

Od tedna do tedna

VZROK POLOMA?

Strahoviti porazi, kateri doživlja zavezniško orožje zadnjih par tednov, napolnjujejo mnogo ljudi z začudenjem, kako je kaj takega sploh mogoče. Angleži in Francozi so imeli vendar od prošlega septembra čas, da se pripravijo na udar nemških sil na zapadni fronti, akoravno so bili od začetku sovražnosti manj pripravljeni kot je bila Nemčija, sedaj pa izgleda kot da se poveljstvo zavezniških armad sploh ni zavedalo, s kakšno močnim in držnim sovražnikom ima opravka. Nacijske kolone gredo naprej, kamor se zaletijo, kot nož v maslo.

Mnogo je ugibanja, kaj se nahaja za temi skoro nerazumljivimi porazi zavezniških čet. Najbližje resnici bo morda to, da je zavezniška diplomacija skozi kapitulacije zadnjih let, ki je bila kronana z izdajstvom češke v Monakovem, tako oslabilo moralo Angležev in Francozov kot narodov, da v uri odločitve več ne posedajo tiste odporne sile in poguma, brez katerega so zmage v vojni nemogoče. Z drugimi besedami, sedaj gre v klasje to, kar sta Chamberlain in Daladier sejala v Monakovem.

PAZLJIVOST POTREBNA

Kongres je postal vpriči alarmantnega razvoja dogodkov v Evropi skrajno dostopen za zakonske predloge, ki so naperjeni proti inozemcem v Zedinjenih državah, katerih je v deželni okoli tri milijone. Ena posledica je, da so mnoga velika podjetja že naznanila, da ne bodo zaposlilo nikogar, ki se ne more izkazati kot ameriški državljan. To velja zlasti za korporacije, ki izdelujejo orožje in druge vojne potrebine.

Z gotovostjo se pričakuje, da bo v kratkem sprejeta predloga, glasom katere se bodo morali vsi nedržavljeni registrirati, poleg tega se bodo odtisnili njihovi prsti. V svrhu boljše kontrole pa je bilo že odredeno, da urad za naturalizacijo in naseljeništvu, ki je doslej spadal pod delavski department, pride v področje justičnega departamenta, čigar resna roka je zvezna tajna služba, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Nahajamo se pač v izrednih časih in ako vlada Zedinjenih držav podvzema izredne korake, da se zavaruje proti morebitnim sovražnikom v svojih lastnih mejah, je to povsem razumljivo in temu ni mogoče oporekati. Delovanje "Pete kolone" po raznih evropskih državah nudi zadostno svarilo.

Zdrava pamet veleva, da je v teh časih in razmerah vsakdo previden in da ne stori ničesar, ki bi moglo vreči senca na njegovo lojalnost napram tej republiki. To velja za vsakogar, tudi za naturalizirane državljane, ne samo za one, ki vsled enega ali drugega razloga še niso postali ameriški državljani. Važno je tudi, da človek nima nobenih stikov z organizacijami, ki med splošno publiko veljajo za ne-ameriške. Dokler je New Deal na krmilu v Washingtonu sicer ni nobene nevarnosti, da bi se koga po nedolžnem preganjanju, ampak nihče ne more jamčiti, da ne pride pri narodni vladi do spremembe.

Rusija in Jugoslavija

Iz Moskve se poroča, da je vrhovni svet odobril trgovinski in plovitbeni sporazum med Rusijo in Jugoslavijo. Protokol, ki tvori del pakta, je bil podpisani v Moskvi 11. maja.

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VESTI O POTEKU Z 10. REDNE KONVENCIJE

Kot je bilo že zadnjič omenjeno, bo zapisnik 10. redne konvencije SSPZ objavljen v kratkem v obliki posebne priloge "Napredka." Do tedaj naj članstvu služi v informacijo nekatere kratke opazke, iz katerih je razvidno na splošno, kako je potekala konvencija in kateri so bili njeni najbolj važni zaključki.

Debata o združenju, ki se je začela v torek, se je nadaljevala v sredo popoldne, ko je bila konvencija odgodena do prihodnjega jutra. Popoldne se je namreč delegacija peljala na ogled po mestu in se je dala na prečelju clevelandskega umetnostnega muzeja slikati.

Ta debata, ki je trajala v sredo od zjutraj pa do popoldne, je bila najbolj burna in napeta od vseh na tej konvenciji. Od prejšnjega dne se je nahajala pred zbornico kopica različnih predlogov o tem vprašanju in delegacije se nikakor niso mogli zediniti, kaj naj se ž njimi pravi. Končno je prodril predlog, s katerim so bili vsi predlogi prejšnjega dne vrženi z dnevnega reda, nakar sta bila stavljeni dva nova, samostojna predloga.

Prvi se je glasil, da naj zbornica direktno glasuje, s katero izmed dveh organizacij, SNPJ ali JSKJ, naj se izvrši združenje. Drugi predlog pa je bil, da naj se sestavi nova provizorična pogodba, temelječa na zapisnikih razgovorov z uradniki obeh organizacij ter da se ista predloži obema, da jo sprejmeta ali zavrzeta.

Poimensko glasovanje, ki se je vršilo o teh dveh predlogih, je tvorilo točko najvišje napetosti na tej konvenciji. S tem je delegacija zavzela določeno stališče glede nadaljne akcije o tem važnem vprašanju.

Izid glasovanja je bil sledeči: Za predlog, da se konvencija direktno izrazi za združenje bodisi z SNPJ ali JSKJ, je bilo oddanih 25 glasov, za drugi predlog, da se sestavi nova provizorična pogodba ter da so jo predloži obema organizacijama v svrhu nadaljne akcije, pa je glasovalo 34 delegatov.

Naslednji korak konvencije, v skladu s sprejetim predlogom, je bila izvolitev posebnega konvenčnega odbora, kateremu je bila dana naloga, da gre takoj na delo ter sestavi provizorično združitveno pogodbo ter posebno resolucijo, katera bo natančno definirala pravice in dolžnosti tega odbora ter omogočila sklic izvanredne konvencije v slučaju, da ena ali druga izmed omenjenih organizacij, ali pa obe, sprejmeta dotično pogodbo. Predlog v tem smislu je bil sprejet s 44 glasovi.

Nato je bil izvoljen posebni združitveni odbor, ki sestoji iz sledečih: Rudolph Lisch, glavni podpredsednik, Mirko G. Kuhel, glavni blagajnik, Anton Zaitz, glavni pomožni tajnik, Frank Pucel, predsednik protonega odbora, in delegat Andrew Grum iz Detroita.

Omenjeni odbor je bil na delu skozi četrtek in petek in je podal svoje poročilo v soboto do-

podne. Konvencija je brez vsakih dodatkov ali sprememb odobrila predloženo provizorično združitveno pogodbo, kakor tudi resolucijo, katera je bila sestavljena po njenem naročilu.

Ta resolucija med drugim določa, da združitveni odbor obstaja "do časa, da je združitvena pogodba sprejeta od ene ali druge imenovane organizacije in je združenje izvršeno." Dalje: "V slučaju, da sta obe pogodbi nesprejeti od omenjenih organizacij radi pogojev združenja, ki jih je odobrila in sprejela 10. redna konvencija, tedaj obstoj tega odbora takoj preneha in se isti razpusti. Združevalni odbor ima polno moč in pravico uposliti odvetnika in aktuarja za nasvet in navodila, in v izvedenju pogojev, navedenih v provizorični združitveni pogodbi, in sme spremeniti besedilo pogodbe v svrhu razčiščenja pomena in jezikoslovja pogodbe in točk, ne more pa spremeniti pogojev. Ta odbor ima pravico predelati pogoje manjše važnosti, ki bi znali združenje zastavljati, pod pogojem, da odbor tako soglasno zaključi."

V smislu te resolucije bodo člani tega združevalnega odbora imeli na eventualni združevalni konvenciji isto pravico in moč kot ostali delegati ter bodo upravičeni do istih odškodnin kot ostali člani združevalne konvencije.

Resolucija tudi nalaga glavnemu odboru SSPZ in vsem njenim posameznim odsekom, "da točno izvajajo zaključke 10. redne konvencije glede združenja, ter da nudijo združevalnemu odboru vso mogočo pomoč in sodelovanje za izvedbo konvenčnega zaključka glede združenja."

V tej zvezi je konvencija na sobotni seji soglasno sprejela še eno resolucijo, ki določa, da se akcija za združenje čim bolj pospeši, ako pa bi se v doglednem času sprevidelo, da ni mogoče doseči sporazuma niti z eno niti z drugo organizacijo, se mora v uradnem glasilu organizacije ukiniti vsako razpravljajoče o združitvenem vprašanju, bodisi od strani gl. odbora ali pa članstva.

V četrtek in petek se je konvencija ves dan bavila s pravili, katera so bila sprejeta brez večjih sprememb, to se pravi, da se je v splošnem upoštevalo osnutek predelanih pravil, ki ga je sestavil upravni pododsek in je bil že priobčen v glasilu, in pa nekatera priporočila, katera je podal odbor za pravila, v katerem so bili delegatje Anton Wapotich, Stanley Tisol in Louis Karish.

Obrestna mera na certifikatna posojila ostane ista kot je bila dosedaj, namreč 5%, za kar je glasovalo 31 delegatov, za redukcijo na 4% pa je bilo oddanih 28 glasov. Zvišane so bile nekatere odškodnine za operacije in izgubo udov, medtem ko čakalna doba za bolniške podpore ostane nespremenjena, ampak glavni odbor ima moč isto spremeniti, ako stanje sklada to upravičuje.

Pri starostni podpori se je precej obširno razpravljalo glede morebitne spremembe, katera bi članom ki so dolgo let plačevali v bolniški sklad, nudila gotove ugodnosti, katerih do sedaj niso bili deležni. Končno je bila brez spremembe sprejeta točka kot se glasi v predelanih pravilih, ki so bila že objavljena v glasilu.

Poleg volitev glavnega odbora, katerih izid je priobčen na drugem mestu, je konvencija na zadnji dan zborovanja sprejela več resolucij. Ena od teh priporočila društvom in članstvu, da podpirajo razne kulturne akcije, kot Slovenski muzej v Clevelandu, Cankarjevo ustanovo in Progressive Slovenke. Druga izreka moralno, in v kolikor bi sredstva dovoljevala, tudi gmotno pomoč, rojakom v Jugoslaviji v njih borbi za neodvisnost in demokracijo.

Dvema narodnima domovoma, ki sta se obrnila na konvencijo za pomoč, je nakazala po \$50.00 podpore, in sicer Domu v Harwicku, Pa., in v Indianapolisu, Ind. V obeh navedenih naselbinah se ima v kratkem pričeti za gradnjo Domov oziroma naselbine dvorane.

Kot prihodnje konvenčno mesto je bil izbran Indianapolis.

Ta konvencija, kot prošla, ki se je vršila v Milwaukeeju, je svoje delo dokončala v rekordnem času. Dočim je 9. redna konvencija bila v zasedanju od ponedeljka zjutraj do sobote ob 5. popoldne in je zborovala tudi eno večer, pa se je 10. redna konvencija zaključila že ob 3.30 v soboto popoldne, ne da bi ji bilo treba zborovati en sam večer.

Velik del zasluge za to gre brez dvoma konvenčnemu predsedniku, br. Kristu Stokelju iz Clevelanda, ki je bil krmar obeh konvencij, 9. v Milwaukeeju, in 10. v Clevelandu.

TRETJI TERMIN

Vsled kritičnega položaja, ki je nastal v Evropi, so republikanski voditelji začeli bombardirati predsednik Roosevelta, da pove, ali bo zopet kandidiral ali se bo umaknil v pokoj. Republikanski krogi skušajo ustvariti vtis, kakor da je za razčiščenje položaja za oziroma na potrebne korake za obrambo dežele taka izjava od strani predsednika nujno potrebna. To seveda je nesmiselnost prvega red. Kar bi republikanci v resnici radi videli, je to, da bi se Roosevelt eliminiral iz predsedniške tekme v "interesu narodnega edinstva," kar bi brez dvoma izboljšalo njihov izgled za zmago v jeseni.

Jasno je, da so jim pri sručenju zgolj strankarske koristi, patrijotični motivi pa so zgolj pretveza. Zedinjene države potrebujejo danes močnega in izkušenejega predsednika kot je Roosevelt bolj kot kdaj poprej. Položaj, v katerem se danes nahajata Anglija in Francija, ki sta imeli v uri krize slabše na krmilu, bi moral biti svarilo ameriškiemu ljudstvu, da obdrži pri vladi v Washingtonu moža takega kalibra kot je Roosevelt.

Novi glavni odbor SSPZ

UPRAVNI ODBOR

Predsednik: **John Kvar-tich**, Bridgeville, Pa.

Prvi podpredsednik: **Rudolph Lisch**, Cleveland, O.

Drugi podpredsednik: **John Rugel**, Gillespie, Ill.

Tretji podpredsednik: **Frank Putzel**, Butte, Mont.

Tajnik: **William Rus**, Chicago, Ill.

Pomožni tajnik: **Stanley Tisol**, Chicago, Ill.

Blagajnik: **Mirko G. Kuhel**, Chicago, Ill.

Direktor angleško poslu-jočih in mladinskih dru-štev: **Michael Vrhovnik**, Chicago, Ill.

NADZORNI ODBOR

Predsednik nadzornega odbora: **William Candon**, Cleveland, O.

Prvi nadzornik: **Joseph H. Grills**, Moon Run, Pa.

Drugi nadzornik: **John Maren**, Milwaukee, Wis.

POROTNI ODBOR

Predsednik porotnega odbora: **Frank Pucel**, Cleveland, Ohio.

Prvi porotnik: **Louis Zni-darsich**, Indianapolis, Ind.

Drugi porotnik: **Ignatz Groznik**, Bon Air, Pa.

UREDNIK-UPRAVNIK GLASILA

Vatro J. Grill, Cleveland, Ohio.

GLAVNI ZDRAVNIK

Dr. F. J. Arch, Pitts-burgh, Pa.

Tanki v aeroplanih?

Splošno se priznava, da skrivnost nemških uspehov na zapadni fronti tiči v njeni mehanizirani vojski, predvsem tankih, in pa v letalstvu. Zdaj se poroča, da imajo Nemci na razpolago jato letal, ki so sposobni ponesti 30 tonov težke tanke na pozorišče bitke. Ta letala bodo baje stopila v akcijo, da se zada zadnji in odločilen udarec zavezniškim silam na zapadni fronti.

Važno naznanilo

Vsi oni, ki ste imeli v predprodaji vstopnice za konvenčne priredbe, ste prošeni, da vrnete neprodane vstopnice ali denar tajniku Skupnih društev kakor hitro vam je to mogoče. Vzrok za to prošnjo je, ker se želi zaključiti račune prireditev v najkrajšem času. Vse one, ki ste prizadeti pri tem opominu, se pozivlja, da imajo upoštevajo. Na domu sem vam na razpolago vsak dan po 5. uri, ako vam ni mogoče priti na moje dom, pa me pokličite po telefonu in se sam zglasim pri vas. Telefonska številka je KEnmore 6271-W.

John J. Kikol, tajnik

Položaj zaveznikov čim-dalje bolj obupen

Kralj ukazal kapitulacijo Belgije

Ze itak dovolj kritičen položaj zaveznikov na zapadni fronti je postal skrajno obupen, ko je v torek 28. maja zgodaj zjutraj v svet švignila vest, da je belgijski kralj Leopold ukazal podajo 500,000 mož broječe belgijske armade, ki se je zadnjih 18 dni borila ob strani Francozov in Angležev. Belgijska vlada, ki je po prihodu Nemcev v Bruselj zbežala v Pariz, je sicer izjavila, da bo ukaz kralja za kapitulacijo ignorirala, ampak ob času, koto pišemo, izgleda zelo dvomljivo, da bo to kaj zaleglo. Poleg tega so Nemci že itak v posesti večjega dela Belgije.

Leopold, ki si je s tem zaslužil naziv "kralja pete kolone," je očitno storil ta korak, ker je obupal nad zaveznički in noče, da bi bila Belgija zopet vsa razdejana kot je bila njena usoda v zadnji svetovni vojni. Ni pa seveda izključeno, da so tudi osebne simpatije igralo svojo vlogo. Leopoldova sestra, princesa Marie Jose, je namreč poročena z italijanskim prestolonaslednikom Humbertom, in kar se Italije tiče, vsakdo ve, kje stoji v tej vojni.

Takoj za petami belgijske kapitulacije je prišla iz Rima vest, da sta papež Pij in Mussolini na delu za mirovna pogajanja, rezultat katerih bi naj bil, da bi bilo zadoščeno italijanskim "naravnih težnjam" na Balkanu in Afriki, za kar naj bi plačali račun Jugoslavija in Francija. Mussolini vidi v zagati, v kateri sta se znašli Francija in Anglija, sijajno priliko, da pride do bogatega plena, ne da bi bilo za to doprinašati kake žrtve.

Ako se ta ideja uresniči, bo Evropa priča novemu "Monakovu," ampak s to razliko, da bo sta to pot plačali račun predvsem tisti dve državi, ki sta pri prvem Monakovu barantali s tujim blagom.

V Flandrih, delno na belgijski, delno pa na francoski zemlji, se nahaja poleg belgijske armade, ki se ne bo več borila, nad milijon Francozov in Angležev, ki so odtrgani od glavne zavezniške armade v Franciji. Južno krilo nemške armade, ki je na več točkah dospela že do morja, pritiska na v pasti zajeto zavezniško silo na eni strani, dočim njeno severno krilo udarja po zavezniških z druge strani. Le čudež bi mogel rešiti zavezniško armado v Flandrih.

Kadar bodo Nemci v posesti obale ob Rokavskem zalivu, bo Anglija izpostavljena direktni invaziji. Ali se bo Anglija v takem slučaju borila, ali pa bo kapitulirala ter sprejela nemške pogoje, ki gotovo ne bodo lahki, se ne ve, ampak da je položaj "skrajno resen," to priznava celo premier Winston-Churchill. Razen če bi se zaveznikom posrečilo prebiti spodnji kavelj nemških klešč, ki se steza do morja ter s tem odtrgati del nemških sil od glavne armade,

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NEDELJA, 2. junija — Seja federacije društev SSPZ v zapadni Pennsylvaniji v YUKONU, Pa., po seji piknik.

NEDELJA, 16. junija — Piknik društva št. 80, HERMINIE, Pa., na Kristone Ground. Igra godba Martin Sero trio.

NEDELJA, 16. junija — Piknik društva št. 200, TIRE HILL, Pa., na Cerjakovi farmi.

NEDELJA, 16. junija — Piknik društva Zdruzeni bratje št. 26, CLEVELAND, Ohio, na Stuski farmi.

NEDELJA, 16. junija — Piknik društva št. 152, SOUTH FORK, Pa., na farmi Johna Hoista.

SOBOTA, 22. junija — Veselico in kazanje premičnih slik iz stare domovine privedi društvo št. 1, CHICAGO, Ill., v dvoranu Paula Bergerja, 2653 So. Laundale Ave.

NEDELJA, 30. junija — Seja federacije društev SSPZ v vzhodnem Ohio v mestu Salem, O., po seji piknik.

NEDELJA, 30. junija — Dan SSPZ privedi Skupna društva v CHICAGO, Ill., s piknikom na rtu Romian Picnic Grove, 123. cesta in Union Ave.

NEDELJA, 30. junija — Proslava "Dneva SSPZ" Skupnih društev v CHICAGO, Ill., z velikim piknikom na zabavišču, 123. cesta in Union Ave.

SOBOTA, 13. julija — Večerna vrtna veselica društva št. 19, CHICAGO, Ill., v John Romian Grove, 658 West 123rd St.

NEDELJA, 4. avgusta — Piknik društva št. 100, CHICAGO, Ill., na prostorih Parson Grove v bližini 138. ceste in Stoney Island Ave.

SOBOTA, 7. decembra — Veselica društva št. 1, CHICAGO, Ill., v Fleinerjevi dvorani.

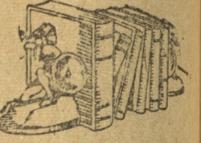


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A Successful Convention

EDITORIAL

The 10th regular convention of the SSPZ is over and, as we write, even those delegates who came to Cleveland from the farthest corners of the country have, we hope, safely reached their homes and are again with their loved ones. We hope they enjoyed their stay among their fraternal brothers and sisters and that the welcome extended them in the form of social and cultural events which were arranged for them by the Cleveland United Lodges of our society have fully met their expectations and that they are, as a result, better fraternalists and little more conscious of the value of co-operative efforts which alone make possible such achievements as the Cleveland Slovenes have to their credit.

They saw and were entertained in two of our half a dozen National Homes, the one on St. Clair Ave., where the Juvenile Cultural Festival was held, being the largest structure among institutions of this kind among the American Slovenes, and the other, the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., where convention sessions were held and all the other special events during the convention week took place, which is one of the most modern and most pleasant community places to be found anywhere.

We are sure that from the standpoint of our younger delegates the banquet night was the most important event of the week, for the simple reason that they had the opportunity to hear an outstanding American Slovene, Judge Frank J. Lausche, who was the main speaker of the evening. It is our opinion and, after seeing and hearing him we have no doubt also your opinion that a man of Judge Lausche's charm and sincerity, not to speak of his ability, of which his high position is proof enough, would make richer any nationality group in this democracy of ours, and that all American Slovenes no matter where they happen to live may be truly proud that they can claim him as one of their own. If he should decide to enter the political arena, Judge Lausche will no doubt be the next mayor of the city of Cleveland, and will, we are certain, reflect credit and respect for all those of us whose Americanism, as Louis Adamic has pointed out, has had its inception on Ellis Island, where our fathers or mothers have entered this country in search "of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The convention itself, considering that the delicate task of solving the merger question was its most important item, was well-disciplined and performed its work with enthusiasm and determination. The fact that it finished its deliberations in record time speaks highly for the sound judgment and intelligence of the assembled delegates. The English-speaking delegates did not hesitate to speak up when they thought it was necessary and contributed their full share to the success of the deliberations.

The decision of the convention in regard to the merger issue was a sound one and, under the circumstances, thoroughly logical. Upon discovering that the SNPJ, one of the societies with which SSPZ has been carrying on the negotiations has, without the knowledge of our Supreme Board, changed the manner of legal proceedings for the consummation of merger, the delegates elected a special committee from its own ranks and ordered it to draw up a provisional consolidation contract based upon agreements reached during talks with the representatives of both organizations, the SNPJ and SSCU. Then they proceeded with the approval of the contract submitted by the committee, with the instruction that it has full power to continue negotiations with both societies upon equal terms. If these terms are substantially accepted, by either or both, the merger will be put through, if not, our Society is determined to close the door to further merger talks for an indefinite period of time, knowing that a continuation of such talks could only hurt the organization both morally and financially.

In regard to the by-laws, the convention has made very few important changes. The by-laws have been first revised by the Executive Subcommittee and here and there amended by a special committee composed of three delegates. Both did a good job and saved the convention a lot of time. The question of district secretaries or organizers, was left to the discretion of the Supreme Board, and the sum allowed for athletic activities was increased several hundred dollars per year. All in all, we may safely say that the SSPZ by-laws are such as a modern fraternal society should have.

The only innovation in the Supreme Board is the addition of two vice-presidents. English-speaking lodges will also be interested to know that a member from their ranks has been elevated to the position of assistant supreme secretary, Bro. Stanley Tisol, from the Trail Blazers of Chicago, who was formerly employed for several years in the Home Office as an appointed assistant.

The important thing to remember now is that nothing has been done by the convention to retard the progress of the Society, but on the contrary, the road to further successes lies wide open before it. It is up to us, individually and collectively, to make these successes a reality.

Woman's Intuition
"My dear," remarked Jones, who had just finished reading a book on "The Wonders of Nature," "this is really a remarkable work. Nature is marvelous! Stupendous! When I read a book like this, it makes me

think how puerile, how insignificant is man."
"Hug!" sniffed his better half, "a woman doesn't have to wade through four hundred pages of a book to discover that!"

—Tid-Bits.

Our Week

By Ann Opeka

The 10th Regular SSPZ Convention held last week in Cleveland came to a most successful end and we can all be mighty proud of our supreme officers and the whole delegation for their splendid co-operation and careful decisions, always considering the membership they represented. All in all, the results of this convention promise a bright future for our organization and several additional benefits for the membership have been approved which will be detailed later.

The merger problem brought forth many arguments pro and con, the delegates always being aware of SSPZ members' protection and benefits. The motion that SSPZ is in favor of good, sound merger won by an overwhelming majority.

The SSPZ Supreme Board elected at the convention is composed of very capable men and diligent workers in their respective positions. Congratulations are extended to the following Supreme Board members:

President, John Kvartich; 1st vice-president, Rudolph Lisch; 2nd vice-president, John Rugel; 3rd vice-president, Frank Putzel; secretary, William Rus; assistant secretary, Stanley Tisol; treasurer, Mirko Kuhel; director E. S. lodges and Vrtec units, Michael Vrhovnik; chairman auditing board, William Candon; 1st auditor, Joseph Grills; 2nd auditor, John Maren; chairman trial board, Frank Pucel;

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MIDNIGHT DANCE IN CLARIDGE, PA.

Claridge, Pa. — The younger members of Lodge No. 2 are giving a new type of entertainment for their many friends—a Midnight Dance, which will begin Wednesday, May 29 at 12 o'clock and continue till morning of May 30, which is a holiday. The music will be excellent.

All neighboring lodges and their friends are cordially invited. The proceeds of the entertainment will go into the lodge treasury.

What Happened In Cleveland

Well, here we are back in Indianapolis, Ind. after a very pleasant weekend. We have finally recuperated from our trip, and have nothing but memories. We would like to thank everyone that made our visit in Cleveland such an enjoyable one. To those who worked so hard to make the National Vrtec Festival such a success, we give our highest praises. It was wonderful to view such an outstanding group of talented Vrtec members, Rudy Lisch and his helpers certainly deserve a big hand for the way in which they directed this Festival — one that will live in our memory for a long time.

When one takes a trip out of town, one is apt to forget the hardest working members, and that is the cooks that prepare the wonderful meals for the out-of-town visitors. We sure have to hand it to the United Lodges, they have some swell cooks. And I mustn't forget to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jeric and family (Agnes and Marge) for putting up with us for the weekend. Many thanks for a pleasant time.

By this time you must have gathered that everyone had a good time in Cleveland. We must say that the efforts of the members of the United Lodges have not been in vain.

Famous Last Words

Stanley Zagar's, "I just love to argue, cause it's so much fun making up."

Ann Opeka's, "That's the trouble with you Hoosiers, you are always going home just when the fun starts." A little more of the high-pressure sales talk, and we would have stayed, Ann.

Stanley Tisol's "Remember me to all the folks back in Indianapolis." I remember a bit hazily Joe Grills telling me the same thing. Which Sophie did you mean, Joe?

Agnes Jeric's, "I'll see you in Indianapolis next year. Maybe before." We'll hold you to that, Agnes.

George Rosol's, "What, are you still here?" You weren't by

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Victorian News

CHICAGO, Ill. — I have been watching the Napredeks but failed to see anything about the Victorians, so here I come. First, there is our regular meeting on June 6th at Berger's, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave. Social after the meeting, so be sure to attend.

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Plans for our Annual Moonlight Picnic and Dance, which will be held Saturday, June 15 at Kegl's Grove in Willow Springs, Ill., are in full swing. Those who have attended one of these affairs in the past will remember what an enjoyable time they've had, and this year, the committee has put forth their best efforts to assure you an even better time. Our good friends, Omerza Hot Shots and his swing artists will furnish the rhythm, which sounds like the good ole days. Let's all come and watch the stars play behind the moon and the clouds. They say it's very romantic and makes you dream. There will be fun for all, the young and the older ones, all we need is to co-operate with each other and we'll make this annual affair more successful than ever before. It can be done, so let's do it.

Now for transportation to Willow Springs. You can get a bus at the end of Archer Ave. line which stops right at "Oh Henry Park," a few steps from Kegl's. If you are in doubt, ask the driver who will give you the information. But be sure to attend this picnic. Boost it to your friends and sell your tickets.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

All those who still have admission tickets for the various SSPZ convention affairs kindly return same to the secretary of the United Lodges as soon as possible. It is the desire of the writer to wind up this business and prepare a complete statement of the convention affairs before the next meeting of the United Lodges.

All those to whom this appeal is directed kindly comply with this request.

John J. Kikol, Sec'y

By VALERIA ARTEL

Gone Are the Days

Another week gone, and another SSPZ convention is gone with it. I really feel bad about writing, because it is only now that I realize that I won't have so much fun again in a long time. Here's just a brief summary of the past week:

Monday evening Brother Vrhovnik showed us movies of the last Athletic Meet, of other SSPZ affairs in different towns; and of the 1928 convention. Why, Mrs. Basher and Mr. Grill looked as good way back in the twenties as they do now. Among the Clevelanders whom I noticed in the pictures of last year's meet were my good friends Eleanor Ster and Andy Elersich. I also recognized Frankie Mivec and "Mutt" Dragan of Indianapolis.

Tuesday night was the play "Embarrassment Without End." (That translation of the title is not mine. As a matter of fact, my interpretation was quite a bit different. Maybe I ought to brush up on my Slovenian vocabulary.) Jaz nisem—oops, I almost forgot myself—I wasn't able to see the play because of an unfortunate circumstance

known as "one week's back homework," but the mater and pater have reported that the play was a grand success. In spite of a pretty hot night, the attendance was swell. Which reminds me, the conventioners sure had lousy weather here. One day two weeks ago I just sort of casually mentioned in my prayers that it would be very nice if we had a little bit of rain someday soon. Well, the angels certainly took me literally, and they've been sending it down for a whole week straight . . . right through until Saturday.

Wednesday was the banquet. Approximately 350 people attended. After the dinner, was a super-program, including a splendid talk by Judge Frank Lausche. Although it was in Slovenian, I am happy to report that I actually understood it. If I thought I could do a creditable translation from memory, I should love to do so, because it was on a subject most important today. The subject, in one word, is exactly what fraternal organizations have been preaching for years and years—frater-

nalism. Fraternalism not only among Slovenes, but among all the nationalities in the United States is necessary for the continuance of America's policy of freedom of thought and speech.

The program also included representatives from the SNPJ, JSKJ, and SDZ; singers from five Cleveland singing societies: Soc. Zarja, Ind. Zarja, Slovan, Sloga and Jadran; then Anton Eppich, who sang and played the piccolo, or flute, I never could tell the difference; Frank Slejko, violinist, accompanied by Vera Milavec; and the Vaden Reveliers.

As a waitress, all I could squeeze in were 2 and one-half dances, for there was a little matter of cleaning up the banquet hall. But the dances I did have were so excitingly wonderful (nope, that is not sarcasm) that they made up for it. We finally finished cleaning up the place—the banquet hall, not the dancers—and at 12:30 a. m. I was refreshed by a couple of Utopians, who told some very, very funny stories. There was

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CHALLENGER ANNIVERSARY DANCE IS ON JUNE FIRST

To Celebrate Sixth Anniversary. Art Sable Is to Play

Everything is ready, according to the Challenger entertainment committee, for the celebration of the sixth milestone of Challengers' upward progress.

The sale of advanced tickets has been very gratifying and all indications point to a record-breaking attendance for a Challenger affair.

Many from Bridgeville, Burgettstown, Library, Cleveland and elsewhere are contemplating attending. A large group from Cleveland is expected.

Out-of-town visitors are asked to note the change of hall. The new Slovak hall is situated in Canonsburg proper, on Iron St.

It is directly across from Strabane, Pa., in the west end of Canonsburg.

We believe you will be pleased with this spacious and beautiful hall, and we also believe you will be delighted to hear and to dance to Art Sable's twelve-piece orchestra, playing all the latest favorite melodies.

Also, refreshments and snack lunches will be available to aid you in your enjoyment.

Come and join with the Challengers this coming Saturday at the Slovak hall, and we assure you of an enjoyable and social evening.

"Observer"

Back From the National Vrtec Festival

Just got enough rest to write a little in the Napredeks. There is so much to tell that I don't know where to begin. The best way is to start at the beginning by describing our party, which consisted of our delegate for the convention, Mr. Louis Znidarsich, his wife, and son, Louis, who was the Vrtec winner from here. Also in the party were Elma Qualiza, Vrtec No. 9 administratrix, and her friend, Dorothy — Also Gordon Kronoshek, who was one of the contestants for the program and his mother. Last but not least, there were Leo Robas, his mother, and I, his sister, who was another contestant.

We left for Cleveland Friday night. We got little sleep on the train and were sure tired when we arrived in Cleveland Saturday morning, a little bit earlier than we expected. Being early, hungry and nobody to there to welcome us, so we had to do something. The Znidarsich family had friends meet them at the station and they departed for Newburgh, where they were to stay over the convention. Still hungry, we decided to eat breakfast before going to the headquarters. We ate and talked to pass the time away.

Finally, filled plumb-full of breakfast we started on our way to find a streetcar that would take us to the Slovene National Home. Got on the streetcar and were headed for 64th street that was far from where we started from. Those streetcars were so rough, the seats so hard, that we got more tired than we were. We passed 26th street, 45th street, no National Home, then came 55th street, still no Home, finally the streetcar came to a halt and we filed

one, by one on to the street, which was 64th street, the place of our headquarters. We looked around, no one in sight to welcome us. Now what were we supposed to do? Nothing but wait until somebody comes to open the doors. Finally a lady came and opened the door to the downstairs hall. Soon after Mr. Krist Stokel, president of the lodge "Lunder-Adamic" arrived and found us. Being the first ones there he took us around the Slovenian National Home, showed us the new barroom, meeting rooms, the Slovenian library and etc. Then we saw the clubroom, and who do you think was there? None other than Brother Michael Vrhovnik. We were sure glad to see him, and he was glad to see us.

Then, a little bit later, there were more people coming in from Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York and other places.

Dinner was served, and boy, what a dinner! The rest of Saturday afternoon was spent in fixing the stage and lights and the rehearsal of Sunday's program. The weather in the morning was chilly and cloudy, but in the afternoon the sun came out and it was very warm.

Supper was served and following it we were taken to the Euclid Beach Amusement Park where there were rides, eating thrills, ohs and ahs, etc. All exhausted and half asleep we returned to our headquarters to depart to our places of lodging for a much needed rest and sleep, and thinking what tomorrow will bring us here in Cleveland. I hoped nice weather for one thing.

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Spring Is Not For Me

(THOUGHTS OF A SOLDIER)

By PETE ELISH

I thought that the green grass,
The earthy smell of foliage,
Of clustered flowers, gathered en masse,
Along deep ravines, and rivuled passes,
Would stir the heart and excite the image
To o'er the soul a beauty cast.

But Spring is not for me, I know,
For in the bleak foreground,
Betwixt barbed wire, and trenches row,
Mounted guns, tanks, and machine guns row,
Death at each furtive round,
From day—fast thru to dawn.

Oh, God, Spring from me is shield,
For something in me has died
In the coarse dust of the fighting field,
In the carnage of war's cruel grill,
That from my heart has plied,
The thought of Spring, of Beauty, of Quiet.



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Back From the National Vrtec Festival

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Sunday morning, all freshened up from our beauty sleep we met once more at the National Home. A beautiful day. What would be better than to take us for a ride on a sightseeing tour around Cleveland? Part of our party was left behind so Rudy Lisch came to our rescue by furnishing his car and the driver, who was Adolph Candon. Then we piled in and went for a nice, pleasant tour. When we returned home, dinner was ready. In about a half an hour the sun disappeared, the skies were dark, and it started to rain. The wind was sharp and heavy and it did a lot of damage around Cleveland. Boy! was it good to be inside. Then all of a sudden, the sun came out, the skies were blue, the rain was over for the day.

The signal is given! People all seated for the program, lights out, the curtains pulled aside. Here was the great moment for all of the participants to present their talent. The program lasted three hours and none were wasted. The participants breathed a sigh of relief when the program was over. Hungry as they were, supper was served to them. The rest of the evening was spent in listening and dancing to the melodic and peppy tunes of Johnnie Pecon and his orchestra. They were grand. Also, Saturday and Sunday were spent in collecting autographs, from old friends and new friends.

Our party had a wonderful time and I know we will never forget it as long as we live. At this point, I want to thank a few people that made our stay a very glorious one. I want to thank Rudy Lisch, Adolph Candon, Ann Opeka, Krist Stokel and so many other people that I could not find time to write them down.

Meeting some old friends and new friends was a wonderful experience. Collecting autographs was keeping me busy all day. I want to thank Johnnie for his autograph, whom I have known for many years. Keep it up Johnnie, you sure learned to play that accordion since the last time I saw you in Collinwood. Meet new friends, Evagene Chad from Eveleth, Minn., Mary Klevisher, from Pierce, W. Va., and Julia Kramzer from Sygan, Pa., and so many others. Julia, we both come from that state, I was born near Uniontown, Pa.

With all the happy things to remember and to put in my memory book, time crept around the corner and warned us that time was slipping fast and we were soon to depart for our home in Indianapolis.

I spent the evening with my new pal, Evagene Chad, trying to dance and have a good time, but I told Evagene that all good things must come to an end. We hastily, sadly bid adieu to our friends and all the rest that made our visit a memorably one. Then we departed on the train, looking behind us and leaving the wonderful people that showed what hospitality can do to strangers in their city. I used to live in Cleveland and I should know.

Right now, I want to thank Mr. Stokel for being so kind as to drive us to the station. Also I want to thank, our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Tavcar, for showing us a good time on Sunday. I want to thank everybody for their hospitality and friendliness, and when you come to Indianapolis, we will try to repay you in every way possible.

Hello to all SSPZ members and I would like to hear from a lot of the girls and boys in the

Victorians

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Spolars of the Victorians have just remodeled their garden. It sure is a beautiful spot and if you are dry, have Otto mix you a good drink at his up-to-date place, 1921 Blue Island Ave. Otto always likes to see his brother-members.

When you are in the neighborhood of Cermak and Wood St., stop at Ivansek's, which is another good spot with a beautiful garden. Then there is the Slovene Labor Center at 23rd and Lawndale with its beautiful yard, where a person can meet friends and have a pleasant chat. Visit it once and you're sure to come back.

Vacation days are here again and many Victorians have already gone visiting out-of-town. Jennie Saitz was recently a visitor in Johnston City, Ill. Mary Bruno is visiting in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cenzo are taking in the sights in Ozark Mountains in their new car. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Macek and their son have motored to Nokomis and Taylorville, Ill. (John said the fish are not biting any more; perhaps they know he is no longer there.) Charles Rak went to see his parents in Nokomis.

Well, I was visiting Nokomis and Taylorville, too. We all had a grand time at the "grand opening" of Rak's Tavern in Nokomis, and it was nice to meet old friends and make new ones. You all remember John Rak, our one time Victorian. It's his father's and mother's place, and we wish them a lot of success in their new undertaking.

I wish to thank Joseph Drasler for the stamps which he sent me with his dues to add to my collection. Stamp collecting is my hobby, and I think a very interesting one.

Before concluding let me remind you again: Don't forget Victorians' Moonlight Dance, June 15 at Kegi's Grove, Willow Springs, Ill.

Faternally yours,
Mary E. Novak

What Happened in Cleveland

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any chance trying to get rid of us, were you?

"Pinky" Prebil's, "Give the Vrtec Yugoslavs Mascots my best regards." Before I close I must not forget Charlie Koman and wife. They sure know how to make visitors feel welcome.

Just heard from Louis Znidarsich Sr. that the next Regular Convention of the SSPZ will be held in Indianapolis, Ind. No wonder he was all smiles! I'll close with my best regards to everyone near and far, and remain just a...

Loyal Danica Member.

Napredek. So come all of you get busy and write.

Greetings to Brother Vrhovnik and all the rest of the SSPZ officers!

Mary Ann Robas,
Danica Lodge 22.

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Our Week

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1st trial board member, Louis Znidarsic; 2nd trial board member, Ignatz Groznik; editor of official organ, Vatro Grill; medical examiner, Dr. F. J. Arch.

Miscellaneous

You've heard that "all work and no play makes Johnny a dull boy," therefore the SSPZ United Lodges of Cleveland sponsored various types of entertainment which everyone enjoyed immensely during the convention week. Of course, the big affair of the week was the banquet held on Wednesday night. The dinner was delicious, the program very entertaining, the speakers, especially our guest of honor Judge Lausche, very interesting. Much credit goes to the Utopians and Outlookers girls who acted as waitresses; Krist Stokel, master of ceremonies; John Kikel, secretary, of U. L.; Frank Pucel and Mike Yakin, leaders of the Collinwood group; Rudy Lisch, supervisor of the Vrtec Festival Musical Revenue; and the whole gang, Lunder-Adamic, Združeni Bratje, Concordian Srs., Utopians, Spartans and others too numerous to mention, who lent a helping hand at all times. The cooperation was superb, so, thanks to everyone.

All the delegates were very sociable, attended all the affairs, met many friends who they haven't seen for years, it was such an enjoyable week for all of us that when the majority of the out-of-town delegates left for home Saturday night it was very hard to bid them goodbye but the pleasant memories will always remain with us.

Rose Matekovich from Gowanda, N. Y., a grand person, shopping for a candid camera and brief case for her 12-year-old son.

Johnnie Slatner from De Pue, Ill., believes that possibly he can organize a few bowling teams for our 1941 bowling tournament to be held in Indianapolis, Ind.

Due to a sudden ailment, Johnnie Bunardzija had to spend a few days at Glenville Hospital, but joined us Friday with that winning smile.

Pete Elish was very anxious to depart from Cleveland Saturday afternoon for he received a special invitation to a cottage party at Conneaut.

Henry Maren very content smoking his pipe, his brother Johnnie, happy as a lark Friday and Saturday evenings.

Mike Vrhovnik coming late to the convention five mornings out of six.

Mrs. Mirko Kuhel looked very charming in her navy and white ensemble. She joined us on the sight-seeing tour Wednesday afternoon.

Doc Arch getting quite homesick near the end of the week.

George (Rosie) Rosol thought that "glasovanje" meant glass of wine. That's OK Rosie, a couple more conventions and you'll be a genuine Slovene.

Stanley Tisol was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Garbas during his visit in Cleveland.

A gang of us left the dance Friday night and went to the Alpine Village for a delicious chicken supper plus floor show and dancing. Hic!

What a mix-up Saturday night. Someone was coming to St. Clair and some were going to Collinwood, we just couldn't get together as was originally planned but at 11:45 p. m. we bumped into each other at the Terminal Tower. Everyone was gay, making sure they bid goodbye to everyone and at exactly 12:10 a. m. off went the choochoo to Chicago town. Hope we see you all very soon.

Gone Are the Days . . .

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once a sailor—say, Joe, how does that one go again? . . .

Thursday, was I tired! It was a good thing it was a free day, because my homework was sneaking up on me again . . . Then came Friday, and the Farewell Social. Unfortunately, for me, the social didn't serve the purpose—I didn't say farewell to hardly anybody from out of town. Either I was dancing, or they were dancing, or else they were busy—you know how it is. Outside of the fact that I made a couple of friends miserable by not being any too cheerful or obliging, I had a perfect evening—it got better as the time went on. Anyway, I guess I shall have to say farewell to the conventioners now. Here's hoping they had half as good a time as I had; I think they must have. And we'd like to see them all again in Cleveland not too many years from now . . .

I got word from Frankie Dolinar of Bridgeville that his carful of Festivalers (including my buddy Julie Kramzer) made it home safely, in spite of a very slight mishap just after leaving our SND.

Now that the convention is over, my duty calls me in another direction. On June 15, our good old Utopian lodge is holding its first barn dance at Glenridge farm (formerly Manchuta's). Music will be swung out

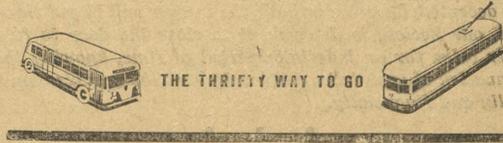
by Johnny Pecon and his orchestra; admission is only one measly little quarter. I can't be there myself, but I know that won't keep anyone else away—it may even serve to encourage some of you into going. They say it'll be loads of fun; and records show that former ones have always been successful. Will you be there?

Then the day after that, on Sunday, June 16, our parent lodge (shucks, I keep thinking I'm still a Vrtec member, well, anyhow, their parent lodge) known as Združeni Bratje, št. 26 SSPZ (hope they recognize it) is holding a picnic on Stusek's farm. Wild horses couldn't keep me away from that; I am mad about picnics. I'm sure they will have all sorts of things to entertain you, so that you don't have to worry about being lonesome. Please don't forget about it. I hope it stops raining by then.

You know, back to the convention for just a minute, the most important thing it did for me was to show me what a swell bunch our Utopian members really are. I've only been with them a few months, and I really didn't get acquainted until now. And believe me, they're one group of people who really believe and carry out the ideals of a fraternal organization—cooperation and fraternalism. Boy—am I proud!



Hranite za nove predmete, ki jih želite, hranite za posebne zabave. Vozite se v cestnoželezniških karah ali motornih busih na delo vsaki dan. Varni Clevelandčani so pronašli, da jim to prihrani do dvajset dolarjev mesečno na stroških vožnje in parkanja. Pa je tudi varnejše.



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A Successful Convention

EDITORIAL

The 10th regular convention of the SSPZ is over and, as we write, even those delegates who came to Cleveland from the farthest corners of the country have, we hope, safely reached their homes and are again with their loved ones. We hope they enjoyed their stay among their fraternal brothers and sisters and that the welcome extended them in the form of social and cultural events which were arranged for them by the Cleveland United Lodges of our society have fully met their expectations and that they are, as a result, better fraternalists and little more conscious of the value of co-operative efforts which alone make possible such achievements as the Cleveland Slovenes have to their credit.

They saw and were entertained in two of our half a dozen National Homes, the one on St. Clair Ave., where the Juvenile Cultural Festival was held, being the largest structure among institutions of this kind among the American Slovenes, and the other, the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., where convention sessions were held and all the other special events during the convention week took place, which is one of the most modern and most pleasant community places to be found anywhere.

We are sure that from the standpoint of our younger delegates the banquet night was the most important event of the week, for the simple reason that they had the opportunity to hear an outstanding American Slovene, Judge Frank J. Lausche, who was the main speaker of the evening. It is our opinion and, after seeing and hearing him we have no doubt also your opinion that a man of Judge Lausche's charm and sincerity, not to speak of his ability, of which his high position is proof enough, would make richer any nationality group in this democracy of ours, and that all American Slovenes no matter where they happen to live may be truly proud that they can claim him as one of their own. If he should decide to enter the political arena, Judge Lausche will no doubt be the next mayor of the city of Cleveland, and will, we are certain, reflect credit and respect for all those of us whose Americanism, as Louis Adamic has pointed out, has had its inception on Ellis Island, where our fathers or mothers have entered this country in search "of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The convention itself, considering that the delicate task of solving the merger question was its most important item, was well-disciplined and performed its work with enthusiasm and determination. The fact that it finished its deliberations in record time speaks highly for the sound judgment and intelligence of the assembled delegates. The English-speaking delegates did not hesitate to speak up when they thought it was necessary and contributed their full share to the success of the deliberations.

The decision of the convention in regard to the merger issue was a sound one and, under the circumstances, thoroughly logical. Upon discovering that the SNPJ, one of the societies with which SSPZ has been carrying on the negotiations has, without the knowledge of our Supreme Board, changed the manner of legal proceedings for the consummation of merger, the delegates elected a special committee from its own ranks and ordered it to draw up a provisional consolidation contract based upon agreements reached during talks with the representatives of both organizations, the SNPJ and SSCU. Then they proceeded with the approval of the contract submitted by the committee, with the instruction that it has full power to continue negotiations with both societies upon equal terms. If these terms are substantially accepted, by either or both, the merger will be put through, if not, our Society is determined to close the door to further merger talks for an indefinite period of time, knowing that a continuation of such talks could only hurt the organization both morally and financially.

In regard to the by-laws, the convention has made very few important changes. The by-laws have been first revised by the Executive Subcommittee and here and there amended by a special committee composed of three delegates. Both did a good job and saved the convention a lot of time. The question of district secretaries or organizers, was left to the discretion of the Supreme Board, and the sum allowed for athletic activities was increased several hundred dollars per year. All in all, we may safely say that the SSPZ by-laws are such as a modern fraternal society should have.

The only innovation in the Supreme Board is the addition of two vice-presidents. English-speaking lodges will also be interested to know that a member from their ranks has been elevated to the position of assistant supreme secretary, Bro. Stanley Tisol, from the Trail Blazers of Chicago, who was formerly employed for several years in the Home Office as an appointed assistant.

The important thing to remember now is that nothing has been done by the convention to retard the progress of the Society, but on the contrary, the road to further successes lies wide open before it. It is up to us, individually and collectively, to make these successes a reality.

Woman's Intuition
"My dear," remarked Jones, who had just finished reading a book on "The Wonders of Nature," "this is really a remarkable work. Nature is marvelous! Stupendous! When I read a book like this, it makes me

think how puerile, how insignificant is man."
"Hug!" sniffed his better half, "a woman doesn't have to wade through four hundred pages of a book to discover that!"
—Tid-Bits.

Our Week

By Ann Opeka

The 10th Regular SSPZ Convention held last week in Cleveland came to a most successful end and we can all be mighty proud of our supreme officers and the whole delegation for their splendid co-operation and careful decisions, always considering the membership they represented. All in all, the results of this convention promise a bright future for our organization and several additional benefits for the membership have been approved which will be detailed later.

The merger problem brought forth many arguments pro and con, the delegates always being aware of SSPZ members' protection and benefits. The motion that SSPZ is in favor of good, sound merger won by an overwhelming majority.

The SSPZ Supreme Board elected at the convention is composed of very capable men and diligent workers in their respective positions. Congratulations are extended to the following Supreme Board members:

President, John Kvartich; 1st vice-president, Rudolph Lisch; 2nd vice-president, John Rugel; 3rd vice-president, Frank Putzel; secretary, William Rus; assistant secretary, Stanley Tisol; treasurer, Mirko Kuhel; director E. S. lodges and Vrtec units, Michael Vrhovnik; chairman auditing board, William Candon; 1st auditor, Joseph Grills; 2nd auditor, John Maren; chairman trial board, Frank Pucel;

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MIDNIGHT DANCE IN CLARIDGE, PA.

Claridge, Pa. — The younger members of Lodge No. 2 are giving a new type of entertainment for their many friends—a Midnight Dance, which will begin Wednesday, May 29 at 12 o'clock and continue till morning of May 30, which is a holiday. The music will be excellent.

All neighboring lodges and their friends are cordially invited. The proceeds of the entertainment will go into the lodge treasury.

What Happened In Cleveland

Well, here we are back in Indianapolis, Ind. after a very pleasant weekend. We have finally recuperated from our trip, and have nothing but memories. We would like to thank everyone that made our visit in Cleveland such an enjoyable one. To those who worked so hard to make the National Vrtec Festival such a success, we give our highest praises. It was wonderful to view such an outstanding group of talented Vrtec members. Rudy Lisch and his helpers certainly deserve a big hand for the way in which they directed this Festival — one that will live in our memory for a long time.

When one takes a trip out of town, one is apt to forget the hardest working members, and that is the cooks that prepare the wonderful meals for the out-of-town visitors. We sure have to hand it to the United Lodges, they have some swell cooks. And I mustn't forget to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jeric and family (Agnes and Marge) for putting up with us for the weekend. Many thanks for a pleasant time.

By this time you must have gathered that everyone had a good time in Cleveland. We must say that the efforts of the members of the United Lodges have not been in vain.

Famous Last Words

Stanley Zagar's, "I just love to argue, cause it's so much fun making up."

Ann Opeka's, "That's the trouble with you Hoosiers, you are always going home just when the fun starts." A little more of the high-pressure sales talk, and we would have stayed, Ann.

Stanley Tisol's "Remember me to all the folks back in Indianapolis." I remember a bit hazily Joe Grills telling me the same thing. Which Sophie did you mean, Joe?

Agnes Jeric's, "I'll see you in Indianapolis next year. Maybe before." We'll hold you to that, Agnes.

George Rosol's, "What, are you still here?" You weren't by (Continued on page 3)

Victorian News

CHICAGO, Ill. — I have been watching the Napredeks but failed to see anything about the Victorians, so here I come. First, there is our regular meeting on June 6th at Berger's, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave. Social after the meeting, so be sure to attend.

Plans for our Annual Moonlight Picnic and Dance, which will be held Saturday, June 15 at Kegl's Grove in Willow Springs, Ill., are in full swing. Those who have attended one of these affairs in the past will remember what an enjoyable time they've had, and this year, the committee has put forth their best efforts to assure you an even better time. Our good friends, Omerza Hot Shots and his swing artists will furnish the rhythm, which sounds like the good ole days. Let's all come and watch the stars play behind the moon and the clouds. They say it's very romantic and makes you dream. There will be fun for all, the young and the older ones, all we need is to cooperate with each other and we'll make this annual affair more successful than ever before. It can be done, so let's do it.

Now for transportation to Willow Springs. You can get a bus at the end of Archer Ave. line which stops right at "Oh Henry Park," a few steps from Kegl's. If you are in doubt, ask the driver who will give you the information. But be sure to attend this picnic. Boost it to your friends and sell your tickets.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

All those who still have admission tickets for the various SSPZ convention affairs kindly return same to the secretary of the United Lodges as soon as possible. It is the desire of the writer to wind up this business and prepare a complete statement of the convention affairs before the next meeting of the United Lodges.

All those to whom this appeal is directed kindly comply with this request.

John J. Kikol, Sec'y

Gone Are the Days

By VALERIA ARTEL

Another week gone, and another SSPZ convention is gone with it. I really feel bad about writing, because it is only now that I realize that I won't have so much fun again in a long time. Here's just a brief summary of the past week:

Monday evening Brother Vrhovnik showed us movies of the last Athletic Meet, of other SSPZ affairs in different towns; and of the 1928 convention. Why, Mrs. Bashel and Mr. Grill looked as good way back in the twenties as they do now. Among the Clevelanders whom I noticed in the pictures of last year's meet were my good friends Eleanor Ster and Andy Elersich. I also recognized Frankie Mivec and "Mutt" Dragan of Indianapolis.

Tuesday night was the play "Embarrassment Without End." (That translation of the title is not mine. As a matter of fact, my interpretation was quite a bit different. Maybe I ought to brush up on my Slovenian vocabulary.) Jaz nisem—oops, I almost forgot myself—I wasn't able to see the play because of an unfortunate circumstance

known as "one week's back homework," but the mater and pater have reported that the play was a grand success. In spite of a pretty hot night, the attendance was swell. Which reminds me, the conventioners sure had lousy weather here. One day two weeks ago I just sort of casually mentioned in my prayers that it would be very nice if we had a little bit of rain someday soon. Well, the angels certainly took me literally, and they've been sending it down for a whole week straight . . . right through until Saturday.

Wednesday was the banquet. Approximately 350 people attended. After the dinner, was a super-program, including a splendid talk by Judge Frank Lausche. Although it was in Slovenian, I am happy to report that I actually understood it. If I thought I could do a creditable translation from memory, I should love to do so, because it was on a subject most important today. The subject, in one word, is exactly what fraternal organizations have been preaching for years and years—frater-

nalism. Fraternalism not only among Slovenes, but among all the nationalities in the United States is necessary for the continuance of America's policy of freedom of thought and speech.

The program also included representatives from the SNPJ, JSKJ, and SDZ; singers from five Cleveland singing societies: Soc. Zarja, Ind. Zarja, Slovan, Sloga and Jadran; then Anton Eppich, who sang and played the piccolo, or flute, I never could tell the difference; Frank Slejko, violinist, accompanied by Vera Milavec; and the Vadal Reveliers.

As a waitress, all I could squeeze in were 2 and one-half dances, for there was a little matter of cleaning up the banquet hall. But the dances I did have were so excitingly wonderful (nope, that is not sarcasm) that they made up for it. We finally finished cleaning up the place—the banquet hall, not the dancers—and at 12:30 a. m. I was refreshed by a couple of Utopians, who told some very, very funny stories. There was

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CHALLENGER ANNIVERSARY DANCE IS ON JUNE FIRST

To Celebrate Sixth Anniversary. Art Sable Is to Play

Everything is ready, according to the Challenger entertainment committee, for the celebration of the sixth milestone of Challengers' upward progress.

The sale of advanced tickets has been very gratifying and all indications point to a record-breaking attendance for a Challenger affair.

Many from Bridgeville, Burgettstown, Library, Cleveland and elsewhere are contemplating on attending. A large group from Cleveland is expected.

Out-of-town visitors are asked to note the change of hall. The new Slovak hall is situated in Canonsburg proper, on Iron St.

It is directly across from Strabane, Pa., in the west end of Canonsburg.

We believe you will be pleased with this spacious and beautiful hall, and we also believe you will be delighted to hear and to dance to Art Sable's twelve-piece orchestra, playing all the latest favorite melodies.

Also, refreshments and snack lunches will be available to aid you in your enjoyment.

Come and join with the Challengers this coming Saturday at the Slovak hall, and we assure you of an enjoyable and sociable evening.

"Observer"

Back From the National Vrtec Festival

Just got enough rest to write a little in the Napredeks. There is so much to tell that I don't know where to begin. The best way is to start at the beginning by describing our party, which consisted of our delegate for the convention, Mr. Louis Znidarsich, his wife, and son, Louis, who was the Vrtec winner from here. Also in the party were Elma Qualiza, Vrtec No. 9 administratrix, and her friend, Dorothy — Also Gordon Kronoshek, who was one of the contestants for the program and his mother. Last but not least, there were Leo Robas, his mother, and I, his sister, who was another contestant.

We left for Cleveland Friday night. We got little sleep on the train and were sure tired when we arrived in Cleveland Saturday morning, a little bit earlier than we expected. Being early, hungry and nobody there to welcome us, so we had to do something. The Znidarsich family had friends meet them at the station and they departed for Newburgh, where they were to stay over the convention. Still hungry, we decided to eat breakfast before going to the headquarters. We ate and talked to pass the time away.

Finally, filled plumb-full of breakfast we started on our way to find a streetcar that would take us to the Slovene National Home. Got on the streetcar and were headed for 64th street that was far from where we started from. Those streetcars were so rough, the seats so hard, that we got more tired than we were. We passed 26th street, 45th street, no National Home, then came 55th street, still no Home, finally the streetcar came to a halt and we filed

one by one on to the street, which was 64th street, the place of our headquarters. We looked around, no one in sight to welcome us. Now what were we supposed to do? Nothing but wait until somebody comes to open the doors. Finally a lady came and opened the door to the downstairs hall. Soon after, Mr. Krist Stokel, president of the lodge "Lunder-Adamic" arrived and found us. Being the first ones there he took us around the Slovenian National Home, showed us the new barroom, meeting rooms, the Slovenian library and etc. Then we saw the clubroom, and who do you think was there? None other than Brother Michael Vrhovnik. We were sure glad to see him, and he was glad to see us.

Then, a little bit later, there were more people coming in from Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New York and other places.

Dinner was served, and boy, what a dinner! The rest of Saturday afternoon was spent in fixing the stage and lights and the rehearsal of Sunday's program. The weather in the morning was chilly and cloudy, but in the afternoon the sun came out and it was very warm.

Supper was served and following it we were taken to the Euclid Beach Amusement Park, where there were rides, cats thrills, ohs and ahs, etc. All exhausted and half asleep we returned to our headquarters to depart to our places of lodging for a much needed rest and sleep, and thinking what tomorrow will bring us here in Cleveland. I hoped nice weather for one thing.

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Spring Is Not For Me

(THOUGHTS OF A SOLDIER)

By PETE ELISH

I thought that the green grass,
The earthy smell of foliage,
Of clustered flowers, gathered enmasse,
Along deep ravines, and rivuled passes,
Would stir the heart and excite the image
To o'er the soul a beauty cast.

But Spring is not for me, I know,
For in the bleak foreground,
Betwixt barbed wire, and trenches row,
Mounted guns, tanks, and machine guns sow
Death at each furtive round,
From day—fast thru to dawn.

Oh, God, Spring from me is shield,
For something in me has died
In the coarse dust of the fighting field,
In the carnage of war's cruel grill,
That from my heart has plied,
The thought of Spring, of Beauty, of Quiet.