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Zadnji teden je bila v Chicagu združevalna konvencija petih čeških in slovaških podpornih organizacij, ki so se združile v eno jednoto. Nova organizacija, ki šteje okrog 26.000 članov in njen sedež bo tu, se imenuje Čehoslovaške jednote v Ameriki, okrajšano ČSSA. Združevalne priprave so trajale dve leti.

Vse te čehoslovaške podporne organizacije so svobodnomislelnega značaja. Med njimi je tudi najstarejša češka jednota v Ameriki, ČSPS, ki je že 78 let stara.

Ta dogodek ni brez pomena za nas in naše podporne organizacije, ki so posnetek čeških in tudi češko ime smo si prisvojili. (Jednota je češka beseda, ki znači unijo — pravilna slovenska beseda bi bila enota ali ednica — ali hrvaško zajednica.) Prvo slovensko podporno društvo v Chicagu — Slovenija št. 44 ČSPS — se je pridružilo češki jednoti in še danes je tam. Čehi so naučili Slovence, kako se je treba organizirati podporno, ko je bila našim delavcem potrebna samopomoč.

Med našimi organizacijami sorodnih načel se že precej let razpravlja o združitvi; vse čutijo, da v združenju je več moči in uspeha pa manj upravnih stroškov. Dosegli smo le toliko, da se je pred nekaj leti formalizirala nekakšna akademična Federacija jugoslovenskih bratovskih organizacij, ki vključuje tri slovenske, eno hrvaško in eno srbsko organizacijo, katere pa je še vedno tako rahla, da ne more storiti ničesar.

Kakšne tesne in konkretne združbe še nečemo. Preveč smo samoljubni — bojimo se, da izgube naše posamezne organizacije svojo identiteto, najbolj pa se boje gl. odborniki, da izgube svoje službe. Predsodkov in konfliktnih elementov kar mrgoli v naših vrstah — in to nas zadržuje, da odpravimo praktično združitev od leta do leta, od konvencije do konvencije. Med tem pa gredo razmere mimo nas in šle bodo preko nas — in pustile nas bodo na cedilu.

Cehe je združila največ današnja depresija. Tudi med njimi so bili zadržki in ovire, toda glavno oviro — službe — so rešili na ta način, da so v novi odbor združ. jednot izvolili vodilne odbornike vseh pridruženih organizacij. Ali ne moremo tudi mi storiti tega? Može, ki so sposobni in imajo zasluge v našem društvenem življenju, so lahko brez skrbi, da jih ne bo nihče vrgal na cesto na stara leta. Svoj jih potrebujemo. Vse drugo — zlasti ljubosumnost glede imen — so malenkosti.

Današnja ekonomska kriza je dober učitelj. Upajmo, da bo tudi zdravnik za naše jednote in zveze. Vprašanje združitve bo odlej bolj pritisakalo, ko izidejo organizacije — oslabilne članske in finančno iz te ekonomske katastrofe. Čehi so nas učili v začetku. Zakaj nas ne bi še danes?

Zavedamo se, da je stoodstotna združitev nemogoča zaradi nepremostljivih naziranj in ideologij. Na primer kdo si naj zamišlja združitev Slovence in Kranjsko-slovenske katoliške jednote? Ta katoliška jednota, najstarejša med slovenskimi, bo sama živeła in sama umrla, ko dovrši svoje naloge in ko pritegne k sebi manjše sorodne organizacije. Ameriški Čehoslovaki imajo tudi dva tabora in tako bo tudi pri nas. Ne gre drugače — in o tem ni vredno govoriti.

Ni pa nobenega večjega razloga, zakaj bi se slovenski delavci v Ameriki, ki so svobodnomislelnega mišljenja, osiroma so verako indiferentni ali neutralski.

Jugoslavija protestira proti Italiji

Belgradska vlada protestira proti carinski uniji Italije in Albanije

London, 3. jan. — Jugoslovanski poslanik v Londonu je včeraj formalno predložil angleški vladi svarilo svoje vlade, da je Jugoslavija v resnih skrbih zaradi najnovejše italijanske politike na Balkanu. Ta politika je, da skuša Italija usiliti Albanijski carinski unijo. Albanska vlada se upira tej uniji in obrnila se je na druge vlade, naj ji pomagajo, da se reši vpliva Italije, toda italijanski pritisk se nadaljuje. Ta zadeva je bila nedavno na dnevnem redu konference zunanjih ministrov male entente v Belgradu in takrat so sklenili, da nastopijo s skupno diplomatsko akcijo pri vseh zainteresiranih vladah.

Jugoslovanski poslanik je obvestil Anglijo, da Jugoslavija ne bo nikdar dovolila te carinske unije, ker smatra, da je to le nadaljnji korak Mussolinija v politiki njegove ekspanzije na Balkanu, ki se vrši v škodo Jugoslaviji. Poslanik opozarja Anglijo na nevarnost, ki ogroža mir zaradi italijanske politike.

Japonci začeli nove ofenzive na Kitajskem

Okupirali so Šanhajkvan v provinci Jehol in zdaj prodirajo proti Peipingu

Tokio, 3. jan. — Japonske čete so danes okupirale Šanhajkvan po srditem boju s kitajskimi branitelji. Mnogo je bilo ubitih. Boji v okolici se nadaljujejo. Japonski rušilci so zapustili Port Arthur in odpluli v kitajske vode.

Šangaj, 3. jan. — Japonska armada je začela novo ofenzivo in prodiranje v provinco Jehol. Napadla je mesto Šanhajkvan, ki je na meji velikega zidu, ki deli Mandčurijo od prave Kitajske. Srditi boji se nadaljujejo. Vse kaže, da nameravajo Japonci navaliti na to stran velikega kitajskega zidu in prodirati proti Peipingu. Kitajski bramborci se krčevito upirajo in odbijajo naval.

Irška zbornica razpuščena

Dublin, 3. jan. — Irška vlada je danes iznenadila vso irsko javnost, ko je razpuščala parlament in razpisala volitve za novo zbornico. Volitve se vrše 24. januarja. Vzrok tega koraka je stališče poslancev delavske stranke, ki so nastopili proti Valerovi vladi zaradi nameravane znižanja plač javnim nameštencem.

ni, delili v več podpornih organizacij z enakimi principi in skoro enakimi gospodarskimi sistemi, ko bi ena sama lahko zastopovala in še ta ne bi bila posebno velika.

Ugovor, da konkurenca daje več življenja, ne drži več. Svežih priseljencev ni več, naša mladina pa, kolikor se še zanima in dokler se bo zanimala za naše ustanove, gre navadno s starši. Sistem zavarovanja je bolj in bolj izenačen in kmalu ne bo nobene razlike med posameznimi organizacijami. Toraj za konkurenco ne bo več prostora. Ostanjejo samo še osebni predsodki raznih voditeljev in odbornikov.

Pomisliti moramo še na eno tragično dejstvo. Kriza je vrgla na stotine starih članov iz naših organizacij; ker so že preostari, da bi mogli priti nazaj, so za vselej izgubljeni. S kom jih bomo nadomestili? Kako bomo nadopolnili vrzeli v članstvu? Ostanjejo nam samo naši otroci. Ampak, če mladina podveduje naše stare predsodke, ki so bistveno ničevi, ne bo nobena organizacija dosti pridobila. Razkosani smo obsojeni na životarjenje.

PREDSEDNIKOVA KOMISIJA O AMERIKI

Objavila je ogromno poročilo, kaj boli Ameriko v dobi strojev, toda komisija je zelo optimistična glede bodočnosti

Washington, D. C. — Hooverova raziskovalna komisija, ki je bila na delu tri leta, je ob novem letu objavila rezultat svojega dela. Poročilo obsega dve knjigi, ki imata 29 poglavij in 1663 strani. Komisija je potrošila pol milijona dolarjev, ampak te stroške je pokrila Rockefellerjeva fundacija. Osobje komisije, katero je imenoval predsednik Hoover leta 1929, sestoji iz samih profesorjev ekonomskih in socialnih ved v raznih zavodih dežele.

Komisija je pretresla vse ameriško življenje v zadnji tretjini stoletja in pregledala vse probleme s stališča stare ekonomije, sociologije in sorodnih ved in je prišla do zaključka — kar je glavni in najvažnejši point v poročilu — da je ameriško socialno in kulturno življenje silno zaostalo za ekonomskim življenjem; industrijski razvoj s svojimi velikimi iznajdbami in mehanizacijo produkcije je na celoti pretekel socialni in kulturni razvoj, ki se še vedno nahaja na stopnjah stare agrarne civilizacije. To je najvažnejše dejstvo, ki ga je odkrila konservativna Hooverova komisija. Vprašanje je zdaj, kako povprečiti zaostali razvoj, da se bo ujema s novo mašinsko civilizacijo. Komisija poudarja, da Amerika ne more iti nazaj; stroji so tukaj in ostanjejo — in še več jih bo.

Komisija ne navaja nobenega načrta za rešitev tega vprašanja. Zdravilo prepušča "ameriškemu žilavemu individualizmu" in "privatni iniciativi". Vidi pa siljajno bodočnost v — novih iznajdbah. Nekaj novega je že "za oglom", ki zlomi depresijo in prinese novo prosperiteto!

Komisija zanika trditve tehnokratov, da je stari sistem profita in cen doiral svojo vlogo v mašinski produkciji — priznava pa, da stroji povzročajo stalno brezposelnost velikega števila delavcev.

Za modifikacijo carinskega zakona

New York. — Svet za modifikacijo carinskega zakona šteje sedaj krog tisoč članov, kot je razvidno iz poročila tajnika Trumbull Whita. Ta organizacija urgiira kooperacijo zainteresiranih državljanov pri poskusih za revidiranje Hawley-Smootovega carinskega zakona. Člani izvršnega odbora so: Willis J. Abbott, Stephen P. Duggan, Edwin F. Gay, Raymond V. Ingersoll in Leland R. Robinson.

Policija pomaga razbijati stavko

Kearney, N. J. — Tukajšnja policija je prišla na pomoč McClintic-Marshall Hosiery Co., kjer so pred par dnevi delavci zastavkali v znak protesta proti mezdinim redukcijam. Stavkarjem je prepovedala zbirati se v skupinah in sklicavati shode in zborovanja. Unija za ameriške civilne svobodščine, ki je bila obveščena o nasilju policije, je naznanila, da bo podvzela proti policiji akcijo na sodišču.

Krvavi novoletni izgnedi v Berlinu

Berlin, 3. jan. — Na novega leta dan je bilo pretrgano premirje med fašisti in komunisti v Nemčiji in v izgrelih, ki so izbruhnili med njimi, so bile tri osebe ubite in 312 ranjenih. Veik število izgrednikov je bilo a-retiranih.

Argentinski komunisti ne morejo biti državljani

Buenos Aires. — Argentinsko federalno sodišče je odločilo, da člani komunistične internacionale niso sposobni za državljanstvo republike Argentine.

Pet čeških jednot se je združilo

Nova organizacija šteje okrog 26.000 članov. Združitelna konvencija je bila v Chicagu

Chicago. — Pet čehoslovaških podpornih organizacij je imelo zadnji teden svoje formalne konvencije v Chicagu, nato pa so vse imele skupno, združitelno konvencijo v dvorani Sokol Slavsky v Ciceru in od tam je izšla ena sama organizacija z imenom "Čehoslovaške Spolky v Americe" (Čehoslovaška društva v Ameriki). Vseh pet organizacij, ki so se združile, je naprednega in svobodnomislelnega značaja. Glavni stan bo v Chicagu in novi odbor je sestavljen iz vodilnih odbornikov prejšnjih organizacij. Pripravljalno delo za združitev je trajalo dve leti.

Sledeče organizacije so se združile: Česko-Slov. Podp. Spolek (ČSPS) — najstarejša čehoslovaška jednota v Ameriki, stara že 78 let — 15.000 članov, Česko-Slov. Jednota (CSJ) 4000 članov, Česko-Slov. Bratr. Podp. Jednota (CSBPJ) 3000 članov, Česko-Amer. Lesnici (CAL) 2000 članov in Jednota Taboritov (JT), 2000 članov. Nova organizacija šteje okrog 26.000 članov.

Glasiło združenih organizacij bo nazbrlo "Vek Rozumu" (Doba Razuma), ki je organ čeških svobodnomislelcev v Ameriki.

Haiti v posteh ameriških bankirjev

Ameriški kapital iskorišča naravno bogastvo in je odgovoren za bledo prebivalstva

Washington, D. C. — Dasi je vlada Združenih držav izjavila, da bo odpoklicala svoje pomorščake iz Haitija 1. 1936 in bo potem pustila samo finančne svetovalce na otoku, si je vseeno pridržala pravico kontrole nad Haitijem, če se pokaže, da Haitijani niso sposobni za samovlado.

Načelnik finančne komisije R. A. Rue je izjavil, da je ameriški kapital potreben za razvoj industrij na Haitiju, zlasti tekstilne. Domačini, ki delajo v tekstilnih tovarnah, prejemaajo le od 20 do 30 centov na dan, vžle tem pa je Rue nasprotval legislativji o minimalni mezdi. Njegov argument je bil, da bi taka legislativja pognala ameriška podjetja z otoka.

Ameriški kapital silno iskorišča domačine. To se predvsem nanaša na Haitian-American Sugar Co. Padec cene sladkorja je prinesel veliko trpljenje in "brezposelnost in miserija prebivalstva na Haitu je splošna. Ameriški kapital je sicer zgradil dobre ceste in druge projekte, ki olajšujejo transportacijo vojaštva v notranost otoka, toda to ne koristi domačinom, ki potujejo večinoma peš.

Haitijani bi radi dobili kontrolo nad otokom, toda ameriški kapitalisti se temu upirajo. Ti krogi tudi razširjajo plemensko sovraštvo, kar ovira boj za neodvisnost.

Nune odpravljene iz bolnišnic v Argentini

Buenos Aires, 3. jan. — Tukajšnji mestni svet je v soboto po dolgi debati zaključil, da se katoliške nune izključijo iz bolnišnic v Buenos Airesu, kjer so uposlene kot bolničarke iz razloga, ker niso naklonjene bolnikom druge vere.

Sovjetski voditelji pred sodiščem

Moskva, 3. jan. — Dvain-dvajset voditeljev komunistične stranke v pokrajini ob južni Volgi je obtoženih, da so "izdali delavski razred", ker se je farmerski pridelek v tistem kraju slabo obnesel pod njihovim vodstvom.

IZSELJEVANJE DELAVCEV V SOVJETSKO UNIJO

Stari kapitalistični svet razpada in delavci vseh držav iščejo novo domovino v Rusiji

New York. — (FP) — V devetnajstem stoletju je bil stari svet in novi svet. Na milijone ljudi, ki so si hoteli izboljšati svoj življenjski položaj, je zapustilo stari svet in iselili so se v novega. Odhajali so v Avstralijo, Kanado in Združene države. Ko so se ogledali okoli sebe in ustanovili, so pričeli pisati pisma svojim sorodnikom in prijateljem. Pripovedovali so jim, da so življenske razmere v novem svetu veliko boljše kot v starem in jih vabili, naj pridejo za njimi.

Tudi v dvajsetem stoletju imamo stari in novi svet. Stari svet so kapitalistične države, novi svet je Sovjetska unija. Na milijone ljudi v kapitalističnih državah je brez dela, drugi pa so primorani delati za nizko plačo in pod nizkim življenjskim standardom. Stari svet je v procesu razkrajanja in počasi umira. Tisti, ki so prisiljeni živeti v kapitalističnem svetu, občutijo agonijo umiranja.

Medtem, ko stari svet umira, pokazuje novi svet stalni napredek. Sovjetska unija se je edina od velikih držav ognila pritisku ekonomske depresije. Njena produkcija blaga bo v tem letu za 45% večja kot v prejšnjem letu. Sovjetska Rusija gradi nova poslopja, nove tovarne, nove železnice in organizirala je gigantske kolektivizirane kmetije. Za vse te aktivnosti potrebuje mlade in močne ljudi, ki so pripravljeni sodelovati pri gradnji močne socialistične države. Veliko številno industrijskih delavcev bo Rusija rekrutirala v svojih mejah, toda potrebuje tudi mnogo izučeni in izvežbanih moči iz inozemstva.

Po vsej Evropi se delavci odzivajo pozivu sovjetskega sveta. Iz Nemčije in drugih držav prihajajo in celo v daljni Ameriki izkoriščani in brezposelni delavci spravljajo skupaj svoje stvari in se pripravljajo na pot v novi svet.

Poročila so sicer nepopolna, vendar se domneva, da je več kot 60.000 nemških delavcev odpotovalo v Rusijo v zadnjih mesecih. Dan za dnevom prihajajo v Nemčijo pisma od teh delavcev in nekatere objavi tudi časopisje. Ta pisma govore o boljših delovnih razmerah, zlasti pa na naglašajo navdušenje delavcev, ki ga kažejo pri gradnji nove socialistične družbe, h kateri prispevajo del svoje energije.

Obeta se, da se bo izseljevanje iz starega v novi svet nadaljevalo in večalo. Dočim kriza v kapitalističnih državah postaja čedalje ostrejša, se število delavcev v sovjetskih industrijah in produkcija večja. Število industrijskih delavcev v Sovjetski uniji je bilo koncem 1. 1929 5.988.000 (v tem številu niso vključeni poljedelski delavci), leto pozneje je število naraslo na 7.442.000, letos pa je že devet milijonov.

Stari svet nima prostora za mlade in močne fante in dekleta, ko zapuste šole in se napotijo na iskanje sreče. Novi svet jih vabi k sebi in ti se v tisočih odzivljajo vabilu.

Produkcija jekla pada

New York. — Produkcija jekla je bila v prejšnjem mesecu najnižja od 1. 1921 kot poroča "Iron Age." revija jeklarske industrije. Napoved, da se bo produkcija dvignila v prihodnjih par mesecih, kot je bilo naznanjeno, je dvomljive vrednosti.

Domač drobiž

Hodil 29 dni iz Chicaga v New York

New York. — Ivan Jurkovič iz Chicaga je na starega leta dan srečno prišel v New York. Vao pot med tema dvema mestoma — čez 900 milj — je prehodil peš in vzelo ga je 29 dni. Tu se je ukrcal na parnik Pennland, ki ga odvede v Jugoslavijo.

Plačilo za svobodo

Chicago. — Neki John Molnar ali Malnar, o katerem so listi poročali, da je "Avstrijec", je bil pred par tedni aretiran kot ponarejalec denarja. Njegov prijatelj Lucius Barnett, 2434 Burling st., je podpisal zanj kavicjo v vsoti \$12.500. Za to kavicjo je Molnar obljubil Barnetu \$600 in to vsoto mu je tudi izplačal čim je bil prost. Ko pa mu je odšel denar, je potegnil revolver in vzel nazaj izplačano vsoto, nakar je lagnil. Barnett je zdaj razpisal \$1000 nagrade za ujetje nevalečnega prijatelja.

Podlegla operaciji

Yukon, Pa. — Tu je umrla Rozalija Kosteic, roj. Lušina. Podlegla je operaciji v bolnišnici v Pittsburghu. Stara je bila 42 let in tu je bivala 22 let. Zapuška moža in štiri otroke.

Ob prihodu novega leta

Chicago. — Na Silvestrov večer zadnje sobote je klub št. 1 JSZ priredil veselico s tremi živimi slikami ob polnočni uri v dvorani ČSPS. Slike, v katerih je nastopilo čez 40 oseb, so bile zelo impresivne. Predstavljale so prosperiteto, depresijo s krušno linijo in smago delavstva, ko pride leto nove doba. Udeležba je bila zelo dobra.

Istočasno so društva čikaške zveze SNPJ imela svojo veselico v jednotni dvorani s lepo udeležbo in povoljno zabavo.

Smrtna kosa v Milwaukeeju

Milwaukee. — Umrla je Karolina Podojsteršek, stara 28 let in rojena tu. Zapuška sestro.

Umrl v Chicagu

Chicago. — Za srčno hibo je umrla Mary Selan, stara 61 let. Zapuška moža in otroke. — Louisa in Jospini Ahčan, 1816 W. 21. Pl., je umrla petletna hčerka Dolores za pljučnico.

Katoliški nacionalisti med seboj
New York. — Rev. Father Ilija Severović je objavil v tukajšnjem "Hrvatskem Listu" silovit napad na Jožeta Grdino iz Clevelanda. Imenuje ga "ferdamanega kranjskega Janeza" in mu daje še druge krilate naslove. Pobožni može se kregaati zaradi starokrajake politike. Župnik Severović se navdušuje za samostojno Hrvatsko, Grdina pa poje slavo belgradskemu režimu. Lepa reč!

Praznični kava v družini

Calumet, Mich. — Nik Bodnar v Centennial Heightsu je pred prazniki spodil svojega pastorka in njegove sestrico iz hiše. Ukazal jima je, da se ne smeta nikdar več prikazati pred njegove oči. Mala dva sta pa šla po policaja, ki je očuha aretirjal. Spor bodo reševali pred sodiščem.

Preostleky zaradi bolnihi

Denver, Colo. — Mike Maretić je prišel semkaj iz Clevelanda zaradi boleznii, ki ga nadleguje že tri leta. Zdravniki so mu svetovali spremembo zraka. Maretić je tu prevzel trgovino Auto Parking.

Tajnik JSKJ obtožen

Duluth, Minn. — Tukajšnji Duluth Herald poroča, da je Ivan Tavčelj iz Elyja začel sodniško akcijo proti Antonu Zbačniku, gl. tajniku JSKJ, da ga odstrani iz tajništva. Prvo zaslišanje pred okrožnim sodiščem se bo vršilo 28. januarja.

DRUŠTVENE VESTI

Darragh, Pa.—Naznanjam članstvu društva št. 23, da je bilo na letni seji dne 4. dec. p. l. sklenjeno, da vsak član plača 25c v društveno blagajno vsak mesec do meseca marca t. l. Nadalje je bilo sklenjeno, da član, ki se ne udeleži društvene seje vsaj enkrat v treh mesecih, bo kaznovan ali pa suspendiran. Toliko v vednost tistih, ki niso bili navzoči na letni seji. Matt. Drop, tajnik.

Bon Air, Pa.—Članom društva 254 se naznanja, da so bili izvoljeni sledeči člani v društvene urade: Ignatz Groznik, predsednik; John Medie, podpredsednik; John F. Korber, tajnik; John Yacoby st., blagajnik; Joseph Vidmar, zapisnikar; Lawrence Kranjč, okrbnik. Nadzorni odbor: Matt. Pristavec, predsednik, Pete Bukovec in Louis Butara, nadzornika.—Assesment bom pobiral kot dosedaj, na domu in v dvorani. Kdor ni prejel koledarja za tekoče leto, naj se zgleda pri meni, oddaljenim ga pošljem po pošti. John F. Korber, tajnik.

Greensboro, Pa.—Naznanjam članom društva 101, da se bo prihodnja seja vršila pri rojaku Karol Petriku v Greensboro (Glass Works), ne več na "Ucait" kot lani. Toliko v pojasnilo članom. Johana Pročjak.

Samsula, Florida.—Društvo št. 603 SNPJ je na svoji letni ali glavni seji, ki se je vršila dne 10. decembra 1932, premestilo naše mesečne seje z sobote večer na vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 2. popoldne. Naše seje se bodo vršile v istem prostoru.

Nadalje opominjam vse člane in članice, da se bolj pogosto udeležujejo rednih mesečnih sej. Ako naše članstvo tega ne bo upoštevalo, tedaj bo društvo prisiljeno upoštevati pravila tudi v tem oziru.

Člani in članice, zavedajte se, da imate dobro društvo dobre jednote in da ni reš, kar se tako rado ponavlja, že: saj imam plačan assesment in tako dalje. Dolžnost vaša je tudi, da ste seznanjeni z vsami društvenimi in jednotlivimi skledi. To pa je lahko tedaj, če se redno udeležujete mesečnih sej. Potem ne bo nikakih izgovorov več. Še enkrat: Upoštevajte društveni sklep vai! Mike Machek.

Cleveland, O.—Društvo "Vipavski raj" št. 312 ima sledeči odbor za leto 1933: Andrew Božič, predsednik; Krist Marec, podpredsednik; Heronim Stonich, tajnik; John Stranec, blagajnik; Vinko Zgonik, zapisnikar; Anton Mravlj, predsednik nadzornega odbora; Louis Cebren in Emil Stokel, nadzornika; Frank Cigoj, Mary Bolko in August Stokel, bolniški odbor. Društvena zdravniška dr. A. Škur in dr. M. E. Davis. Zastopnika za Slov. dom: Krist Marec in Charles Benevol. Zastopnika za Slov. D. D.: Andrew Božič in Louis Zgonik. Zastopnika za clevelandsko federacijo društev SNPJ: Andrew Božič in Heronim Stonich. Seje vsak tretji petek v mesecu ob 7:30 zvečer v Slov. domu.

Ne morem si kaj, da ne bi opozarjal člane, naj se bolj zanimajo za društvene seje. Sedaj je namreč valed bližajoče se konvencije najboljši čas, da izrazite svoje mnenje, kateri način zavarovanja bi bil najboljši za našo organizacijo: snižati izdatke, ali svišati assesment? Po mojem mnenju bi moral biti izredni assesment sploh prepovedan (upravičen je bil samo enkrat, to je bilo pred 13 leti ko je razhajala španska influenza). Konvencija se vrši vsaj štiri leta, ako zasledujemo iz glavnega urada pridobene račune, primerjamo število bolnikov, ter vsoto, ki jo izplačamo za gotove bolezni, ni preteklo napraviti proračun za prihodnja štiri leta. Vse je se lahko izvrši le, ako se članstvo zaveda svojih dolžnosti in pravice v svoji organizaciji. Torej še enkrat, udeležujte se sej in razpravljajte o problemih, ki so važni za nas vse.

Včasih zasledujem dopisnike drugih društev, ki oglašajo svoje prireditve. Velika večina piše: valed krize lid., privedimo veselico. Pri nas pa, ko smo sklepali glede veselice, da jo priredimo na Silvestrov večer, je bilo splošno mnenje, da se veselica vrši, ker hočemo biti veseli, čeprav sradnji v prošlem letu. To je pripravljajni odbor tudi upošteval ter povabil najboljšo godbo, namreč "Blad". Želim vsem skupaj srečnejše novo leto! H. Stonich, tajnik.

(Pripomba uredništva:—Vaše pismo nam je bilo dostavljeno šele 28. dec., dati ste ga dali na pošto 24. dec. ob 6.30 zvečer in ga poslali po special delivery. Ko smo ga sprejeli, je bilo prepozno, da bi ga priobčili, kajti clevelandska pošljatev sredine izdaje je bila že odposlana.)

Chisholm, Minn.—Leto 1932 je zakonito. Upala sem, da bom na koncu leta bolj z veseljem poročala o napredku in o delavskih razmerah, pa mi ni moglo. Nekateri delajo po nekaj štihov, dosti jih je, ki nič ne delajo. Koliko časa bo ta depresija še trajala, nihče ne ve. Želim, da s letom 1933 zasije lepša sarja vsem delavcem in društvom naše dične matere jednote SNPJ in tudi našemu priljubljenemu dnevniku Prosveti. Vsi smo jako prisadeti v teh časih.

Sedaj naj pa še omenim o društvu št. 322 "Lilija v vrta" SNPJ. Članom naznanjam potek naše decemberske seje, in sicer tistim, ki živijo izven mesta in pa tistim, katere se te seje se niste udeležili. Društvena pravila so ostala po starem. Odbor za leto 1933 je sledeči: Predsednica Ivana Baraga, podpredsednica Frances Kranjč, tajnica Mary Smolts.

blagajnica Mary Pahule, zapisnikarica Ivana Prasnik. Nadzornice: Ivana Jobitz, Anna Kočevar in Rose Novak. Zastavonoša Anna Yankovich. Društveni zdravnik je dr. Nelson. Seje se vršijo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu.

Dragi mi sestretje! Ponovno vas prosim, da bodite bolj točne z plačevanjem assesment, ker jas ne morem za nobeno založiti, iz blagajne pa tudi ne, ker sedaj se je izčrpala. Sedaj smo plačali naklado iz društ. blagajne za članice. Dosti smo že darovali iz društ. blagajne, ali sedaj v teh časih se je pa tudi izpraznila. Upam pa, da s pomočjo marljivih članic bomo spet napredovali, zakar hvala vsem! Želim mnogo napredka pri društvu v tekočem letu. H koncu šilim celokupnemu članstvu SNPJ in glavnim uradnikom—srečno in zadovoljno novo leto 1933! Mary Smolts, tajnica.

Hermine, Pa.—Umri je dne 17. decembra naš član društ. 67 SNPJ, Martin Kotar. Star je bil 85 let. Zaprta žena in 4 otroke v stari domovini. Društvo mu je priredilo civilen pogreb na Irwin pokopališču. Bratje in sestre, če se niste pri SNPJ, pristopite takoj, ker ona vam nudi pomoč pred in po smrti. Jos. Fliss.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Članom društva "V boj" št. 53 SNPJ: Prihodnja seja se vrši kot navadno drugo nedeljo dopoldan v SDD, to bo 8. januarja. Dolžnost članov je udeleževati se sej in slediti razpravam v društvenih zadevah, prinašati stvari na sejo, ki so v korist članstva, jednote in društva ter Prosvete. Ali ste naročniki Prosvete? Če ne, zakaj ne? Ta list vam prinaša vedno poleg vaših bojnihvnih priskut tudi poučilno gradivo, ki vam je v vsakdanjem življenju potrebno. Nekateri imate dva clevelandska lista a ne svojega—to je Prosveta. Naročite se lahko pri tajniku. Če ste 3 člani družine, plačate samo \$2.40. Ali ni to pod ceno?

Opozarjam vas, da nas čaka prihodnje leto bolj važno delo, novi problemi društva in jednote, kot so pa tožbe in pritombe. Pustimo naše nabrušene sekire doma, in na delo! Ne pozabite tudi, da se vrši veselica 26. februarja v SDD. Kupite si vstopnico! Frank Barbic.

Cleora, Ill.—Naznanjam članom in članicam društva št. 449 SNPJ, katerim še ni znano, da sem radi boleznih bil primoran pustiti tajništvo. Na letni seji dne 16. dec. je bil izvoljen tajnikom br. Frank Margolice, 1801 So. 66th ave., Cleora, Ill. Priporočam, da se v vseh slučajih glede društvenih poslov oglašate pri novem tajniku. Bodite redni in točni kot ste bili pri mer, za kar se vam vsem zahvaljujem za sodelovanje.

Kakor vam je znano, so se seje vršile vsak tretji petek v mesecu. Odsodaj naprej za leto 1933 se bodo seje vršile vsako tretjo sredo večer točno ob 8. uri v navadnih prostorih. Ste vabljeni, da se redno udeležujete društvenih sej. Vsem veselo novo leto! John J. Koren, bivši tajnik.

Elizabeth, N. J.—Novi uradniki za društvo 540, ki so bili izvoljeni na letni seji za leto 1933, so sledeči: Predsednik Joseph Oblak, podpredsednik Andy Kavčič, tajnik Andy Sprogar (452 Magnolia ave.), zapisnikar Joseph Pasarič, blagajnik Amalija Oblak. Nadzorni odbor: Andy Painter, Joseph Pasarič in Justina Kavčič. Zdravnik dr. Harold Goldfield. Društvene seje bodo še nadalje v letu 1933 vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob 10. predpoldne v Hungarian Workingmen's Home, corner 6th street in Magnolia ave. v Elizabethportu. Andy Sprogar, tajnik.

Virginia, Minn.—Posilvam vse članstvo društva 215, da se GOTOVO udeležite vsi prihodnje seje, ki bo na 8. januarja, pričetek točno ob 1.30 popoldne. To bo skupna seja z društvom 338 in je jako važnega pomena, kajti na tej seji bodo nominirani kandidati za delegate 10. redne konvencije. Zato pa pridite na januarsko sejo vsi člani in članice društva 215!—Obenem naznanjam, da s januarjem se prične plačevati izredni assesment samo 10c, ne več 50c, in to do preklica.—Na januarski seji bo podan celoletni račun z običajnimi poročili. Srečno novo leto vsem! John Yelenich st., tajnik.

Thomas, W. Va.—Naznanjam vsem oddaljenim članom društva št. 29, da sem bil na letni seji ponovno izvoljen za društvenega tajnika. (Moje naslov je: box 3, Pierce, W. Va.) Opozarjam vse naše članstvo, da redno plačujete assesment in da se vsak ravna po pravih SNPJ v vseh ostrih. Kajti le na ta način nam bo moglo red na sejah in pri društvu. John Michelitch, tajnik.

Ely, Minn.—Društvo 106 je na letni seji izvolilo sledeče uradnice za leto 1933: Predsednica Mary Starta, podpredsednica Mary Dradisher, tajnica Mary Zgone, blagajnica Mrs. Perushak, zapisnikarica Frances Sayavita. Nadzorni odbor: Agnes Zimmerman, predsednica, Josephine Bolka in Mary Banko, nadzornice. Na naši prihodnji seji bomo imeli program, v katerem bodo nastopile Mary Strukel, F. Gradisher, K. Hutar, F. Kromar. Serviral se bo pri grizick. Članice, pridite nove leto prav in udeležujte se vsake mesečne seje našega društva ter plačajmo assesment pravočasno. Delujmo skupno, tako da bodo naše seje mirne in vzorne, na katerih naj prevladuje sestrska ljubezen. Pustimo stare zavade na stran in delujmo vse za napre-

dek društva in jednote. Vsaka članica naj stori vselej in povsod svoje dolžnost za jednoto in društvo, tako da bomo beležili zadovoljstvo in uspeh. Pomnite, da v slogi je moč, v neslogi pa neuspeh. Srečno novo leto vsem! Mary Starta, predsednica.

Bedford, Ohio.—Društvo "Čas" št. 460 je na letni seji izvolilo sledeče uradnice za leto 1933: Predsednik Louis Božnar, podpredsednik John Brenzinar, tajnik Louis Lipos (5108 Stanley ave.), blagajnik in zapisnikar Andrej Rešin. Seje drugo soboto v mesecu ob 8. zvečer v navadnih prostorih.

Ker je društvena blagajna popolnoma izčrpana, je bilo sklenjeno, da pričenši z januarjem 1933 vsak član plača poleg assesmentu tudi 10c v društveno blagajno, in to vsaki mesec, za pokritje društvenih stroškov. Društvo se zaveda, da v sedanjih časih je težko plačevati naklado, ker pa ni mogoče drugače, se prosi člane, da to upoštevajo.

Prosi se člane, da se polnočestvno udeležijo seje dne 14. jan. ob 8. zvečer, kjer bodo podani letni računi, in tudi veliko važnega je treba ukreniti. Louis Kastelic, tajnik.

Naznanjam članstvu društva "Mir" št. 142 sledeči novoizvoljeni društveni odbor: Predsednik Anton Bokal, 731 E. 157 st., podpredsednik John Prasnik, 604 E. 160 st., tajnik Louis Mr-

slava, 780 London rd., telefon Ken. 2127 W. V vsaki društveni zadevi se obrnite na tajnika, ki vam bo odgovoril na vsako vprašanje. Blagajnik je Frank Sustarsich, 15726 Holmes ave., zapisnikar Ivan Kapelj, 709 E. 156 st. Predsednik nadzornega odbora John Prestri, 18810 Eaglesmere ave. Nadzornice: Frances Martinjak in Frances Susel. Zastopnik društva John Grošel, zastavonoša Mike Struna, vstara Matija Bratkovich. Se želi, da članstvo to vpošteva in ne porabite priti na sejo, ki bo dne 18. januarja, da boše navzoči pri polnočnem društvemem poročilu in pri vpljavi društvenega odbora. Louis Mirmolya, tajnik.

Ironwood, Mich.—Naznanjam celokupnemu članstvu društva 323, da se v vseh društvenih zadevah obrnete na novo izvoljenega tajnika: John F. Flow, 206 So. Pabst Loc, Ironwood, Mich., v letu 1933, da ne bo sitnosti. Prihodnja redna seja bo 8. jan. 1933. John Bertich, tajnik.

POPRAVEK S. Chicago, Ill.—V zadnji številki Prosvete je pomotoma izostalo ime reditelja. Pravilno naj se glasi: "Barjo reditelja je dobil dobro poznan br. John Pelosa, ki je mojster v tem poslu. Hvala Johnu Dejaku, ki je dobro skrbel za suha grla; vino je dalo društvo." Frank Kosič, predsednik.

Glasovi iz nasebin

Zanimive beležke iz raznih krajev

Iz mojih zapiskov Milwaukee, Wis.—Gospodarski polom se širi neprestano in sega čedalje višje in višje. Prvotno so trpeli samo delavci in revnejši kmeti, tem so sledili mali trgovci; obrtniki in podjetniki, nato pa so prišle na vrsto večje družbe, sedaj pa se rušijo že najmočnejše stavbe kapitalizma—in še ni izgleda za izboljšanje položaja — ker je stalno izboljšanje nemogoče brez temeljite izpremembe obstoječega družabnega reda, ki je postal nemogoč.

In tako slišimo sedaj delavce, trgovce, podjetnike, farmarje, vse tiste, ki so še do zadnjega časa verovali v obstoječi družabni red in obsojali vsak temeljni preustroj istega, kako tarnajo in obupujejo.

Posebno med delavstvom se sliši tarmanje — kaj bo? Toda koliko jih je med temi, ki tarnajo in preklinjajo te strašne razmere, koliko jih je med temi, ki se borijo kot junaki proti krivicam, tiraniji in nevednosti z trdnim upanjem na končno zmago?

Koliko jih je med temi brezživnimi obupanci, ki še vedno podpirajo vse to, kar je te razmere zakrivilo, kateri tlačijo z vsemi silami v nazadnjaštvo in se branijo vsega, kar bi delavstvo dvignilo, izobrazilo in s tem vzpodbilo za boj proti krivici, za boljše bodočnost, svobodo in srečo?

V delavskih hišah najdeš protidelavske časopise, najdeš ljudi, ki trpijo in so trpeli že leta, pa še vedno verujejo v vsak strup, ki jih napravi nesposobne za vsak boj, za vsako stvarno delovanje za izboljšanje teh razmer.

V delavskih hišah najdeš trpine, kateri še vedno sledijo raznim lažnjivcem v plačih lažnjivega rodoljubja ali pa prav tako lažnjivega krščanstva. Najdeš ljudi, kateri tarnajo, toda obenem zagovarjajo vsako nazadnjaštvo, vse, kar je pregloboko za njih plitek razum.

Kako naj delavstvo upa na boljše bodočnost, če pa se večina še vedno brani vsega, kar bi omogočilo izpremembo teh neznoanih razmer?

Česa more pričakovati danes delavec, ki je prekoračil štirideseto leto, če se obstoječi sistem ne bo izpremenil? Ali ne samo stalne brezposelnosti in končno beraške palice ali pa sirotišnice?

Toda, neglede na to nazadnjaštvo med delavstvom, se bliža nova doba, doba svobode in sreče za vse, ki tvorijo sol zemlje, ki ustvarjajo vsa nelzmerna bogastva z delom svojih rok. Milijonske armade razredno

Kakor vsako leto, imamo tudi letos v zalogi prvovrstno, dobro rjese PRASICE krmiljene s koruzo. — Pripeljem Vam jih zaklane in lepo osnašene na dom, kakor tudi kri in črev. Se priporočam! FRANK SAGADIN JR., 3724 W. Berhaman St., Tel. Orchard 5489 Milwaukee, Wis.

zavednega proletariata so na delu noč in dan. Mogočne, milijonske armade, zbrane pod rdečo zastavo bratstva in svobode korakajo z nevzdržljivo silo naprej — naprej proti končni zmagi s trdno zavestjo, da je bodočnost naša, naša, ker mi smo moč, mi smo sila, mi smo orjak, ki se prebujajo iz stoletnega spanja in terja svoje pravice.

Sila orjaškega kapitalizma, ki je vladal svet zadnje stoletje, se pogreza, pada v prah, v razvaline, na katerih se že dvigajo temelji najmočnejše stavbe svobode in enakopravnosti.

Še nekaj kratkih let in imperij kapitalizma bo zdroljen, zato je naš sedaj sveta dolžnost trpinov, v katerih še ni zamrla zadnja iskra ponosa, moči in odločnosti za samoobrambo, da se pridružijo mednarodni proletariki armadi in storijo svojo dolžnost v tem odločilnem boju med delom in kapitalom, med starim propadajočim in novim družabnim redom, kateremu pripada bodočnost.

Zato, delavci, sotrpini — vrzite iz vaših hiš vse lažnjive časopise, obrnite hrbet vsem lažnjivim rodoljubom, vsem, ki so se ponižali, da igrajo vloge hlapcev kapitalizma in vaših zatiralec. Naj služijo težko prislužen delavski dolarji samo onim časopisom in organizacijam, kateri so posvečeni interesom delovnega ljudstva, ne pa interesom vladajočih in razširjenju nevednosti. Le na ta način bo delavstvo neprestano jačilo svoje vrste, da bo pripravljeno, kadar pride veliki dan rešitve in svobode.

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LJUDSKI GLAS

"Slavonic Alliance of California"

San Francisco, Cal. — Leto 1932 je odšlo in ubogi delavec ne ve, kaj ga čaka v novem letu. Minulo leto je bilo polno trpljenja za delavstvo. Delavec je zatiran na vseh straneh; kamorkoli krene, tam ga švrkne bič.

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Gl. tajnik Fred A. Vider je pomagal s svojim pismom, da je društvo Tabor Slovanov št. 304 SNPJ, največja postojanka naše jednote na pacifični obali, pristopilo k tukajšnji organizaciji "Slavonic Alliance of California", ki je pod vodstvom političnih hlapcev največjih kapitalističnih mogotcev.

Valentin Laharnar, društvo 304.

Pripomba uredništva. — Zaveda omenjene organizacije Slavonic Alliance of California je bila pred gl. upravnim odsekom zadnje pomlad. Sprva je bil vtis, da je povabljen SNPJ, naj se pridruži tej organizaciji, kar je gl. upravni odsek odločno odklonil.

Vprašanje pristopa k Slavonic Alliance of California je bilo predloženo gl. upravnemu odseku, ki je o stvarni precej razpravljal in končno zaključil, da naša jednota ne stoji v imenovanu organizaciji. Razlog za ta zaključek je predvsem v tem, ker mi ne verujemo v tako organizacijo kot je imenovana, katere program je tudi politično združevanje Slovanov.

V drugem pismu br. Petru E. Kurnicku z dne 10. junija 1932 je gl. tajnik br. Vider med drugim pisal tole:

Kar se tiče posameznih društev naše organizacije v Californiji, mi istim ne bomo nasprotovali, če se pridružijo ali se pridruženja Slavonic Alliance of California, dokler pri tem ne bodo trpeli interesi članstva ali jednote kot take.

Iz gornjih odlomkov iz pismem br. Vidra je jasno, da gl. tajnik ni nikdar priporočal kateremu koli članu društva št. 304 pristopa k omenjeni organizaciji, niti ni pisal na svojo pest, temveč po sklepu gl. upr. odseka in na podlagi informacij, kakršne je prejel in predložil odseku. Glavni urad ne ve, kakšna je ta organizacija. Člani društva 304 morajo vedeti! In če vedo, da je omenjena organizacija proti interesom članstva in jednote in proti principom SNPJ, zakaj so z večino odglasovali za pristop? Zakaj društvo ne odstopi? Krivda je pri društvu, ni je treba iskati v Chicagu.

Nepromišljeni zahtjevi

Ironwood, Mich. — U Prosveti dne 21. dec. 1932, u koloni Ljudski glas, izšla je dopis od br. Valentina Polića iz Detroita, Mich., kojemu želim odgovoriti u kratko, jer ne želim zalaziti u polemiku s njim, niti mi je namjera braniti br. urednika, pošto je on za obranu sposobniji od mene. Ako br. Polić ne bi izlazilo u javnost onako licumjerno in nepromišljeno, ne bi se ja obazirao na njegov dopis, ali kada brat hoće da upregne urednika u svoja politička kola, što po mome mnenju urednik mora izbjegavati bez razlike od koga zahtjevi dolazili, to je onda nešto drugo.

Kada su Hrvati pripadali Austro-Ugarskoj monarkiji, br. Polić ako ne zna, može se informirati, su svi hrvatski vodje radili za slom spomenute monarkije i za gradjenje Velike Srbije. Sada, kad su uvidili da su izvarani i ostali razočarani, ovaj naš brat zahtjeva od urednika Prosvete, da pomaže Hrvatima da se oslobodi taj naš narod, "koji ima guta". Brat ne može dokazati kakovu slobodu oni misle izjaviti sebi i Slovincima, nakon što su u veće ropstvo zapali pod beogradskim diktatorima, niti može brat dokazati, na kakav način se Slovinci drže mudri napram Hrvatima.

Ja nisam članom toliko godina na koliko je br. Polić, nego samo 12 godina. Dobro pratim rad naše organizacije, ali dvojim da ima u SNPJ 14,000 samih Hrvata, kako to br. Polić zamišlja. Dobro bi bilo, kad bi brat prije malo promislilo pak onda pisao. SNPJ nije organizirana da ruši nekoje kraljevine i oslobodjuje onaj narod, koji nije njoj pod izravnom kontrolom, nego je samo za pomaganje svoga članstva. Prosveta ima dosta poučnog za svakoga radnika, samo je pitanje, kako dotični pripada. Ja kao Hrvat ne možem da dijelim mišljenje br. Polića u njegovim nepromišljenim zahtjevima. Brataki vam pozdrav.

John F. Plow, društvo 323.

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Federacija zapadne Penne

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Premalo se sliši s pennsylvanski grčev in dolinic. Posebno poročila o federaciji SNPJ zap. Penne preveč izostajajo; morda je to en vzrok, da še do danes vsa društva v tej okolici ne pripadajo v to koristno zvezo. Neaktivna društva včasih tudi pošljejo opazovalce na naše konferenice; in tako ostane po starem.

Kaj je federacija že storila dobrega v prošlem in kako bo v bodoče, tvori veliko knjigo, katere ni mogoče predstaviti v celoti na eni kratki seji.

Imamo opravilne kritike, pa tudi neverne Tomaže, kateri si mislijo, da je federacija peto kolo ali celo političnega karakterja, za kar pa do danes še ni dokazov. Želimo, da nam prinese novo leto boljše gospodarake razmere ter več razredne zavestnosti — več narodnega ponosa — v zavesti, da potem lahko dvignemo naše ustanove na višji standard.

Ob novem letu prihaja federacija zopet pred vas in vam ponuja bratsko roko za skupno delo. Torej pridružite se! Kot že poročano, sklep zadnje konference je bil, da se vrši velika skupna veselica obeh federacij v Bridgevillu v Slov. dvorani na Cook Hillu dne 11. febr. v soboto večer v dobrobit tistih članov, katere družabni red najbolj tepe. Članstvo obeh sloj. in angleško govorečih društev je na delu za obilno udeležbo.

Brata Ambrozich in Kosela, tajnika federacij, sta zaprišla, da tista dva departamenta v cookhillski dvorani bosta na 11. feb. natičena do zadnjega kočička. Br. Selišnik (orjak) ima večletno skušnjo v zobozdravništvu, suhih grlih, nerednosti v želodcu itd. Dept. št. 1 je torej v dobrih rokah. Drugi oddelek bo pa okupiral (že v naprej vem) naša "flaming youth". Ker je Zornikov orkester izvežban tudi v "old time music", potem tudi starejši ne bomo izključeni.

Vse federacijske priredbe dozdaj so bile uspešne finančno in moralno.

Za slovenski živelj v naših institucijah prihaja nova era; mladina bo vsak čas zayzela naše postojanke. Obstoječi družabni red se krha, ves svet se nagiblje k tisti vzvišeni ideji, za katero strmino mi starejši že zadnjih 25 let. Pa imenujte to teokracijo, socializem ali kakršenkoli izem.

Well, naša federacija s svojimi priredbami in konferencami skuša ozr. si daje nalogo, da usposobi mlajšo generacijo za spretno vodstvo naših ustanov. Louis Glaser, društvo 295.

Novo knjige in revije

A b e socializma. Kratek pregled socialističnih teori. Uredil Ivan Molek. Izdala in založila Jugoslovanska socialistična zveza, Chicago, Ill. 1932. Cena 15c. — Knjižica šteje 32 strani in tolmači v kratkih sestavkih glavne točke, kaj je kapitalizem in kaj socializem v luči ameriških razmer.

Februarska noč. Spisal Tone Čufar. Izdala in založila založba Klas v Ljubljani. 1932. Cenā za Ameriko 50c. — Pisatelj je v tej knjigi z domačo besedo naslikal pentro socialno sliko, ki kaže, kaj vse se je zgodilo v eni zimski noči v manjšem slovenskem industrijskem mestu.

Ave Marija. Koledarska izdaja januarske številke 1933 mesečnika Ave Marije, ki ga izdajajo slovenski frančiškani v Lemontu, Ill. Običajno število so podvojili in izdali v obliki koledarja. Vsebinska nabožna. Za one, ki verujejo.

Kajževnost. Mesečnik za umetnost in znanost. Izdajatelj in urednik Bratko Kreft. Izhaja v Ljubljani in stane za Ameriko dolar na leto. — V prvi številki je več zanimivih razprav socialno orientacije ter leposlovnih prispevkov. Louis Adamič ima (rtico "Slovenski kmetje molijo za mehiko cerkev".

Odelek priporoča znižanje poštnine na dva centa

Washington. — Poštni odsek nižje kongresne zbornice se je soglasno izrekel, da bo priporočal povratek k dvocentni poštnini za pisma. Zvišanje na tri cente je poštni deficit še povečalo.

Razprave o dnevniku Prosveti

Odborniki in Prosveta

New Waterford, Can. — Iz poročila br. Ph. Godine nam je znano, da je naša priljubljena Prosveta v finančnih stiskah. Kar se tiče naročnikov na dnevnik, X. konvenciji pripravim sledeče: da se v pravila doda nova točka, namreč to, da vsaki član, kateri želi kandidirati za društvenega predsednika, tajnika, blagajnika in nadz. predsednika, da mora biti tudi naročnik na dnevnik.

Se eno novo točko v pravila: da kdor želi kandidirati za delegata, mora biti najmanj eno leto pred volitvami za konvencijo, naročnik na dnevnik.

Mogoče se mi pripeti, da me bo kdo švrknil, morda bo kdo rekel, da to diši po Mussoliniju. Po mojem mišljenju ne. Če ima SNPJ 700 aktivnih društev, je 700 predsednikov, ravno toliko pa tajnikov, blagajnikov in nadzornih predsednikov. Ne računam ostalih odbornikov in vrtarjev, članov je pa na tisoče in tisoče. Samo omenjene 4 vrste odbornikov, skupaj bi bilo 2800 naročnikov na dnevnik. Koliko je članov in članic, ki niso v nobenem odboru, pa so vseeno naročniki. Zakaj pa bi se ravno omenjeni odborniki ne naročili na dnevnik? Na primer pri našem društvu (mislim, da ni edino) so borbe za sedeže v društveni odboru. Če bi bila omenjena točka že v pravilih, sem siguren, da bi sam pri našem društvu bilo najmanj 25 stalnih naročnikov na dnevnik. Ker ni take točke, sta pa samo 2 naročnika.

Želim, da bo gl. upravni odsek tako ukrenil, da dnevnika ne izgubimo. — Herman Drobnech, društvo 558.

Clevelandskim društvom

Cleveland, O. — Na redni mesečni seji društva "Naprej" št. 5 SNPJ se je zopet razpravljalo o Prosveti ter zaključilo, da se v glasilu vpraša naša ostala društva v Clevelandu, kaj mislijo o pomoči Prosveti? Ali ni več kot dolžnost vseh društev, zavzeti se za to, da obdržimo dnevnik, ki je vsekakor dober agitator za našo jednoto, torej za nas vse? Če hočemo dnevnik obdržati, moramo pač tudi nekaj žrtvovati. Vsako društvo bi nekoliko že zamoglo pomagati, kljub izredni krizi. Zbudite se torej še ostali in priščište dnevniku na pomoč, ki je danes nujno potreben. Želimo in se tudi nadejamo, da bo mo čitali v prihodnji številki, da so naša društva začela pridno oglašati za pomoč Prosveti in da se niso pripravljena dopustiti, da se dnevnik ustavi. Na delo val! (Priročeno po naročilu društva Naprej št. 5.)

L. Medvešek, tajnik.

Se o dnevniku Prosveti

Cleveland, O. — Nekateri člani pravijo, da je drzen, kdor se upa kaj svetovati glede dnevnika Prosvete, ker to vprašanje se tiče v prvi vrsti le naročnikov dnevnika. Dokaj čudna je vendar ta logika. Usoda dnevnika je enostavno odvisna od vsega članstva, ki ima pri temu tudi pravico izrekaati svoje mišljenje. Mislim, da kdor je plačnik skladdcv, je tudi upravičen jih zagovarjati v vsakem slučaju. Kratiti članstvu svetovati glas ali pošteno kritiko, to ni bratsko delo, ampak diši po diktatorstvu. Vsak dober nasvet in poštena, iskrena kritika ni škodljiva SNPJ, ker v glavnem je treba nehotu upoštevati sentiment večine članstva in razmere, v katerih se nahajamo. Ako hočemo SNPJ obvarovati izgubo članstva, je to fakt, ki se ga ne more prezreti.

Namen, da se vsili članstvu dnevnik Prosveto obligatno, o tem vsem v dvomu, da bi jednoti koristilo, prej škodovalo, ker bo radi tega marsikateri jednoto pustil, ker v sedanjih časih se prej člana zgubi kot dobi. Mnogokrat se predbaciva nenarodnikom razne neutemeljene neslanosti, kar je slaba reklama za nove naročnike Prosvete. Sam sem bil nekaj let naročnik na dnevnik Prosveto, in bi bil še danes, ako bi ne bilo v listu toliko osebnih praznih fik. Tako čtivo ne dela časti jednoti ne koristi članstvu. Večkrat se dva lasata največ radi osebnosti kot dva petelina na gnoju, ki ju otroci gledajo. Za take madeže sploh bi ne smelo biti prostora v

listu, ker članstvo potrebuje stvarnega, poučnega čtiva, ne posiljenega.

Tudi kritike so potrebne, ako se pisec drži strogo v razpravi le predmeta, o katerem razpravlja, ne da se poslužuje zavijani in osebnosti proti drugemu, kar se večkrat dogaja. Osebnostna padanja, zvijanje in podobna mržnja do svojega bližnjega, to je zlo, katero dela nespornum in nezaupanje eden napram drugemu. Le govori o principih solidarnosti itd. Za božjo voljo, ako me kdo nahrulj in obra, rečem hvala lepa za take principe in solidarnost. Vsi principi ali solidarnosti nič ne pomagajo, ako se isto v praksi pošteno in iskreno ne izpolnjuje. Pravijo: delo delavca hvahl. To je najboljša hvala in reklama pri vsaki stvari in pri vsaki družbi. — Andrej Krizančič, društvo 126.

Ako mogoče, naj bo obligaten

Springfield, Ill. — Kot lokalnemu zastopniku za dnevnik Prosveto, so mi razmere precej dobro znane. Ker so nekateri dopisniki mnenja, da bi se zastopniki odpravili, temu nisem nasproten, ako se more kak boljši sistem dobiti. Kdor misli, da so zastopniki krivi, da Prosveta nazaduje, naj kar sam poskusi pa se bo kmalu prepričal, da so drugi vzroki, in teh je več. Eden vzrok je, ker so člani po večini finančno popolnoma na dnu, da pri najboljši volji ne morejo obnoviti naročnine, ko jim poteče. Drugi vzrok je, da tisti, kateri bi lahko plačali naročnino, je neradi plačajo. Dalje, ako prideš par dni prej kot mu naročnina poteče, ti pravi: saj mi še ni potekla naročnina. Ako takemu naročniku pojasniš, da mora biti dnevnik plačan, da Prosveta rabi denar, da mora plačati delo in papir, mi kateri reče: "Saj ima jednota 5 milijonov, pa naj tam vzame." Takemu naročniku se mora pojasniti, da se mora Prosveta sama vzdrževati. Nekateri naročniki, kateri so bolj oddaljeni, ako prideš do njega, ti zopet reče, da sam pošilja naročnino v Chicagu. Nisem nasproten, ako v resnici sami pošljejo, ampak zastopnik ne more vedeti drugače, da piše po imenu naročnikov. Tam šele ve kdo ima plačano.

Najboljše bi bilo, ako bi bilo mogoče, da bi bil dnevnik Prosvete obligaten za člane, za vsako družino eden dnevnik in da bi društveni tajniki vsak mesec nekaj vzeli pri assessmentu skozi celo leto. Ako bi bilo to mogoče, kar pa dvomim, da bi prišlo v veljavo, ker se večina članstva ne bo strinjala, bi se dnevnik rešilo. — Frank Cemazar, društvo št. 47.

Edina pot

Riilton, Pa. — Dnevnik Prosveta naj se ohrani, ako je le mogoče. Čitali smo že zadosti razprav o tem. Gl. upravni odsek je storil kar je bilo mogoče storiti; boljše poti ni mogel vzeti kot jo je, da se sobotna številka ukine. Po mojem mnenju je to najboljša pot za enkrat.

John Srebernak, naročnik in član.

Pojasnilo k načrtu

Detroit, Mich. — Pojasnilo na urednikovo opombo k mojemu načrtu, kako naj dnevnik Prosveta izhaja po bodoči konvenciji SNPJ. Mogoče, da je urednik površno pregledal ali pa me ni razumel v dotičnem stavku, kot sem zapisal. (Samostojni bi več plačevali, ali bi tudi Prosveto prejemal petkrat na teden.) V mislih sem imel one, ki prejemajo samo tečnik in plačujejo 10 centov na mero, po mojem načrtu bi pa plačevali 20c na mesec.

Da se bo lažje razumevalo, naj navedem lestvico, način plačevanja po predloženem načrtu: Eden samostojen član plača 20c na mesec — \$2.40 letno. Dva v družini: eden plača 20c na mesec, drugi 5c, skupaj 25c mesečno — \$3 letno. 4 v družini: eden plača 20c, ostali po 5c mesečno, skupaj 35c — \$4.20 letno. Ako jih je več v družini, se upošteva enako zgoraj označeno lestvico. Ta lestvica pokaže, da samostojni ne bodo več plačevali, v resnici se manj kot oni, kjer jih je več v družini. Priporočam ta načrt največ iz razloga, da bi se v bodoče vsak rdeči cent kore-

nitno porabil, ker po sedanjem način je na tisoče obligatnih številčk proč vrženih na teden.

Vem tudi, da se bo članstvo vpraševalo: zakaj bodo tisti člani plačevali 5c, ki ne prejemajo lista? Odgovor: za publikacijo morajo plačati za eden ali drugi način, imajo vse privilegije do lista kot oni, ki list prejemajo. Družinski očetje bodo pa tudi na dobičku; kjer so štirje člani v družini in vsi v odraslem oddelku, jih stane dnevnik in ona obligatna številka \$7.20 letno, ako pa niso na dnevnik naročeni, jih pa stane \$4.80 letno.

Številke same govorejo. Peter Benedict

Dnevnik naj ostane!

Willard, Wis. — Veliko se razpravlja v dnevniku Prosveti, kar me zelo zanima. Vaakovratne nasvete se čita. Vsak član ima nekaj dobrih idej, ali žal, da je tako težko najti pravo podlago za nasvet.

Kot večina članov piše, takega mnenja sem tudi jaz, da najprvo naj bi uredil v tiskarni to, kar članstvo zahteva: naj vsak daruje nekaj od svoje plače v tiskarni v sklad, potem bi bilo pa treba: da bi se vsa društva zavzela, da bi vsako darovalo toliko, kolikor znaša naročnina za enega naročnika, pa ne listu v podporo, ampak naj bi se plačala s tem naročnina za take člane ali rojake, ki nimajo dnevnika, za tri mesece.

Prepričana sem, da bi večina ali vsak, ki bo čital Prosveto 3 mesece, da si jo bo naprej naročil, ker se mu bo priljubila. Večja društva seveda prispevajo lahko več za to idejo. Moje mnenje je, da s tem bi se veliko novih naročnikov dobilo, kar je glavno za dnevnik. Nasveti pa naj bi se upoštevali le od članov, ki so naročeni na dnevnik. Član, ki ni naročen na dnevnik, ga gotovo ne zanima.

Sedaj, ko je dnevnik v stiski za obstanek, je dolžnost članov, da se vsak nanj naroči, če je le mogoče, ker v tem bo največja in glavna pomoč.

Prosveta naj ostane kot je, bfeš spremembe, do prihodnje konvencije. — Carolina Zupančič, društvo 198.

Kako priti do denarja

Chisholm, Minn. — Sedaj se mnogo razpravlja o dnevniku Prosveti in kje denar dobiti, da se list obdrži kot dnevnik. Vsi bi radi, da list ostane, ali kje denar dobiti, nihče ne ve. Naročniki ga nimajo, jednota ga ima, ali denar je treba hraniti za posmrtnine, kakor da bom vaf člani naenkrat umrli. Da brat Berger naj ne misli, da mi, ki smo Judniča kritizirali, ne znamo razpravljati o Prosveti. Jas sem Judniča najbolj kritiziral in tudi lahko povem, kje denar dobiti, da ohranimo Prosveto kot dnevnik.

Prosveta mora dobiti drugega urednika, ki se bo znal prikupiti Rusiji. Poročati bo moral samo dobro stran o Rusiji, kakor delajo komunisti, zato tudi dobi denarja kolikor ga rabijo od Rusije. Sedajni urednik pa vse dneve v Prosveto, slabo in dobro stran, zato tudi nič Prosveta ne dobi. In ko bo enkrat Prosveta zastoj, lahko vse stare naročnike dobi nazaj, ki nimajo lista s čim plačati. Če pa tega ne storimo, bo Prosveta morala prenehati in vsi mi, ki jo radi čitamo, bomo vsi po komunističnih listih, ki so zastoj. Posebno tukaj v Minnesoti jih dobiš kolikor hočeš, še v hišo ti jih prinesejo, da nam ni treba na pošto hoditi. Se veseli so, da jih čitamo. To je moj nasvet. Če ve kdo za boljše, naj se oglaši.

Agnes Mihelčič, društvo 322.

SLOVENSKA MLADINSKA SOLA

Chicago. — Redni pouk v slovenski šoli društva Pionier se obnovi v soboto dne 7. januarja ob 1:30 popoldne v spodnji dvorani jednotinega podolja na 8. Lawrence in 27. cent. Poleg prednjih obiskovalcev šole se pričakuje tudi mnogo novih. S pripravami za prihodnji program se bo takoj začelo. Ta program bo izvajal med konvencijo naše jednote prihodnjega maja. Bilo bi lepo, če bi do takrat naša šola štela vsaj 60 članov, ki bi se postavili na odru s mladinskim programom. Stari, se pozabite poslati svojih otrok v slovensko šolo dne 7. januarja! Sokoli odbor.

The Society shall insure to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical and political creeds.
Declaration of Principles.
SNPJ By-Laws.

PROSVETA

ENGLISH SECTION

Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
Ben. Franklin. Motto to Historical Review.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

A Bit of History

With the present reduced form the daily and weekly official organ Prosveta assumes its original size, beginning January 1, 1933. Since its initial appearance as daily back in 1916 and up to 1926 the official organ Prosveta was a six-column paper. Retrenchment, yes; but an unavoidable one. The cause for this step is generally known and can be summed up in a single not unfamiliar word: depression.

To most of our readers, we trust, the underlying causes for the present social and economic disturbances are well known; we have been endeavoring to present them—from the labor view point—honestly as we found them to be, along with the forces that are instrumental and solely responsible for the present abnormal conditions. This we have been doing weekly by publishing various articles, comments and reprints that dealt with the pressing subject from the bottom up and shall continue to do so. We've pointed out the fact that in the present depression whirl invited by the present unjust system not a single thing has been left unturned; the whole life has been affected directly or indirectly, institutions destroyed or seriously imperiled.

The foreign newspapers, naturally did not and could not escape its devastating ravages. All of them, some less, others more—rather more—are afflicted with this germ called depression, and a number of them were either forced to suspend publication or to reduce their size, subsisting through various means on minor scale.

Again—Our Daily

It is obvious that some members did not understand our explanation of the financial difficulties regarding the daily official organ Prosveta. We were stating plainly that the daily and not the weekly was in danger of being pushed off the daily-standard. The weekly Prosveta is the members' paper and its existence has not been questioned. It is the daily that most needs the support and backing of every member, so that its worthy services to our people shall continue for a long time to come.

We were aware of the fact that the young members alone cannot save it, but it is expected of them to give it at least a moral support. We asked for your opinions on the question. Our opinion is that the only sound, safe and fair step to insure our daily Prosveta its existence, considering all things, would be by making it the members' paper. If there are any other better solutions, we would be glad to hear them and upon their presentation we should be only too willing to withdraw our.

Mass Production

The so much talked about newly hatched technocrats merely confirms what the socialists are propounding for the last several decades, namely, that mass production demands mass ownership, collective ownership of productive means. The latter also always maintain that labor-saving machinery is an evil for the workers so long as it is owned and controlled by private business, and that machine production should and must be socialized, to serve the people as a whole and not for the profit of a few privileged individuals at the expense of the masses who are starving. The economic forces are the chief factor in life. Everything else — politics, culture, ethics, religion, etc. — is subordinated to the economic system.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—The most flagrant, inexcusable fault of some Reveliers during the past year was the lack of prompt payment of dues. Secretarial notifications were issued, upon more than one occasion, that the secretary would be at home on the 8th, 23rd, and 26th of each month to receive all assessments. The above dates were specified for those members who could not meet, or omitted paying their assessments on the date of the monthly meeting. Yet time after time impositions were forced upon the secretary at all hours and days; quite a number of tardy members even approaching him at the end of the month after the dues had already been forwarded to the Main Office. It is to be hoped, and expected, that the members make order! prompt payment of all dues.

Upon other numerous occasions the membership was exhorted, begged to get in touch and personally see the secretary when they could not meet their monthly dues. Provisions had been made to care for all in stringent circumstances. Yet in spite of all this there had to be a number who would not avail themselves of the opportunity. Even the society has shown a benevolent attitude towards those unemployed by allowing such members the rights of passivity, and this would have been a preferable step than expulsion. Possibly much more can be written on this subject, but it would be superfluous. Under all circumstances the members should, at least, get in touch with the secretary at the proper time.

In 1933 the Reveliers will face some trying times. It is to be expected that the entire membership will give its utmost cooperation to overcome the obstacles in our path. There is no need to warn the membership that problems that beset a lodge are just as much to be carried by the members as the officers.

At the organization of the Reveliers there was much enthusiasm. In the months that followed there were many pleasant journeys, socials, etc. Good will was a dominant factor among the members. In cases of illness the sick members received their financial benefits. Then the depression hit the country, and this society... There was curtailment of some activities. That was unavoidable. But interest in a lodge should not lag; interest is not a saleable commodity. That spark of interest should still lie within our scope; and the memories of the past coupled with hopes of the future should bind the links of our associations the firmer.

On Dec. 24 the Nas Dom Lodge 33 of Ambridge held its annual session. By acclamation the entire 1932 staff of officials were re-elected for 1933. Officers are: Pres., Louis Uhernik Sr.; V.-Pres., John Maletich; Sec'y., Anton

Ziberna; Treas., John Kerzan Sr.; Rec. Sec'y., Anton Habic; Trustees: Pres., Charles Grosdeck, Anton Rosenberger, Joseph Tekstar; Chairman Sick Committee, Joseph Tekstar, and lodge physician, Dr. Snyder. Delegates to the Federation Conference on Jan. 22 at Pittsburgh (Slovene Fed.) were Louis Uhernik, Anton Rosenberger, Joseph Tekstar, and Charles Grosdeck. There is a complimentary feature about the method the Nas Dom lodge studies the problems of applicants for sick benefits. They take this phase of lodge work seriously. In no case are they guided by uncertainty. And they adequately protect themselves against simulators.

The Reveliers regret to hear of the death of Mr. J. J. Istocin, father of William Towelimak. To the bereaved family the Reveliers extend sincerest sympathies.

At this time the lodges should be well on their way in completing mergers requisite to convention representation. Possibly those lodges in this vicinity who, as yet, have not completed the necessary negotiations can do so at the E. S. Federation Conference at Moon Run on Jan. 15. Louis Kosela.

Silver Stars of Yukon

Yukon, Pa.—Whistles blowing, glad bells ringing; here you hear a shot go off, there you hear another, is just what happens at the midnight hour that closes the final day of the previous year, and brings the new year in. After the glad shouting and gay makings are all over you set back in your chair and think what the old year had brought. One thing it brought everybody and that is, "another birthday" to your already fast moving years, then to some it brought a little more prosperity, but to a majority, 1932 was a very bad and lean year. Many and many people were thrown from jobs while others who had no jobs before were shoved deeper into the jaws of starvation. It wasn't so long ago, if you remember, that George Washington's 200th birthday was celebrated, while every small place and large place will remember that a bank closed here or a factory quit working or a coal mine.

And now speaking locally of our own SNPJ members let us see. In January 1932 the local Silver Stars held their First Anniversary, it was such an affair that we doubt whether we'll see another like it, not for a while anyway. We were on for a happy and prosperous new year, we began traveling by bus to another lodge affair, more gayety, more happiness and then comes the first blow, the local coal mine stopped working,

Euclid, O.—All members are urged to attend the next meeting as we are having installation of officers and election of a delegate to the SNPJ Convention. Remember, the delegate elected will represent the Progressives and Loyalties and it is up to the members to choose the best.

Success
The Annual Slov. Soc. Home New Year Frolic certainly was a success. Music by Jacky Zorc's Trio. We hope that the new year will be better in every way than last year to all our readers.

Basketball
So far the boys' basketball team is going at a very slow pace. The boys won 1 game and lost 2. Last Wednesday they were defeated by a score of 34-25 by the Modern Crusaders. Don't forget the games are played every Wednesday at the St. Clair Bathhouse. Let us have a few rooters at the next game.

Congratulations
Again Dan Cupid made the grade among the Progressives. Pals Inc. wish to congratulate Bro. Carl Kokal and Sis. Emma Simon on their recent engagement. Both are members of the Progressives and very well known. Sis. Simon is an active member and at present holds the office of Treasurer for 1933.

putting many members on the passive list, they had to stop to go places and do things. A few struggled on until the local bunk went under, then all things came to a stop; you saw no more Silver Stars at a dance out of town, and that is the way the things stand today. Dead. A lodge that began with 14 members picking up each month more and more until 50 was reached and then it began to decline until only 19 active members remain; but these 19 do not say die; they are struggling hard to keep an English lodge here and it looks as if they will succeed. That is our past, but look at the future, this 1933. What has it in store for us? How will we come out of it next December? First a gala comeback is scheduled to take place at the Slovenian Hall on Jan. 21, 1933. A Second Anniversary dance with all the pomp and splendour that goes with one. Help us make this comeback, you Reveliers, will you be here? Library and Moon Run and Verona? How about you, Broughton, Cleveland, Covardale, Imperial, Universal? Suppose, you all come together here in Yukon, it will be worth your while. What we have here for everyone will be more than satisfactory. Don't forget the date, January 21st. First and only real time held by local SNPJ for 1933.

The Spectator.

ALL ABOARD!
Kansas City, Kans.—For the HEARTS express leaving station at Fifth and Elizabeth at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 10, 1933, to start on a trip of interesting and exciting lodge meetings. We are bound to travel and do things better than in the year of 1932. The conductor of this train is Stanley Balch; his helpers are Rudy Trybalski, Antoinette Spack, Mary and Tony Stoes, John Radey, and trustee committee. Now all that is needed is the membership to start the train a-moving. So come on, Hearts, and get aboard and help this train to a successful journey through the year of 1933.

All aboard! All aboard!
Matilda Spack.

Spirit-O-Grams By Whoosit
St. Louis, Mo.—When it comes to talent in dramatics the Spirits can point with pride to Tony Petrovich, Sophie Vertovsek, Marie Petrovich and Anne Spiller who certainly gave a great performance in the recent play given for the benefit of Mr. Tansko Milovich, the great artist of paintings and basika, who had his works on display at the Sokol Hall in St. Louis for tax days. This play entitled "The Little Clothopper," a three act comedy drama, was played on Sunday, Dec. 15, to a large audience. The above four members were ably assisted by Sis. Josephine Ples of the Granitoids of the CFU, Walter Grovski and Adolph Reid who gave a splendid performance. Bro. John Spiller was the director of the play and John Buchowits acted as promoter. These members are to be commended for their work and to the trio not connected with the Spirits as well as the extras a very sincere thanks to them is extended by the Spirits as we feel that the play could not have been as successful as it was without them.

Some comments heard about this play are as follows: "I wonder if Marie Petrovich really liked the scene

Progressive Patches

By Pals, Inc.

Notice!

All Cleveland Lodges are requested to keep March 13 open as the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ Lodges is holding an annual affair on that day. All lodges that belong to the Federation have received tickets to sell. See if your lodge can't lead the selling. We hope that the lodges will co-operate since the federation is working for the Lodge interest.

Beacons' Card Party

The Beacons are sponsoring a card party on January 28. Music will be furnished by The Beacon Melody Pilots and all for the small sum of 25c. Let's see how many Progressives will be represented. Tickets can be secured from Pals, Inc. or at headquarters.

These Women

The Two Beacon Bachelorettes and Saint and Sinner certainly ought to be congratulated for the wonderful work they are doing for their respective Lodges. Pals, Inc. are wondering how many SNPJ members have found out who these four women are. We assure you we made it our business to find out who they are and we certainly were successful with the help of our defective Sheerluck Holmski.

Question Box

What happened to the Two Blue Bells? Why doesn't Sis. Fradel write anymore? What is our friend rambling Joe from Chi doing lately?

WOLVERINE NEWS

Detroit, Mich.—The Wolverine Sport Club will hold its next meeting Sunday, Jan. 8, immediately after the regular Wolverine meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of officers and to discuss sports for the coming year. All members and those that are interested in sports are asked to attend.

Frank Kern,
Sec.-Treasurer Lodge 677.

EDITOR'S NOTE

To Contributors:—It is necessary that you send your articles and notices early. It is also equally necessary that you address your letters correctly: Prosveta, 2657 So. Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill. The number is just as important as the name of the street, city and state. For prompt delivery address correctly and write early.

Cleveland, Ohio, Bob Up.—Your name, please?

Jolly Allis

West Allis, Wis.—We hope to see a large crowd at our next meeting January 10, because it is too early in the year to break your New Year's resolution by not coming to the first meeting of the year. Our meetings will now be held at Erman's Hall, 1428 S. 64 st., instead of Labor Hall. Hurrah for the boys' basketball team! So far they captured every game this season.

We are wondering why we never see an article from our neighbor Lodge Stalwarts anymore. A lively group like you can't be sleeping all this time. Another good time in store for you. A big dance to be sponsored by the Jolly Allis Lodge, Concord Hall, February 4, 1933. With new and old committees hard at work it is bound to be a success. Another thing, if our Treasurer, Bro. G. Goronja, could sell over thirty tickets at our last dance, why not everyone try and sell at least five at this dance? Come to our dance and reinstate suspended prosperity. With the higher mind at work on Technocracy it won't be long before we will all be singing "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Anna Yersin, Sec'y.

Flashes

By Incognito

The Pioneers take this means of thanking everyone for their New Year greetings, especially Paula and Alma of Pittsburgh, Little Fort Lodge, Waukegan, and our good friend Ted Carnina. In addition Don Lotrich says, that he received more than his share of good will messages for which he is thankful.

Out went the old year and in came the new and two more Pioneers were married just before the year closed. Pauline Svetlik has decided that two can live as cheap as one and Frank Zordani surprised us all with his "I do." We wish them happiness and health.

A fine gathering of young and old attended the New Year Eve party of Club No. 1 JSF last Saturday at the CSPS Hall. The attendance exceeded our expectations. Everyone had a good time. The crowd seemed to be like one happy family. The New Year was rung in with an appropriate program. It wasn't until early morning that the orchestra played its concluding number and to our delight it wasn't until then that we took leave of one another.

Last week the Pioneer first squad of basketballers won another game in the Evening American Tournament while the second squad was taking a licking. Our teams play every Tuesday night so we urge our rooters to be on hand, especially during the next four Tuesdays when the strongest teams in this section will be met. Eugene Godina and Eddie Machek, two of our star players, have left for a trip thru the northwest. We hope, however, that they may soon return.

Without the service of the two named stars Jerry Dvorak pitted the boys against the Six Point Quintet, a team composed of former college stars, last Wednesday and nearly won out. To show how closely the game was contested we can tell our readers that the game was tied at 26 all at the three quarter mark. With Eddie and Gene in the line up they would have won easily.

This week Katharine and Frances Zupan, the Pioneer twins, hold the spotlight on Pioneer Basketball tax certificate sales. In addition Leo Kocuchar, who has been held down by the "flu" comes in for his share of honors. Every member in possession of these tax warrants should serve them now. Don't wait until the final date because the foreclosure shall be made on Feb. 17. Do your bit now.

Lodge business takes up a lot of time if that business is done properly. Here is what two Pioneer officers accomplished in one day: 1) Settled and arranged to pay a death claim two days after the funeral; 2) visited sick member A. in one section of city; 3) used good salesmanship methods to retain a member who dropped out in the far northerly section; 4) visited sick member B. in the far west section. Many hours were consumed and many different brands sampled too, because they all go in with the hours.

The membership massmeeting originally set for Thursday, Jan. 19, has been put off until Wednesday, Feb. 8, so as to enable the Supreme Board members an opportunity to hear the various proposals.

Now that we didn't get that "beer before Xmas" that was promised we can think some more about the future for ourselves. What is to come? Are we going to let things drift and hope that they will right themselves? I hope not, because that may mean worse conditions, for, what is there to stop the drift from going downward? The call is issued again to you young folks, Study and learn what causes depression. Find out what we must do to have security during our short life and then resolve to set your shoulders to the wheel of emancipation and give your energy to realize our aim.

Many, many snub the efforts of the Russians to free themselves from the decayed capitalism but when we consider that the Russians have done more for the workers in the past few years than all the Czarist regimes we must be sympathetic, even though everything done isn't to our liking.

Designed for hauling freight in the tropics and Far East, a three ton tractor has been constructed in England that draws three trailers, each carrying 15 tons, over rough roads.

New airplanes are being built that will carry ten passengers and their baggage, two pilots and 400 pounds of mail across the United States in five hours less than the present schedule.

As I See It

By Agebe

Here it is Monday, and I've still got a headache. It's not the only headache in the house, either. But New Year's Eve comes but once a year. Maybe it's a good thing. I don't know.

Chicago Slovenes celebrated at three or four (or was it five) public affairs, and a good time was had by all. But what a time it would have been if we could have all celebrated at one huge affair! And what good will and handshaking there would be at midnight! (That's the part of the party I like best.)

Our Prosveta

With the New Year the Prosveta acquired a new form. It is an economy measure which could no longer be avoided.

At first this appeared to me to be a regrettable decision as the necessary official material would tend to crowd the columns to the exclusion of other features which make this issue interesting. But now I'm not so sure that the step is altogether a fatal one. In fact, it can be worked out to be the best thing that ever happened.

To explain this, let us turn to the Prosveta Daily. Affairs there are in a bad way. So bad that if a remedy is not found, publication will have to be suspended.

From the membership, however, comes the cry, "The Daily must go on. We want it." Come also suggestions and plans of ways and means. Of these the most feasible is the plan which would make the Daily the members' paper and not only the subscribers' paper. It would be to the member what the Weekly is now—the paper he would be privileged to receive every day for his contribution into the publication's fund.

Knowing what we know about mass production, it is needless to explain how this would cut the publishing expense. Also, by virtue of the large daily circulation, our paper would become a good medium for foreign language advertising.

And since every issue would reach every member as well as subscriber, official material could appear each day, and not be concentrated in one issue as now.

Another thing, you English section fans, you would have an English section every day.

One could go on and on giving the advantages of this plan. About the only thing I can think of in the disadvantage line is that it would certainly be that to most of the other Slovene papers now being published.

All in the Same Boat

Let us consider some of the popular Slovene papers now in the field. They're all hard up. I can think of only one possible exception. A few weeks ago the Cleveland Journal passed out. It's parent paper "Enakopravnost" cut down its size as did the Chicago paper "Proletarac." Another Chicago paper, "Amerikanski Slovenec," is crying for funds. Now our own Prosveta, the biggest of them all, has been forced to drastic action.

Will You Help?

In articles in the Slovene section I often run across the sentence, "Mladina je naša bodočnost." Our future lies with our Youth is what they hope and believe. We who read and write here are that Youth. It is in us they have faith. I think we have justified that faith very well so far, but there is something more we can do. We can help to save Prosveta for them and for ourselves.

Sidewalks of Detroit

By Herman Rugel

Detroit.—The debate held on Dec. 22 under the auspices of the Club 134 Sub-branch is one occasion worthy of mention. The decision was won unanimously by the affirmative side. After all, the youth are justified in their actions toward life. The main points were quite educational, and I only regret that there were not more parents present. Chances are their sons' and daughters' troubles were discussed openly. It was free, therefore it's hard to excuse anyone for not attending.

The Christmas holiday season is feared by many, and myself in particular. More accidents, deaths, tragedies, and sorrow are encountered in the last two weeks of the year than the entire period previous. Many friends have passed away in the last few weeks. Math Kuder being one. The entire family belongs to the SNPJ. He was killed by a rockfall in a Kansas coal mine. Our sincerest sympathy to the family be left behind, to face the world without his fatherly advice.—The 54 miners killed in the Illinois coal fields being another tragedy.

Paying the price through the medium of human lives is no noble experiment. Yet, that is just what is going on under the present system of ruling. The people must learn to organize. Once they are united, safer conditions will be had.

I, for one, am thankful that I got out of the coal mining industry while in good health, only to find myself working in shops that are just as dangerous. It's run under the same sys-

tem. Get production regardless of the misery men must undergo.

Mrs. Bartel passed away also. She was an active worker, as well as the entire family, in the Slovene Workers' Home and other organizations here on the West Side. She lived in poor health ever since her son was buried alive by a sand avalanche. Sincerest sympathy to the family, left to carry on her well planned work in life.

The City of Detroit had its share of traffic accidents. 9 were killed and over 500 injured in 354 accidents over the week-end. Heavy traffic, carelessness, and bad booze, being given as the cause.

The weather was suitable to celebrate the 4th of July. Clear skies, warm sunshine and no wind; that made the people of Detroit think they were living in sunny California.

50,000 charity Xmas dinners were given to the people in Detroit alone; 37,000 families are on the welfare role. The remainder of the people can't get on.

That concludes a brief summary of happenings having taken place since my last writeup that didn't seem to be very popular.

Correction in regards to the election of officers. I am not going to blame the editor either, I'll shoulder the blame. It should have read: "Mary Benedict and Bertha Grum were the two members nominated for Rec. Sec., with Mary Benedict winning out in a close race." Sorry, Bertha!

MILWAUKEE HEADLINER

Milwaukee.—The English section of Branch No. 37 JSF has started its drive to educate comrades on the fundamentals of Socialism by holding Educational Class meetings outside of the regular monthly meeting.

Up to date twenty comrades have promised to faithfully attend all classes. Comrades and friends who wish to attend these classes are urged to sign with our Secretary, Comrade A. Kaminik, at 1307 South 18th St.

The first meeting of the class will be held Sunday, January 8, at 2 p. m. at the home of Comrade John Wegel at 435 South Third street. Please be prompt. Publicity Committee.

J. Z. Jr. Broadcasting

Library, Pa.—First of all, I must remind you again that on January 8, 1933, at 7:00 o'clock, the J. Z. Jr. will begin the new year with a meeting of the lodge Library Hall. All members should attend. A busy evening is scheduled for the following items will be taken up:

1. The new officers will be sworn in. Give them a big hand.
 2. Delegates to the Federation Conference will be elected.
 3. The merger of lodges will be discussed.
 4. New measures for the aid of members will be introduced.
 5. A new system for meetings may be brought up, etc., etc.
- Let us see if we can have twenty members at this meeting.

Some more new members belong to the J. Z. Jr. We have a new juvenile member, a new transfer, inflated last time, and a new adult member; besides, there are a few re-admitted passive members. That sounds pretty good, does it not?

I am glad to hear that the special assessments have been reduced to ten cents, from fifty cents. This will be a great help for those members who are forced to work for one dollar a day and less. But some members can't even afford that. What you say, J. Z. Jr., suppose we cut down our monthly dues for the next few months, by paying the dues which each member has had to pay into the local treasury? That certainly would be a help, wouldn't it?

The season for All-American teams is over, and with it we see the end of another year. Well, I guess Chandy won't get into any argument if he says, "The hell mit the ol' year!" Let us make the new year a better one in local lodge affairs. Don't make any resolutions, though, because sure as shootin', you're going to break them. Just make up your mind to attend a few meetings and everything will be all right. Oh yes, Chandy must remind you that at the last meeting, the Financial (where's the finances?) Secretary agreed to wait until the twenty-eighth for the monthly assessments. Don't keep him waiting longer than that. And if a member can't make the payment, tell the Secretary instead of your friends; he will do his best to help you, eh, Charley?

Chandy's pen is dry now, so until next time when we shall talk of beer, Chandy says, "Water, please."

Badger News

Milwaukee.—Fun-o-Lears broadcasting from station Milwaukee on their 1st annual dance given at the lower 30. S. Turner Hall on Jan. 7, 1933. Music furnished by Martinsek's Orchestra and Fun-o-Lears will fill in while the orchestra is resting. Admission only 25c. Depression prices on our pivo and vino—at 5c. Tickets have all been sold, so if you come, come early and avoid the rush. Dancing until the wee hours of the morn. So if you want to start the new year right, here is the place to go. We are hoping to see Smackie and Skinny with us, who have left as temporarily due to the temporary depression. Our old friend, Hank Mann, is on his annual vacation. Hope he has a good time. Fun-o-Lears.

STRUGGLERS

By Lindy

Cleveland.—The new year came in very quietly, and the disastrous year of 1932 disappeared leaving ruin and disaster behind. It will never be forgiven for the wrong it had committed. The question is what has 1933 in store for the worker? No one knows, but let us wish, if wishes help, that the millions unemployed and hungry are saved. Those who can, should help, now is the time when a "feller needs a friend." Your SNPJ has been a gallant savior and will be likewise this year and we must fight this living hell and keep SNPJ out in front.

Your Duty

Within a month your first real test arises. Are you going to elect delegates to the Convention that will go to Chicago to have a good time and forget you? Or are you going to choose members that will look out for your interest and the SNPJ in general? The conventions cost a lot of money, each uncalculated or unreasoned discussion costs thousands of dollars. Remember we must save the ship now before it gets crushed on the rocks. So when electing your delegates bear in mind he is to represent you and the task will be a hard one. SNPJ future lies in the hands of the delegates of the coming Convention. Do your duty. Choose wisely; it counts. Daily Prosveta

Suggestions for the safety of our daily official organ Prosveta must be well carried out and not postponed. Several good ideas have come to print; with some we agree, with others we don't. Some of you may ignore this vital issue, but imagine you who are active, if the weekly Prosveta should cease its issues. Would you have the inspiration to work for your lodge as you have now? No, would be your answer. Therefore give us a smaller edition. Less issues and leave personal attacks—Voice of the Members column—in this leadspot, because all the members cannot possibly be satisfied, so why give any one space. Our task is a big one. Why not you present your idea? It may be the life savor. Your slogan should be, "Save Our Prosveta."

Banishing Joe! Bro. Joseph Baumlich, Pres. of the Integrity Lodge of Chicago, paid us a visit last week. We hope he enjoyed his stay and we hope to see him again.

Fatal Engagements It was Christmas eve. Not even a mouse could be heard, but two loyal "Quacks" had a busy evening to cheer the hearts of two loyal "Ducklings." Brother Joseph Tolak ("Peanut") put the anchor on Sister "Bunny" Zaic, formerly of Ely, Minn., and Bro. Wally Lampe anchored Sister Mary Kolenc. As to "Kansary," Koss, Kocela, Stringa, Pressner, etc., we are still unnotified, but to all that have taken the fatal plunge we say, "Congratulations" and don't forget us on your wedding day. "Zivio obcet!" Detour to Yukon All roads will lead to the Slovene

Home in Yukon, Pa., on Jan. 21. On this day Bro. Pressner's Silver Stars will celebrate their Anniversary. All of those that were there last year remember it lasted three days. You are assured of a magnificent time and the new officers promise you all a grand time. Don't miss this gala event. Meet your out-of-town friends in Yukon, Pa., on Jan. 21.

Sympathy The Strugglers extend their sincere sympathy to our Supreme President, Bro. Vincent Cankar, and his family, in the passing of his wife, Mrs. Cankar, on Monday, Dec. 19, 1932.

Good Work We see where some mighty fine selections were made by our young lodge. Bro. John Kobe is selected to lead Young Valley Knights with such capable assistants as Yarnik sisters and Povirk brothers.—Julia Bolha will still steer the good ship Zippers in Akron, O. Frank Perchin and Sister Frances Langerhole should boost Flood City in 1933. Brother Johnny Aynik, long an outstanding light in Newburgh, Ohio, will make his Beacons stay in front and we are sure that in Bro. Aynik as Pres. the members chose very wisely. We readily admit that good selections have been made in all of our lodges and the English lodge movement can't help but progress.

Lodge "Mir" Our neighboring lodge in electing Bro. Anton Kobal as Pres. did a good job. He is an ardent supporter of English Lodge movement. Congratulations! Official News The SNPJ Administrative Committee notified the members in last week's issue that the special assessment beginning Jan. 1, 1933, will be 10 cents instead of the previous 50 cents. What a help this will mean to our hard hit members!

Reserved As previously announced that the Strugglers have reserved April 22-23 for their big celebration this year and not April 15-16. Please make this correction in your date-books. Definite plans will appear at a later date.

My Thanks For the last fifty-two weeks I have tried to keep you informed as to Cleveland's SNPJ progress. I have this to say, that I have done my best. If I did not satisfy you all I am sorry, and to those steady readers of these columns who have given me the added inspiration and have appreciated my articles I have this to say: Words fail me when I want to thank you and you can rest assured that my column will continue weekly through 1933. I hope you have liked these columns and will be a continued reader. You can feel at ease that only safe and honest fraternal news will be presented here in the future. Let's double our progress in this New Year! Thank you!

Integrity Week by Week

Chicago.—Just a few short hours ago, a valiant but depressed year slipped quietly and unceremoniously into history and oblivion. With its passing, a new year was ushered in to being with much shouting and hilarity. It is sincerely hoped that '32 will have in store for you, you and you, all those good things, good cheer and happiness that '32 failed to have.

With the new year, the Fifth Anniversary of Integrity Lodge draws closer and closer. It is just a few days till Jan. 29—and then you will be treated to the swellest bit of entertainment that you've had the privilege of attending in a long, long time.

Here is a synopsis of our play "Spooky Tavern" . . . When Joyce Wingate brings her sister, and her colored mammy, Bedeja, out to the old mill tavern in a stormy night, with a view of buying it, turning it into a tea-room, and rechristening it "Spooky Tavern," she starts something with a vengeance. . . She is followed there by two college mates who are rivals for her affections, and by a timorous and stuttering freshman, who has been sent here to spend the night as part of his fraternity initiation. . . Here the hard faced master of the tavern and his crafty sister do all they can to scare the young people away, from scattering bloody matches about the premises to hindering and gagging Joyce and the terrified freshman. . . Here, a ghost woman, presumably the spirit of a murdered woman, prowls about uttering blood-curdling screams. . . Here occurs the rendez-vous of two leaders of a narcotic-stealing gang and a dope-peddling college student, with a detective from the federal narcotic bureau on their trail. . . Excitement is piled upon excitement and thrill upon thrill, with a lavish sprinkling of laughs evoked by the nervous tremors of the superstitious, Bedeja and the ghost-ridden freshman. . . Breathless melodrama—surprises—mystery.

New Year's Monday, the executive committee met at the Blue Fountain room for the completion of the plans for the Fifth Anniversary. At the close of business they were served with a luncheon which was also a birthday party for yours truly. Oh boy, did Joe eat!

Integrity Lodge athletes are getting their share of praise and no-

tices in the Chicago papers. . . Fred "Nonie" Knes was placed on the "All Staggy Tourney Five" and was commended on his excellent work as a guard, who could keep his man from scoring, and yet he was the high scorer of his team, Lane Tech. Doris Venisnik and Joan Roycht, who are playing on the Austin Comet Cords received the following notice in the Herald, "Two promising forwards from the Integrity Lodge, who are expected to do big things for the Comets. . ."

From the athletic field we must go to the big game hunters. . . A big game expedition was headed by trapper and very ably aided by Steve Kopp. The hunters were armed with brooms and mop handles—oh yes, the game was a great big two inch mouse. . . F. J. M.

Young Americans

Detroit.—The good old times must have come to some of our members, or was it just Santa Claus? Not one member applied for passive membership last month (December) and we reinstated five members. Let's hope that it was not only Santa Claus.

The Slovene National Home Society stockholders held their annual meeting Dec. 26 and elected the following officers for the coming year: A. Jurca Sr., President; L. Spolyar, Vice President; Anton Jurca Jr., Secretary; M. Urban, Treasurer; Andrew Grum Jr., Secretary of Building Loan Dept.; A. Meyer, Secretary of Death Benefit Dept., and L. Urban, Recording Secretary. A proposition has been offered to the society, and if accepted, building of the home will start immediately.

Singing Club "Svoboda" will sponsor an operetta, "Kakor stari, tako mladi," on Jan. 15, 1933, at 5 p. m., at the Slovene Workers' Home on 437 Livernois street. Everybody is welcome.

The delegates of the 1933 Detroit SNPJ Federation met Dec. 22 for the last time, to discuss the present by-laws. The following changes were recommended: Article XIV., Sec. 4. To cut the per diem of the Supreme board officers who are permanently employed in the Main Office, when out on other business for the society, from \$5.00 to \$3.00 and for other members from \$3.00 to \$2.00.—Sec. 5. Salaries of Supreme board members

were recommended to cuts, as high as 50 per cent on some officers. It would take too much space to publish each recommendation. The Federation will give a report later. It was recommended that chairman of the finance committee be permanently employed in Main Office and if possible that the treasurer be also the chairman of the finance committee, that is, to combine the two offices as one.

Article XV. Discontinue the \$5.00 a day sick benefit. It was suggested if possible members insured for death benefit only, could be also insured for disability. Sec. 4. Any member of good standing who will propose an applicant, knowing the applicant for one year or more, and that the applicant being not over 30 years of age may with another member of good standing, with the approval of the secretary have the applicant examined by the lodge physician, before being proposed at the meeting. It has been experienced by many lodges that nearly every month some candidate is proposed and by the next meeting the candidate has changed his mind. The best policy is to get them before they change their mind.

The undersigned will be a delegate to the federation starting Jan. 1, now being only a reporter, but will make further reports in Prosveta as in the past. We know that many of the past recommendations given by this Federation did not meet with the approval of all the members, but the majority of delegates voted for those recommendations.

In Prosveta of Dec. 21 the announcement of the decrease of 40c special assessment was a great Christmas present to our members, not only to each individual, but to the entire organization. Secretaries only know what hardship the special assessment has played on the local lodges. How many members dropped out, many dropped their sick benefit, and others went on the passive list, where otherwise they may have scraped up the assessment and kept on paying. Our lodge also gave its members a present by decreasing the lodge assessment of 5c starting Jan. 1. This to be covered by the lodge treasury for one year.

Editorial comments on our daily should be given a great deal of discussion in our English page. I agree that nothing could be better than giving the members a daily with an English page during the convention, and I am for daily Prosveta with one page in English starting right away. We must leave no stone unturned to preserve our Prosveta; without it we would be lost. If we have no alternative, let's make every member a subscriber same as our weekly.

Congratulations to Lodge 426 of Clairton and Lodge 5 of Cleveland; you have started the ball a-rolling. Let's have every lodge subscribe one issue or donate a certain sum for immediate relief; about 600 new subscribers would give our daily a fairly good start. As for the youth at the present, one must realize that they, as well as the older members, cannot subscribe for our daily. The majority of our youth still depend upon their parents. Even if our daily was printed on dollar bills, one cannot depend much on our youth today and drastic action should be taken for immediate relief.

Andrew Grum Jr. BUCKEYE BITS By "Oh"

Barberton, O.—Congratulations to our old and new officers for the year 1933. Charles Dormish, President; Joe Meseck, Vice Pres.; Alice Janesh, Secretary; George Senoff, Treasurer; and Marj Valencheck, Recording Secretary. Meetings are to be held at the homes of different members this year. The first meeting (Jan. 6) is to be held at the home of Sister Valencheck. All members are urged to attend.

Two new members were admitted into our lodge. They are Bros. Anthony and Frank Osepek. We're sure you'll find us a jolly little crowd. Hope you'll enjoy yourselves always.

It was decided at our last meeting that we merge with the Lodges Zippers, Golden Eagles and McKinleyites to go to the convention. All members please look up the By-Laws. If you see anything that you think should be changed, you can say so at the next meeting.

February 11, 1933, is going to be another big day. Yes, it's the Buckeye's fifth anniversary dance. Here's hoping we'll see you all there. Watch for details later.

LODGE NO. 645

Denver, Colo.—We are already planning for our 4th Anniversary. I ask all the members to attend meetings so we will be able to select a cast for the play, which will be a mystery comedy. It is the "Yellow Shadow." And also to select a committee for advertisements and to select an orchestra for the dance.

And say, "but I only heard" Sister Ruby Ambrose has 3 new prospects who are joining our lodge in the future. More luck to you, Sister Ambrose. But she has some keen competition from Bro. A. Spangenberg who also has 2 prospects. Now let's hope these two wonderful members will see how soon these prospects can be active members.

Members, our lodge needs more encouragement such as Sister Ruby Ambrose and Bro. A. Spangenberg have given. Anton Podboy, Pres. Colo. Rockies 645.

Wolverine Lodge

By Anton Steffler

Detroit.—I had the pleasure of attending the Young American's December meeting and was impressed by the way it was conducted, as this was the election meeting, which can be often turned into an unruly affair.

Most of the interest centered around the election of a President for 1933. The race finally narrowed down to Estok Menton and Anton Jurca. Here were two candidates, both of whom were on par with each other, both being equal as to ability and willingness to work for the Lodge. The members seemed to realize this and it took three ballots to decide the victor. Bro. E. Menton was finally elected President for the coming year. Lucky the lodge that has such talent at its command; also lucky is the lodge that appreciates that talent when it has it.

Congratulations, Young Americans, on your choice of officials for 1933. The Wolverines will hold their monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month during the coming year. However, as the first Sunday of January falls on New Year's Day, the meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8. Let's have all of the members out once a month to work for the lodge and society. Surely, two or three hours a month isn't asking too much.

Little by little the Socialist Club, Sub-branch 115, is progressing. We appreciate very much the co-operation we are receiving from Branch 115 and Sub-branch 114.

Many interesting affairs are in store for us during the next year. Later in the winter there will be a play, given by the combined Sub-branches 114 and 115. Also a debate is scheduled to take place between these two Branches. Those of you who wish to get in and work with us should come to the next meeting which will be a combined meeting of both Sub-branches on Jan. 6, at the Slovene Workers' Home, beginning at 7:30 p. m. All of you, who have signed application cards, make it a point to be present at that meeting.

The last meeting was quite a success, one of the many visitors present was a young man, Walter Ruether, who proved to be a very capable speaker.

It seems when so many people are asked to join the Socialist Party, they always give the same answer, "If I'm out of work and join the party, will it get me a job? You know darn well it won't, so why should I join?" It is a childish statement to make but it is surprising how many people take that very attitude.

I wish all of our skeptics could have been present at our last meeting and heard Ruether speak. His talk was not so much concerning the benefits to be gained by joining the Socialist Party but more so on the effects this machine age is having on the workers. His explanation on what the capitalist system has done to the workers and will do in the future might have made some of our people open their eyes.

Will Rogers, who has a reputation for humor but who has just about as much political sense as any man in America, has this to say regarding the situation confronting America today: "We are living in a time when, if one or the other of these parties (Dem's or Rep's) doesn't start delivering an economic government to the people they are both going out on their ears." Many people think ours is a forlorn cause but you can see here that at least we have a fighting chance for the future.

The Sub-branch 115 is essentially a West Side Branch and as such, should draw most of its strength from the Wolverine Lodge. A certain Young American once made this remark to me, "The Wolverines are sport maniacs. They care very little for cultural advancement and not at all for political enlightenment." Are we going to prove he was right or that he was wrong? Wolverine members, it depends on you.

To forestall any misunderstanding, I wish to state that Bro. Herman Rugel was NOT the individual who made the above statement.

In Memoriam

Universal, Pa.—With deepest regret as one of the saddest, rarest incidents that could have occurred to a family, the Comets announce the death of two brothers and brother members of Lodge 715—Fred and Albert Demshar.

Bro. Fred had been ill for 3 days with an attack of influenza, ultimately pneumonia setting in, and passed away on Dec. 24 at 4:45 a. m. Fred was a lad 18 years of age weighing 165 lbs.

Likewise Bro. Albert, who was stricken with the same disease but was sick one week, passed away on Dec. 24 at 5:10 a. m. Just 25 minutes later than his brother Fred. Al, who was in his prime of life, carried 177 lbs. of avoirdupois, age 20 years.

Dear Brothers, your hours have come, you have met your fate, your tasks are done. Your losses are painful to us, and we, upon whom you have bestowed your examples as honest and willing workers, are grieving for you. As you are the first of the Comets, you have departed from our midst never to return—but your deeds, your examples, and your results shall remain with us forever.

We express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives at the loss of their beloved sons. In sympathy, Joseph Canar.

Wedding In Carniola

By Louis Adamic

THE second or third day after my return—last spring—from the United States to my native village of Blato, Carniola (or Slovenia), in Yugoslavia, one of my sisters remarked to me:

"There's talk Toné is likely to get married in a month or two."

Toné is one of our numerous cousins in Blato. He is a tall, blond, blue-eyed peasant of thirty-four, with a little mustache and tremendous hands; raw-boned, simple, hard-working, soft-spoken and good-humored as a rule, but capable of being otherwise. He is the oldest son of Uncle Mikha, our nearest neighbor.

"Whom is he going to take?" I asked.

My sister smiled. "Even Toné doesn't know that for sure. He has his eyes on two or three—mentioning the girls, all from adjacent villages,—but right now, I guess, all he knows is Mikha is going to give him the homestead in July—maybe."

"Why maybe?"

She smiled again. "It depends on whom Toné will finally decide to marry. They say he's most inclined to take So-and-so, but Mikha is not exactly enthusiastic about her."

Uncle Mikha is in his seventies, slightly bent and shrunken but still hale, with a hard peasant intelligence; a former mayor of the county, which includes seventeen villages.

A week later I spoke with Toné. I said, "I hear you'll be getting married now your father is going to give you the place."

"Ah, the devil!" he muttered. He was in a raw mood.

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Everybody in the damned village is trying to tell me what to do, whom to marry, when to marry—"

This, I presently realized, was a typical situation for a young Carniolan peasant to find himself in when he is about to come in possession of his father's property and is expected to wed. When a young man of my cousin Toné's standing in a village like ours—which is an average Carniolan village—is about to enter matrimony, the selection of his bride becomes the active concern of well nigh the whole community. And naturally, traditionally so.

In Carniola, as in most agrarian lands in Europe, getting married in the country is very unlike getting married in the city. In the city the young man meets the girl, they become engaged, and marry. Matrimony is almost exclusively their own affair. The relatives congratulate them, bring them gifts, and volunteer advice; at the same time the old family ties loosen up, a new family begins in some two-room flat, and that is that.

In a village where a young peasant like my cousin approaches wedlock he is not only about to take a wife to himself, but to bring to the household, which often is centuries old and managed according to old traditions, a new mistress who, by virtue of her position, may strongly affect that household and the village.

To begin with, there are the old folks who, although they are prepared to sign the property over to the son, are still interested in the place. In fact more so than ever. On signing the deed they will reserve for themselves a corner of the old house—for they have no other place to go—and certain other rights, which they expect the new mistress to respect with kindness and grace. Then there are other members of the family: the younger brothers and sisters who know the sister-in-law will inevitably influence their future; and the more distant relations: aunts, uncles, godmothers, godfathers, cousins, and so on, whose interests will be more or less affected by the "young one." And, finally, all the other villagers (for the community is a compact socio-economic organism, and everybody is everybody's neighbor) know that a good mistress on this homestead will improve the tone of village life, and that a bad one will damage it.

So—as a matter of course, almost—all these diversely interested people insist on having their say in the selection of the bride.

The young man usually is the only person concerned who is interested in the girl's looks. His father's chief head is her dowry, health, and physical endurance: whether or not she is a good worker. The young man's mother desires a "good-hearted" daughter-in-law, one who is humble, pious, and can bear suffering without complaint: in fine, a model peasant woman. The relatives share the father's and mother's worries, doubts, misgivings, prejudices, and in addition hope she will not have an acrid tongue. The non-related women of the village fear she will be richer or better-looking than they were when they were married, or a better housekeeper or worker in the fields than they are, so that their husbands will point to her as a rare example of womanhood.

All these relatives and neighbors are traditionally at liberty to come to the young man or his father or mother, or all three of them, with advice, suggestions, hints, and gossip. So-and-so, they say, has this and that virtue; she is rich and strong, a good milker, hoer, and reaper; if need be, she can plow and harrow a field; she is deft with the needle; but—they are full of "bits," big and little. For weeks the young man

hanging on the brink of matrimony is the focus of all eyes up and down Main Street. He knows that everybody is speculating about him: what is he going to do? Whom is he going to take? When is he going to decide? Has that husay in the next village really bewitched him beyond rescue? This, of course, is anything but fun for the young man, who hitherto has been left pretty much alone. He is especially uncomfortable if, like my cousin Toné, he is still undecided about the girl. If he has made up his mind and tells who she is, some of the villagers—especially close relatives—do not hesitate to warn him that, while she has such in her favor, she is such-and-such, "just like her mother," and try to make him switch to their favorite.

But the old man has the deciding voice in the matter. He is still master of the place, has not yet signed it over, and controls the economic phase of the situation. If the young man fancies some fluffly chit the old man is as apt as not to clearly state his position as follows:

"You be sensible, young man, and take the girl I want for a daughter-in-law—or nothing doing! Understand?"

In former years the young man sometimes broke with his father over a girl, told him to keep his old homestead or give it to the next oldest son, and went to America. To-day, with America's "Welcome" sign down, that is almost out of the question. The young man usually suppresses his romantic feelings and marries "sensibly."

In my cousin Toné's case the interest in his marriage was lively in all of the county's seventeen villages, for a number of reasons. Uncle Mikha's place, which Toné was getting, is one of the best in the region. It was expected that as an ex-mayor's son, after attaining the status of a property-owner, Toné eventually would himself be a candidate. But the most important reason, perhaps, was that in late years there have been almost no weddings thereabouts, owing to the kriza—economic crisis—which has forced most peasants deep into debt; and when a Carniolan village home is in debt, only death or complete infirmity can make the old man yield it to his son and permit him to bring a new mistress under the mortgaged roof. The old man conceives it as one of his chief duties in life to pass the place on to his successor free of financial burden; which, in this day and age, however, is increasingly difficult.

At any rate, toward the end of spring, after most of the relatives and other villagers had expressed themselves on the subject, Uncle Mikha and Toné finally agreed on a girl named Yulka, only daughter of old man Galé, a fairly well-off peasant in the village of Gatina, a short distance from Blato; and after it was discussed for a few days, everyone in the village was more or less satisfied. Some thought Toné probably could do better; on the other hand, Yulka was a worthy girl any way one looked at her.

It was no secret that Yulka and her whole family were delighted when a rumor of Mikha's and Toné's decision reached them. Toné was a fine catch, and everybody in the county knew they were as good as sealed.

Centuries-old peasant traditions and customs, however, which has their roots deep in the realities of the people's life, and are richly flavored with native humor and poetic spirit, required that before Yulka go to her new home she and Toné and her and his parents and relatives, and in fact nearly all the people of their villages, go through a series of ceremonies and doings, which I—with my objective Americanized eyes and subjective native-Carniolan sense of appreciation—found extremely interesting, charming, and amusing.

After deciding on the girl the first step toward Toné's matrimony was that his father asked a friend of his, an elderly and substantial peasant in Blato, to act as his son's staretshina—bridegroom's elder—which, next to the groom and bride, is the most important role in the drama of a Carniolan wedding. At the same time, Toné, grinning a bit foolishly, came to me and asked me to be his first groomsman, or best man. The groomsman is usually a single man, but an exception was made in my case.

(To be continued.)

"Sunflower Seeds"

Pittsburg, Kans.—Now, as we pass the home stretch of December and go into the New Year, there probably will be several resolutions made and several broken. I don't know the resolution others will make, but here's a good hint for you. I will attend all lodge meetings and also will be active and promise that I will cooperate with all lodge officers.

No doubt this will be needless information, but just in case some of you members who were not present at our December meeting, the election of officers' took place. We have some of the previous officers who were re-elected and some new ones elected. Our former Pres., Theo. Carnino, did not choose to run. Fred Godina was elected to fill his place, and the writer on Bro. Godina's place as Vice Pres. Sister Gorence was re-elected Fin. Sec. by acclamation. Bro. Wan. J.

Strah, Rec. Sec. Sister V. Coy Treasurer. Bro. Comp (our newest transferred member from the Hearts in K. C.), Sergeant-at-Arms.

Our Rec. reported last month there are 98 active members in our lodge, with several suspended and a great number passive. We have only 2 less than the required amount to elect a delegate to the Convention in Chicago next May, which means that the Sunflowers will have to combine with some other lodge to get the required quota if some of the suspended or passive members do not pay up their dues soon. The "Roses" of Frontenac were notified that the Sunflowers want to merge with them so the two lodges could send a delegate to the Convention. So far, we haven't had any reply concerning the action of the "Roses." We are expecting a reply soon, then we can set a date for a meeting of the two combined lodges for the purpose of electing and instructing the delegate to the Convention.

By the way, folks, all members are requested to attend our Jan. meeting to hear the 30-minute talk on Socialism and the much despised capitalistic system. The speaker will be the Hon. Joe Stockinger of Arma. Meeting starts 2:30 p. m.

Fred Balch, Mem. Lodge 609, Arma.

SAD NEWS

Universal, Pa.—The death of one's relative or friend is almost invariably an occasion for sorrow and grief. But the passing of one in the twilight of one's existence having tasted its bitter and sweet, survived its failures and triumphs, witnessed its tragedies and its felicities—in short having lived life in all its phases and complexities, may be met with some degree of solace in recognition of these things and of the inevitable Claim. This more or less calm resignation to Fate is much more difficult however, when the deceased happens to be on the very threshold of manhood or womanhood; when the span of real living extends just beyond; when the future is beginning to fashion itself; and the formative processes of earlier life are beginning to manifest themselves in the maturer mind and body.

Imagine then the consternation and pathos attending the tragic and untimely death on early Saturday morning, Dec. 24, within a forty-five minute period, of two Brother Comets, Albert and Fred Demshar, aged 20 yrs. and 18 yrs., respectively, after only several days' illness from what appeared at first to be only mild attacks of the "flu." In fact so apparently inconsequential and so short was their illness that only few persons were aware of it.

Fred's quiet, unassuming manner won him many friends. He played a reserve tackle position on last year's Universal Merchants Football team. Members of other lodges who played mushball against the Comets will remember his fine playing at either first base or in the outfield. He was unemployed.

Albert's manner was a direct antithesis of Fred's. Loud and lively, yet with that noise and liveliness which endears itself to his fellows, and his friends will often recall with a pang his alap on the back and the hearty, infectious laugh which followed. He played shortstop for the Comets' Mushball team, but it was in football that he excelled. Playing at half-back or quarterback for the Universal Merchants he was an expert ball carrier, blocker, passer and dropkick—besides backing up the line and assisting with the team's punting. He was employed at the Universal Atlas Cement Co., and had expected to matriculate at either Bellefonte Academy or Columbia University next year.

They are survived by their parents, John and Mary Demshar, two brothers, Mike and William, and two sisters, Margaret and Mrs. Mary Pivrotti.

The Comets and the many friends of "Freddy" and "Alby" at this time unite in sharing their sorrow and in extending their consolation and sympathy. Max G. Kumer.

WHAT THIS DEPRESSION HAS DONE FOR US

Milwaukee.—Most people look upon this depression as a huge monster who has come and broken or taken away our homes; made us lose our backbone, energy, initiative, responsibility. It has made us hungry, dull, morbid, and bitter.

Where a few years ago we saw a happy, carefree, considerate father, we now see a downcast, brooding, unresponsive creature. Not only has the depression broken us mentally, but also physically. Man and woman who once were strong and healthy, now are sick, haggard, and weak. Is this what we want—a nation made up of weak, boneless creatures? No! We want a nation of strong, intelligent, and industrious people. What is the remedy, you ask. Simply this: Give all the people something to do. Something to bring back their homes, spirit, and backbone. This cannot be done by giving them a job which some great scientist who knows nothing about them thinks is what they are suited for. Give them a job in which they are interested, and anxious to succeed, and from which they receive a suitable return.

Now that we have seen the worse side of the depression let's look on the sunny side, small though it is.

First the depression has taught us to economize. Having a little money or none at all has made us see how far a dollar can really go. Second it has taught us to be charitable. Most of us have nothing to give to our friends, but those who have a little

Beacon Highlights

Cleveland.—Say, folks, there's going to be a big doing in this neck of the woods about the 28th of January. The jolly Beaconites got into one of their usual huddles in which resulted the birth of another social jamboree. This time we're informing you of the Beacons' Card Party to be held at the Slovenian Labor Hall. Twenty-five cents admission only! Prizes of course! Music, then some more music! And, oh well, hold your horses and save your "cartwheels" because their hilarity galore in dem tar' Beacon socials.

—Jan. 28, 1933—

The plans of the Cleveland Federation of SNPJ to stage a big show and dance on Sunday, March 12, are rapidly nearing completion. During the afternoon performance the Strugglers, Comrades, and Progressives will entertain the audience. The Beacons will offer that farcical sketch, "Hired and Fired," to be staged by Max Traven and John Aynik. Prizes will be given away following the performance. In the evening Bob Tekauts and his orchestra will entertain for the big benefit dance.

The proceeds of this Cleve. Fed. affair will be for the benefit of the unemployed SNPJ members.

—Jan. 28, 1933—

In order to put the finishing touch on your coming dances, socials, etc., by all means permit John J. Baumlich and his Melody Pilots to say it with musical music. They can be reached for local or out-of-town engagements by writing to him at 3553 E. 82 Street. Their rates are exceptionally low. You'll like 'em!

Another leap year is about to pass into oblivion. During the past year, femmes who popped the question and were successful, and bachelors, from their teens to old age, who have been fortunate enough to evade Danny Cupid, can do plenty of celebrating this Saturday night by attending lodge "Danica's" New Year's Eve Dance at the Slovene Labor Hall. The Beacon Melody Pilots will live up to the proceedings. Yow-sah, prouetting youth must have its popular hotchamuscians by all means!!!

—Jan. 28, 1933—

Scribbles.—Can't help noticing how many of our readers are working themselves into a frenzy because of Strings' absence from these pages. Come on, Spags, we want more of your pithy and interesting newsheets.

You're wrong, O. P., the Beacon Bachelorettes did not attend the Progressives' Card Party. . . . And then there's Hermis Preseren trying to edge his way out of the publicity racket. (As if we're any better.) A bouquet would probably be appropriate (thing to present to Incognito's perennial column "Flashes." Ever since the gay '20s, that column has been flashing stronger week by week—an endurance contest by itself. . . .

Studying nursing as a profession is Jane Fradel's alibi for the absence of her weekly tribia. How about nursing some of our readers' wants with an occasional informative spiel? With old man '32 trudging wearily down the homeward stretch, it would be appropriate at this time to wish upon our many SNPJ friends the customary holiday felicitations and all the rest of the trimmings that go with it.

Bomo piiall več next time. Za now je bomo piiall—huh, urednik!

John Aynik.

(Urednik's Note:—Da.)

TES' INTERVIEW

Sheboygan, Wis.—Lodge "MODERN" No. 634 SNPJ held its last meeting of 1932 on Dec. 20. Officers for the fiscal year of 1933 are: President, Frank Resnick; Vice Pres., George Konec; Sec., John Resnick; Treas., Agnes Erate; Rec. Sec., Ljudmila Rosman; Serg.-at-Arms, Joseph Zalotek.

These officers will guide the great ship "MODERN" to the ethereal port of SUCCESS during 1933. It is the duty of the members to give these officers a helping hand.

Now the Magic Carpet swings you back to Pink's Hall on the corner of south Ninth and Indiana, where George "TES" Konec and Johnnie Suppanic together with the rest of the committee were making the greatest possible preparations for the biggest and best gala event in the history of Lodge "MODERN"! This big event was in the form of a "DOMAČA ZABAVA," HOT-CHA!

We would like to tell you more about this, but let's hear the good news from George Konec himself. WHEEEEEEE—OH—KAY, "TES"!

Brothers and Sisters, I am so infinitely and pleasantly overwhelmed at this opportunity to speak to you, that it is impossible for me to express my thoughts coherently. However, I must inform you that this great event, of which you undoubtedly have heard, is Lodge "MODERN" Fifth Anniversary. We are

share it with others who are worse off than they.

Third, and this is most important of all, it has taught us how much the working man means to all—those working, those not working, and the capitalist. When there are no more men working, none of us shall eat. Many people who see all of these points about the depression are in despair because they see no light ahead. The Socialist sees light in Socialism and he is not in despair. So to help everyone to have this hopeful outlook, let's educate and organize!

Submitted by: Mary Dushak and Betty Wegel.

completing all preparations and settings for this greatest of great events.

I wish I could detain myself longer, in order to tell you more about it, but I must rush back to the work I have to do on decorations and what not for your benefit. Adios, I'll see you at Pink's Hall Dec. 31.

Goodbye and thank you, "TES."

Watch next week's publication for another of these surprising interviews! It will probably be an interview with one of our talented ex-members. Mustafa Kamil.

(Editor's Note:—We received your letter Dec. 28, due to incorrect address.)

Voice of the Members

An Observation

Cleveland, Ohio.—During recent months some members of the Comrade lodge have come to entertain the idea that a "clique" is conducting the affairs of the lodge as it sees fit. This idea has been responsible for the loss of a few members who continued to spread this false impression among the membership. This idea is undoubtedly entertained because of the fact that only a limited number of members arise at our monthly meetings to express their opinions. After reflection on this situation it seems to me that those members who dropped out of the organization and those who still talk of a "clique" within the lodge are afraid to express themselves or hold petty jealousies which color their opinion about active members.

If one of these illusioned members is asked who comprise this so-called "clique" he beats around the bush and gives an evasive answer which means nothing. It is time this talk is discontinued! It is pernicious and can only result in discord between the members and the executive board who are striving mightily to promote our affairs successfully and to solve the difficult problems which confront us. If any member has the idea that a "clique" is controlling our affairs let him voice it openly by telling us who is in it and we'll blast the myth! The new executive board which was elected at our annual meeting will need every bit of help which we can give them. Every one of its members has given his best efforts to promote the welfare of the organization and deserves our wholehearted support.

John J. Alek, Member of Lodge 566.

Detroit.—The title, "Sidewalks of Detroit," with my signature has now been drawn into the column "Voice of the Members," being named "Bad Business."

Chicago has had a fight in fiction. Cleveland just signed a peace treaty. And now one would almost believe that Detroit is ready for a squabble of that nature.

Brother Sam Kavacic would have me retract my statements, he would then be the hero, and I would be the goat. Very simple, indeed.—The readers have read how I saw it. They have read how Bro. Kavacic saw it. Therefore, as far as the readers are concerned, there evidently must be two sides to this question.

As far as I am concerned I'll be at the lodge meeting to be held Jan. 8 in the usual place.

The members know how to conduct a trial. Thanks to Bro. Sam Kavacic. Bro. Kavacic also knows how to present the complaint in written form, having had experience before in our lodge.

I still know how to defend myself, having had experience before, for which I am thankful to Bro. Kavacic. And to the membership at large, I still know how to compose this weekly writup without any dictating; and I intend to keep on doing so.

Herman Rugel, Lodge 564.

Disagrees with the Ruling Detroit.—There has been quite a discussion on in Detroit regarding the Supreme Sec'y's interpretation of the By-Laws governing passive members. Some members have expressed their desire that passive members should have the right to vote on matters concerning the local branches alone.

I, myself, have no quarrel with any part of that "Official Notice" except that section which denies the passive member a right to participate in discussions or to make suggestions. For example, take a person, who has been a member of the society for years, had been a very active member, taking part in all activities and bringing up helpful suggestions, suggestions that were advanced only for the benefit of the lodge and society, and the lodge had always accepted them as such. Let us suppose this person loses his job. Money no longer comes into his possession, no longer can he pay his dues, and sooner or later he joins the passive list. Does

that mean that his brain has also stopped working and his ideas can no longer be accepted by his lodge? It would seem a bit odd if a person would have to pay his "so much a month" to the society before his ideas were acceptable.

The Supreme Sec'y also suggests that if the passive members were given certain rights, it would tend to destroy the morale of the members. Might not it also work in the opposite direction? I hardly think that anyone believes this depression is over. Almost every one agrees that we will have passive members with us for quite some time.

If a person, who is on the passive list, is allowed to come to the meetings and take part in the discussions, it is only natural that his interest in the society will be kept alive until such a time as he can again become an active member. But if a person is denied the right of any form of activity at the meeting, it is easy to see that he will quit coming to the meetings. Once let a member discontinue coming to the meetings and it is almost a certainty he is lost as a member.

The opinion here in Detroit seems to be that Supreme Sec'y's interpretation discriminated a bit too harshly against our passive members. Anton Steffler, Lodge 677.

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We wish to thank the Pioneer Lodge No. 559 of the SNPJ especially, for the farwell services and kind assistance in our hour of bereavement.

VINCENT CAINKAR, husband; Robert J. Sanne-mann, Leo, Louis and Lillian Cainkar, sons and daughter.