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OBLAST ALI SVOBODA?

(MASARYKOVA IZPOVED VERE V DEMOKRACIJO)

V SVOBODI je zapadna pravica inicijative za vse, zlasti v političnem območju, kjer postavlja na prvo mesto predvsem pravico kritizirati ideje, proceduro in institucije. Demokracija torej zahteva strpnost pri vodstvu moderne revolucije, v borbi demokratičnega načela s starim in preživelim aristokratskim načelom. Lahko imenujete to tudi potrpežljivost; v politiki v obče, predvsem pa v demokratični politiki, je potrpežljivost potrebna vrlina.

Po tej izjavi nesoglasanja s principi avtoritativne države, sem se čutil svobodnega — pravi Emil Ludwig — z vodilnim predstavnikom demokracije, ki mi je sedel nasproti, nadaljevati z vprašanjem demokracije s kritičnega vidika. Ker se je v javnosti že ponovno izrazil o sedanji Nemčiji, sem ga vprašal, zakaj po njegovem mnenju tam nobena oblika demokracije ne more dalj časa vzdržati. Masaryk je odgovoril:

"Ljudje so bitja navade. V političnem oziru se je v Nemčiji tako dolgo vcepil pruski duh, da je bilo skoraj nemogoče pričakovati, da se bo v teku štirinajstih let v nji ustanovilo pravo in trajno demokracijo. Aristokratski pruski monarhizem, podpiran od armade, se bistveno razlikuje od sodobnih demokratičnih vlad. V monarhični Angliji je parlament tisti, ki vlada; kralj je v resnici deden predsednik; vlada Anglije se torej po pravici more smatrati za formo demokracije. Na kontinentu Evrope je monarh nekoč vladal po milosti božji, v čemer ga je podpirala vera, to se pravi Cerkev. Avstrijskega cesarja se je uradno označevalo svetega, in krona sv. Štefana je bila istotako sakrosanktna, prav kakor v nemškem svetem rimskem imperiju srednjega veka — vse to so ostanki teokratskega pojma. Po božji volji, od Boga maziljen, od Boga poslan, oziroma orodje Boga, kakor je rekel cesar Viljem. Francoski monarh na drugi strani je bil "najbolj krščanski". Bili sta francoska in ameriška revolucija, ki sta napravili konec staremu režimu, s tem, da sta izpodkopali njegove temeljne principe.

"Moderna demokracija je mlada; pričinja se šele s francosko in ameriško revolucijo; medtem ko je stari režim imel tisočletja, v katerih se je razvijal in nabiral moči. Demokracija našega dneva seveda ni popolna; ampak bodočnost je njena. Večina držav je republikanska; monarhije, ki še obstoje, so ustavne. V izvajanju načela vlade večine, je Evropa bistveno demokratična. Kaj takega kot propadanje demokracije sploh ni, dasiravno, kakor sem rekel, sem brez oklevanja pripravljen priznati, da je še vedno nepopolna, da še ni, kar bi demokracija morala biti. Ampak, kaj pa monarhije: nemška, avstro-ogrška, ruska — ali so bile popolne? Kdo je bil tisti, ki je izzval vojno? Demokracija? Kdo je vojno izgubil? Žopet vas vprašam, ali demokracija? In, ali je morda demokracija povzročila gospodarsko krizo?

"Kar se tiče diktatur — počakajmo malo, da bomo videli, kako se bodo obnesle. Kar je jasno, je to, da Evropa definitivno zapuša staro obliko vlade; človek ima občutek, da posledje se ne bo noben narod več drznil odpušiti vrtni k staremu režimu, dasiravno za enkrat že ne utegnejo zapopasti, kako bi jim bilo mogoče upostaviti demokratično republiko.

"Reč, na kateri bi rad vztrajal, je potreba jasnega razlikovanja med demokracijo in anarhijo; kajti priznati je treba, da je mnogo ljudi, ki gledajo na svobodo v demokraciji kot na nekaj anarhijskega. Hotel bi tudi potegniti črto med negativno in pozitivno demokracijo. V borbi proti staremu sistemu je prišlo v navado, sklicevati se na najzvišenejša demokratična načela; ampak, ko je omenjeni sistem padel in so ljudje stali pred nalogo, da na pozitiven način izvajajo glas demokracije — vladne oblike, pod katero politična oblast ne izha-

ja "iz milosti božje", temveč "iz volje ljudstva" — ko se je to zgodilo, se je sila navade čisto pokazala premočna, in bil je konec konca stari sistem, ki je bil v resnici izveden v prakso.

"Kajti ljudje, kakor sem že rekel, so bitja navade. Demokracija ne pomeni od zgoraj dane vlade; ona pomeni upravljanje poslov. Ona ni v prvi vrsti nekaj političnega, temveč v večji meri je svetovno gledanje, življenjsko naziranje, v soglasju s katerim vsak državljan, kot oseba, spoštuje osebnost svojih sodržavljanov. Demokracija vključuje pravičnost. Francoski socialisti, kakor tudi Marks in Engels, niso bili popolnoma v napačnem in prizadevanju, da svoje nauke razložijo kot pravo uresničenje krščanske ljubezni do svojega bližnjega. Upravičen, etično, versko in nadnaravno, ki si ga predstavljam za demokracijo, je to: Ker verujem v Boga, vidim v človeku sodelavca božjega, in v duši človeka nesmrtno individualnost, ki je vredna spoštovanja. Nekaj, kar je večno, ne more biti indiferentno napram večnemu. To je v popolnem nasprotju s starim aristokratskim naziranjem, ki je smatralo, da je človek bodisi propal ali glup, bolje rečeno, da je oboje, propal in glup; vsekakor, aristokracija je težila proti absolutizmu, avtokraciji in diktaturi.

"Z ozirom na demokratični razvoj si nisem mogel kaj, da ne bi opazil med vojno in po vojni, da so se ljudje obračali k voditeljem, ki so bili bodisi socialisti ali za socialno reformo, med katerimi lahko omenim Brianda, Mussolinija, Eberta in MacDonalda. Mimogrede lahko tudi omenim, da so vse to bili možje, ki so izšli iz ljudstva in ki so bili sprejemljivi za ljudstvo. In to dejstvo, da so v Angliji, Nemčiji, Avstriji, tu pri nas, in po drugih deželah po vojni prišli na vlado socialni demokrati, ima svojo značilnost; to je vsekakor simptomatično.

"Da se bodo tu in tam pojavile reakcije, se je moralo pričakovati. Globoke revolucije ne uspejo s prvimi mahom; tako je bilo tudi s francosko republiko itd. Reakcije, proti-revolucije, niso nove, in so v manjši meri argument proti revolucionarnemu programu kot so proti ljudem, ki revolucijo povzročijo. Kot mora vedeti vsakdo, ki zasleduje politiko, je bila Evropa dolgo političen laboratorij in tako tudi še dolgo ostane. Mi živimo v veliki prehodni dobi, ko se stari red povsod umika novemu. Ako Mussolini in Goebbels smatra za umestnim, razglašati svoja sistema kot najčistejšo obliko demokracije, moram v taki trditvi videti ono priznanje demokracije, o katerem sem govoril. (Z drugimi besedami rečeno, diktature ne zanikujejo demokracije, temveč trdijo, da so one pravi izraz demokracije. Mussolini in Hitler dosledno napadeta demokratične države kot "takozvane demokracije", s čemer hočeta reči, da fašizem oziroma nacizem je prava, najčistejša demokracija. Prav tako sovjetski voditelji — dasi z nekoliko večjo upravičenostjo — govorijo o "sovjetski demokraciji". Nobena diktatura ne priznava, da je avtokratična. — Op. ured.)

"Demokracijo se da definirati na mnogo načinov," je nadaljeval Masaryk. "Jaz sam sem svoj čas podal več definicij. Stvar poglavitne važnosti za demokracijo je poštenost enako napram prijatelju kot sovražniku. Demokracija mora skrbeti, da je vsak državljan, vsak volilec, neprestano poučen o vseh javnih poslih, in mora se zanimati za njih. Tu je, kjer imajo parlamenti in časopisi svoje mesto, dasi imajo seveda oboji tudi svoje nadostanke. Parlamentarna in časopisna reforma je stvar, v kateri morata priti do veljave inteligenca in vest; je nekaj, o čemer moramo dolgo in globoko razmišljati."

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

DESETLETNICA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 211

Govanda, N. Y. — Leta 1928 se je zbrala peščica Slovencev v tej naselbini ter pod vodstvom oziroma nagovarjanju br. John Viharja ustanovila društvo S. P. Zveze v tej naselbini. Ker so bila že društva drugih slovenskih organizacij v naselbini in tudi precej močna po članstvu, nam je bilo težko konkurirati z njimi za novo članstvo. Toda kjer je pogum, sloga med članstvom in dobra volja, se premaga marsikatero oviro in tako se je kljub vsem neprilicam društvo obdržalo in tudi počasi napredovalo. Če bi ne bilo brezposelnosti, smrtnih slučajev ter odpotovanja iz naselbine, bi društvo štelo okrog 50 članov, ne pa 31 v odraslem in 10 v mladinskem oddelku. Ponoči smo pa le, da smo doživeli njega 10-letnico in društvo ohranili v naselbini, ki je obredno članstvo SSPZ društvo v državi New York. In akoravno so pri nas radi težbe z družbo slabih delavskih razmer, smo se vseeno odločili, da priredimo

enega največjih piknikov, kar jih je društvo imelo v zadnjih desetih letih. Vršil se bo na navadnih slovenskih pikniških prostorih dne 21. avgusta. Imeli bomo pristno slovensko godbo pod vodstvom br. Georga Samsona, razne igre in tekme, ter vsega v izobilju za posetnike. Člane se opozarja, da pomagajo v predpripravah, ker par članov ne bo kos vsemu delu. Oemnim tudi, da smo izdali ti-kete; kakšne vrste so, ne bom v listu omenjal, ker jih boste v kratkem prejeli ter je upati, da jih vsak proda več kot določeno kvoto. Ker bi se imela na isti dan vršiti naša društvena seja, naj člani vzamejo na znanje, da je premeščena na večer 22. avgusta.

Prijatelje od blizu in daleč vabimo na to prireditev, in ne škodovalo bi, če bi nas kateri izmed glavnih odbornikov iz Clevelanda prišel pogledat enkrat po 10 letih. Do danes ni bilo še nobenega. Kaj poročate fantje v Clevelandu?

Ker je še precej časa do piknika, se bom oglasil pozneje.

člane pa opozarjam, da gredo takoj na delo, da čim primerneje proslavimo desetletnico našega društva ter tudi 30-letnico Zveze. — Bratski pozdrav!
John Matekovich.

PIKNIK V WICK HAVENU

Wick Haven, Pa. — Navada je, da vsako leto priredimo piknik, tako ga bomo imeli tudi letos. Naše društvo št. 112 SSPZ in društvo št. 165 SNPJ priredita skupen piknik, ki se bo vršil v nedeljo 31. julija na farmi Luke Kralja. Člani in članice, kakor tudi ostalo občinstvo ste vabljeni, da se piknika vdeležite v obilnem številu. Tu bomo imeli priložnost, da pridemo skupaj in se malo pogovorimo. Razen tega obhaja društvo št. 112 SSPZ letos 25-letnico svojega obstoja. Torej na svidenje 31. julija!

Kar se tiče delavskih razmer, se ne moremo dosti pohvaliti. Sedaj se dela malo boljše, ampak ne vemo, koliko časa bo to trajalo.

Bratski pozdrav!

Frank Dernovšek, tajnik.

BR. LEO MUR UMRL

Sygan, Pa. — Članstvu in ostalemu občinstvu izven naše naselbine sporočam žalostno vest, da je društvo št. 89 SSPZ izgubilo svojega večletnega tajnika, brata Leo Mur-a, starega komaj 37 let. Pokojnik je bil med članstvom zelo priljubljen. Bil je tudi ustanovitelj syganskega Vrta št. 72, ki danes šteje 78 članov ter njegov administrator. Obe omenjeni društvi ga bosta zelo pogrešali. Za njim žalujejo poleg članstva tudi žena, tri nedorasle hčerke, mati, brati, sestre ter več drugih sorodnikov. Več o pok. sobratu Muru pozneje.

Naj bo pokojnemu bratu ohranjen drag spomin, težko prizadeti družini pa bodi v imenu društva izraženo iskreno sožalje. — Za društvo št. 28, Rudolf Kramžar, blagajnik.

PIKNIK DR. ŠT. 89

Sygan, Pa. — Kakor je bilo že poročano meseca maja, bo društvo št. 89 SSPZ dne 31. julija imelo svoj letni piknik, ki se bo vršil v Presto Parku. Uljudno vabimo vsa sosedna društva, prijatelje in znance, da se vdeležite te naše veselice. Zelo lepo bi bilo, ako bi vsak član pripeljal seboj par prijateljev.

Res so slabi časi — depresija, ali kljub temu pridite, da se malo razvedrime v hladni senici in nekoliko pozabimo na mizerne razmere. Veselični odbor se bo potrudil, da bodo vsi posetniki na našem pikniku zadovoljni v vseh ozirih. Začetek ob 2. uri popoldne. Tekom popoldneva bo igralo tudi več "mushball teamov". Kakor sem čula, pridejo igrati tudi iz Verone. Imeli bomo tudi izvrsten orkester. Kuharice so tudi pripravljene, da vas bodo razveselile z okusnim prizgikom. Celo potice ne bo manjkalo in za žejo bo vse preskrbljeno.

Torej ne pozabite na 31. julija se gotovo vidimo v Presto parku, da bomo vsaj malo obhajali 27-letnico obstoja društva št. 89 SSPZ. Ob priliki vam poset vrnemo. — Za društvo št. 89 SSPZ,

Julija Kramžar,
zapisnikarica.

DRUŠTVO ŠT. 220

Detroit, Mich. — Naznanjam članom in članicam društva št. 220, kateri niso bili navzoči na zadnji seji, ki se je vršila dne 3. julija, da je bilo na seji sklenjeno, da se od sedaj naprej vršijo društvene seje vsako drugo soboto v mesecu ob pol osmi uri zvečer, in sicer za nedoločen čas. Prosim tudi članstvo, da se v polnejšem številu vdeležuje društvenih sej. — Bratski pozdrav!

Frank Rezisnik, tajnik.

PIKNIK "SLOVANA"

Chicago, Ill. — Vsi člani in prijatelji pevskega zbora "Slovana" so vabljeni, da se vdeležijo piknika, ki se vrši v nedeljo 31. julija v East Side Forest Preserve. V slučaju dežja se bo vršila zabava v Popovichevi dvorani na 9600 Ewing Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Poročevalec.

ZA FEDERACIJO V CENTRALNI PENNI.

Johnstown, Pa. — Čitam v Napredku dopis brata Louisa Karisha, kateri pozivlja društva, da bi pristopila k Federaciji društev SSPZ v zapadni Pennsylvaniji. Ker je za nas v centralni Pennsylvaniji predaleč, da bi hodili na federacijske seje, smo se odločili, da ako bi se vsa bližnja društva oglasila v Napredku ali pa na naše društvo, bi v tem okrožju ustanovili svojo federacijo. Ker pa ne vemo, kako za vsa društva v našem okrožju, apeliramo na glavni urad, da bi sporočil v glasilo kraj in številke vseh društev in mi bi potem stopili z njimi v stiko.

Sestrski pozdrav!

Sylvia F. Skedel,

tajnica št. 162

(V današnji izdaji je priobčen imenik društev SSPZ. Zdi se nam, da bi s pomočjo imenika društvo št. 162 lahko izbralo društva, ki bi utegnili biti zainteresirana v idejo federacije za centralne Penno. — Ured.)

Evropa težko sope, ko se bliža mesec avgust

(Daj se s 1. str.)

vodja Konrad Henlein objavil zahteve, katerih ugoditev bi pomenila za praktične svrhe zbiranje Češkoslovaške z evropskega zemljevida. V smislu teh zahtev naj bi vsaka narodnostna manjšina v republikah imela svojo vlado in te avtonomne države naj bi kot celota vzdrževala vlado v Pragi.

Berlinu in Evropi je znano, da se Češkoslovaška ne bo odrekla suverenosti brez boja. To je vzrok, zakaj so bile te zahteve stavljenе. Berlin govori v Londonu o mirni izravnavi sporov, medtem ko v Pragi predlaga rešitev, ki bi pomenila edinole vojno. Berlin očitno upa, da bo z ustvaritvijo te dileme končno žel dobiček. Na ta način skuša zvrniti krivdo za izjalovljenje pogajanj na državo, ki je pripravljena iti do skrajnosti in ugoditvi vseh upravičenih zahtev. To je razvidno iz poročil, ki so jih objavili nemški listi, namreč, da Češkoslovaška iznova mobilizira svoje vojaštvo. To pa sta ovrgla dva voaška atašeja angleškega poslanstva v Pragi, ki sta obiskala kraje, ki so jih navedli nemški listi.

Vprišo Hitlerjevega manevriranja je težko reči, kaj se bo izcimilo iz položaja. Džbro je znano, da je večina nemških diplomatov nasprotna oboroženemu nastopu proti Čehom in da je generalni štab istotako proti taki avanturi. Ampak pozabiti se ne sme, da je generalni štab nasprotoval tudi okupaciji Porenja, ki je bila vseeno izvršena; da so bili diplomati in generali proti zavezništvu z Italijo, ki je bilo vseeno sklenjeno; da so svarili proti udaru v Avstriji, in je bil tudi ta uspešno izveden. Povsem jasno je torej, da se Hitler malo ozira na nasvete generalov in diplomatov. Fanatičnemu elementu nacistične stranke se hoče avantur in to je element, ki ima Hitlerjevo uho.

Možno je seveda, da so dogodki, ki so se pretekli teden završili v Parizu, ohladili vročelnost Hitlerja in njegovih zaupnikov. Ako se more verjeti poročilom, se Anglija ne bo pogajala z Nemčijo, dokler se vprašanje nemške manjšine na

Češkem ne zaključi. Glasom istih poročil se London tudi ne bo pogajal glede sklenitve pakta štirih sil (Anglija - Francija - Nemčija - Italija), kakor tudi ne glede omejitve oboroževanja, ali korakov za finančno in politično sodelovanje, dokler se tudi v Španiji ne naseli mir. Tudi pogodba z Italijo, ki je bila podpisana že o Veliki noči, ne postane pravomočna, dokler Mussolini ne pokliče domov vsaj nekaj vojaštva, ki se bori v Francoski armadi.

Jasno je, da Velika Britanija ne more iti zelo daleč z Nemčijo, ne da bi s seboj vzela Francijo. Ampak, drugo vprašanje je, kako daleč bi bila Francija pri volji slediti. Ako bi premijer Chamberlain svojo politiko "ublaževanja" s fašističnima diktatorjema tiral predaleč, bi nastala nevarnost, da se bo francosko-angleško zavezništvo, ki je bilo prošli teden tako bombastično proslavljeno, zlomilo, ali pa vsaj nalomilo.

Tu imajo demokracije alijan-co, ki lahko dominira Evropo, ako se jo bo ohranilo. Ako bi bila formirana prej, bi bila lahko preprečila marsikaj, kar ogroža mir Evrope. Proti temu se seveda more ugovarjati, da Francija, zlasti pa Anglija, nista bili tako močno oboroženi kot sta sedaj.

Toda brez ozira na to je jasno, da Hitler še ni vrgel zadnje karte na mizo; da bo brez dvornja podvzel nove poizkuse za pridobitev Londona. Vsed tega bi bilo nespametno, ako bi stavili prevelike nade v novo entento med Londonom in Parizom. Evropa to čuti, zato bo težko dihala vsaj dokler ne minejo prvi tedni v avgustu; ona še ni pozabila usodnih tednov v letu 1914, ko se je začel krvavi ples.

DUCE CAPLJA ZA HITLERJEM — PAPEŽ PROTESTIRA

Italijanski "učenjaki" so po naročilu Mussolinija "dognali", da so tudi Italijani "čisto arijsko pleme", vsled česar seveda nikakor ne gre, da bi se pleme naša laška kri mešala z nearijske židovske krvi. Papež je proti "odkritju" objavil protest, v katerem je rekel, da je to pretiravanje nacionalizma in "nekrščansko". To je seveda res, ampak fašizem uganja še mnogo drugih nekrščanskih reči, za katere pa je Vatikan slep in gluh. N. pr. isti Vatikan je s sklepom lateranskega pakta slovensko (katoliška!) manjšino v Italiji popolnoma prepustil razki, celo več, za škodelo-leče je celo pustil, da je fašizem upregel cerkveni aparat v voz italijanskega šovinizma.

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M. Vrhovnik

At no time during the past five years has the Home Office been flooded with so many applications for loans on member's certificates as it has during the past six months, proving beyond any doubt that conditions in the mining and manufacturing centers of the country, where nearly all of our members live, are, economically speaking, in a very bad way in spite of the billions and billions of dollars spent by local and national governments on relief projects of various kind. In the first six months of 1937, the average monthly loans on member's certificates amounted to approximately \$550.00, but in a like period this year there has been almost a 100% increase.

Since 1933 the Society has loaned to her members nearly \$50,000.00 on their certificates. Twelve hundred members have received loans varying from a few dollars to more than \$200.00. In addition to this, thousands of dollars have been DONATED from the Benevolent Fund to help the needy in special emergency cases, and to pay assessments for those who exhausted their certificate's Loan Value and those who had none to begin with, being members less than three years.

There are, of course, two sides to this unwelcome condition; one reflects the sad state of affairs in the country in general, the other reflects the healthy state of the Society in that she has been able to weather the worst depression in her history and come out of it stronger than ever, still able to look after the welfare of her members and demonstrate her importance in the life of the country by carrying on a great deal of voluntary relief through her Lodges, the national Benevolent Fund and loan privileges granted on member's certificates.

It is surprising, indeed, how few members know that their certificates of insurance contain such privileges as Loan, Paid-Up and Extended Term Insurance Values. Estimating roughly, I would say that at least 50 per cent of our members are not acquainted with these features and, consequently, do not realize that they are entitled to them should an emergency arise necessitating their application. Of course, how long they would remain ignorant of these facts, should they ever become hard pressed, is a "horse" of a different color. My guess is that they'd soon find out the exact procedure necessary in making their preference known to the proper authorities.

Borrowing on one's certificate is good policy only when you have exhausted every other immediate source of meeting "necessity" expenses, such as food and rental bills, taxes and insurance, hospital and doctor bills, not to mention the Society's monthly assessments. Never borrow for "luxuries" such as automobiles, radios, etc., for when the day of reckoning arrives, there might be a sad ending.

It's a relief to know that if you just must have a few dollars to tide you over a "tough spot," you can always turn to your certificate reserves (same as Loan Value) and with little or no red tape receive a check for the necessary amount from the Home Office. No collateral, other than the accumulated Reserves, are required in granting loans on certificates and that, I'm sure, sounds "pretty swell" to about 50 per cent of the members who have never given this feature a first thought. It's almost the same as having something worthwhile thrust upon you for nothing. Some of you have to your reserve credit as much as \$500.00 or more, against which a loan of \$250.00 or more could be made within a week, or less, if necessary. The amount which one can borrow depends on the period of membership, value of insurance and paying age. (A thorough explanation of this subject will be given later.)

When you borrow on your certificate, you're not asking for a donation from the Benevolent Fund. Don't confuse the two. In applying for a loan, you don't have to appeal to the Lodge to approve your application at a meeting. You don't even have to go near a meeting for that matter, if you don't want to. The Secretary can fill out the official application form anywhere and when you've attached your signature to it and he and the Lodge President have signed it, it's ready to be sent to the Home Office. . . . But, before a loan can be granted, your certificate must be returned there, too, so it's best to send it along with your application and in that way save time and postage. Accompanying the check, providing the loan application was not rejected for reasons which I will state later, will be your certificate stamped with a loan seal and signed by the Supreme Secretary. The certificate need not be returned to the Home Office for the same purpose, again, unless requested.

How soon after a member's certificate has been issued can he receive a loan? . . . The answer is:— Not before the end of the third certificate year. For example, if you were issued a certificate of insurance December 1, 1935, you won't be eligible for a loan until December 1, 1938. A few societies lend money after the second year, but the Loan Value is so small then that it is almost negligible. With this you will readily agree when you have studied our table of values.

At the end of the third certificate year, the Loan Value, unless you were past thirty years of age when you joined the Society or are insured under any other plan of insurance except Ordinary Life, is hardly large enough to consider as a loan possibility. Here I have prepared for your study a comparative table showing the Loan Values of all five adult certificates in force as of December 31, 1937. The paying age is 30 years and the amount of insurance \$1000.00. If you are insured under this paying age, but for a lesser or higher amount, the Loan Value on your certificate is proportionately greater or smaller than that shown here.

Following in the Footsteps of our Seniors

Sygan, Pa. — Twenty-seven years ago, at Sygan, Pa., a group of men and women gathered to organize a branch of a national benefit society called SSPZ No. 89. Today, 27 years later, the SSPZ No. 89 is known as one of the older branches of the SSPZ. Many of the organizers have passed into the great beyond but their great spirit lingers on and they shall never be forgotten.

A few days ago we lost our administrator, Leo Mur, and the Senior lodge 89 lost its "true secretary" whose memory will live among us for a long time.

About two years ago senior lodge No. 89 organized a juvenile unit, Vrtec No. 72 of SSPZ. Br. Mur was one of the few who helped to organize this unit. One of brother Mur's lessons was: to attain success we must first have cooperation. It's our duty, therefore, that we cooperate with Senior lodge 89, which is holding its 27th anniversary picnic on July 31 at Presto Park, beginning at 2:00 P. M. There will be plenty of mushball games, dancing and refreshments (also plenty of "potica").

Come on, all you Challengers, Kingsters, Progressor Seniors and Progressors Juniors, friends from Ambridge and Burgettstown, and all neighboring lodges and friends, we expect to see you!

Let's show our Senior Lodges that we believe in their old slogan; that cooperation is always crowned with success!

Julia Kramzer,
Sec'y Sygan Vrtec 72

CHICAGO CHORUS WILL PICNIC

CHICAGO, Ill. — All members and friends of the Slovene singing society "Slovan" are invited to attend a picnic given by "Slovan" on Sunday, July 31, 1938, at the East Side Forest Preserve. In case of rain the activities of the affair will be transferred to Popovich's Hall,

Evening Stars

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — The Evening Stars are preparing for another affair, this time a joint affair with the Seniors and the Vrtec. This affair is scheduled for the 27th of August. So keep the date in mind, folks, and spend the day in White Valley Slovene Hall. There is going to be a treat for all of those who attend. The Vrtec will present a play which will please you all. And we will also have Michael Vrhovnik of Chicago, to reel off some of the pictures taken of different places and people; you may even see yourself in the movies. Following the movies, you'll be entertained by Frank Hrbonik and his White Eagle orchestra, playing those snappy polkas and tuneful melodies of the day. Oh yes, there will be plenty of singing, with the help of Mr. Regina, Mr. Erzen and Mr. Kvartich everything will be complete.

Evening Stars are very much pleased with the 4th of July turnout. Everyone did his or her work very nicely. Keep the new spirit of cooperation up!

A Member

Chicago Lodges An- nounce Doings

Three Chicago lodges of the SSPZ are announcing affairs to be held in the near future, namely:

Lodge No. 47, will have a picnic on Sunday, August 14, at Kegl's Grove, Willow Springs, Ill.

Trail Blazers, lodge No. 197, will entertain its many friends at a Moonlight Picnic and Dance, Saturday night, August 20, at Riverdale Beer Garden, 134th Street and Indiana Ave.

Victorians, lodge No. 205, is making plans for its Fall Dance to be held at Marshall Square Ball Room, Saturday, October 15.

located at 9600 Ewing Ave., Chicago, Ill.

TABLE OF LOAN VALUES Paying age: 30 years — Insurance: \$1000.00

Full Years	Ordinary Life	20 Pay't Life	20 Year Endow.	Endow. at Age 60	Endow. at Age 70
1	\$000.00	\$000.00	\$000.00	\$000.00	\$000.00
2	000.00	000.00	000.00	000.00	000.00
3	8.00	23.00	76.29	29.52	13.00
4	18.00	41.00	113.93	50.16	25.00
5	28.00	60.00	153.12	71.61	38.00
6	38.00	79.00	193.96	93.90	51.00
7	49.00	99.00	236.50	117.05	65.00
8	60.00	121.00	280.83	141.11	79.00
9	71.00	143.00	327.02	166.10	94.00
10	83.00	165.00	375.17	192.07	110.00

At the extreme left you have full years of membership and straight across from each period of full years, you have the Loan Value or the amount you can borrow under each certificate issued by the Society in the Adult Department. Note the difference at each stated period. Note, also, how slowly the Loan Value accumulates under the Ordinary Life and Endowment At Age 70 Plans in comparison with the others. The reason for this is the difference in assessments paid. Ordinary Life insurance is cheapest, Endowment At Age 70 is next and so on. . . . And the longer you are a member the higher is your Loan Value.

If you will turn to the inside, left hand page of your own certificate, you will find there a table of values covering twenty full certificate years, beginning with age 16 and ending with age 50. Automatic Premium Loan Value referred to there is the same as Loan Value referred to in this article. If you are insured for \$500.00, take one half of the amount opposite the number of years your certificate has been in force; if the amount is \$250.00, take one-fourth of it; if it is greater than \$1000.00, multiply by one and whatever fractional portion greater than a thousand dollars it is. The paying age is stated at the head of each separate table. If you are in doubt as to when your certificate was issued, turn to the last paragraph on the front page. In the last two lines you will find the exact date of issue.

Next week I shall continue this article where I left off. In it I shall endeavor to explain how much you can borrow at one time, when it must be paid back, it's effect on the face value of the certificate, etc. In closing this installment I offer this advice, again — BORROW ONLY WHEN YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST.

Spartans Triumph Over Zumberaks

LAST INNING RALLY SAVES GAME

Spartans' lucky last inning rally gave them their third straight victory. Despite the fact that they were victorious, they didn't look so good against a team which has won only two games out of ten starts.

The odd part of the game was that the Zumberaks, one of the poorest hitting teams in the league, were able to get nine hits from Stokel and Spehek, two first rate pitchers, while Spartans, one of the better hitting teams, could get only eight hits from a pitcher who can only be rated second class material.

Stan Stokel started for the Spartans but was relieved in the fifth by Frank Spehek. Altho Stokel pitched four complete innings, he allowed only three hits but his wildness made it necessary for him to be replaced. Pitching five games a week is too much even for Stokel.

When the blue and gold jerseyed boys make it so much worked to beat a second last place team, it is no wonder that they throw away games to the stiffer opposition.

Playing hard for three innings, the Spartans managed to get a three run lead only to start bungling up the plays in the fourth to let Zumberaks tie up the score. Two more runs in the fifth gave the Croatsians a 5-3 lead which they held to the last inning. It was then that the Zumberaks enabled the Spartans to score six runs on two hits and several errors. Stan Stokel had his first homer of the season in this inning.

It seems as tho another shake up is due in the Spartan lineup. Frankie Lekan who started the season as a regular fielder but who has since had a nice long rest on the bench, was back in action and played a nice game. Ditto for Vic Fink. Both men should be reinstated as regulars again. Max Batis let down considerably in both his hitting and fielding after playing good ball all year. Johnny Koman looked great at shortstop where he has replaced Joe Moze who is out for the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

On Tuesday July 26, Spartans meet the Comrades and it should be number four for the Spartans, but the Comrades may surprise everybody and come thru with their first victory of the season.

On Friday, July 29, Spartans meet the Pioneers at Gordon Park No. 4. This should be a very good game and Spartans may loosen the Croatsians' hold on second place. Featured at the game will be the new Inter-Lodge sound truck which will broadcast the game over the park.

BOX SCORE

Spartans	AB	R	H	E
L. Batis, 3b	4	2	1	1
S. Zagar, 1b	3	0	0	0
J. Lunder, c	3	1	0	0
M. Florjancic, sc	4	1	1	0
M. Batis, lf	3	1	0	0
S. Stokel, p-rf	3	2	1	0
C. Koman, 2b	3	0	1	1
F. Lekan, cf	3	0	1	0
V. Fink, ss	3	1	2	1
J. Koman, 3b	2	0	1	0
F. Spehek, p	0	1	0	0
J. Jurca, 2b	1	0	0	1
Totals	32	9	8	4

Zumberaks AB R H E

Fairy Godmother Utopians

By Anne Gacnik, (Utopians)

Have you ever wished for a moon in June, your best girl friend or boyfriend, good music, something to eat, and something nice and cold and stimulating to drink? Well, the Utopians are your fairy godmother. She will grant everyone of your wishes except the moon in June. You will have to be satisfied with a moon in August—but, did you ever stop to realize that an "August moon" is many times more beautiful than a "June moon," especially the moon on August 6?

Then, you'll want music to go with that, not quite full, moon. Again, your wish will be granted—by the efforts of your fairy godmother—by the capricious, musical caperings of the ever-popular Frankie Yankovic and his lads. Dreamy music, lively music, sad music, happy music — you may choose any that your heart desires.

Now, if you feel that you haven't had quite enough dinner before you left home to tide you over the earlier part of the night, or if your appetite grows keen with the vigorous exercise known to us as dancing, you may stop and have a nice "hot dog." Hot dogs are quite the thing for midnight snacks.

It's customary to have something to drink with the sandwich (although you needn't have a sandwich to drink); so, your thoughtful fairy godmother thought you might like to have some nice, ice-cold root beer, orange-crush, or beer. Of course, stronger thirsts must be quenched by stronger liquids, and, again, your fairy godmother has provided that amazing "thirst-quencher," whisky. Your favorite brand of "fire water" will be waiting for your beck and call.

Now, all you need is your best girlfriend or boyfriend to dance with. All you need to do is bring the right person along, and your evening will be perfect.

Isn't Fairy Godmother Utopians wonderful? Oh—but there's a hitch to all her granting of these delightful wishes. If you happen to be a mortal with any such wishes as have been mentioned, and if you want them to come true, you must be at a certain place called the *Glenridge Picnic Grounds on August 6 at 8:30 p. m.* Of course, the wonderful godmother has to charge admission to make the granting of your wishes possible; so, she decided to charge everyone just the small sum of five and twenty copper coins (one silver one will do, as long as it's a quarter).

Please come. Fairy Godmother Utopians will be glad to see each and every one of your wishes come true because she likes to see people happy; so, we won't ask, "Is everybody happy?" Instead, we'll sing out, "Everybody's happy! Hooray! Hooray!"

Koval, 3b 2 0 1 2
Deanovic, rf 3 0 1 0
Miljenovic, ss 3 1 1 0
Strmac, sc 3 0 0 0
P. Latkovic, c 3 2 0 0
Ouder, lf 3 1 2 0
Pickett, 2b 3 1 2 0
Paris, cf 3 1 0 1
Severovic, 1b 3 1 0 1
J. Latkovic, p 2 0 0 0
Totals 29 7 9 6

Spartanology

By Moe

Howdy folks, here I am after a long absence with a bit of scandal I have seen and heard at the SSPZ outing. The weather was perfect, the spot passable and the crowd that showed up actually overwhelmed me.

First of all I want you all to know that Spartans won the exhibition game played with the Utopians. Credit should be given to the Utopians too, for they did not let us win without a struggle. The game was umpired by Stan Zorc and Joe Zorman. Two of the Utopian players, Bill Reya and Rudy Mesojedec, were hurt during the game. The Spartan Jrs. did not show up for the game with the Outlookers. Not afraid of them, are you boys?

Chuck Koman pinning one of Rose Lekan's straps, reminded her to keep standing straight but the words were a little more specific than mine. By the way, Chuck enjoyed quite a tumble with Dot Lucia who evidently got the worst of it. Tsk, task!!

Who was the gal that received the contents of an egg all over her dress? And by the way, it was such "a good egg" too.

What happened to the glamour girls who kept Stan Stokel and Stan Zorc company at our dance? Well, Antonia Zagar and Anne Opeka lost no time in seeing that these too lads were entertained.

Helen Budan, fiancée of Adolph Candon, is now vacationing in Pennsylvania.

Talking of vacationing, Val Polshack is also in Forest City, Pennsy.

Dot Mocnik is taking a seven day lake cruise on the S. S. Alabama.

Mirko Florjancic's son is going to teach his daddy how to really play ball. He even followed his daddy out into the field, ready to give him his first lesson.

We were pleased to see Supreme Treasurer Mirko G. Kuhel and his family (wife and kiddies) at the outing. They were vacationing in Cleveland.

So Myra still loves to have the boys at her heels! This time Frank Lekan scampered after trying to catch her.

Talking of the Lekans, have you met Johnny's latest? She sure is cute.

A pastime of Johnny Koman is winking at the gals. Don't wink too hard, Johnny!!

Well folks, my lazy spell is creepin' up, so I'll say goodluck till we meet again.

P. S.—I wonder if "Spaga" of the Utopians will put one over on me. I sure aim to find out.

E. S. LODGE ROSTER OF OFFICERS

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Monday of the month at the home of the secretary.

No. 233 Louisville, Colo.: President Frank J. Mihevc, Jr., box 741; Frank Mihevc, Sr., secretary and treasurer, box 741. — Meetings 2nd Sunday of the month at secretary's home.

No. 234, "Pirates," Burgettstown, Pa.: Raymond J. Daniels, President, Stella St.; Hanna Laurence, Secretary, Market St.; Anne Marinch, Treasurer, 12 Linn Ave. — Lodge meets every 3rd Sunday of month at Slovenian Hall, Burgettstown, Pa.

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