na zapadu, kot člana pre-
vrtnih organizacij. Zaslisanje

vodi Charles Sears, upokojeni

sodnik iz New Yorka, tožilec pa

je odvetnik Clarence Goodwin,

asistent federalnega justičnega

tajnika Roberta H. Jacksona.

Kot prva priča je nastopil Ben-

Gitlow, bivši komunistični vodja,

ki je povedal, da komunistična

stranka dobiva ukaze iz Moskve

in da propagira nasilno strmo-

glavljenje ameriške vlade. Po

položiti prisegi je Bridges pri-

zna, da je podanik Velike Brit-

anije in da je prišel v Ameriko

1920. Ob otvoritvi zaslisanja

je Sears povedal Bridgesu, da je

lahko vloži aplikacijo glede pro-

stovoljnega odhoda iz te dežele,

kar pa je slednji odklonil.

Is Pennsylvanijski

Johnstown, Pa. — Frank Cve-

tan, zastopnik Prosveće, je zbo-

zel za pljučnico, vendar je že iz-

ven nevarnosti in želimo mu, da

čim prej okreva in nadaljuje

svoje kurortno delo. — V bolnišnic-

ci Memorial se že več tednov

nahaja Jakob Puntar iz Tire

Hilla. Prestal je že dve operacij-

ni vratu in vse kaže, da bo še

treba operativi. Nahaja se v so-

bi št. 106, kjer ga naj rojaki obi-

ščajo. Puntar je ustavnji član

državnega umrila njuna sestra

Pepca Hoteve, stara 44 let, ki je

bolehalo štiri leta. V starem

kraju zavuča moža, štiri male

otročice in dve sestri. — V Pitts-

burghu je umrl Zvonko Jakše,

star 64 let in rojen v Škocjan-

ci pri Smihelu. Pred leti je bil

uposten pri Fr. Sakserju v New

Yorku.

Domače vesti

Nov film iz Slovenije

Chicago. — Zadnjo nedeljo je bil v Masonic Tempelu, Millard ave. in 23rd St., prvi predavanji novi film iz starega kraja, ki ga je snel znani slovenski umešnik Božidar Jakac in kateri je lastnina SSPZ. Predavanje so aranžirala čikaška društva SPZ. Film, ki trajal dve ure, kaže prizore iz Ljubljane, na Gorjanskem, Dolenjskem, v Marienburgu v Prlekiji na Stajerskem, v Prekmurju in Beli Krajini; kaže delo na polju in v delavnicih, dalje parade in narodne igre ter plese v narodnih nošah; po kaže tudi mnogo prirodnih krasot. Film, ki je v barvah, ima mnogo tehničnih hib, vendar, če bi bil pravilno urejen in bolj pojasnjens ter sčasoma spojen z enakim filmom SNPJ—bil bi najpopolnejši in najboljši, kar smo jih doslej videli v Ameriki.

Obiski

Chicago. — Martin Serro in Leo Zornik iz Herminieja, Pa., ter Al Flere iz Nilesa, O., so 31. marca obiskali gl. urad SNPJ in uredništvo Prosveće.

Čikaške vesti

Chicago. — V bližnjem Lyonsu je 27. marca umrl Gabriel Volk, član društva 270 SNPJ, star 55 let in rojen na Bledu. Zapušča družino. — Theodore L. Gradišek, član društva 131 SNPJ in pevskoga zborja Prešeren, je bil dne včeraj vpoklican v vojaško službo. — Poroke: Fr. Lisjak in Ana Petrič (65–53). Razporoke: Alfred Tisol toži svojo ženo Emo Tisoli za ločitev; Frances Marušič je izložila ločitev od svojega moža Steveta; Matilda Kobe je izložila ločitev od Toma Kobeta. — Margaret Snoj, članica Pionirjev 559 SNPJ in bivša nameščenka v gl. uradu SNPJ, je 24. marca nastopila mesto učenec za bolniščko v okrajni bolnišnici (Cook County Hospital) v Chicago.

Iz južnega Illinoisa

Benld, Ill. — Družina Lockport je dobila hčerko prvorodenko. Mati, katere deklisko ime je bilo Mary Katalinič, je članica SNPJ, kar pomeni, da je mla-
dinski oddelki naše jednote dobiti novo članico. Čestitke!

Češka mladina čestita mladini v Jugoslaviji</

Federacije SNPJ

Aktivnosti čikaške federacije

So. Chicago, III. — Da bo nekoliko spremembe, se bo prihodnja seja čikaške federacije vršila 3. aprila v So. Chicagu, pribr. Johnu M. Tomekelnu na 10063 Ave. N. Prčetek ob 7:30 zvečer. Po seji bo nekoliko priznava. Udeležje naj se gotovo vsi zastopniki in vabiljeni so tudi drugi člani, kajti vsak član in članica ima pravico priti na federacijsko sejo.

In je začeljivo, da pridejo tudi drugi člani in slišali boste, kako veliko delo vrši federacija v korist članstva in jednot. Nekateri še vedno misijo, da je federacija nekakšno peto kolo in se posmehujejo, namesto da bi prevzeli delo ali šli zastopnikom in uradnikom na roko. Na tej seji boste slišali tudi poročilo ekskutivnega odbora, kako deluje za narodni dan SNPJ, ki se letos vrši v Chicagu. Člani čikaške federacije pridno delujejo za to pribredje in upamo, da bo velik uspeh in v veselje vsem. Takrat si bomo zopet roko podali z rojaki iz različnih krajev dežele, s katerimi se mogoče nismo videli, odkar smo se podali iz stare domovine. Oddaljeni boste imeli priliko ogledati si naše veliko mesto, za drugo bomo pa mi Cikažani skrbeli.

Nekoliko o konvenčni razpravi. V Prosveti čitam razne dopsice, ali na žalost nisem do danes čital še nič koristnega in izvedljivega za SNPJ. Nekateri dopisovalci samo tratijo čas in se vidi, da jim je napredek jenote deseta briga. Samo gledajo, kako bi udarili po uredniku Molku in po drugih uradnikih. Bratje in sestre, če se bomo s tem pečali, ne moremo reči, da smo napredni. Če bi bili naši glavnii uradniki čudaki, potem bi bili nekaj drugega, ampak oni ne morejo delati čudežev.

Kar nekateri priporočajo, bi moralna konvencija zborovati ne samo 10 ali 12 dni, marveč štiri ali pet mesecov, pa bi se ne bilo nič perfektnega. Nekateri priporočajo tudi krajev konvencije in da je treba glavne odbornike spremeniti. Bodimo bolj previdni in naše delo bo šlo veliko bolje naprej. Imamo delavce, ki trdo delajo za jednoto, toda mi jima ne damo priznanja. To je pač naša neozdravljiva bolez. Veliko je tudi takih, ki sami pišejo v Prosveti, toda aktivni niso nič. To je meni osebno znano.

Br. Vider, gl. tajnik, je dosti jasno povedal v svojem članku, da moramo dobro razumeti. Moremo mišljeno je, da se moramo bolj poglobiti in več zaupati glavnim odbornikom, ki delajo za jednoto. To se pokaže vsakih šest mesecov, ko podajo natančne račune. Bolje je, da pišemo več o kampanji, ker delegatje bodo ukrepali po svojem prepričanju.

Frank Gorenec, 8.

Seja illinoiske federacije

Carlinville, Ill. — Obvezčam vse zastopnike, da se vrši prihodnja seja federacije društva S. N. P. J. v centralnem Illinoisu in St. Louisu v nedeljo, 6. aprila v Auburnu, Ill., in sicer v Uleskejki dvorani tik poulične železnice. Začetek ob 10. popoldne.

Apeliram na vsa pridružena društva, da so gotovo zastopana na tej važni seji. Prav tako želimo, da pošljemo svoje zastopnike tudi nepridružena društva in da zoper stopijo pod okrilje federacije. Slišali boste odbor za pravila, ki je bil izvoljen na zadnji seji in upamo, da je izvršil svojo nalogo.

Kot je vsem znano, smo pred konvencijo, ki se vrši v septembri v Pittsburghu. Kot vse kaže, bo to tudi združitvena konvencija. Pravila bo torej treba izboljšati, da bodo odgovarjala mlinom in starim članom.

Glede starih članov se strinjam s sugestijo br. Andreja Vidriha, da bi se ustavnil nov sklad za stare in onemogle. Imenoval naj bi se "pravljivo sklad za onemogle" in služil le v ta namen. Priglašenici naj bi placevali od pet do deset centov na mesec. Ko bi se nabrala prilna vsota, naj bi se pričelo iz tega sklada. Upam, da proti tej ideji ne bo nobenega nasprotiva glede zvišanja asesmenta, ker breme bi nosili le tisti, ki se

pričasijo. Uverjen sem, da bo ta načrt prodrl na prihodnji konvenciji.

Važno je tudi, da bomo na tej federacijski seji kaj sklenili tudi glede združenja društev v svetu izvolitve delegatov za prihodnjo konvencijo. In medsebojno združenja bodo potrebna, če hočemo, da bodo naša društva zastopana na konvenciji. V tem okrožju je le šest društev, ki štejejo nad sto članov, ostala pa se bodo moralna združiti. Zastopniki naj bodo pripravljeni, da bodo lahko poročali, koliko članov štejejo njih društva, ker le na ta način bo mogoče ukrepati glede spoštive.

Na svidenje v Auburnu prihodnjo nedeljo.

Louis Makovitz, predsednik.

Seja minnesotske federacije

Ely, Minn. — Prihodnja seja minnesotske federacije SNPJ se bo vršila v nedeljo, 27. aprila, v Buhlu, prčetek ob 1. popoldne. Ta seji bo zelo važna, ker bo razpravljala o pravilih za prihodnjo konvencijo, kot tudi o

razpravljala o pravilih za prihodnjo konvencijo, kot tudi o

zgodbi raznega dohodka, nekaj naj bi se na založi oblikovalo.

Apeliram na vsa pridružena in nepridružena društva, da pošljemo svoje zastopnike na to sejo. Čim več nas bo tem več bomo lahko storili za članstvo in jednoto.

Andrew Piriz, tajnik.

Sugestira federalsko farmo

Covendale, Pa. — Pred par tedni sem se informiral, da v Pennsylvania včekrat spremene zakon glede opojnih pijač. Iz tega razloga hočem tudi nekaj napisati v korist naše federacije S. N. P. J. v zapadni Penn.

Torej kaj je s to postavo v Penn? Prej si moral imeti čarter pet let, to je organizacija, da si dobil dovoljenje za točenje pijače v družabnih klubih. Postava je bila toliko sprememjena, da je sedaj treba imeti čarter le eno leto, da organizacija dobije dovoljenje za točenje pijače v svojih prostorih in za svoje člane.

Za te člane sem priporočal, da zgradimo zavetišče. Vem, da se mnogi ne strinjajo z mojim priporočilom, kajti priznajmo resno, da je sleherni član egoist (kakor je sleherni človek); z zanikanjem te resnice bi silepili samega sebe. Zato gleda na idejo zavetišča vsak skozi drugačno očala.

Najprej si predstavi sliko svojih razmer ter primerja, ali ga bo on potreboval ali ne. Zato je bila ideja v obliki penzije veliko bolj simpatična. Če ravno majhna podpora, pa bo le nekaj na starata leta, zavetišče je pa že samo po imenu nekaj poizvedljivega.

Nek član mi je odgovoril, da malo razumem o tem vprašanju ter da nimam nobenih skušenj. Priznam, da nimam skušenj, njegov odgovor pa kaže, da jih tudi o nim. Pred leti sem se veliko zanimal ter skušal dobiti podatke od raznih institucij, katere imajo taka zavetišča, in teh je v bližini Cikaga kakega pol tucata. Tem se bodo sedaj pridružili tudi slovenski franciščani v Lemontu, kateri ga tudi mimo ustanoviti, ako ga že niso, in prav gotovo na račun naših podpornih organizacij, katere jih bodo izplačevali smrtnine za člane, ki bodo dobili pri njih zavetišče zato, ker jim ga mi ne moremo dati.

Nekateri rabijo argument, da imajo razne države in okraje zavetišča, kar je resnica. Vemo pa tudi, da so tista zavetišča v rokah lokalnih političnih in mnoge med njimi bi človek niti pa ne privočil.

Zadnjic sem omenil, da cena zemlji sedaj še ni pretirana ter da naš denar prinaša majhne obresti. Pa bi začek kupili recimo farmo kakih 500 do 1000 akrov. Za začetek bi sprejemali take člane in članice, ki so sposobni opravljati še kakšno delo. Mogoče s časom bi se stvar toliko izboljšala, da bi lahko sprejemali tudi take, ki bi ne bili sposobni za nobeno delo. Da ne bo za organizacijo preveliko breme, bi lahko določili, da kdor je sprejet v zavetišče, prepiše smrtnino na zavetišče. Mogoče bi se dobili tudi člani, ki nimajo svojcev, pa bi zapustili smrtnino zavetišču. Za vire drugih dohodkov bi porabili lahko razne sklade, kot so upravni, sklad izrednih podpor, enako sklad tiskarni in stavbini sklad in smrtninski sklad, iz katerega tudi lahko nekaj dobimo, dokler smo nedolventni.

Našem je, da se dogodi, da kateri izmed dopisnikov v razpravi nekaj priporoča, kar bi bilo zelo težko izvedljivo, zato ga raditega ne smemo sumničiti in mu podtiski eno ali drugo, posebno še, če smo toliko pošteni, da priznamo, da imamo v organizaciji vse enake interese. Da imajo nekateri pri rokah več statističnih podatkov kot drugi, smo toliko pošteni. Zato je potrebno da imamo sklad izrednih podpor, iz katerega letno nakazujemo velike vreste, je resnica. Kadar je tudi resnica, da nam ta podpora ne da tiste reklame, ki smo želeli. Zato je potrebno

pač pa onih, ki jih imajo ter jih ne dajo v javnost.

Za vsako organizacijo je priporočljivo, da daje svojemu članstvu čim več mogoče statističnih podatkov, iz katerih mu je omogočeno dobiti pravo sliko svoje organizacije. V prvičih naše jednotne je bila precej let posebna točka, ki je našla glas v finančnih stiskih. Da se podpira také člane, je dobro za organizacijo. Sončna stran pa zoper pride v poslov ter bi lahko dokazuje: Plačevali smo iz skladov izrednih podpor, da je nekdo dobil smrtnino za tem članom. S tem nismo članu direktno mogoči, pač pa je imel direktni koristi nekod drugi.

Da smo dali tudi direktno podporo članom, ki so bili na zavetišču, da mora v glasiju od časa od časa pojasniti članom o stvari, o katerih prihajača pisma v gl. urad način pa dopisi v glasilu dokazujejo, da članstvo nima prave slike.

V razpravi za prihodnjo konvencijo so se nekateri dopisniki zaveteli, da prihodnja konvencija upelje starostno podporo, misleč, da bi s tako podporo bilo rešeno vprašanje pomoči tistim, ki so v resnici potreben. Pri volji so, da se v to svrhu dobitjo raznici dohodka, nekaj naj bi se na našo zavetišče v obliki povišanja asesmenta. Kakor je na zadnjic v Prosveti gl. tajnik pojasnil in navedel tako visoko, da bodo moralna združiti način na katerih mora priznati, da so ga prinesle razmere, katere so veliko močnejše od volje posameznika. Te razmere, če nas takoj ne bodo, nismo bodo pa v bodoče prisilili, da bodo storili za tiste člane, ki so v resnici najbolj potrebeni podporo.

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Zadnjic sem omenil, da cena zemlji sedaj še ni pretirana ter da naš denar prinaša majhne obresti. Pa bi začek kupili recimo farmo kakih 500 do 1000 akrov. Za začetek bi sprejemali take člane in članice, ki so sposobni opravljati še kakšno delo. Mogoče s časom bi se stvar toliko izboljšala, da bi lahko sprejemali tudi take, ki bi ne bili sposobni za nobeno delo. Da ne bo za organizacijo preveliko breme, bi lahko določili, da kdor je sprejet v zavetišče, prepiše smrtnino na zavetišče. Mogoče bi se dobili tudi člani, ki nimajo svojcev, pa bi zapustili smrtnino zavetišču. Za vire drugih dohodkov bi porabili lahko razne sklade, kot so upravni, sklad izrednih podpor, enako sklad tiskarni in stavbini sklad in smrtninski sklad, iz katerega tudi lahko nekaj dobimo, dokler smo nedolventni.

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Društvene prireditve

K 25-letnici društva 299

Walsenburg, Colo. — Pred 25 leti se je zbrala skupaj v tej naši skupini grupe začednih mož in žens. Ustanovila novo društvo in ga pridružila SNPJ. V tem času so se dogodile raznovrstne spremembe pri društvu, se večje na splošno. Koliko je bilo izplačanih smrtnin, odškodnin, operacij, bolniških in druge podprtosti, mi ni znano vseled pomanjkanje listin, toda vsekakor vse to morda lepo tiskati. Društvo je precej dobro napredovalo in ima vselej kot eno najbolj aktivnih naselbin.

Priznanje gre največ Johnu in Tonyju Lepichu, Joevu Cesaru, ki je sedaj v Trinidagu, Šuštarju, ki je sedaj nahaja nekje v Utahu. Kot sem razvidel iz predikov, so bili ti štirje že člani SNPJ, toda želeli so postojanje v naselbinah in sli na delo, dovolj dovolj novih članov in ustavili društvo Srebrna gora 299.

Sledeli so ustanovni člani: John Grabnar, Steve Vucetič, Matt Primozič, John Erjavec, Anton Ilinikar, Louis Shuster in Amalija Lepich. Zadnja dva in John Lepich so še pri društvu, vse pa, kje so ostali, razen Steve Vucetiča, ki je pred par odstopil od jednote iz neznanega mi vzroka in živi na posestvi blizini. Prve seje so se pribrali pri br. Joevu Cesaru, potem v Poljski dvorani, nato v ali dvorani zadružne prodajalke, sedaj pa že precej časa v Kraljevski dvorani.

Naj podam majhen pregled našega. Ob 15-letnici je društvo štelo 90 članov v odraslem in 40 v mladinskem oddelku. V naši največji depresiji l. 1933 je društvo padio na 73 v odraslem delku. Ob 20-letnici je štelo v odraslem in 47 v mladinskem oddelku, zdaj pa šteje 142 odraslem in 135 v mladinskem delku. Torej je lep napredok danij pri let.

Movina društva je bila največja l. 1926. Takrat je društvo imelo nekaj nad \$1600 v slovenski zadružni prodajalni, ki je prla vrata. Sedaj je v blagajni nad \$500. V tem času so izplačali veliko podpore domačim in zunanjim članom, pravili raznim kulturnim ustanovam, v kampanjah za nove in tudi za piknik. Vse to so financirali iz društvene skupine. Društvo je vedno glede na, da je imelo dobre in sposobne odbornike.

To je majhen pregled društva gospodarstva. Če je kaj more, mi oprostite, kajti težje dobiti natančne podatke, saj pa ni, kot sem že omenil, bi se clokev opri nanje.

Ne bomo šli preko naše starne obletnice, je članstvo imelo, da pravljamo na to dan nedeljo, 20. aprila, z banketom programom. Banket se prične ob 1. uri popoldne v Community Halli. Na programu bo par osovnikov in nastopili bodo mladinski krožki SNPJ iz Ludwiga Aguilera in Walsenburga. Društvo je vabljeno, da se uvede, kako tudi zunanjii posetitve posebno prosim Amalijo in br. Louisu Šušterjo, da namuditi te proslave. Vstopna je prava vsem zunanjim posetiteljem in vsem povabljenim. Torej na svidejenje 20. aprila na našem banketu.

Ed Tomasic, predsednik.

35-letnica društva 49

Gard, Ohio.—Naše društvo oblikovalo 49 SNPJ se pripravlja pravljati svoje 35-letnico, ki vodi 30. maja s piknikom v Parku. Podan bo tudi nov program: nastopili bodo tukajnjega mladinskega dela in par pesnicami in dečnjaki.

Ko je bilo naše društvo ustanovljeno, mu je bil napovedan boj. Ustanovljeno je bilo še neko društvo, da ubijejo, kajt temu pa je naše društvo rastlo in napredovalo.

Ustanovljeni član br. Andyju, ki je se pri društvu, da bi zdrav dočakal tudi in 50. letnico društva 49.

Torej vabimo vsa društva

naši 35-letnici.

John Sirc, 89.

Koncert Naprej

Detroit, Mich. — Naš pevski zbor Naprej se je vse leto pridružil, da prinese našem nekaj izvrstnega, in to so lepe slovenske pesmi in opereta "Kovačev študent". Koncert se vrši na velikonočno nedeljo, 13. aprila ob 3. popoldne v Slovenskem dežavskem domu, 437 Livernois ave.

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Joseph Marcelja, tajnik.

Joseph Vidmar, tajnik.

Frank Vidmar, tajnik.

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Urednikove pripombe

Naše glasilo bo treba povečati

Ob prilikah, kakor je zdaj, ko se našim članom zbudi volja do pisanja in argumentiranja v Prosveti, se kaj kralju pokaže, kako smo revni s prostorom.

Nekaj daljših dopisov in stran je že polna, zraven pa še običajna vabila na veselice—zdaj že naznajojo piknike—in na seje, uradna poročila in računske tabele, katerih se je posebno zadnje čase spet precej nakopičilo, pa smo v stiski.

Morda bo kdo rekel, zakaj ne dodamo priloge. Navadno so po štiri priloge v letu, kadar imamo zapisnike gl. odbora v dveh jezikih in te priloge precej stanejo. Tehnično mora Prosveta imeti najmanj štiri strani priloge in za same dopise—če ni kaj nujnega zraven—se priloga ne izplača.

Moramo se torej stiskati in odlagati gradivo od tedna do tedna ali za dnevnik, če ni kakšna stvar absolutno namenjena za teden.

To povzroča nejevoljno pri določnikih. Nekateri misljijo, da je nekaj narobe v uredništvu, pa drezajo urednika s pismi ali določnicami, kaj je z dopisom ali razpravo, ki je bila poslana že pred dnevna ali tremi tedni, spet drugi se ježe, ker je bila stvar, katero so poslali za teden, prislonjena v dnevniku.

In seveda—tako radi se sklicujejo na demokracijo...

Če bi bratje pomisili na fizične meje, v katerih se giblje naša demokracija, bi bili bolj potrežljivi. Ako člani hočejo, da bo vse sproti objavljeni, kar posljejo, bodo morale biti vse razprave za konvencijo skrajšane za več po polovico, nekatere pa celo za dve tretjini. Do danes še nismo dosti krajšali, vse pa kaže, da bo to potrebno v prihodnjih mesecih.

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Iz vsega tega sledi, da bo enkrat treba naše glasilo (tednik) povečati.

Ta potreba najbrže pride, če se letos združimo s SSPZ. Kajti čim več je članstva in čim bolj komplikiran je poslovanje, tem večje in pogostejše bodo računske tabele in druga uradna poročila—in tem manj bo prostora za dopise in drugo čitivo.

Društvene zadeve se bi zmanjšale edinole na ta način, ako bi se društva SNPJ v enem kraju združila, da bi potem bilo manj društev.

Te lokalne združitve so pa zadeve društev samih in če tega nočejo, jih ne more nihče prisiliti. Potem takem bo po združitvi s SSPZ še več društev in še več društvenih naznanih, vabil itd. in računske tabele bodo še daljše.

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Vse to kaže, da bo enkrat treba povečati uradni teden na 12 strani, tako da bo osem strani slovenskih, štiri bodo pa angleške. Angleška sekcija Prosvete tudi potrebuje več prostora in

ena stran več se že zdaj ne bira poznala.

Povečanje pa pomeni več stroškov—in kako bo s temi stroški, je seveda drugo vprašanje.

Zanimivo je to, da člani plačujejo za teden eno in isto star, naročnino (\$1.20 na leto) odkar je SNPJ svoj teden, torej že več kot 30 let. V teh tridesetih letih so se stroški na papirju, tisku in drugem najbrže podesevali, toda cena lista je ostala sta in danes menda komaj še krije izdatke.

Socialna zaščita in naša jednota

V kolonah Prosvete debatiramo o pomoči za stare člane, istočasno pa zahtevamo, naj koncresa zbornica čim prej razširi socialno zavarovanje (starostno pokojnino) na vse one, ki do danes še niso uključeni med zavarovance in naj zniža starost za prejemanje podpore na 60 let.

Nobenega dvoma ni, da je razširjeno socialno zavarovanje prej izpeljivo kot pa je zadostna starostna podpora, katero bi mogla dati SNPJ svojim članom. Izboljšanje socialne zaščite, kakšnega si mi želimo, najbrže pride že v tem kongresnem zasedanju in naši starci člani bodo tega izboljšanja deležni prej kot pa bodo deležni starostne podpore od naše jednotne, če naša letnja konvencija ustanovi takšen sklad. Kajti pri nas bo vzel leta, predno se nabere v starostenem skladu toliko, da bo jednota lahko začela z izplačevanjem podpore iz istega.

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V tem oziru bi bilo za nas najbolje, če bi nekaj potreli s to storje. Vtis, ki ga delajo nekateri razpravljalci, kakor da je naša jednota zadnja in edina, ki lahko pomaga v tem oziru, nima realne podlage.

Glasovi iz naselbin

Komentar o zapisniku

Lincoln, Ill.—Z veseljem čitalam Prosveto že mnogo let, poslano na prispevke v korist SNPJ. Tako sem tudi z zanimanjem prečital ves zapisnik zadnjega zborovanja gl. odbora in videl, da so vsi odborniki podali dobro poročila. Iz njih je razvidno, da vse članstvo in gl. odborniki delujejo harmonično v korist jednotne.

Mike Brill, tajnik.

O tem in onem

Bridgeport, O.—Razprava o bodočnosti konvenciji, pravilih in smernicah Prosvete

je že precej razvila. Važno vprašanje je tudi, kako pridobiti mladino, da bi se zainteresirala v delavske smernice Prosvete. Na angleških straneh so vedno eni in isti dopisovalci, novih se zelo malo priviglasi. Njih dopisi se tičejo večinoma priredb, atletike itd., z resnimi problemi, pa naj se že tičejo SNPJ ali delavskega gibanja, se bolj malo bavijo.

Alli smo mi krivi? Malo mogoče tudi, ampak kaj pomaga-kaplja v morju. Namesto da bi skupno delovali in dalli mladini vzhled, se pa pikamo, pa naj bo na sejah, konferencah ali v listih in tako jo še bolj odutjimo. Mi vemo, kjer je bil ode napreden, mati se pa ni udejstvovala v gibanju in ko so prišli otroci, so sledili tja, kamor bi mi najmanj imeli. In prej gredo tja, kjer imajo več užitka, kot pa med

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Glavnemu odboru, zbranemu na zadnji polletni seji, je bilo predloženo vprašanje članov, ki stopijo v vojaško službo. O tem vprašanju se je vršil precej obširna razprava, iz katere je bilo razvidno, da je želja vseh glavnih odbornikov, da se osvoji zaključek, na podlagi katerega se ne bi delala diskriminacija pri zadetim članom. Končno je bil glede te zadeve sprejet tudi predlog, kateri je bil pridobljen v zapisku glavnega odbora.

V smislu pravil in zaključka glavnega odbora je dovoljeno članom, ki stopijo ali so pozvani v armado, obdržati zavarovalnino pri naši organizaciji, dokler je za isto plačan asesment po določbah pravil in certifikata. Priporoča se pa, ker točke 73, 81 in 83 omogočajo podporo takim članom, da opustijo zavarovanje za bolniško podporo in odškodnino ter ostanejo zavarovani le za smrtnino.

Opozorjamо društvene tajnike, da se ravnajo v smislu pravil in tudi upoštevajo zaključek glavnega odbora ter v bodoče več ne čtajo člana, če tak član slučajno stopi v armado in hoče še nadalje obdržati svojo zavarovalnino.

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For Members of Slovens National Benefit Society and American Slovenes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Our Society Marks Another Milestone

Sunday, April 6, marks the thirty-seventh birthday of the greatest Slovene fraternal society in America—the Slovene National Benefit Society.

It was on that epochal date in 1904 that delegates of nine independent fraternal lodges assembled at a convention in Chicago to form a new progressive society dedicated to the task of administering mutual help and disseminating liberal thought.

Its formation was formally announced on April 9, 1904.

From a mere handful of less than 300 members at the time of the first convention in 1904, the new Society grew to more than 2000 and 27 lodges during its first year of existence. In spite of the many obstacles strewn in its path, the young organization caught the imagination of our people and continued its rapid progress until a year after its 25th anniversary, in 1930, it surpassed the 68,000 mark in both departments, the highest membership attained by the SNPJ to date. The severe economic setback of the early 30's, however, reduced that number considerably but the succeeding years of economic recovery enabled the Society to gradually reclaim its former position.

Today as the twelfth convention approaches the combined membership of the SNPJ is rapidly nearing the 53,000 mark, and with the current Jubilee Campaign at hand there are good prospects that it will easily surpass it.

Today the total assets of the SNPJ amount to \$8,000,000.

Today our Society continues to maintain the enviable position of strongest and most influential fraternal organization among our people on this continent!

It achieved this and many other notable records, primarily because from its very inception it catered to the needs of our working people. Its manifold benefit features, its liberal concepts, and democratic form of government were the outstanding factors which are responsible for its greatness. In short, it was its well rounded program plus a healthy idealism coupled with its free-thought principles which skyrocketed its prestige.

To be sure, its official organ Prosveta played no small part in the success of our Society. For it was Prosveta Daily and Weekly that spread the message of the SNPJ among our people.

In this connection it is timely to call the attention of our ESL members to the official minutes of the February meeting of the Supreme Board printed in a four-page supplement of today's Prosveta. We urge the members of the ESL's to read it carefully, for it contains interesting information, discussions on various vital problems, as well as reflections on our present Anniversary Campaign.

In connection with the Campaign, we are glad to be able to add that our ES lodge 700, of Roundup, Montana, according to complete campaign returns for March, secured a total number of 21 new members! They will celebrate their March record with a mass initiation this month. We are certain that the rest of the ESL's gladly join us in congratulating them on this singular success. They have secured 40 new members since the start of the drive and are a close second to ESL 569 for campaign honors! Roundup knows how to "roundup" new members, and it is expected that other ESL's will follow suit.

As we pause briefly to commemorate another milestone in the progress of our Society, let us firmly resolve that we will make our Campaign another success in the annals of the SNPJ.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—It has happened! The one man we depended on to remain as a Badger Bachelor, has left that great and beloved title behind. Otto Jereb, according to reliable information, said "I do" a few weeks ago. In behalf of the Badgers and his many friends I extend to him and his wife our heartiest congratulations and good wishes. We'll be looking forward to meeting the wife in the near future.

The National SNPJ Bowling tournament in Detroit on May 2-3-4 is approaching very rapidly. There was a discussion at the meeting last week in regard to entry and transportation, and from the response received there should be a good sized aggregation of Badgers at the tournament. Entries for this event close on April 14. Cards will be sent out by our secretary as to a meeting for this affair. Those of you who are interested in going to Detroit, whether you intend to bowl or not, contact L. Schweiger, or better still, be at the next regular meeting on April 18.

We wish to thank Marko Schapack for bringing the films to the meeting, and Teddy Kropusek for his splendid showing of the pictures.

Injured

A bricklayer working on top of a high building carelessly dropped a brick which landed on the head of his negro helper below.

Pennsy Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—Once again we are sending out an appeal for the entire membership of the Pioneers Lodge to attend the monthly meeting of the lodge on April 6 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It is of the utmost importance that every member should attend in order that they could discuss with the committee the proposed business merger with the Senior Lodge 138 which concerns the bowling alleys that are being built adjoining the present building.

The building for the bowling alleys is rapidly nearing completion and when completed the entire building will be one of the best SNPJ Homes in the country, and the Pioneers should be proud of the part they are doing to make it so.

On Sunday, June 22, the sixth annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day will be held at Drenik Park, Strabane, Pa., the scene of the last National SNPJ Day. This year the committee plans to have a variety of athletic events, a singing program and a good speaking program.

Pioneer Notes

Congratulations to Anna Moze, a Pioneer member who became the bride of Joseph Baits of Coverdale, Penna.

Six Pioneers who qualified for the championship of Strabane are Jacob Chescic, Jacob Tomasic, Joe Krall, Joe Holsey, Rudy Krulice and Charles Koval.

Frank Zuzek up and around again after a brief illness.

Jennie Tomic and John Tershel Jr. on the sick list.

Bowling News

Tomasic Motors and Podbois' Tavern tied for first place in the league, with Jim Tomasic, G. Chescic and Joe Krulice the leading bowlers of the leagues.

Larry Cassol, the champion duckpin bowler of Verona, bowling the mighty score of 80 in a tenpin game at the local Elks alleys.

A last reminder: Pioneer members, do not forget the important meeting on April 6 at 2 o'clock.

FRANK PODBOY, 589.

Lodge Slavija Reports Progress; Annual Event

CHICAGO.—It was incorrectly stated in the recent official report of local lodge activities that Slavija's vineyard festival (vinska trgat) will take place on October 18. This event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the SNPJ Hall, and we appeal to all lodges and clubs in Chicago to reserve this date for our affair.

Lodge Slavija, SNPJ No. 1, is progressing satisfactorily. Our adult membership is still above the 100 mark, and it consists of members whose ages range between 16 and 80. And we still have five original pioneers with us, namely, J. Wershay, L. Skubic, A. Trampush, M. Skocir, and Ch. Foucek, whose certificate numbers are below 50. Marie Pevec, Josephine Grad and Ruth Mrak were added to our roster this year, and we hope to enroll several more in the near future. In addition, three juvenile applications were filed thus far, and it is in this department where we need a substantial reinforcement.

Due to the fact that many of our young members transferred to the ESL's, we must see to it that we get new members to take their places. The present world events might help us a little in our campaign. At least we don't have to explain to our prospects who the Slovenes or Jugoslavs are. Let's build up our ranks now before the campaign is over.

ANTON TROJAR, Secy.

New Era Lodge 572 to Meet on April 8

CLEVELAND.—Attention all New Era members! Our regular meeting will be held Tuesday, April 8, at 8 p. m. at Stanley Boita's home. Brothers and Sisters, let's get active, what about those pledges we made at the beginning of the year. At this meeting we will discuss the important subject of merging with the Commodores and lodge Brooklyn to nominate a convention candidate. A meeting of the three lodges will be held April 20. Please attend.

STANLEY ZERNEK, 572.

Good Job

"See that fellow over there? It's his job to travel all over the country."

"Why? What does he do?"

"He's a truant officer for a correspondence school."

"You-all betta be careful up dere," the helper shouted up. "You done made me bite mah tongue."

Golden Eagles' 13th Anniversary Draft Dance April 12

GIRARD, OHIO.—The days are drawing near to a gala event of the season. Yes, sir, the Girard SNPJ Golden Eagles are celebrating their 13th anniversary with a Draft Dance, Saturday, April 12. The dance will be held at the Slovens Home, starting at 8:30 to 12:30. The music will be furnished by the popular Louis Treber orchestra of Cleveland. So come on, ladies and gents, don't miss the Draft Dance. After all, look what Uncle Sam is getting.

With Old Man Winter on his way out, and Spring here, loosen up to the lively-polkas, fox-trots etc. Everyone is cordially invited. We are looking forward to having Struthers, Sharon, Universal, Verona, Cleveland, Bessemer, Pittsburgh, Power Point and many other towns present at our dance. Our slogan is, "We Aim to Please," so with these words in mind we will do our best to make the evening an enjoyable one.

Notice: The Social Committee and members wishing to help are requested to be at the Slovens Home April 9 to decorate the hall. The last social of the season is to be held after the monthly meeting on April 14. Let's have a record turnout. The Social Committee have decided to hold a Spelling Bee. A prize is to be given to the winner. If a lady is the winner, the prize is a surprise; if a man is the winner, a strip of luncheon tickets will be given. Who are the best spellers, ladies or men?

A general meeting for the Ohio SNPJ Day has been called by Chairman Rezek for April 6 at 8 o'clock at Nagoda's Hall. The Juvenile Circle is preparing a Mother's Day program for May 4.

President Ed Prevec and Bill Seitz are soon to become guests of Uncle Sam for a period of one year. Frank Verbic to date is the best salesman for the Eagles' Dance tickets, as he has sold all he had and has asked for more. Come on, all you Eagles, hustle up more customers and let's have a record advance sale.

STAN HIRIBAR, 643.

Muskeeters' Musings

MOON RUN, PA.—After reading the article written by Al Peteren in the March 19 issue of the Prosveta, we certainly do agree with him.

Through the SNPJ we have met people from far and near that we have learned to love and respect. We do hope our members read his article and took heed to it. And remember when you feel all down and out and there's an SNPJ affair nearby, do attend it. And before the evening is over you'll know just what Peteren meant.

While speaking of attending SNPJ affairs, the Muskeeters are having one, "A CARNIVAL DANCE," Saturday, May 24, at the Slovens Hall, Moon Run, Pa., featuring Freddie Joy and his Joy Makers. For an evening of real enjoyment, gayety, laughter and what not, we promise you all this, and then some. So won't you plan being with the MUSKEETERS May 24?

The campaign committee, we hear, are going strong and have good news for the next meeting. Incidentally it's on April 6, at 3:30 p. m. How about you members who rarely attend the meetings, attend the April meeting? Dance committee also be present.

To Julius Bogatay: Congratulations and loads of success in your new walk of life.

Pennsylvania SNPJ Day will be held June 22, at Drenik's Park, Strabane. The committee under the chairmanship of James Maglich is working hard to once again "put it over." Further details will be in the later issues of the Prosveta.

See you at the meeting April 6. And don't you forget it's a date with the Muskeeters May 24.

BETTY and CHRISSY, Lodge 706.

Lodge 318, Slov. Home Announce Dances

HOSTETTER, PA.—The SNPJ lodge 318 will hold an After-Lent-Dance on Saturday, April 12, here at the Pipetown Slovens Home. Music by Joe Kramer's orchestra from Uniontown. Dancing from 8 to 12. The Slovens Home will give a benefit dance on Saturday, June 14, featuring Paul Dolinar's orchestra from Library. We cordially invite all lodges and friends to attend our dances.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the Kristan family in the recent death of their father, John Kristan, member of SNPJ lodge 223, Greensburg, Pa.

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Spirit-o-Grams

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The weeks do roll by so quickly! Bowling seems to be the all important at present. And we are indeed glad to see so many of our members taking it up so seriously. At the rate they are now going all those first prize winners in various bowling contests better look out for their laurels.

Our Pep Party is being whipped into shape by the committee. Jake Kacin being chairman we know we can expect something fine. He never does anything halfway. Go sure to attend our next meeting which incidentally falls on Good Friday, April 11.

Speaking of Good Friday reminds me of hot cross buns. The origin of the hot cross bun has been traced back into history thousands of years, always connected with some religious custom. Centuries before the Christian era, the Egyptians offered "bouns" or buns bearing the mark of two horns to their favorite Moon Goddess. Later on, the Greeks offered buns to the gods, changing the mark of the horns to the cross, for the easy division of the buns into four quarters and symbolizing the four phases of the moon. The Saxons marked their buns with a cross in honor of Easter, their Goddess of Light. And so the historical bun went on down the ages and, like many other ancient customs, the Christians adopted also this one.

I wish to announce that the movie, "Hawaiian Harvest," is not available on May 3. We may be able to have it presented after our meeting sometime within the near future.

We are glad to hear from Julia Cepak, also glad to hear that she is well on the road to recovery after her recent illness. The scribe hasn't heard from or about Tony Harvatin who has been on the sick list. We hope that he, too, is well on the mend.

We are glad to hear that Ida Baumgarth is expecting to again make her home here in St. Louis. She has been a loyal member and attended meetings regularly in spite of the fact that she lived 30 miles from the city. We are sure that now that she will be here again we shall see her in the familiar role of leader as some special committee member.

By Whoosif

W. Co. Fed. Ball League Meet; Gob Dance Apr. 5

EXPORT, PA.—All SNPJ lodges wishing to enter softball teams in the Westmoreland County SNPJ Federation Softball League, please send representatives to the league meeting Sunday, April 6, at 2 p. m. at the Slovens Hall, Claridge, Pa. Any lodge may enter a team in the league whether they belong to the Federation or not.

The teams that were in the league last year are expected to be represented. Stanley Pevec, the Secretary, should be present; if unable to attend, please notify Fred Zecker, Box 494, Export, Pa., or phone 39 ring 5.

Export Marine News. Our SNPJ lodge 758 is holding a dance Saturday, April 5, at the Polish Hall, featuring Frank's Trio with Teenie, vocalist. All lodges in this vicinity are invited to attend. I would like to see Mike Kumer at the dance if possible.

Frank and Eddie Trebits, two of our active members, left for Cleveland. Frank was our secretary and also managed the softball team last year? Eddie pitched our team to the County Championship last year. It goes without saying that he was one of the best pitchers in the league. We'll miss their fine SNPJ spirit in all of the lodge affairs. The Marines wish both of you lots of success. Henry Skerly and Leo Kovacic are also in Cleveland. Mike Nides tells me that Maser is joining our lodge and will do the hurling for our team this year.

Two new officers were elected at our last meeting. Josephine Naponic was elected Financial Secretary and John Maringo was elected Recording Secretary, replacing Rudy Sumpasic who is unable to hold the office because of Sunday work.

Our members finally decided to get some new members and really join the Membership Campaign. Keep up the good work, and I wish that more members would take an interest in this Jubilee drive which is fast coming to a close.

All softball players must attend our next meeting, and all members are urged to be there promptly at 10 a. m.

The Export Marines extend their deepest sympathy to Polde Korch who's mother passed away on March 18. FRED ZECKER, Pres.

Careful Kids

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Many suggestions offered in order that the next bowling tournament will be a greater, smoother success. Information relative to transports-

Western Penna SNPJ E. S. Federation Items

Dates to Remember

UNIVERSAL, PA.—April 5—Spring Dance by J-Z Jrs. Lodge 682, in Slovens Hall, Library, featuring Les Robinson's orchestra.

April 19—Dance by Trail Blazers Lodge 734, in Meadowlands, Pa.

April 26—Dance by Athletic Club of Veronians Lodge 680, in Narodni Dom, Verona, featuring Joe Koracina and his Slovens Aces.

April 26—Dance by Lucky Stars Lodge 716, in SNPJ Hall, Imperial, Penna.

April 26—Anniversary Dance by Lodge Cavaliers 741, in Slovens Hall, Burgettstown, featuring Joe Kramer and his orchestra.

May 10—Dance by Lodge Comets 715, in Slovens Hall, Universal, Pa.

May 17—Dance by Lodge Morning Stars 685, in Slovens Hall, 57th & Butler Sta., Pittsburgh.

May 24—Carnival Dance by Musketeers Lodge

My Week

By Louis Beniger

The "miracle" which I mentioned here last week has happened! Jugoslavia has redeemed itself completely by repudiating the Axis pact. She delivered such a severe blow to the Axis partners that it may well mark the turning point in the war.

The fact that the blow was so effectively delivered by the Serbs does not minimize the importance of it for the rest of the Jugoslavs, for the Serbs are in the majority and as they play the leading role, and they play it well. In addition, they have the overwhelming majority of the people on their side.

This blow marks the collapse of Hitler's well-known plans to peacefully absorb Jugoslavia—as he did Slovakia, Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria—and thus to open the way for a blitzkrieg towards the Dardanelles, and consequently for their age-old dream, for a drive towards the east.

At this moment it is not quite clear what role the Croats and the Slovenes will choose to play in the present situation, but it is hoped that they will not follow Slovakia's lead. However, it is encouraging to note that recent reports from Zagreb tell us of their decision that "in historic times which may be near, Croat ranks stand united" and that Jugoslavia had found national unity!

Dolenka, London correspondent of Prosveta, continues her interesting, illuminating newsletters in the Prosveta Daily. Recently, her monthly dispatches have become a weekly feature and of late even daily. Her deep understanding of the entire war situation and the problems involved present an excellent picture, and her views expressed therein are

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Last Saturday President Roosevelt again emphasized his stand by offering all possible aid to all the nations which are resisting the aggressors. There is no doubt that his words are of tremendous importance to all nations threatened with invasion. And America is in a splendid position to give such aid now that the obstacles have been removed.

One of the beneficiaries of the premises is Jugoslavia. Her leaders were encouraged not to submit. The President's prestige is known throughout the world. For instance, I noticed that in Jutro of Ljubljana, speeches are being headlined on front pages, his movements are given as much prominence as if he were their own national leader . . .

W. Pa. E. S. Federation
(Continued from page 6)
there. The following day, Sunday afternoon, there will be a concert featuring the best Slovene entertainers. Make your plans to spend the week-end of September 20 in Pittsburgh. But more details in the succeeding six months.

Suffice it to say that this undertaking will be the greatest in the history of interesting and impressing our Federation has participated in. It will require a lot of work, but we believe interesting work, and we appeal now, first to our federated lodges and their members for assistance in putting this affair over successfully, and secondly, to the hundreds of SNPJ lodges to render support.

News and Views
The regular meeting of our Federation is scheduled for Sunday, April 20, in the SNPJ Hall, Imperial, Pa., beginning at 2 p.m. This should prove to be a very important meeting for in addition to a frank and open discussion on the items mentioned above, we should consider a committee to study the by-laws and suggest changes and additions at our July meeting. Attention should likewise be given to problems to be presented to our convention that will result in building our organization.

There are problems which the youth needs to present that will make for a stronger and greater SNPJ. If you are desired, the convention is the place to get them with the least delay and confusion. It has the authority to give the final word.

It is the right of the Federation as well as other E. S. lodges to be heard from to move that youth in the SNPJ is giving thought to our mutual fraternal problems.

For a lotta fun this Saturday, go to Slovenia Hall, Library, Pa.
MICHAEL R. KUMER, President

FLASHES

By Louis Beniger

CHICAGO, ILL.—The big news this week is that subscriptions for the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ have been printed and are being distributed among the various lodges. As previously announced, a new Chevrolet sedan will be given away at the SNPJ Day picnic on Sunday, August 31. The lodges have a wonderful opportunity to share in the undertaking and do much to bolster their treasury. Subscriptions are selling at ten cents. Sub books had hardly been passed out when Vinko Lenciskar came back with a report that he had completed nearly two of them. Frank Lotrich was the first to turn in one dollar for one of the books. Frank Grosler has the distinction of being the second to do so. We learn that Mary E. Novak secured a number of subs at the SSPZ rally last Sunday. Sub books are being taken up quickly. Any lodge selling one hundred books or more will receive forty per cent of the gross receipts on such books. The Pioneers are definitely out to secure more than one hundred sub book patrons.

It is not too early to start talking about the excursion to Detroit for the National SNPJ Bowling tourney. As reported last week, the Pioneers are chartering two special coaches on the Michigan Central Railroad to take the bowlers and their friends, and even outsiders, to Detroit and back on May 3 and 4. A special round-trip fare of \$6.30 for our party will be in effect. Many of our people have an opportunity to take advantage of this low fare and make the trip to Detroit with us. Remember, we must get fifty people in order to get this special fare. We urge you to sign up with either John Alic, Frank Zordari, Dick Reichel, Frank Grosler, or Donald J. Lotrich. A number of our friends are already on the list for the trip.

We will be making another trip to Milwaukee for the Badgers' 15th Anniversary on April 19 and are now lining up Pioneer bowlers for a match against the Badgers on Sunday, April 20, in Milwaukee. Several have already indicated that they would go. We need many more, however. All who care to make the trip should get in touch with the Pioneer Secretary.

Only four weeks remain of the Pioneer bowling league schedule. Our boys have purposely fixed the schedule so that it would not wind up much before the National SNPJ Tournament. If the scores are any indication many of the Pioneer bowlers will share in the money when they get to Detroit. There has been a marked improvement in the scores of the Pioneer league. The next meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Tomazin, 2285 Burton St. S. E. on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m.

Juvenile Circles

New Circle Is Formed in Warren, Ohio; to Meet April 14

WARREN, O.—We are glad to announce that the SNPJ juveniles of this community organized a Juvenile Circle on Sunday, March 16, 1941. Our Circle number is 31.

The following officers will lead the new Circle group: John Petrich, president; Joe Smuke, secretary; Dorothy Tomazin, recording secretary; Jerry Banovich, treasurer.

Frank Tomazin is reporter to the Mladinski List.

It was decided at the meeting to hold a contest to select a name for our Circle. The winner will receive a dollar.

We wish to express our appreciation to Frank Rezek of Girard, O., who attended our meeting and helped us organize our Circle.

A standing invitation is extended to all juvenile members of SNPJ Lodge 321 of Warren, Ohio, to attend our meetings. Let us have your support.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Tomazin, 2285 Burton St. S. E. on Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m.

DOROTHY TOMAZIN,
Rec. Sec'y.

Jolly Juvenile Circle Has Merit Campaign; Meet April 4

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The Jolly Juvenile Circle No. 24 held their regular monthly meeting on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the SNH. The majority of the members were present. But I want all the members if they possibly can to come to our next business meeting Friday, April 4.

Our campaign for gaining the highest points got a fair start on March 21.

Mrs. Frank Stritar, our Adviser, told us that the contest is to end on Sept. 1, 1941. We have about six months in which to earn our points. Come all you members—let's earn those points. She also told us that we are to take a trip to Chicago in August. The Circle members are saving their money now.

At the meeting, Mrs. Stritar had the small children act the play which was published in the March issue of the M. L. The small children also saw oral reports on the movies we saw on March 7. Then we had a quiz from the M. L., and last of all we sang songs and played games.

Our next meeting, as mentioned above, is on April 4. Let's all attend as we are all going to have lots of fun.

DOROTHY GABROSEK, President
JULIETTE GABROSEK, Circle 24.

Circle "Voice of Youth" Is Proud of Its Steady Progress

MIDWAY, PA.—Much hard work has made our Circle to be proud, and we members are. The constant and willing help, splendid cooperation and leadership of our Managers was certainly not in vain; we are steadily progressing.

At our February meeting we were glad to welcome into our group three assistant managers—Mrs. Pike, Mr. Sir, and Mr. Just. We have been planning to have guests but this was postponed because of the inclement weather.

At the adjournment of the meeting a newly bought new junior duplicator was demonstrated to us.

We played bingo, after which delicious refreshments were served.

A new hour was set for the beginning of future meetings, which is 7 p.m.

All members are urged to attend the next meeting. Incidentally, this is my first letter to the Prosveta.

Some day soon I hope to mail another.

VIRGINIA CAMPBELL,
Circle 22.

Junior All Star Circle to Hold 2nd Spring Concert April 28

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The Junior All Star Circle members have been busy lately, running hither and thither getting ads and preparing to sell tickets—for our 2nd annual Spring Concert on Saturday, April 26, at the Harmonie Hall.

Our play, "Carojevna brivnica," is

making progress. The cast of characters includes Stanislav Starich, John Vodnik, Leon Bizjak, Floren Reimitz, Bob Glavan, Kenneth Chuck, and Mary Poklar. Rehearsals are held at Mrs. Chuck's house twice a week, who always serves delicious refreshments to the players. The members are showing great interest in this year's concert and there is every indication that it will be even a bigger success than last year's.

In about a week the concert tickets will be distributed to the members.

The singing chorus is practicing many new songs for the occasion.

Our Circle is planning to take a trip out of town, but as yet it has not been decided where we will go.

Also, we are planning for our summer activities. The older boys are eager to get into their baseball suits again, while our "squirts" are raring to play a challenging team. Here's hoping both teams win lots of games this year.

Buckeyes' Bits

BARBERTON, OHIO.—A note to the Buckeyes: The time is nearing the deadline for the mailing of entry blanks to the National Bowling Tournament so get your names in to Sec'y Mary Apchak immediately.

The kids with the highest averages will form the first teams in both ladies' and men's division, but the rest of you will be entered, too, so get set for the doing in Detroit. Why don't you all come out to the meeting this Thursday night and let's get things settled. See you all there.

but then bethought myself of the dance that the Golden Eagles of Girard are sponsoring on Easter eve. We, of course, want to be there and why don't you round up the gang and attend that affair, too? You see, you would be killing two birds with one stone 'cause on Easter Sunday night we could all be in Barberton again for the local Slovene Dramatic club's dance. That's the night Taffy and the lads take over on the bandstand and since you are all familiar with that swell bunch of orchestra, it shouldn't take much coaxing to have you visit with us on that day. How does that sound? After all, it's still four weeks till the bowling tournament so let's get together before then, huh? Affectionately, OH.

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My dear Young Americans: We want to publicly acknowledge the fact that our gang of Buckeyes along with Taffy's orchestra enjoyed your dance of the 15th. We all had a marvelous time and the hospitality we met with at the SND was indeed end of the super variety. Mrs. Travnik and Mrs. Obranovic were kept quite busy in the kitchen serving that hungry bunch, and to see Beacheay devour a chicken dinner, which was a rare delicacy after some time in the army, was indeed a sight to warm a cook's heart. Your neighbors and fellow SNPJs, the Wolverines, did their part, too, in entertaining the Barbertonians and Chigagoans, and so to you all our sincere thanks for a grand week-end. As ever, OH.

Greetings, Chicago Pioneers! 'Twas only a week after our trip to Detroit but Mary, Nelle and I were hell-bent for a visit with all of you and so it was a pleasure to attend your bowling dance and tournament that we had to travel those many miles.

Again, as in the past, we were welcomed with open arms, royal kindness and liberality. We salute you for the manner in which the affair was handled and we feel that every one of the Badgers, Wolverines, YA's, Little Fots, Sentinels and all of your other visitors feel the same. It was fun meeting up with our friends the Badgers and to meet more of them for the first time. 'Twas fun, too, for a certain sextet of femmes to be taxed round Chi by F. Kern (Wolverine!) and Emil Hrast who made it a point to be home from the Capital for that event. And 'twas something extra special to be the guests of the Hudeles where at least three of us almost fought to win the favor of young "Butch" Hudale, aged about 7 months. I won! We'll just chalk this all up in our "Great Times" book and look forward to seeing you all in Detroit in May. Sincerely, OH. Valencheck.

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S.N.P.J. Sports

8th National SNPJ Bowling Tournament

DETROIT, MICH.—The Young American Lodge 564 and Wolverine Lodge 677 will be your hosts for the Eighth National SNPJ Bowling tournament which this year takes place here in Detroit on the 36 alleys of the Palmer Park Recreation, Woodward at Six Mile Road, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 2, 3 and 4.

Remember, it is just one month away.

Are your entry blanks on the way?

Entry blanks, together with a letter requesting your lodge to participate in this tourney and also to advertise in our souvenir booklet have been mailed to all SNPJ lodges. In case your lodge did not receive any entry blanks or wishes to have more, kindly write to Turney Treasurer Alfred Maccani, 7182 Mackenzie Ave., Detroit, Mich., and your request will be fulfilled at once.

The tournament committee would like all lodges to get their entry blanks in as soon as possible so as to be able to arrange the schedule to make it convenient for all participants.

The FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES IS APRIL 14. Your entry blanks must be in by then. If we have all of your cooperation concerning this, we are sure you will be satisfied at the tourney.

The schedule will be arranged so there will be no one bowling after 7 p. m. on Saturday, May 3. By doing this, it will give everyone plenty of time to prepare for the Bowlers' Dance, which begins at 8 p. m. at the UAW Hall, 51 Sproat Street. Your favorite and most popular Slovene band, from Cleveland, Ohio, Frankie Yankovich, will play for your dancing.

Headquarters will be both at the Hotel Detroiter, Woodward at Adelaide, and the Slovene National Home, 17153 John R., with the SND as main headquarters. Those of you wishing hotel accommodations, please write to Alfred Maccani, stating the number of rooms you want reserved. Those of you who come to Detroit without reservations will be taken care of at the Detroiter headquarters. There will always be some one at both headquarters to furnish you with any information you desire.

The bowling alleys are just a ten minute ride from the Hotel Detroiter, direct north on Woodward Ave. to Six Mile Road.

The UAW Hall is just across the street from the hotel, 51 Sproat, this will make it very convenient for those staying at the hotel.

To lodges wanting to participate in the tournament and for some unknown reason did not receive an entry blank or may need more at the last minute: We are publishing a duplicate copy, together with the rules so you will be able to make your own entry blanks.

Remember Detroit in May.

AL PETERNEL, Lodge 564.

National SNPJ Bowling Tournament

CHICAGO.—All lodges should have received their entry blanks for the National SNPJ Bowling tournament to be held in Detroit May 2, 3, and 4. Lodges that did not receive or need more entry blanks should write Tournament Treasurer Alfred Maccani, 7182 Mackenzie, Detroit, Mich.

From advance reports and enthusiasm this year's tournament should be the greatest in SNPJ history. All lodges planning on entering teams are urged to get their entries in as soon as possible. Lodges having the experience of running tournaments know that the cooperation of all participants is absolutely necessary in putting over any tournament.

The entries for the tournament close April 14. This will give the Detroit Committee sufficient time to make the complete arrangements for the tournament. Rules for the tournament were made as brief as possible and are listed below with a brief explanation.

1. All entry blanks must be signed by the financial secretary of the respective lodges, and must bear the lodge seal. Lodge secretaries have the responsibility of seeing that all bowlers are eligible to compete in this tournament.

2. Each bowler's SNPJ certificate number must appear on the entry blanks, which makes it an easy matter to check the eligibility of the bowlers with the National office.

3. Money received by the Bowling Sec'y will not be refunded. Bowlers having sent in money and unable to attend because of sickness or work must get substitutes who report such change at least 24 hours before time of said bowling event. (This rule does not affect participants drafted into the USA service; in such cases, arrangements will be made to either have replacements or refund their money.)

4. All members of the 5 person teams and doubles must be bona fide members of the same lodge, unless special permission is given by the Athletic Board. Such request must be made by April 14, 1941. These

angry, and knew exactly how to handle them. Most of their victims were humble people like him, without influence."

As Gus walked down the street after his last encounter with the gang, his eyes came to rest on the big sign "PRESS" outside the Cleveland Press Building. "I stood looking at it a while," he later said. "I'd never been in an American newspaper office and was kinda scared. I decided to try anyway."

There he met Clayton Fritchey, and told his story. "You see, Gus," Fritchey told him, "you got chipped because others kept quiet. Every time a complainant gets near prosecution, the complainer gets bought off and then there are no witnesses. If we go into this and you help, I think we can smash the racket. But if we succeed, you'll never get a cent back. If you let them know now that you are in a position to make them trouble, they'll return some or all of your money, just as they've done with others to keep them quiet."

Gus thought it over a minute, and says Fritchey, "I don't blame him. He needed that money." Then he said "It's gone far enough."

At first the job of getting witnesses seemed hopeless. The victim were suspicious of strangers. That was where Gus was invaluable. After doing a hard day's work, he would join Fritchey late in the day and make calls. "It was Gus," the reporter says, "who got us into homes, who interpreted, who soothed alarms, who made it possible, finally, to get coherent and effective testimony. Despite the secrecy of our work, news of it leaked back to the swindlers, and they swarmed upon the victims with big promises of payoffs or, if that did not succeed, with threats."

In that crisis, the investigators turned to a second-generation Slovene American citizen, Judge Frank J. Lausche, who, by his record had won the confidence of the newer Slovenes and other immigrants. "Tell the truth and nobody can harm you," he counseled those in doubt. They did, says Mr. Fritchey, and enabled the grand jury to smash one racketeer cemetery after another.

The final chapter in the clean-up is remembered for its sensational mystery-story solution of the name of the political protector of the racketeers—the transposition of DACEK, advertised holder of 4000 graves, into CADEK—Policy Captain Louis J. Cadek.

A city has been made fit to live in because one immigrant didn't like being pushed around. Does Gus regret that he didn't stop short and get his money back? Mr. Fritchey broached the subject last summer at a baseball game: "There's just one thing I regret, Gus—that you never got your money back."

"It's all right," said Gus and grinned.

Czech Youth Salutes Jugoslav Colleagues

CHICAGO.—The following message was sent by the United Czechoslovak American Youth to the Jugoslav Embassy, Washington, D. C., on March 30: Please convey to the youth of Jugoslavia our most cordial greetings and salute. They have shown their will with dignity, and have shown us in the last few days that theirs is no false sentimentality in the facing of the sad and bloody task that may lie before us all. We are glad in the way they have responded to the challenge thrown to the social progressive youth of the world—and have thus shown that youth does see the issues more clearly than our elders suspected. We know our duties. If we must die we want only one memorial; not in stone on a battlefield, but a living memorial which will be universal, humanitarian, international, and democratic.... an enduring peace.

United Czechoslovak American Youth,
OTTO SAFRANEK, Secretary.

Lodge 53 Mourns Passing of Bro. K. Laurich

CLEVELAND, O.—We regret to report that our SNPJ Lodge No. 53 lost a loyal member, Bro. Konrad Laurich, who passed away in the Painesville Hospital on Thursday, March 27, 1941. Funeral services were conducted at Webster's Funeral Parlors, Geneva, O., and he was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Painesville. He was a resident of Unionville, O. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; two sons, Theodore and Adolph; daughters Mrs. Ann L. Koschan, Mrs. Mildred G. Kosnick, Mrs. Josephine R. Porter, Mrs. Sally E. Debevc, Mrs. Helen Rinto, Sylvia, Alma and Dorothy. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and relatives.

FRANK BARBIC, Lodge 53.

Special Meeting of Lodge 89 Sunday

MIDWAY, PA.—All members of SNPJ Lodge 89 are asked to attend the special meeting Sunday, April 6, at 2 p. m. The main topic of discussion will be whether we shall build bowling alleys at the lodge hall. This project, if carried out, would be a source of steady income. Please attend and voice your opinion on this important proposition.

JOHN JUST, Secretary.

VALUATION REPORT OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY as of December 31st, 1940

VALUATION EXHIBIT

(Basis other than Accumulation)

ASSETS—Actual and Contingent (Excluding assets of expense and special funds)

*28. Present mid-year value of future net contributions on following forms of certificates:

37. Assets available for payment of death losses determined as follows: Admitted Assets, item 38, page 4 of annual statement (including loans and interest thereon secured by reserves or accumulations actually maintained on the corresponding individual certificates) \$8,027,633.74 (\$848,726.00 Juvenile included) less sum of general or expense funds \$268,649.26, sick and accident funds when not valued \$512,598.20, and special funds (include all funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits) \$84,833.92 7,171,552.36

38. Assets—Actual and Contingent—sum of items 36 and 37, above. \$7,171,552.36

LIABILITIES—Actual and Contingent (Excluding liabilities of expense and special funds)

*39. Present mid-year value of promised benefits, or net tabular mid-year values, on following forms of certificates:

40. Adult death only \$5,246,712.00
43. Juvenile Certificate Reserve 31,902.00
44. Adult Special 225,000.00
45. Juv. Transfer Credits Special 96,214.00
46. Juvenile Special 203,786.00

47. Total \$5,803,614.00

48. Deduct liens and interest thereon, not included in Admitted Assets, and not in excess of required reserves on the corresponding individual certificates valued—Basis other than Accumulation

49. Balance, item 47 less item 48, above \$5,803,614.00

50. Liabilities of mortuary or benefit funds determined as follows: Total Liabilities, except reserve, page 5 of annual statement \$158,506.40 less sum of liabilities of general or expense funds, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above) \$2,397.43; liabilities of sick and accident funds when not valued, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above); and liabilities of special funds (funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits), page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 37, above) \$60,000.00

51. Liabilities—Actual and Contingent—sum of items 49 and 50, above \$5,803,614.00

52. Ratio per cent of Assets—Actual and Contingent—(item 38) to Liabilities—Actual and Contingent—(item 51) Dec. 31, 1940 121.56% Dec. 31, 1939 118.08% Dec. 31, 1938 116.53% Dec. 31, 1937 113.57% Dec. 31, 1936 113.37% Dec. 31, 1917 104.61%

Form of Explanation for Publication:

(N. B. The following is to be used only where the ratio of assets to liabilities is equal to or in excess of 100%.)

53. The above valuation indicates that, on the basis of the Am. Exp. N.F.C. & Standard Industrial tables of mortality with interest at 3½ and 4 per cent, the future payments of the society, at the net rates now being collected, together with the now invested assets, are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms, with a margin of safety of \$1,271,829.39 (or 21.56%) over and above the statutory standards.

SCHEDULE A

(1) Mortality and Interest Assumptions Used	(2) Form of Certificates	Is Form Still Issued?	(4) Certificates in force Dec. 31, 1940		(5) **Formula Used in Valuation
			No.	Amount	
(a) NFC 4%	N.F.C. 4%		Plan A—Whole Life	1937	26,650 \$20,050,539 Attained Age Method: Level Net
(b) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%		Plan B—Whole Life	1937	3,081 2,032,300 Mean Terminal: Level Net
(c) " "	" "		Plan C-20-yr.Payment Life	1937	1,486 1,010,700 " " "
(d) A. Exp. 3½%	Am. Exp. 3½%		Plan D—Whole Life	Yes	4,886 2,856,500 " " "
(e) " "	" "		Plan E-20-yr.Payment Life	Yes	2,800 1,779,100 " " "
(f)			Total Adult		38,912 27,729,139 Totals
(g) Standard Indust. 4%	Standard Indust. 4%		Term to age 16	Yes	12,922 5,078,450 " " "
" "	" "		Cash Settlement at 16	Yes	536 78,085 " " "
			Total Juvenile		13,458 5,156,535 " " "
			Totals		52,370 \$32,885,674 " " "

EXPECTED AND ACTUAL MORTALITY ON GROSS AMOUNT AT RISK

Adult—Juvenile \$338,172.00 \$25,122.00

78. Expected mortality on gross amount at risk.

79. ***Total death losses incurred during the year determined as follows: Death losses paid during the year including the commuted value of installment death losses \$1,975.00 (item 1, page 3 of annual statement), plus such death losses unpaid December 31, of current year \$1, none (line 1, cols. 1-4, incl., page 5 of annual statement), and less such death losses unpaid December 31 of previous year \$1,548.00 (line 1, cols. 1-4, incl., page 5 of annual statement for said year), giving actual mortality on gross amount of risk.

80. Ratio per cent of actual (item 79, above) to expected mortality (item 78, above) on gross amount at risk during 1940.

1939	78.89%	36.64%
1938	75.64%	24.79%
1936	84.32%	20.55%
1937	95.86%	28.21%
1935	98.24%	43.72%

INTEREST INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

(Excluding items belonging to general or expense funds)

NOTE.—The figures entered in items 81 to 88, inclusive, below should relate to benefit funds only. The general or expense fund figures are to be excluded from these items. For example: The interest, dividends and rents and investment expenses of general or expense funds are to be excluded from items 81 to 87, inclusive, below; and in calculating the percentages shown in items 88, 89, and 88, below, the assets of general or expense funds are to be excluded.

81. Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, per items 16 to 23, inclusive, page 2 of the annual statement (less item 45, page 3, and less \$ amortization and plus \$ accrual) \$274,770.85 \$19,755.00

82. Add the excess of interest and rents due and accrued over interest and rents paid in advance December 31 of current year determined as follows: Item 16, page 4, less the sum of item 33B, page 4, item 12, page 5, and the interest in item 10, page 5, of annual statement.

83. Total

84. Deduct the excess of interest and rents due and accrued over interest and rents paid in advance December 31 of previous year determined as follows: Item 18, page 4, less the sum of item 33B, page 4, item 12, page 5, and the interest in item 10, page 5, of previous year's annual statement.

85. Interest earned during the year, item 83 less item 84, above (3.618 per cent of mean ledger assets less one-half of interest earned)

86. Investment expenses paid during the year \$1,585.74, plus \$1, none unpaid December 31 of current year, less \$40.00 unpaid December 31 of previous year, giving incurred investment expenses (averaging 271 per cent of mean ledger assets)

87. Net interest (including rents) on investments of benefit funds, item 85 less item 86, above (3.337 per cent of mean ledger assets less one-half of net interest income from investments)

88. Net rate of interest earned on benefit

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held February 13, 14, 15, 1941, at Headquarters, 2659 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Illinois

Supreme President Cainkar calls meeting to order at 9 a.m. Roll call shows these officers present: Supreme Treasurer John Vogrich is ill; 2nd Vice President Frank Bolka, deceased by pressing union duties, 1st District Vice President John Podboj, who sent no excuse, 3rd District Vice President John Klansek and finance committee man Jacob Zupan, detained by their employment. Bolka and Klansek sent written resignations.

Order of business is accepted as follows:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Order of business
- 4) Time and period of session
- 5) Reports of supreme officers, committees, medical examiner and special committees
- 6) Discussion and decision on reports
- 7) Official business
- 8) Miscellaneous
- 9) Adjournment

Session shall be from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily, 15 minutes intermissions.

Supreme President's Report

We are assembled here for our annual meeting to review our business and accomplishments, and discuss our problems and decide for the future. A report and those of the other officers will give a review of our activities, and provide a basis for our further tasks.

The standing of its membership is of supreme importance to every organization, and while I do not report any sensational progress, I can say in view of the conditions and numerous hindrances, we have, nevertheless, gained many new members and increased our ranks satisfactorily.

I must consider, also, that we are competing with other organizations and companies, some of which staged very attractive membership campaigns during this period.

However, we shall have to figure on such competition, which is not only occasional but has become quite general. Therefore, it is necessary for us, too, to campaign unceasingly, and think up ways to enroll juvenile members particularly, if we do not want to fall behind in our membership.

The juvenile department is our arsenal or repository for the adult department, and is therefore important. In recent years our chief source of replacement of adult members has been the juvenile department. Nothing is more essential to see that this department keeps enrolling members to maintain at high a level as possible. However, we have not been so successful recently. We have had considerable success in recruiting adult members, but have had increasing difficulty with the juvenile department.

As to the financial standing of our Society, I report that we have had better success. We are happy that our assets have increased in the year. The details of administration and use of funds will be given in the reports of other officers. Let me say only that we are financially, and the Society is sound.

We had no special campaign last year, except at the end of the year which saw the opening of ESL 15th anniversary campaign still in progress.

However, we had many activities such as anniversaries, SNPJ Days, ESL 15th anniversary affairs, tournaments and other athletic contests. The Ohio SNPJ Federation had its SNPJ Day, as well as the western Penna. Federation. There was also the National SNPJ Day at Labor Day. The supreme office supervised these celebrations financially and morally. They are good advertising and beneficial to the Society when properly handled.

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tions and recommendations will be presented when we come to that in our order of business.

It would be best if the supreme board which is experienced and has knowledge of the various phases would first take up these problems and give its opinions. The membership could then discuss the subjects more effectively. This is one reason why the discussion on by-laws has not been opened; another reason is that our by-laws are quite complete and satisfactory at present, and will not require much discussion.

Among other supreme board officers absent from this meeting is Brother Vogrich, who is still ill. His duties are carried out as directed by the last board meeting. We are happy to report, however, that his health has improved recently, and it is our sincere hope that he will recover completely soon, and return to his post.

VINCENT CAINKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Vice President

There are many problems before us which we will discuss at this meeting and try to solve justly and in the best interests of the Society. We must plan to adapt our functions to the swiftly changing conditions. A workers' organization like ours is also affected by the defense preparations, particularly our young members who are being called to service. It is important that we find a way to keep these members. Thought should be given also to those members with NFC insurance with a view to solving their problem as far as possible. This should be discussed at the next convention.

I have observed from my contacts with members that they are anxious for the merger. The feeling is that both societies are composed of practically the same people, and that combining them would lighten the financial burden considerably.

Another important phase is also the increasing interest and awareness of the purpose and principles of our Society which are dedicated to liberty and democracy. Our members are not to be deceived by the tactics resorted to by various agencies in times like these. No one can say what the future holds, and we need strong determination for a better and stronger SNPJ.

My relations with the supreme office and executive committee have been harmonious, and I carried out all duties assigned to me. There were no investigations, which would indicate close ties between the lodges and supreme office. The members generally are well satisfied, and this is also a good sign for our future.

I attended many affairs, anniversaries, etc., as representative and supreme board member, and also as substitute for President Cainkar when he was unable to attend.

ANDREW VIDRICH.

Report accepted.

Report of Second Vice President

I did not receive any assignments from the main office. I attended as many of the local lodge functions as I possibly could. I also attended the SNPJ Day celebration held in Strabane last Labor Day. The celebration was very successful and beneficial in advertising our Society. The meeting of the Athletic Board held at the time took up many problems and requests for financial assistance from various local lodges. The annual Bowling tournament which is to be held in Detroit was discussed. From all indications this tournament should be one of the biggest and best ever held by our Society.

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Supervisory com. salaries & expense	430.85
Vice presidents' salaries & expense	300.00
Salaries of employees	7,230.26
Medical examiner's salary	450.00
Invest of doubtful sick members	18.00
Traveling expenses of supreme officers	40.57
Fees for collecting interest on loans	25.50
Expense with FHA mortgages	1,777.55
Social security tax	161.89
Insurance depart. fees	485.09
Expense for investigating of defaulted bonds	504.01
Rent of secretary's office	1,500.00
Literature and other supplies	1,329.93
Card index	158.34
Advertisements	1,769.39
Campaign expense	1,274.23
Subsidy to juv'nl circles	600.00
Wall calendars (print. & mailing)	4,330.58
Postage and express	1,041.36
Telephone and telegrams	187.99
Mladinski List	3,346.98
Supplement to Prosvera	581.50
Supreme board meeting	1,240.04
Litigations	485.30
Furniture and fixtures	1,172.98
Actuary and accountants	254.00
Nat'l Fraternal Congress membership dues	30.00
Burglary insurance fees	113.00
Various subventions	1,335.75
Athletics	1,500.00
Balance as of Dec. 31, 1940	50,188.77
Total	\$ 89,518.87
	\$ 89,518.87

As shown above assets of insurance department have increased in amount of \$371,227.93. Total net assets at end of year were \$5,821,396.40.

The usual treasurer's report has been omitted. The finance committee will report on investments. I want to mention only that during the closing months of last year a number of our bonds were called due to decrease in interest rate, and we can probably expect more of this. Safe, reliable bonds are scarce, and are quickly bought up by the big insurance companies when they appear. This is one of the big problems of organizations like ours.

This is our convention year, and some members have emphasized the need for discussion of by-laws. We have traditionally discussed our by-laws for six months or more before each convention, and almost every specific experience of a member or lodge was eventually incorporated therein. Our idea seemed to be that every human problem could be solved by a provision in the by-laws.

Naturally, some will find it hard to give up this tradition, but the sooner we do so the better off we will be, financially and morally. Thousands of our dollars were spent for lawyers and courts, and there were numerous cases of unnecessary bitterness and slander of the Society and officials because of incidents which could not be settled out of court because no one had the power to do so.

Finally we realized that the by-laws would have to be revised so that cases of dispute could be settled on the basis of mutual, fraternal understanding if at all possible. This was done, and the present by-laws have reduced law suits by 98%. Also, they have eliminated criticism of our dealings with members in certain misunderstandings.

Shall we now start again to break up our by-laws as set up by experts, and return to the former period of law suits? Is not the satisfaction of our members a sufficient indication that our present by-laws are good?

I am sure that no one will recommend that the assessment be increased at the next convention nor in the by-laws discussion. As this will not happen, then—on the basis of financial reports published every six months, every interested member can know what we are able to give.

Of course, some minor by-law changes will be necessary. But on the whole they should remain as they are. I sincerely hope that the members will not be excited by impossible promises in these serious times. On the other hand, members may be sure that they will get everything our finances and standing permit in the form of benefits, assistance, etc. Let us rather give our efforts to our membership campaign for our mutual good, than perhaps argue about impractical and impossible plans.

The ESL 15th anniversary campaign could undoubtedly be more successful if the members of all ESL's would be as active in it as some. It seems to me that this is partly our own fault because we are apt to theorize on paper instead of applying real, practical effort such as is being practised by some lodges and members so commendably.

Three lodges consolidated last year, and a new ES lodge was organized at Brownsville, Pa. At the end of 1940 we had 608 lodges in 30 States and Canada.

The supreme treasurer's health has improved, and under more favorable conditions he would probably have returned to work already. However, we hope that his recovery will be complete soon.

Relations between lodges and officers and our office are excellent, business is administrated promptly, and there are few complaints. Benefits and claims are paid as promptly as possible. The employees are capable and conscientious, and relations in the department harmonious.

Certified accountants and our Supervisory committee audited the books, and their reports will be submitted here.

In the name of the SNPJ I want to thank everyone who has helped our Society in any way in the past year, and particularly those who are active in enrolling new members. It is our hope that they will continue with their work.

F. A. VIDER.

Report accepted.

Report of Assistant Secretary

Financial Statement of Sick Benefit Funds from July 1 to December 31, 1940

SI Class

Land and building	\$ 62,281.39
Real estate	8,974.26
Loans on first mortgages	352,283.39
FHA mortgages	586,058.01
Loans on certificates	13,736.73
Federal bonds	2,559,493.23
HOLC bonds	462,643.75
Federal FHA bonds	3,850.00
Canadian bonds	25,087.50
State, county, municipal bonds not in default	2,767,972.93
State, county, municipal bonds in default	4,000.00
Industrial & utilities bonds not in default	440,030.25
Industrial & utilities bonds in default	99,750.00
Checking Account:	
Assessment	\$ 80,555.31
Harris Trust & Savings Bank	101,182.04
Continental Ill. Nat'l Bank	13,776.93
Montreal Bank	2,584.59
Total	207,098.87

25.87

161,223.75

2,700.00

43,994.20

135,000.00

TOTAL

\$ 7,935,204.05

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Balance as of July 1, 1940	\$ 585,240.55
Assessment	17,501.68
Net income from investments	1,802.18
Death claims paid	4,865.00
Paid to members transferred to Adult Dept.	6,735.47
Transfer to expense fund of Adult Dept.	7,988.67
Exchange fees	5.60
Awards for new members	132.00
Medical exam. fees	20.00
Expenses with FHA mortgages	41.56
Balance as of Dec. 31, 1940	583,956.11
TOTAL	\$ 603,744.41

Status of Assets

FHA mortgages	\$ 10,727.74
First mortgage real estate	39,882.61
Second mortgage real estate	1,050.00
United States HOLC bonds	38,905.63
Federal savings certificates	15,500.00
Federal bonds	238,078.98
State, county, municipal bonds	139,949.15
Industrial, utility bonds	47,231.25
Total	\$ 89,596.75

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15,500.00

238,078.98

139,949.15

47,231.25

Total

\$ 89,596.75

Surplus

11,625.65

Balance June 30

251,622.22

Balance Dec. 31

\$ 263,247.87

SI Class

Receipts:	
July	\$ 16,668.75
August	16,000.00
September	16,745.75
October	16,758.35
November	16,822.05
December	16,841.65
Total regular assess.	\$ 100,437.40
Special assess.	473.00
Benefit returned.	5.00
Total	\$ 100,915.40

16,668.75

16,000.00

16,745.75

16,758.35

16,822.05

16,841.65

Total

\$ 100,915.40

Disbursements:

July

\$ 14,300.50

August

17,582.50

September

13,568.25

October

15,912.50

November

13,639.00

December

14,287.00

Total

\$ 100,915.40

Receipts:	
July	\$ 12,975.00
August	12,850.50
September	12,894.00
October	12,885.00
November	12,826.50
December	12,843.00
Total regular assess.	77,304.00
Special assess.	716.00
Total	\$ 78,020.00

12,975.00

12,850.50

12,894.00

12,885.00

12,826.50

rewards were received in exchange for securities previously held.

ever decreasing yield on new investments is a serious problem, not only to our Society but to every institution engaged in Life Insurance Business. They all have their rates of interest, premiums and assessments based on the expected yield, say, 4 or 3½%. The investment in our investments is an important part of our income to the Mortuary Fund. According to our Secretary's report for last half of 1940, about 17, or about 40% of total income was derived from our investments. It is evident that any continued decrease in this income will later, be reflected in increased payments to the only other source available: dues of our members.

MORTGAGES PAID.—Eleven mortgages have been paid in full which is a rather large number for six month period. In most cases, the borrowers have been able to obtain funds elsewhere under more favorable terms and have used such funds to pay their obligations to us.

PORTFOLIO IMPROVED.—We feel that it is entirely proper to call your attention to the fact, that the quality of our securities is steadily improved. We have recently made a survey as to the rating qualifications of our investments and the report shows, that fully 70% of our bonds, excluding so-called industrial bonds, have a rating of A or better. This improvement is partly due to a gradual elimination of unsound securities, and partly to our policy of placing all new funds in high grade securities only.

BONDS MATURED, CALLED AND SOLD.—None of bonds matured, called and sold will show that 3 issues were sold at loss, but all were disposed of at par or above. The net value of these bonds is about \$6,000, due almost to the sale of Los Indios, Cameron Co. Bonds. The Los Indios Bonds were sold through investigation of that School Dis-

trict. Our finance committee has made many attempts to refund these bonds or to dispose of them at more favorable terms, but without success. We finally decided that selling them was the best way out of an unpleasant situation.

We had much better fortune in disposing of our Tiedtke Stores Realty Co. bonds. These were so-called First Mortgage Leasehold bonds which have caused us much trouble in the past. As they were placed on the list of Non-admitted assets, we were advised to sell them some time ago. But because they were quoted much below par at 75 or 80, we decided to hold them for better price. We have finally disposed of them without a loss to our Society.

MORTGAGES PAID.—Eleven mortgages have been paid in full which is a rather large number for six month period. In most cases, the borrowers have been able to obtain funds elsewhere under more favorable terms and have used such funds to pay their obligations to us.

PORTFOLIO IMPROVED.—We feel that it is entirely proper to call your attention to the fact, that the quality of our securities is steadily improved. We have recently made a survey as to the rating qualifications of our investments and the report shows, that fully 70% of our bonds, excluding so-called industrial bonds, have a rating of A or better. This improvement is partly due to a gradual elimination of unsound securities, and partly to our policy of placing all new funds in high grade securities only.

This is our joint report. We shall be glad to give you any additional information that you may desire.

MATT PETROVICH,
Chairman SNPJ Finance Committee.

REPORT AND REVIEW

of investment transactions July 1st. to December 31st. 1940

NEW INVESTMENTS US GOVERNMENT BONDS

Department:	Description	Par Value	Interest	Amount	Paid	Due Date	Yield
		\$ 50,000.00	2 1/4	\$ 51,609.38	12/15/53/51	1.97	
	1940 US Treasury	25,000.00	2 1/4	102 8/32	25,502.50	6/15/53/54	2.06
	1940 US Treasury	60,000.00	2 1/4	103 19/32	62,156.25	6/15/53/54	1.97
	1940 US Treasury	25,000.00	2 1/4	103 31/32	25,982.19	6/15/53/54	2.03
	1940 US Treasury	25,000.00	2	104 9/32	26,074.22	6/15/53/53	1.63
	1940 F.H.A.M.M.I.F.	2,850.00	2 1/4	100	3,850.00	7/1/58	2.75
Total U. S. Treasury		\$188,850.00		\$195,244.54			
State Department:							
1940 US Treasury	\$ 5,000.00	2 1/4	103 7/32	\$ 5,160.94	12/15/53/51	1.97	
1940 US Treasury	5,000.00	2 1/4	103 19/32	5,179.69	6/15/53/54	1.97	
1940 US Treasury	15,000.00	2	104 9/32	15,644.53	6/15/53/53	1.63	
Total U. S. Treasury		\$ 25,000.00		\$ 25,985.16			
L. U. S. TREASURY BOTH PARTMENTS		\$213,850.00		\$221,229.70			

MUNICIPAL BONDS

1940 N.Y. City-Schools Constr.	\$ 25,000.00	2 1/4	98.49	\$ 24,622.50	Aug. 1, 1960	2.85
1940 Los Angeles, Calif., Wt. & Power	\$ 50,000.00	2 1/4	103.44989	51,724.95	Oct. 1, 1963	2.55
1940 City of Chicago, Water Works, Ctf. Indebt.	25,000.00	2	101.16685	25,291.72	Apr. 1, 1954	1.90
1940 Putnam County, Fla., Refunding	26,920.00	4	Exchanged	26,920.00	6/1/43/56	4.00
1940 Robstown, Tex., Refund.	29,000.00	4 1/2	Exchanged	29,000.00	4/15/59/73	4.50
1940 Fort Myers, Fla.	25,000.00	2-5	Exchanged	25,000.00	Jul. 1, 1969	2-5
Total Municipal	\$180,920.00			\$182,559.17		

PUBLIC UTILITIES

1940 Michigan Public Service	\$ 15,000.00	4	102.5	\$ 15,375.00	Oct. 1, 1965	3.84
1940 So. Calif. Edison Co.	25,000.00	3	104	26,000.00	Sep. 1, 1965	2.78
Total Public Utilities				\$ 41,375.00		

TOTAL NEW SECURITIES	\$434,770.00			\$445,163.87		
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OTHER INVESTMENTS

FHA Mortgages						
Name of Mortgagors						
1940 George & Anna Masek, Chicago, Ill.	13-016-036280			\$ 3,500.00	4 1/2	8/1/55
1940 Bernie & Marguerite Willis, Chgo, Ill.	13-016-036279			5,000.00	4 1/2	8/1/55
1940 Anna & Edward Marlowe, Elmwood Pk.	13-016-036792			5,400.00	4 1/2	10/1/60
1940 Anna & Edward F. Krall, Chicago, Ill.	13-016-036278			4,800.00	4 1/2	8/1/55
1940 James & Libby Blaha, Chicago, Ill.	13-016-041588			3,600.00	4 1/2	12/1/60
1940 Daniel & Agnes Centanni, Elmwood Pk.	13-016-041577			5,000.00	4 1/2	1/1/58
Total FHA Mortgages				\$27,300.00		

FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N

1940 First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Gary, Ind.	\$ 5,000.00					
1940 First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Detroit, Mich.	5,000.00					
1940 First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Washington, D. C.	5,000.00					
1940 First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Boston, Mass.	5,000.00					
1940 First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n, Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00					
Total Deposits in Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n	\$ 25,000.00					

GRAND TOTAL OF NEW INVESTMENTS	\$497,463.87					
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RECAPITULATION

	Par Value	Cost
Government Bonds: Adult Department	\$188,850.00	\$195,244.54
Juvenile Department	25,000.00	25,985.16
State Bonds—Adult Department	180,920.00	182,559.17
Utilities Securities—Adult Department	40,000.00	41,375.00
Mortgages—Adult Department	27,300.00	27,300.00
Savings & Loan Ass'n Deposits	25,000.00	25,000.00
	\$487,070.00	\$497,463.87

BONDS MATURED, CALLED & SOLD

Description	Due	Denomination	Price	Received	Classification
1940 Chester County, Tenn., Highway Dist.	7/31/40	\$ 2,000.00	Par	\$ 2,000.00	Matured
1940 Chicago Park Dist., Bldg. 13-016-036289	3/1/40/Opt	12,000.00	Par	12,000.00	Called
1940 Dade County, Fla., Highway	10/1/40/41	10,000.00	Par	10,000.00	Matured
1940 Glades County, Fla., Rd. & Edge	5/1/37-50	1,000.00	80	800.00	Sold
1940 Howard County, Tex., Roads	7/12/30-42	5,000.00	Par	5,000.00	Matured
1940 Knoxville, Tenn., City, Refund	1/1/58	2,000.00	104	2,000.00	Called
1940 Knoxville, Tenn., City, Refund	1/1/58	17,000.00	104	17,000.00	Called
1940 Los Indios Sch. Dist., Cameron County, Tex.					

pointment following the war, and while it is a fact that we all want the downfall of the dictators, we are not united on the way this is to be accomplished. Neither our Society nor Prosveta will solve these problems.

Molek replies that the principal goal and task of Prosveta is to defend democracy, but the trouble is that everyone has a different way of doing this, just as everyone interprets socialism differently, and everyone wants to be right. That is why we have polemics. The stand he takes is closest to true democracy.

In all this the greatest difficulty is that everyone expects special privileges for himself but is unwilling to grant them to others. Comments are made only where necessary to call attention to mistakes. We are careful to delete from articles what cannot be published, and most contributors are satisfied.

It is foolish to talk of censorship which does not even exist in our paper. We must have order, and we cut only what is absolutely necessary. From the debate it is apparent that not enough is cut. The only solution for all this would be that Prosveta would cease to be a political paper, and it appears probable that the time will come when this will be necessary.

Bro. Vogrich who is present addresses the meeting. He is happy to hear from the discussion that its officers have the interests of the Society at heart. He regrets that his illness has forced him to be inactive for a whole year, but he hopes to return to his duties soon, and to be present at the next board meeting.

In the name of the entire board the president expresses the hope that Bro. Vogrich will return to activity soon.

Cainkar states that the question of Prosveta policy is an old one, and that many published articles add nothing to our prestige or progress. The Prosveta should serve the Society as a medium to spread its ideals and principles, and to accomplish our purpose.

Godina states that it would be harmful to the Society to change the policy of Prosveta. The SNPJ became the largest Slovene fraternal organization chiefly because of progressive policy of its paper. The last convention assigned the task of editing Prosveta to Bro. Molek who is doing this with due consideration of circumstances and the wishes of the supreme board.

SESSION FEB. 14. 8 A.M.

Minutes of opening session approved with corrections. Minutes of p. m. session approved as read.

Debate on Prosveta policy continued. Petrovich, Barbic, Lotrich, Tomsic, Godina, Medvesek, Zaitz, Tercej and Vider take part. Motion carried as follows: Majority of SNPJ supreme board is of opinion that the editor shall continue the present democratic policy, but that Prosveta Daily shall carry more original articles and contributions concerning our problems which are more important to our Society and our immigrants than articles and letters on international politics.

CONVENTION

Vider moves that the twelfth regular convention shall open September 15, 1941. Motion seconded. Lotrich reports that Chicago SNPJ Federation recommends that convention open Sept. 8 because of SNPJ Day in Chicago Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1 which delegates from the West and North could attend on their way to the convention. Vider explains that September 15 date is best because of the work in the offices. Malgai, Barbic and Zarnik talk on motion. Carried unanimously.

Resolution of SNPJ Federation of Western Pa. and of Fayette and Greene Counties asks that convention be held in Slovene Home in Pittsburgh. Vider explains that Western Pa. Federation elected a special committee which sent its recommendations to the supreme office, as did the federation which has now sent resolution to hold convention in Slovene Home; that is, the recommendation was changed later.

Originally the committee sent estimates from Hotel Roosevelt and Hotel Fort Pitt, as well as letter from directors of Slovene Home without any prices. Executive committee has considered this question from various angles, which is finally to be decided by the whole board.

We shall need a proper sized hall for the main assembly; in addition, we shall need at least 5 committee-meeting rooms and a room for official documents and material. These facilities are not available at the Slovene Home. It is doubtful also that the delegates could be given sleeping quarters and their meals in the vicinity of the Slovene Home. All these things must be considered. The prestige of the Society is also involved.

The estimates from the hotels show that assembly and meeting rooms would be free if a certain number of delegates reserves rooms in the hotel.

Office of Collector of Internal Revenue
Chicago, Illinois

Notice Relating to the Printing of Admission Tickets

Printers are required to promptly notify this office whenever admission tickets of 21 cents or more are printed or sold. The letter of notification should contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the person or organization to whom the tickets are furnished, and of the printer.
- (2) The number of tickets furnished.
- (3) The first and last numbers if serially numbered.
- (4) Sample copies of the tickets, together with a translation if printed in a foreign language.

The Federal admission tax is one cent for each 10 cents of fraction thereof of the amount paid for admission, if such amount exceeds 20 cents. For example: Admissions of 21 to 30 cents, inclusive, tax 3 cents; 31 to 40 cents, inclusive, 4 cents; 41 to 50 cents, inclusive, 5 cents; etc.

Free or reduced price admissions are subject to a tax based on the regular price charged for similar accommodations, except as to children or persons on official business, etc. In the latter cases tax is based on the amount paid, and if it is less than 21 cents the admission is not taxable. Note that "advance" tickets are thus subject to tax based on the established door price.

The established price, the tax based thereon, and the total must be printed or marked on the face of that part of the ticket which is taken up at the place of admission. Also the name of the place of admission must be designated and tickets must either show the date for which they are valid, or be serially numbered.

If the ticket shows the seat or box, the location and seat or box number must appear on that part of the ticket which is taken up by the patron.

Tickets may be printed with the notation "tax free" or "tax exempt" thereon only after an exemption certificate has been issued by this office. Exemption is allowable where a claim on Form 755 has been filed establishing that all the proceeds of the admission charges inure to an exempt beneficiary such as a religious, educational or charitable organization, not for profit, or war veterans association, etc.

Majority present takes part in debate. Tercej was present at meeting which unanimously adopted resolution to hold convention in Slovene home; every attempt would be made to satisfy the needs, and the feeling was that as hall was Slovene owned it should be supported. Medvesek believes it would probably be best to hold convention in Slovene Home to please the members; also, some delegates would feel more at home there.

Vidrich, Molek, Vratarich, Shular, Barbic, Gorsiek, Petrovich, Gradisek talk on subject. Cainkar points out that executive committee took up this whole matter and obtained particulars on what the Home and the hotels can offer; we are submitting all the facts and it is up to the whole Supreme Board now to decide. Others point out that the convention will benefit if it is held in hotel since the Home can not offer what our convention requires. Otherwise no one has anything against the Home and it is recommended that programs be held there during the convention, and that the delegates congregate there in their free time.

Barbic moves to hold twelfth regular convention in Hotel; all arrangements to be made by executive committee. Motion seconded.

Tercej moves that twelfth regular convention be held in Slovene Home. Medvesek seconds.

Two votes cast for contrary motion. Balance of votes for motion. Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 14. 1 P.M.

CONVENTION REPORTS

Secretary moves that supreme officers' reports to convention shall be in the Supreme office not later than June 30, 1941. Zaitz suggests that reports shall be of each officer's jurisdiction only. Zupan suggests that reports be published in book form; each officer to include desired amendments to by-laws. Cainkar, Petrovich, Malgai, Medvesek, Shular, Barbic and Vratarich talk on subject. Zupan moves to publish reports in Slovene and English. Carried. Vider's motion carried, and also that executive committee shall arrange distribution of reports.

TENTATIVE BY-LAWS

Zaitz recommends that the usual provisional by-laws be prepared. Vider states he cannot see necessity for this, and the money would be wasted. The present by-laws have proved good, and we have few complaints and misunderstandings. The necessary amendments can be presented in pamphlet form with old section on one page and proposed section on opposite page.

20 YEAR ENDOWMENT

Last convention decided that a 20 Year Endowment plan was to be submitted to the next convention for consideration. Vider reports that executive committee has prepared this plan. He doubts that it will be as popular as claimed if we compare results of our Juvenile endowment insurance. This has been in effect since July 1, 1937, and has only 480 members in spite of the fact that we know of no organization which offers such good insurance, and that at age of 18 amount paid in is paid out in full. The feeling is that assessment is too high, and such policies are very often changed to ordinary insurance after a few months. Adult endowment insurance will cost twice as much as present insurance, and even now there are complaints on the assessment. The majority of juveniles transferring to adult class take out the \$500 certificate on which parents pay assessment. Also, we must consider that state legislation in many cases is becoming more strict, with many states already proposing taxation of fraternal societies, very possibly because of the fact that fraternals are entering the commercial insurance field more and more. He is convinced that even if adopted, endowment insurance will not be especially successful.

Cainkar states that taxation of fraternal societies is being discussed in many state legislatures, and if passed our Society will be affected if we have endowment insurance or not.

Medvesek believes it is absolutely necessary to have endowment insurance in addition to the other classes.

Lotrich was always in favor of endowment insurance as the more types of policies we have to offer, the easier it is to get new members.

Vratarich, Malgai, Barbic, Tomsic, Zarnik and Petrovich believe that this insurance should be available for those who want it.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Vider recommends rewording of section 44 which will make the provision clearer in certain respects. Approved.

Vider recommends change in section 46, "Applicant shall pay \$1 admission fee into expense fund upon admission to membership" to read "Admission fees of new members shall be determined by the supreme board as necessary." Motion by Zupan to accept amendment carried.

Tickets printed contrary to the regulations shall be subject to seizure or required to be corrected and when the violation amounts to an attempt to defraud collection of the tax, the violator will be liable for a specific penalty equivalent to the tax and in addition shall upon conviction be subject to a fine (maximum \$10,000) or imprisonment (maximum 5 years) or both together with costs of prosecution.

This tax is payable on the amount of tickets sold by any lodge, club, etc., to the Collector of Internal Revenue at the nearest Internal Revenue office. For further information, please inquire at your post office, where you can also make money order to pay this tax.

CARTER HARRISON, Collector.

SECRETARY VIDRICH, Collector.

Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of February 5

Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. Present were officers Vincent Cainkar, F. A. Vider, Lawrence Gradisek, Ivan Molek and Philip Godina; John Vogrich was absent because of illness. Minutes of the Jan. 29 meeting approved.

President Cainkar received a letter from the Detroit Federation advising of organization of a new Juvenile Circle, for which they ask for some financial contribution: \$25 approved. Report from the secretary of the Juvenile Circle in Blaine, Ohio, in which they also request some financial help: \$15 approved.

In the State of Wyoming, according to letter received from the National Fraternal Congress, they have proposed a law to abolish exemption of fraternals to pay the tax on collection. The Society is urged to

appeal to the proper authorities in defense of the Fraternal Societies' interests.

Secretary Vider submitted letter from the committee for the Ohio SNPJ Day to be held July 4 in Girard. They ask for Frank Zaitz and Michael Kumer as speakers and for two different kinds of posters, tickets, ribbons and financial help. Decided it is customary only one member of the Supreme Board is delegated for speaker at such affair; in this case Bro. Zaitz is approved as speaker. Secretary should explain to this committee in regard to second speaker for the affair, also furnish them with posters and stickers for advertising on cars; the tickets must be paid by the Federation; financial help is granted in the amount of \$100, same as last year.

Applications for special operation benefits, recommended by the su-

perior medical examiner, were approved: Rudolph Mataja, lodge 79, \$25; Anton Jurjevic, lodge 118, \$35; Amalija Sagadin, lodge 102, \$25. John Majdich, deceased, member of lodge 293, designated the entire sum of \$250 insurance for his funeral. His son, who apparently provided the funeral for this member, suggested that we make the check directly to the undertaker. The by-laws do not allow more than \$200 for payment of funeral expenses, the entire sum approved as payment of funeral expenses.

Assistant Secy Gradisek submitted the following: Florjan Skrak, deceased, member of lodge 247, left unpaid sick benefit and his attendants ask if it would be possible to pay the remainder of his sick benefit. According to explanation of lodge secretary, decided the remaining sick benefit should be paid.

Applications for assessment loan and special benefit were also approved. (Details in Slovene minutes.)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting of February 15

Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. Present were officers Vincent Cainkar, F. A. Vider, Lawrence Gradisek, Ivan Molek and Philip Godina; John Vogrich, who is still ill, was not present. Minutes of the Feb. 5 meeting approved.

President Cainkar received letter from lodge 685 for SNPJ films. Request granted, correspondence relative to the matter to be conducted by the president. Lodge 21: a con-

not be as popular as expected, or as the old country films are. He moves to defer action to new supreme board. Motion seconded.

Zupan states that he is in favor of obtaining the advice of someone in this line of work before reaction. It is quite possible that in the end He could arrange for free technical supervision such a film, and is preparing material now slimming important phases of SNPJ activity which is intended primarily for Prosveta.

Petrovich states that \$1,500 is too much for film, and would prefer that money would be used to compensate our campaign workers. Lotrich believes that movies have great advertising value for the Society, and not only assist in getting members but also in keeping them interested in our work. Gradisek, Cainkar, Malgai, Olip talk on topic. Zaitz' motion carried. Vider states he will not be in favor of purchasing more films.

Medvesek reports that committee of four federations promoting the Ohio SNPJ Day decided on an English and a Slovene speaker, moves that supreme board approves both speakers, one of whom is not a board member. Motion carried.

Vider explains that executive committee considered this matter, and in view of previous decision and the rules that only one speaker be authorized and that he shall be a board member, it was decided to approve a speaker in the Slovene language. The committee does not object to speakers if second speaker is paid by the sponsoring lodge or group. Supreme board members responsible speakers who are able to talk on Society; also, in the best interest of the SNPJ must have control over who shall represent it.

Zaitz states that there were two instances where non-board members were paid to speak at Society affairs, which would indicate that rule no longer stands. The SNPJ was built by loyal members who worked unselfishly for us; wherever such a member appears particularly among our youth, and if he is a good speaker, he should be used and encouraged.

Vider explains that one non-member speaker was paid only one per diem; lodge invited and later asked for expense money.

Petrovich states that it is unquestionably desirable to have a speaker for the English-speaking people they want. It is our duty to encourage those who show interest in working among young people. If we do not do this, we will not have capable leaders among our youth.

Cainkar denies that executive officers have thought of belittling others in their own favor; has always supported the youth and believes should be given every chance to develop. However, our young supreme board members have first consideration for such assignments as Cainkar, Olip, Vidrich and Lotrich emphasize the need of using our young agitators. Barbic and Gradisek ask why federations could not pay the expense of second speaker themselves. Medvesek's motion carried, which shall apply only this instance is not valid for future cases.

Lotrich believes that it would be advantageous to hold a lodge secretaries and presidents conference on day before convention opens for the purpose of instructing these officers in our functions of insurance, administration and agitation discussing current Society and lodge problems. Question deferred to next supreme board meeting.

Vider submits resolution of Chicago SNPJ Federation of SNPJ adopted at its regular meeting and appealing to the SNPJ supreme board meeting that it shall instruct the executive committee to prepare a resolution and distribute the lodges with information for action and forwarding to senators and representatives who should be requested to vote for the proposed amendment to improve the pension law so that age be increased from 65 to 60 years, and workers in every classification be entitled to pension.

Zupan explains that his letter also has a recommendation that the supreme board approve purchase of news parade film at the price stated. He is skeptical about film proposed by executive committee because of the difficulties involved and the fact that it might

not be as popular as expected, or as the old country films are. He moves to defer action to new supreme board. Motion seconded.

Minutes of closing session approved with corrections. Motion that Cainkar shall preside. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President.
F. A. VIDRICH, Supreme Secretary.
PETER BERNIK, Recorder.

English; also, for ad for their program book. A one-page ad was granted, and it was decided to use them that they should be the speakers for the affair themselves. Letter from lodge 477 was read, which informed that they will celebrate their 20th anniversary May 25, 1941, and elections should be given every year. They desire Brother Petrovich as speaker. Request approved.

An explanation was received from the secretary of lodge 631 with a reference to donation from the athletic fund towards the Midwest tour, amount of \$100, which is appropriated.

Letter of lodge 447 with reference to a letter which the Supreme Office received from a member of their lodge. Supreme Secretary had refused to consent to the request of the lodge and return that letter. Decided that since the letter contained the facts, he had acted properly and his action was withheld, therefore, the request of the lodge is delegated.

Applications for loans and financial help were also approved. (Details in Slovene minutes.)

Meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President.
F. A. VIDRICH, Supreme Secretary.

Frank Bolka, President, Elkhorn, Wis.; Frank Godina, Secretary, 257 N. Francisco, Chicago, Ill.; Joseph Pitol, E. St., Cleveland, O.; James T. Frank Podhajsky, Box 227, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Light Out

"How's business?"
"On the rocks."

"Too bad."

"No, I build lighthouses."