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Slovenian-American Political Action Committee Is Important for Slovenia's Entry Into NATO

Editor,
I was heartened by Jim Debevec's recent column expressing concern about the lack of an official lobbying organization to support Slovenia and its application for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) (Ameriška Domovina / June 18, 1998).

While many factors figured in Slovenia being left out of the first round of NATO enlargement - for example, France's linking of Slovenia's membership to membership for Romania - a serious national lobbying effort with a presence in Washington, D.C., might have changed the result.

In August 1992, I suggested in a memo to several Slovene-American leaders the creation of a Slovenian-American political action committee (PAC) that would establish an office in Washington, D.C., and support issues of interest to Slovenia and the Slovene-American community. It would have been modeled on the PACs that have been operating for years to support the interests of other countries. Unfortunately, I found little interest among Slovenian-Americans to fund such an organization or to spend the time necessary for such a PAC to be credible.

However, as he pointed out in his column, the issue

of a second round of NATO enlargement might be the issue that could rally Slovenian-Americans across the country to come together once again to support Slovenia.

NATO is as much a political club, as it is a security organization, and NATO membership is important for Slovenia to be considered a "serious" country on the European continent. While membership in the European Union is being considered for many nations - including Slovenia - NATO is much more exclusive and joining it is much more a testament to a country's standing amongst its European peers. We should aspire to Slovenia's inclusion and Slovenian-American's need to get organized to make it happen.

Unfortunately, there are those amongst the post-World War Two émigré community who publicly opposed NATO membership for Slovenia in the first round and openly told me they did so to accomplish certain personal goals, such as return of property. They felt that by embarrassing Slovenia they could force a positive resolution to their property claims.

Even if I concede the legitimacy of their property claims - and I am not in a position to judge their merits - I am saddened to see any

Slovene strike out at the entire nation and its people to achieve a personal end. Besides, the main responsibility for the confiscation of property rests with the communist government of the second Yugoslavia, not the current Slovenian government or the Slovenian people.

As Debevec notes, the most significant challenge in gaining NATO membership for Slovenia is not Slovenia's qualifications *per se* - Slovenia has already been judged to be qualified. The issue is whether there will ever be a second round of enlargement. Helping bring that about calls for some very heavy lifting, by *every* Slovene-American. Sadly, this effort, if it is mounted, faces the immediate prospect that it again will be undermined by those who write critical letters to the editor of the New York Times and engage in other efforts to portray Slovenia as undemocratic.

Whatever one may feel about the results of the electoral process in Slovenia, no international observer has ever raised a question about the *legitimacy of the voting process*. To suggest otherwise demeans every Slovene and the country. My hope is that if a second round NATO effort is organized, our Slovene-American brethren will judge it on its merits alone - and that all will support it.

Then - to press forward the membership campaign - the Slovenian-American community must create a well-funded organization, possibly headquartered in Cleveland, and with a presence in Washington, to lobby the administration and Congress for Slovenia's inclusion in NATO.

--Mark Ryavec
Honorary Consul
Los Angeles, Calif.

Also recommend visiting Maribor (home of the oldest vines in Europe - and maybe the world? Lent (Maribor's river-front) holds an annual Jazz Festival. B.B. King was there last year!

Another note: You'll find excellent food in Slovenia. Their cuisine has been heavily influenced by neighboring Italy and Austria. I really liked the Ljubljana-style schnitzel. Also some foreigners say Slovenia has the best pizza in the world.

--Marjan
Internet



Three Generation of Tominecs

Grandmother Ivanka Tominec (2nd from left) from Cleveland, and aunt Ivy Tominec (left) from Miami, Florida came to celebrate Hillary Lockemer's graduation from Charleston Catholic High School in Charleston, West, Virginia.

Hillary graduated with a 4.5 average and will be attending Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia on a full academic scholarship and will be majoring in pre-medicine. At right is mother Maggie (Tominec) Lockemer. -- Maggie and her husband, Bob, are very proud of their daughter, Hillary as is aunt Ivy, and grandmother Ivanka.

DID YOU KNOW
Slovénia... Joseph Želle

Bishop Dr. Franc Krambergér, Bishop of Maribor, installed the Rev. Marijan Jézernik as Abbot in Céljé. The installation took place on the eve of Saint Danijél, the parish patron saint. Céljé is the only Slovenian princely town, the result of the famous counts of Céljé, who made their home there. The parish is more than 270 years old.

At the invitation of Archbishop Dr. Franc Rodé, who was our guest for the Baraga Days in Cleveland recently, Alojzij Cardinal Ambrožič plans to visit Slovénia in the near future. The Toronto archbishop is expected to be in Ljubljana Sunday, October 11. Services will be held in the Cathedral at 4 PM.

A memorial was dedicated to Rev. Dr. Jožé Débévec in Bégunijé near Cérknica. Dr. Francé Bérnik, president of SAZU (Slovénian Academy of Science and Art) made the official dedication. The monument was blessed by Ljubljana Auxiliary Bishop Jožef Kvas. The Rev. Doctor is the uncle of Jim Debevec, present publisher of the Ameriška Domovina. He was the brother of Jim's father, Jaka Débévec.

This year marks 160 years since the birth of Dr. Jakob Missia. He became the first Slovenian cardinal in 1899. He was the 37th bishop of Ljubljana from 1884 to 1898 and died in 1902.

Msgr. Anton Ilc died recently in Brussels. He did missionary work for many years there, doing pastoral work tending parishioners of the Russian Catholic Church. May he rest in peace!

A Rock Festival was held on September 7 at Finžgar Park in Občine near Terst. Such groups as Moron Brothers, Charge, Old Crow, No Comment, and others performed.

What is a *klopa*?
It's a woodtick.
So now you know.
But what's a woodtick?
Idunno.

You can read about the Catholic Church in the Slovenian language on the Internet at:
www.rkc.si

"Be involved, be on the move, and do not give up until the end of your life." - Leon Stukelj

Traveler's Notebook:

What To See in Slovenia

Question: I am from Holland, and am going to be on vacation in Slovenia in 2 weeks. I would be very happy if you have some tips for visiting cities or cultural trips.

Answer: Absolute MUST sees are Bled, Soca River (go rafting there), Ljubljana, Portoroz and Piran (and maybe Koper, all coastal towns), Predjamski Grad, and surrounding caves (largest caverns in Europe and world famous... word Karst comes from this area).

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"A house is built
by hand, but a
home is built
by hearts."

By Jim Debevec



People have asked why we printed so much about the Bishop Baraga activities during Labor Day weekend.

The answer is we are trying to rise our Slovenian awareness to a *higher* level.

Father Baraga was a genuine American hero. He was also a man of Slovenian heritage. He was one of the *first* persons of Slovenian ancestry to come to the United States. He settled in a remote wilderness area with the unselfish purpose being to educate the Native Americans living there.

He fought the rough elements and survived. He is much revered in the area to this very day. There are schools, a city, county, streets, motels, public utilities, and high school sports teams named after him.

We related some of the work Rev. Frederic Baraga accomplished during his lifetime and are revealing the interest people throughout the world have in his accomplishments and their fight for his Cause for sainthood. By showing the large number of intelligent people who admire the good works of Baraga, we hope others will likewise, take notice.

Every once in a great while someone as electrifying as Baraga comes along and we feel it is our job to call his life's accomplishments to reader's attention.

To each person or organization that participated in any way during this Labor Day weekend, we thank you very much. Some people really put in a lot of time and used their talent to the utmost to insure the success of Baraga Days. We know the illumination beamed on our Slovenian heritage and our proud hero has now increased a hundred-fold.

Next year: It will be someone else's turn to host the events paying tribute to Baraga. Where will it be?

May we give a little suggestion? How about having the Baraga Days at the Grand Hotel in Mackinaw Island? Sounds good to me.

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The other weekend we decided to fly the friendly skies. Not *that* airline which claims to be friendly, but the one who *is* actually friendly, namely Southwest.

First off, the prices are lower, making it real nice. Then the clerks are smiling and friendly taking care of your ticketing needs. You don't get a normal boarding pass. You get a number. When the flight arrives, they call the numbers like from 1 to 30, then 31 to 60. You take *any* seat on the plane that is available. No first class.

The stewardesses often crack humorous lines like when preparing to land, one said, "To those of you still nursing your drinks, quit nursing them and start drinking them. Chuck-a-lug so we can collect the empty containers."

We landed in Birmingham - Alabama, not England. The airport is cozy. You pick up the rental car by walking across the street.

The locals are also very friendly. When you are finished shopping, they always say, "Thaaannkkqqqqqquuuu, as if they really mean it. Every time they say, "Good-bye now; y'all come back again." -- Over here, clerks often convey the message they're doing you a favor by waiting on you.

Mother Angelica's shrine, Our Lady of Angels Monastery of the Eternal Word Television Network, is only 10 minutes from the Birmingham airport, so we stopped in for a visit. We didn't see Doris Sadar's nephew, Fr. Augustine, but we did make a visit to the beautiful chapel. It is small with only six rows on each side.

Birmingham is very beautiful with many shades of green foliage on the mountains. It seldom snows, so the early missionaries needed umbrellas instead of snowshoes.

The enjoyment of traveling lies in discovering delightful things.

Comments: Jim's Journal, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103. Fax: (216) 361-4088, e-mail jim@buckeyeweb.com

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Mayor Bets

Slovenian Klobase

This week the Cleveland Indians baseball team is playing the Boston Red Sox during the first playoffs.

Cleveland Mayor Michael White has bet Boston Mayor Thomas Menino that Cleveland will be victorious. What is in the wager? Among the six items on White's list is "Five pounds of Slovenian Sausage from Raddell's Sausage Shop."

What if White wins? He gets six lobsters and a case of Boston Baked Beans. In this instance, why has Mayor White risked the precious sausages for mere lobster?

St. Mary's Alumni Banquet

St. Mary's School in Collinwood is holding its 8th Alumni Banquet in the school cafeteria on Sunday, Oct. 25. Dinner will be served at approximately 1 p.m. There will be a 12 noon Mass for all who wish to attend.

The dinner is open to all alumni and guests. Donation is \$15 which includes refreshments (open bar). Tickets are available by mail only. Please send check or money order to: St. Mary's School Alumni, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110.

After dinner there will be a 50/50 drawing, games and prizes. Proceeds from the dinner and games will be for the benefit of St. Mary's School.

Everyone is cordially invited to renew acquaintances and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Sophie Mazi and staff. Please have your reservations in by Oct. 18.

--Lou Jerkich

The Fascinating Book About Frederic Baraga

By Rudy Flis

How many times have you picked up a book, started reading it and then not want to put it down because it was so gripping and interesting?

I have just finished such a book. An informative book, a story about a powerful man of God, Bishop Frederic Baraga.

It is the story of his life, birth, to death. Much research was put into this book. It tells of his love of God, his church, and most of all, his love of the American Indian.

I can't even start to count the obstacles he faced. He did not overcome all the obstacles, just most of them.

How many times did Bishop Baraga face death? Again, too many times to say. The blizzards, his learning to use show shoes, (Snow Shoe Priest) to travel among his beloved Indians during winter. The pounding waves of the stormy Great Lakes on his frail canoe. Exciting reading.

Read this book and you will see another side of the American Indian, the way

they lived, including their worship of God, and you will learn more about a Slovenian missionary and how he begged, and pleaded for funds to support his missions.

Read about Bishop Baraga's recruiting efforts in Europe to bring sorely needed priests to the Indian missions.

How would you like to author, proof read for the printers, and then have the Indians' first prayer book printed, and do this between snow storms and stormy lake crossings?

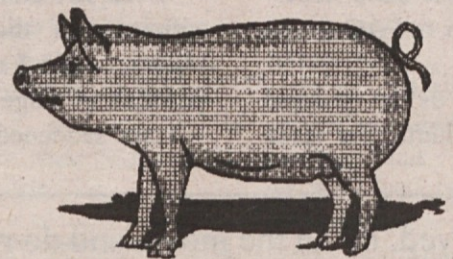
The Bishop Baraga Association is looking for new subscribers to its quarterly magazine. It is \$6.00 a year and it makes interesting reading. -- The book I read, "Shepherd of the Wilderness" costs \$4.00 plus shipping. It is a small investment for a great cause.

It's heritage, folks. Bishop Frederic Baraga is a Slovenian we should be proud of, and support his canonization, right?

Here is the address for a subscription or book order: Bishop Baraga Association, PO Box 550, Marquette, MI 49855-0550.



When fishing for trout: the first cast is critical; your chances of catching a fish diminish with each cast.



'KOLINE' Are Back Again

The Slovenska Pristava Pensioners Club (SPPC) will hold its annual fall event 'Koline', on Sunday, October 11. It is a traditional Slovenian custom of making homemade rice and blood sausage (krvave klobase and pecenice) at this time of the year.

Serving will begin at 1 p.m. and continue until 4 p.m. The dinner will include one big rice or blood sausage and one link of fresh garlic sausage with sauerkraut, fried potatoes, strudel and coffee.

The proceeds will go towards the financial support for both Slovenian

Saturday Schools of St. Mary's and St. Vitus parishes, and many other numerous causes and community projects.

Also there will be an Open House for the newly constructed house on the grounds of Pristava, which is for the person who will be taking care of the grounds and maintenance of Pristava. All the work on the house was done by volunteer members of Pristava.

So come and enjoy a delicious homemade meal in a beautiful autumn atmosphere at Slovenska Pristava.

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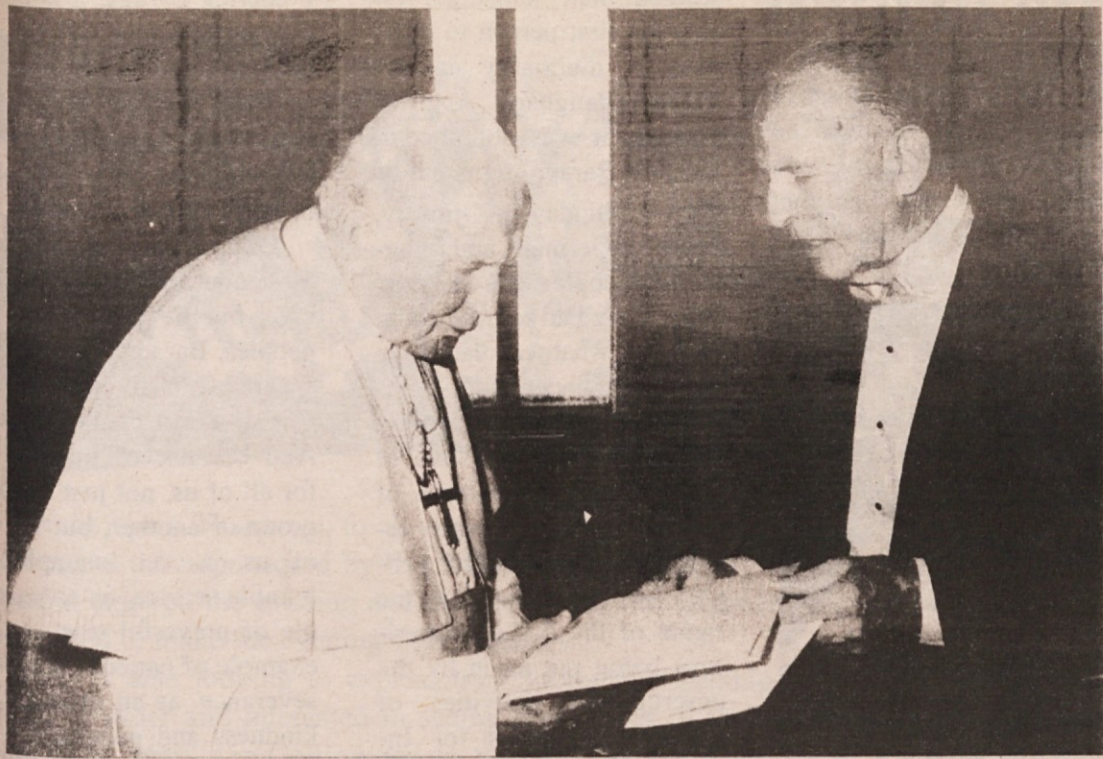
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Dr. Karl Bonutti gives his credentials to Pope John Paul II

Karl Bonutti is Slovenian Ambassador to Vatican

By William F. Miller
The Plain Dealer

Karl B. Bonutti, a retired Cleveland State University economics professor and former factory grinder, is the second Republic of Slovenia ambassador to the Vatican.

Pope John Paul II accepted Bonutti's nomination last week by the Slovenian government, which established him as an accredited diplomat to the Holy See. Bonutti is a native of an area that is now part of Slovenia. As ambassador, he will represent Slovenia's political and religious interests at the Vatican, dealing with the pope and his administrative aides.

Bonutti's appointment is an important event for Slovenia, a strongly Catholic country of nearly 2 million people that broke away from Communist Yugoslavia in 1991. Bonutti is a Roman Catholic.

In a telephone interview from Rome, Bonutti, 70, said he was honored and proud to be selected by the Slovenian government to serve as an ambassador. He was born and raised in Gorizia, Italy, which became part of Yugoslavia after World War II. He speaks Italian, Slovenian and French.

Cleveland Catholic Bishop Anthony M. Pilla said of Bonutti: "He has shown himself to be an outstanding Catholic gentleman witnessing the true Gospel values in both his personal and public lives."

Bonutti, who has a house in Pepper Pike, holds dual citizenship, American and Slovenian. "when I finished my four-year term at the Vatican, I plan to return to my adopted city of Cleveland, which I love very much," he said.

His wife, Hermina, and five of his six grown children attended the appointment ceremony at Castel Gandolfo, the pope's summer residence in the hills above Rome.

Vatican City, ruled by the pope, is the smallest independent country in the world. Since 1929, it has served as the spiritual and government center of the Roman Catholic Church, the largest Christian church in the world.

Bonutti previously served as Slovenian honorary consul in Cleveland since 1992. He has been a leader in the Slovenian community here.

Bonutti arranged for exchange visits of American and Slovenian business professors and students. He said he was preparing Slovenian

students to compete in the capitalist world.

While teaching economics at Cleveland State University, he started the college's ethnic studies program and was responsible as editor for publishing 21 monographs on the largest ethnic communities in Cleveland.

In 1951, Bonutti came with his wife from Slovenia to New York to head a world problem study group, but it was eliminated. He headed for Cleveland, which he knew was filled with Slovenians. He did not speak English.

With a pregnant wife and no money, he had to grind metal parts in a factory for seven years.

He had a master's degree from St. Jean College in Fribourg, Switzerland, and, as a graduate student, had taught the future King of Spain, Prince Juan Carlos Alfonso Victor Marie de Borlon.

While working at the factory, he attended Case Western Reserve University to earn another master's degree, this one in economics, which led to his academic career.

He went back to St. Jean College to earn a doctorate in social sciences, then came back to Cleveland in 1969.

Dinner Benefits Slovenian Quake Victims

This last April, on Easter Sunday, there was a very severe and damaging earthquake in the Posočje region of Slovenia. The earthquake was in the category of 7½ on the Richter scale.

Due to much needed help, Christ the King Lodge No. 226 along with Sacred Heart of Jesus Lodge No. 172 of KSKJ are hosting a chicken and roast beef dinner for the benefit of the earthquake victims.

The date of the benefit is Sunday, October 4th in St. Vitus School Auditorium, E. 61st and Glass Ave. (one block south of St. Clair), from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Advance sales are from lodge officers or call (440) 944-0020 or send check to Christ the King Lodge #226 at 2918 Emerald Lake Blvd., Wickliffe, OH 44092-2718. Tickets will also be available on the day of the dinner at the door.

Everyone is kindly asked to support this worthy cause.

-DONATIONS ACCEPTED-

Anyone who is unable to come to the dinner, but in their heart wishes to make a donation to this worthy cause, please send your contribution to: Christ the King #226 KSKJ, 2918 Emerald Lake Blvd., Wickliffe, OH 44092-2718.

All donations, large or small, are welcome and greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged in the *American Home* and KSKJ newspaper, *Glasillo*. All 100% of the proceeds will be forwarded to Caritas, Diocese of Koper, Slovenia. We thank you in advance for your support and may the Lord reward you with good health and happiness.

For the Committee, Frank Šega, Chairman

St. Vitus Parish Mission

St. Vitus Parish will host the Mission which will be a special time of spiritual renewal. The Mission will be held on five consecutive evenings beginning on Sunday, October 25 through Thursday, October 29 from 7:00 - 9:00 each evening. Following the Thursday evening program, a social will be held in the auditorium.

Father Wally Hyclak, from the St. Joseph Christian Life Center, will conduct the Mission. Each evening will be different from the other evenings and will include a variety of activities: prayer, music, Scripture and a message of love and hope from Father Wally.

We invite members of surrounding Catholic parishes, members of all other churches in the area and all people of good will to attend. Adults and students who are junior high age and older are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.



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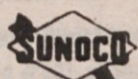
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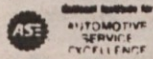
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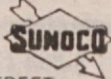
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4 Baraga didn't follow the crowd

Homily given by **Bishop Anthony M. Pilla** at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 6, 1998 in St. John Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio.

It is a blessing for the Church of Cleveland to host the 50th Annual Baraga Days celebration. How good it is for us to be here this afternoon - people from different countries and areas of our nation, people of diverse heritage and culture - but most importantly, people of great faith who have come together to pray that if it be God's will, the saintly Bishop of Marquette, the Shepherd of the Wilderness, the Snowshoe Priest, be elevated as one of the Church's holy ones. Not for his glory, but God's; not for his benefit, but for ours.

The times of Frederick Baraga in the first half of the 19th century were not too unlike our own in these latter days of the 20th century. It was a time of political upheaval and unrest. A time of social injustice and bigotry. A time of dissension in the Church. A time of greed and self-advancement. A time of addiction and declining morality.

How easy it would have been for Baraga to follow the crowd, to look and see what others were doing and behave like them. But, Baraga chose a different path for his life. For him, only one thing was necessary, and that was to follow the wisdom of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Intelligent, a man of wealth and prestige with a promising future, Baraga could have had a very comfortable, privileged life. But, while studying at the University of Vienna, he came

under the spiritual influence of Blessed Klemen Dvorak, a Redemptorist priest known as the Apostle of Vienna. This holy priest urged his students to be strong in their faith, not lukewarm and superficial Christians. He urged them to pattern their lives after the Gospel, to take up their daily crosses and be ambassadors for Christ Jesus. Along with others, including Saint John Neumann, Baraga's heart was filled with a desire to serve Christ, especially in the missions.

So moved was he by the sincere spirituality of this man, that he returned to Slovenia, renounced his estate and began studies for the priesthood.

Baraga was not a strong man, small in stature and susceptible to poor health. But, it never prevented him from opening his heart to all who sought his help and guidance. He only had one concern and that was to see the dignity and goodness of Christ in every person he served. Life was not easy for Baraga. He lived in a time when the Church in Slovenia was in decline. It was a time when the heresy of Jansenism was widespread. Baraga worked tirelessly against this heresy through his preaching and devotional books.

He encouraged the people to receive the sacraments often, to see their value as persons created in the image of God and redeemed by Jesus. He encouraged them to trust in the infinite mercy and love of God. His priestly zeal, fired by his Gospel-based spirituality and willingness to serve his people, did not go unnoticed. Accusations were leveled against him as a trouble-maker, a

fool. But, as his cross of ministry grew heavier, he was convinced that only one thing is necessary - and that is to serve God and to shepherd His people.



Cleveland Bishop Anthony M. Pilla

(Photo by Tony Grdina)

Filled with such apostolic zeal for the Gospel and love of the Lord, Frederick Baraga asked permission of his bishop to serve as a missionary in North America. At his farewell Mass in his village, he addressed his people and said: "For many years I have had a desire to work in the missions and now at last I have been accepted into the vast territory in North America known as the Diocese of Cincinnati. The Most Reverend Bishop Fenwick has begged for priests and after due consideration, in which God has made known His will to me, I decided it would be more beneficial if the remainder of my life was to be spent working among the less fortunate children of God. And so as I begin my journey to a new field of labor, I ask you to pray for me and for those who have never heard the word of God."

This journey brought Baraga to Cincinnati in January of 1831. Within a few months he was already working among the Indian nations and other people in the Upper Great Lakes region, a true ambassador for Christ.

He was an ordinary man with an extraordinary mission - a mission that only a person of deep faith and unwavering trust in God could accept day after day. One of the hallmarks of his ministry was his ability to love and appreciate those whom he served - for who they were and not for what he wanted them to be. Fearlessly he cared for them, with fairness he gave his entire life for them, and with humility he saw himself only as an instrument of God in the service of the Gospel.

In his service to the Indian Nations, Baraga became one with his people. He lived among them and

learned their language. He was the first person to compose a dictionary in the Ojibway language. A gifted linguist, it was not uncommon for Baraga to preach on a given Sunday in Ojibway, French, German and English. If people were to know Jesus, they had to hear about Him in whatever language they could understand.

But the best sermon Baraga gave of the love of Christ was the example of his own life. Baraga respected the rights of all people. But when he saw the rights of the Native Americans being put aside by the unscrupulous activities of government agents for Indian Affairs, Baraga fearlessly defended their rights to justice. He fiercely fought against the bigotry of people who tried to take advantage of the Native Americans - especially traders who shamelessly plied them with alcohol.

He worked diligently, sometimes against great odds, to educate those entrusted to his care, but always doing so with the utmost respect for them and their culture.

The harsh climate, the deprivation, the hardship of life never got the best of Baraga. For him, only one thing was necessary - to serve his God and his people. And this he did until his death in 1863 - as a priest, as a bishop, as a friend.

If there is one thing that we can learn from the life of

Frederick Baraga, it is this - discipleship is a call for all of us. No matter who we are, no matter how old we are, no matter how gifted we are, we are all called to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Baraga may have been Slovenian by birth and heritage, but he is now for all peoples. Baraga is one of us, a part of the living Body of Christ, a part of the Church. And because of that, he is for all of us, not just for one group or another, but for all of us, as an example of humble service, as an example of prayerful trust, as an example of patience and perseverance, as an example of kindness and generosity - a blessing from God!

We rejoice with gratitude today for the life and memory of Bishop Baraga. But more importantly, we seek the wisdom, the courage, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to accept the challenge of the cross, the challenge of discipleship for ourselves as we move into the new millennium.

Bishop Baraga's episcopal motto reflected his life. His motto reads: 'ONLY ONE THING IS NECESSARY.' His sanctity did not come from seeking honor and privilege but in the necessity of loving God wholeheartedly and serving all with dignity and respect. What greater honor can we give to his memory than to accept that motto as our own: "ONLY ONE THING IS NECESSARY." And after accepting it, to live it.

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Coming Events



Hvala lepa – Thank you to all who came out to Slovenska Pristava to support the picnic/dance-a-thon sponsored by the folkloric skupina Kres. We hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to dance the night away. The weather cooperated to make the evening a great success.

Kres is also looking to expand their group membership this year. Anyone in high school or older and interested in seeing themselves in the picture above is welcome to come to St. Mary's in Collinwood on Sunday, October 4th at 6 p.m. We hope you do not hesitate to come and give Kres a chance and see what it is all about. It is a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet new people.

If you are interested, but are unable to attend on this date please call Mark Tomc (216-731-3669) or Maggie Gobetz (440-944-8953) for further information.

Mary Grilc recovering

Well known former St. Clair business owner Mary Marsich Grilc, a resident of St. Augustine Towers accidentally slipped and fell on Thursday, Sept. 17. She was rushed to Lakewood Hospital.

Examination there revealed that she had suffered a hip fracture. She was treated and eventually transferred to St. Augustine Manor Nursing Home for further treatment and rehabilitation.

Your cards of "Well Wishes" can be sent to her at: St. Augustine Manor, 7801 Detroit Avenue, Room 420, Cleveland, OH 44102.

For the record and on a cheery note, Mary celebrated a birthday on Saturday, Sept. 26th. -- Happy Birthday.

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Friday, Oct. 2

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St. from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music by Orcades

Saturday, Oct. 3

Fantje na Vasi Concert, Slovenian National Home, St. Clair at 7 p.m. Information (440) 352-7455. Kres Dancers. Veseli Godci Band. Admission \$10 at door.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Benefit dinner for victims of earthquake in Slovenian region of Posocje. Chicken and roast beef dinners served in St. Vitus auditorium 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by Christ the King No. 226 KSKJ and Sacred Heart of Jesus No. 172 KSKJ. Donation \$10 adults, \$5 children. Advance sales (440) 944-0020.

Sunday, Oct. 4

St. Clair Rifle Club Clam Bake 1-5 p.m. Clambake \$18; steak \$15. Ticket info call 944-2985.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Grape Festival, 2 to 7 p.m. at Slovenian Hall, 2101 Mariposa St., San Francisco.

Friday, Oct. 9

Dance at West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St. from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music by Casuals.

Sunday, Oct. 11

"Kolina" (homemade rice and blood sausage) plus sauerkraut, fried potatoes, strudel and coffee sponsored by Slovenska Pristava Pensioners Club from 1 to 4 at Slovenska Pristava.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

P.S.W.A. Circle #7 Fall Card Party, Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland 1 to 4 p.m. Donation \$3.

Sunday, Oct. 25

St. Vitus Alumni Annual "Hall of Fame" day with 12 noon Mass in St. Vitus church; dinner following in the auditorium.

Sunday, Oct. 25

St. Mary's (Collinwood) Alumni Banquet in school cafeteria following 12 noon Mass. Tickets \$15. Check to St. Mary's School Alumni, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Jadran Concert, Waterloo Hall. F. Ziwich Orchestra.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Collinwood Slovenian Home, Night at the Races.

Sunday, Nov. 22

25th Anniversary Slovenian National Art Guild Show, Slovenian Society Home, Euclid, Ohio. Show hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Tony Petkovsek's Thanksgiving Day Polka Party, beginning at 4 p.m. in Marriott Hotel at Key Center, 127 Public Square, Cleveland. Donation \$12.

Friday, Nov. 27

Tony's Friday Polka Party, 4 p.m., until ? at Marriott Hotel at Key Center, 127 Public Square, Cleveland. Donation \$12.

Shrine Festival

The Shrine and Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring their annual Fall Festival and Bazaar on Sunday, Oct. 4.

It will take place on the Shrine grounds, 21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, Ohio.

Morning Masses are set for 8 a.m. in the chapel and 9:30 and 11:30 in the grotto.

St. Ann Dining Room will be open from 10:30 to 4 p.m. Home-baked delicacies will be available after the 9:30 Mass in the convent basement, entrance #4.

St. Vitus Alumni news

General meeting of the St. Vitus Alumni will be on Thursday, Oct. 1 in the Social Room at 7 p.m.

Main topic will be the Annual Hall of Fame celebration. You all have received your letter with dinner reservations attached. Seating is limited so mail in your requests without delay to Sec.: Ray Gobec, 10762 Willson Mills Rd., Chardon, OH 44024.

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Fantje Na Vasi Concert is Here

The Slovenian men's chorus Fantje Na Vasi will hold its annual concert on Saturday, October 3rd in the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. Special guest performers will be the KRES dancers.

Admission is \$10.00, with children 13 and under admitted free.

Reserved seating is available by calling Mark Jakomin at (216) 944-6997. General admission seating will be available at the door on the night of the performance.

Following the show, the Veseli Godci (Happy Musicians) will play for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Join the Fantje Na Vasi and the Stan Mejac Orchestra for a bus trip to Chicago October 17th and 18th for the Slovenian American Radio Club's annual Slovenski Dan (Slovenian Day).

For further information, contact Tom Srsen at (440) 352-7455.

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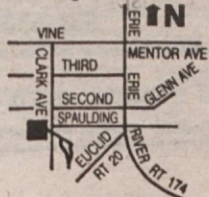
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Death Notices

ALICE A. OPASKAR

Alice A. Opaskar (nee Bradac), wife of the late Frank V.; mother of Dr. Alice Fay Martin and Dr. Frank Alan (Gail); grandmother of Lenore and Drew Martin, and Amanda Opaskar; sister of Ann Sowinski, the late Mary Curk, Josephine Adler, Louis, Joseph, and John.

Friends called at the Ferfolia Funeral Home, 5386 Lee Rd., Maple Hts. Funeral was Thursday, Sept. 17 with 10 a.m. services in Gesu Church.

STANLEY KNEZ

Stanley Knez, 78, of Hudson, Ohio worked at Cleveland Twist Drill for almost 30 years.

He was the husband of Rose (nee Grdina); father of Nadia; grandfather of Dawn and Marlissa Gaster; brother of Just Knez, Carl Knez and Vera Cosoli.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hudson. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, Hudson.

RICHARD J. GERBEC

Richard J. "Dick" Gerbec was a sales manager for the J.P. Stevens Carpet company and its Gulistan Carpet division for 22 years before retiring in 1994.

He covered a sales territory that stretched from northwestern Ohio into western Pennsylvania and to the border of New York State.

During his 40-year career in the floor-covering industry, he also worked for Robert Levin Carpets and Armstrong Floors.

Mr. Gerbec, 70, of Rocky River, Ohio, died Friday, Sept. 11 at Lakewood Hospital, after apparently suffering a heart attack in his car.

After graduating from Benedictine High School in 1945, the Cleveland native was a corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps, attended John Carroll University and graduated from Western Reserve University.

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Mr. Gerbec was a lector for 25 years at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Fairview Park. He was a member of the parish Couples Club and Golf League.

He also belonged to the Northeast Ohio Floor Covering Association, Carlton Club and Delta Sigma Pi fraternity.

Mr. Gerbec was a world traveler and sports fan. He also enjoyed golf and bowling.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Dorothy; sons, Mark of Grafton, Jay of Bay Village and Scott of Columbus; daughters, Leslie Park of Oxford, Ohio, and Laurie Spreng of Fairview Park; mother, Antoinette of Cleveland 12 grandchildren; and two sisters.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1998 at St. Angela Merici Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Richard J. Gerbec Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Ave., Lakewood, OH 44107.

In Memory

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pavsek Sr. of Eastlake, Ohio renewed his subscription plus enclosed an additional \$10.00 in memory of their daughter **Janice Mylott**.

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around his sweet and
peaceful grave.*

Devoted wife — Janet
Loving father of
Louis, wife Jeannette
Beloved grandfather of
Louis, David and Katherine

Happy Birthday to SHA Residents

9-09 — Mary Vokac, 89,
born in Conneaut, Ohio

9-09 — Vida Walsh, 75,
born in Cleveland

9-11 — Josephine Luchka,
85, born in Newburgh Hts.,
Ohio

9-11 — Frank Rocci, 87,
born in Cleveland

9-12 — Michael Vidmar,
102 — born in Slovenia

9-21 — Jeanne Oblak, 83,
born in Cleveland

9-24 — Anna Resnik, 94,
Bridgeville, PA

9-26 — Mary Urbanic, 90,
born in Cleveland

9-27 — Rose Jaros, 78,
born in Cleveland



Councilman Mike Polensek talks to St. Mary's Seniors.

St. Mary's Seniors News

St. Mary's Seniors (Collinwood) will have their meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We are having a pot luck luncheon. Members are asked to bring a side dish for six people or monetary donation. The meat will be supplied by the organization.

As always, the members never leave hungry as there is always plenty of food.

At our September meet-

ing we had 112 members present to hear Councilman Mike Polensek and his staff (Ward 11) inform us of the progress of the improvements that are going on in the ward and also of Cleveland and outlying suburbs. Councilman Polensek sure had everyone's attention.

Our membership is closed for 1998 because we have 200 members.

--J. Schultz

In Memory

Mary Ann Selan of Perry, Ohio renewed her subscription plus enclosed a \$20.00 donation in memory of the 5th anniversary of husband, **Michael A. Selan**, and the 5th anniversary of her mother **Jennie Femc**.

My Slovenian Heritage, Too!

My mother is unable to read anymore and is badly crippled with arthritis, cataracts and glaucoma, she is 88 years and is living in a nursing home. However, I still wish to receive the American Home newspaper because it is *my* Slovenian heritage, too.

--Dr. John Gusdon, Jr.
Atlanta, GA

P.S. — I wonder if you'd possibly be interested in a piece I could write: "Heritage To My Slovenian Mother?" — Answer: yes, plus some medical articles!

Donation

Donald J. Anzells of Mentor, Ohio renewed his subscription plus enclosed an extra \$10.00 donation. Thank you very much.

In Memory

William B. Pike of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio renewed his subscription plus enclosed a \$20.00 donation in memory of **Henry and Mary Opalek**.

In Memory

Mildred A. Furlan of Naples, Florida renewed her American Home subscription plus enclosed an additional \$30.00 in memory of the **Simoncic and Furlan Families**.

Generous Donation

An American Home subscriber who lives in Long Island, New York renewed his subscription, plus enclosed a very generous additional \$200.00 donation which will be used toward repairs of the main printing press which is currently being undertaken.

Anniversary Wishes

Here is my yearly subscription plus an additional \$10.00 for the American Home's 100th Anniversary from the **R. Zupancic Family** of Euclid, Ohio.

Donation

Many thanks for their wonderful generosity to **Sophie and Walter Majer** of Euclid, Ohio who donated \$50.00 to the **Ameriška Domovina**.

In Memory

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$50.00 of which \$30 is for my subscription renewal and \$20 as a donation in memory of my **parents and brothers**.

--Peter Rebolj
Hicksville, NY

C.O.F. #1317

Marks 90th Year

The officers of Baraga Court No. 1317, Catholic Order of Foresters, along with their members and invited guests, will be celebrating their 90th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 18th at 12 noon Mass in St. Vitus Church. The celebrants will be Father Godic, Father Cimperman, with Father Jerse as the main celebrant.

After Mass all invited Baraga Court members and guests will proceed to Sterle Country Haus for dinner.

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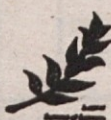
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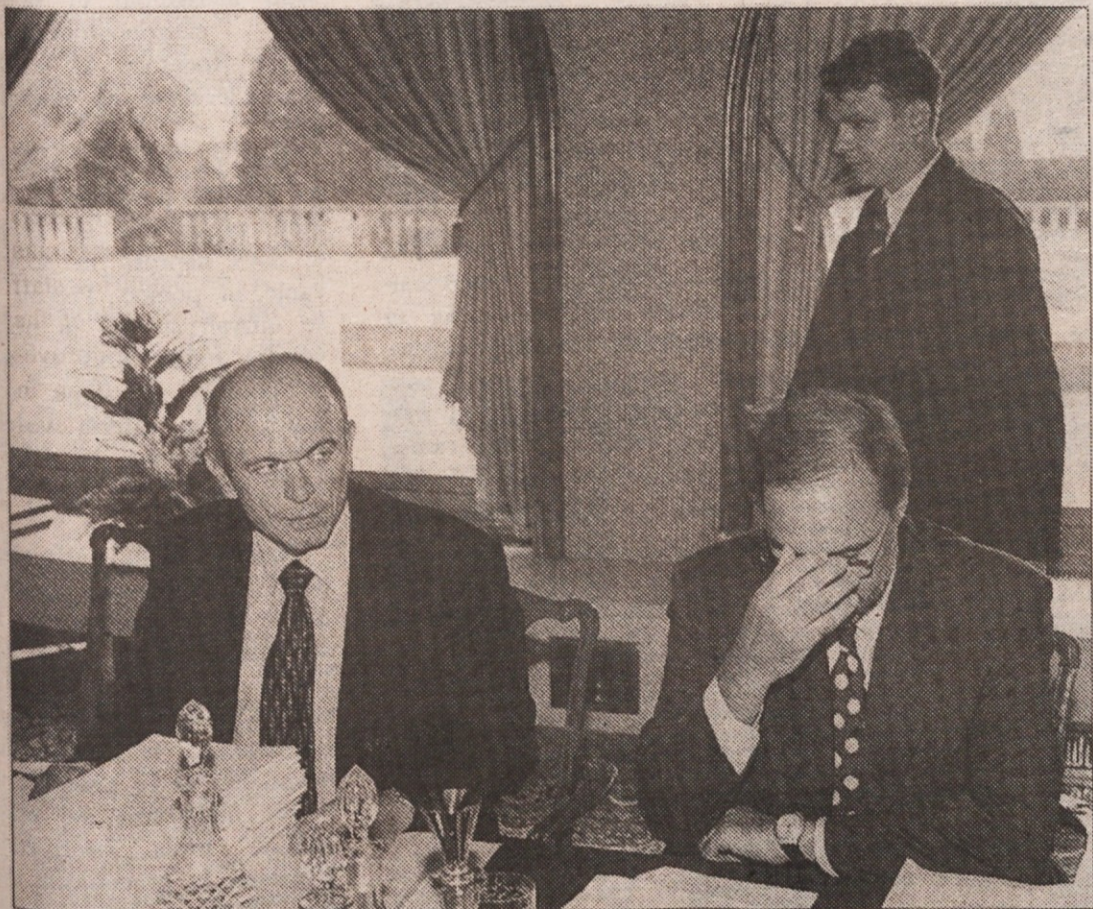
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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE



Vlada sprejela predlog državnega proračuna za prihodnje leto

Ta teden je slovenska vlada po večdnevni seji sprejela predlog državnega proračuna za leto 1999. Po predlogu bodo odhodki znašali 958,6 milijarde, prihodki pa 928,8 milijarde tolarjev. Predvideni primanjkljaj bi torej znašal 0,8 odstotka slovenskega bruto domačega proizvoda. Proračunski odhodki so za dobrih deset odstotkov večji od sprejetih v letošnjem proračunu. Ko so člani vlade glasovali o proračunu, je bil proti minister za kulturo Jožef Školč, nekateri so glasovanja vzdržali, med njimi kmetijski minister Ciril Smrkolj. Premier Janez Drnovšek je dejal, da je proračun po njegovem "dober", zadnjo besedo bo pa imel seveda državni zbor, Drnovšek je pri tem izrazil upanje, da bi do končnega glasovanja o proračunu vendarle moglo priti do konca letošnjega leta. Fotografija zgoraj je iz Dela pretekli četrtek, na prvi vladni seji o usklajevanju proračunskih zahtev raznih ministrstev in drugih uradov, ki jih financira državni proračun. Pri mizi sta Drnovšek in finančni minister Mitja Gaspari, zadaj je pa podpredsednik vlade in predsednik SLS Marjan Podobnik. Drnovšek predseduje LDS.

Vlada bo parlamentu baje poslala dve imeni za novega generalnega državnega tožilca - Drobnič zopet razburil levico

Včerajšnji Delo poroča, da je premier Janez Drnovšek povedal, da namerava vlada poslati državnemu zboru v presojo dva možna oziroma predlagana kandidata za novega generalnega državnega tožilca. Ta bosta po vsej verjetnosti Barbara Brezigar (podpira jo SLS) in Zvonko Fišer (kandidat LDS). Sedanjemu generalnemu tožilcu Antonu Drobničju poteka mandat že novembra.

Drobničju je pa zopetno uspelo razburjati javnost, vsaj levičarskemu. V govoru, ki ga je imel Drobnič na študijskih dnevih v Dragi v začetku septembra, je dejal, da je Slovenija "barbarska" dežela. Ta trditev je spodbudila predsednika Slovenije Milana Kučana, da je naslovil pismo na premiera Janeza Drnovška, da naj gre Drobničjevo izjavo za "neprimerne sramotenje države". Ta del Drobničjeve izjave se dobesedno glasi:

"Vsi veste, da so pred kratkim diplomati v Rimu sklenili ustanoviti mednarodno sodišče za vojne zločine. Slovenija se je po besedah zunanjega ministra Frleca temu priključila. Do tukaj se vse lepo sliši. Druga plat resnice je, da Slovenija kot država do danes ni odkrila enega umora, enega vojnega zločina. Čeprav vemo, da je bilo med vojno storjenih nešteto vojnih zločinov in da je bilo sa-

mo po vojni pobitih 12 tisoč domobrancev. O tem uradna Slovenija ne ve ničesar. Tudi mi na državnem tožilstvu o tem uradno ne vemo ničesar." Dalje je Drobnič rekel: "V takem stanju sem večkrat opozarjal pristojne, da je Slovenija barbarska država, ker ne poskrbi niti za ugotovitev svojih mrtvih niti za izkop kosti iz brezen, prepadov, rudniških jaškov in za civilno ureditev te zadeve. V kulturno ureditev te zadeve spadajo tudi ustrezni sodni postopki proti krivcem. Nič ni pomagalo, zato sem lanskega 25. novembra poslal posebno pismo predsedniku vlade dr. Drnovšku, ga na to opozoril in zahteval akcijo. Do danes odgovora nisem dobil." Julija letos je Drobnič poslal podobno pismo še notranjemu ministru Bandlju, a dobil le mlačen odgovor. "Takšno je uradno stanje v Sloveniji," je pripomnil Drobnič v Dragi.

Pogled v razmere s tem v zvezi naj bi kazal tudi shod Združenja žrtev komunističnega nasilja v Kidričevem prejšnji konec tedna. Od napovedanih povabljenih častnih gostov, tako državnih, strankarskih in diplomatskih, jih je prišlo zelo malo. Prelat mariborske škofije Franc Zdolšek je govoril o Sloveniji kot velikem grobišču nedolžnih žrtev. Ob kidričevskem pokopališču je spomenik žrtvam, postavljen je bil leta 1992, podpisala se je takrat SLS, a na omenjeni shod ni prišel noben vodilni član te stranke.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Fantje na vasi vabijo—

To soboto zvečer ste vabljeni v Slovenski narodni dom na St. Clair Ave. na letni koncert moškega zbora Fantje na vasi. Pričel se bo ob 7h, na programu sodeluje tudi plesna skupina Kres. Dopis na str. 8.

Kosilo Oltarnega društva—

To nedeljo vas vabi Oltarno društvo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti na kosilo v šolski dvorani. Serviranje bo od 11. do 1. pop. Cena kosilu je \$10, za otroke \$5. Nakaznice boste lahko dobili pri vhodu. Na voljo bodo tudi tkim. "takeout" kosila. Le da pridite!

Pomoč za prizadete—

To nedeljo bo v dvorani pri Sv. Vidu tudi kosilo, katerega prebitek je namenjen od potresa prizadetim rojakom v Posočju. Sponzorja sta društvi KSKJ št. 226 in 172. Serviranje bo od 11. dop. do 1.30 pop. Kosilo stane \$10, nakaznice dobite pri vhodu.

Sestanek—

Redni članski sestanek Dramskega društva Lilija bo v ponedeljek, 5. oktobra, v svojih prostorih v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Pričtek ob 7.30 zv. Vsi člani lepo vabljeni!

Novi grobovi

Genevieve M. Kotnik

Umrla je 88 let stara Genevieve M. Kotnik, vdova po Louisu, mati Louisa ter že pok. Jean in Jerryja, 7-krat stara mati, 11-krat prastara mati, sestra Edwarda Mekinda in Ruth Schwabe. Pogreb je bil 29. septembra v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Roberta.

Antonia F. Zobec

Umrla je Antonia F. Zobec, rojena Traven, žena Franka, mati Franke-ja Tysona, Tonee Ann in že pok. Guy Scott-a, 2-krat stara mati, sestra Anne Swaney, Cyrila in že pok. Max-a. Pogreb je bil 26. sept. s sv. mašo v cerkvi St. Clare in pokopom na pokopališču Knollwood.

Anthony J. Bohinc

Dne 19. septembra je umrl 60 let stari Anthony J. Bohinc, oče Rebecce in Scotta, sin Mildred in že pok. Franka, brat Mary Miller, Ann Czarzasty in Cyrille Mode. Privatni pogreb je bil v oskrbi Zak zavoda na 6016 St. Clair Ave.

Koline—

Pristavski upokojenci že danes vabijo na "koline" in to v nedeljo, 11. oktobra, na Slovenski pristavi. Serviralo se bo od 1. do 4. ure pop. Pridite!

Srebrna obletnica—

Pretekli teden je bilo v Boca Ratonu, Fla., letno zborovanje Družbe za slovenske študije, ki je bilo kljub orkanu Georgesu kar dobro obiskan. Na slavnostni večerji so navzoči člani obhajali 25-letnico tega društva, za to priložnost sta v Boca Raton prišla tudi slovenski veleposlanik dr. Dimitrij Rupel z ženo.

Najboljši so bili—

20. septembra je bil zadnji piknik na Slovenski pristavi, vinska trgatev. Na balinišču so imeli člani Balinarskega kluba SP temovanje. V moškem timu sta si priborila prvo mesto Jože Dovjak in Lojze Mohar, v ženskem pa Ani Breznikar in Mici Mohar. Posebno pozornost je zaslužil najstarejši član kluba Jože Dovjak, saj je v obstoj kluba kar petkrat dosegel prvo mesto. Posebna zahvala pa gre Jožetu Marinkotu, za dobro vodenje tekmovanja.

Opravičilo—

V seznamu darovalcev v Slomškov sklad je bila pomoteno izpuščena ime ge. Cirile Sluga, ki je darovala \$100. Za pomoto prosimo oprostjenja.

Krofi—

Oltarno društvo pri Sv. Vidu bo imelo prodajo krofov in rezancev, to v soboto, 10. oktobra, od 8. zj. dalje.

Škofa Pevca počastili—

Včeraj opoldne se je zbralo več sto ljudi in med njimi večje število rojakov in rojakinj v dvorani Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. Organizacija Greater Cleveland Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club je pač izbralo pomožna škofa A. Edwarda Pevca in A. Jamesa Quinna za katoliška moža leta. V zahvalu za izkazano mu priznanje, je škof Pevca poudaril pomoč drugih, ki je je bil deležen vsa leta duhovništva in tudi pred tem, še posebno zahvalo je izrekal članom svoje družine in prijateljem. Povezovalec programa je izrazil posebno zahvalo slovenski skupnosti za tako velik odziv na kosilo.

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Slovenija in NATO: najbrž ne

Pretekli teden je bil v AD objavljen del intervjuja, ki ga je za Delo dal ameriški general Wesley Clark, vrhovni poveljnik NATA za Evropo. General Clark je dal jasno vedeti, da bo morala Slovenija zelo dolgo čakati, predno postane članica te vojaške zveze. Na konferenci voditeljev držav-članic NATA, ki bo prihodnje leto v Washingtonu, ni pričakovati, da bodo sploh katere nove države povabljene, da se tej vojaško-politični zvezi pridružijo. Ob tem trenutku proces ratificiranja članstva treh najnovejših verjetnih članic – Poljska, Madžarska in Češka – še ni končan, kajti soglasja še nista dali ne Nizozemska ne Turčija. Poleg tega, kot je povedal general Clark, proces integriranja vojsk treh novih članic (nihče pač ne dvomi, da bosta končno privolili tudi Nizozemska in Turčija) sploh še ni začeta. Kaj šele, da bi mogle sedanje članice NATA ocenjevati posledice pristopa teh novih članic.

Pretekli konec tedna je bilo v Boca Ratonu na Floridi štiridnevno zasedanje Ameriške zveze za pospeševanje slavištičnih študij. Poleg več slovenskih sekcij je bilo na stotine drugih. Med njimi so nekatere obravnavale tudi širšo problematiko, med drugim tudi vlogo NATA. Prevladovali so sicer znanstveniki, a nekateri tudi zaposleni v ameriški vladi. Spet druge sekcije so se ukvarjale s problematiko Evropske zveze oziroma evropsko združevanje, s poudarkom na države, ki izhajajo iz komunistične preteklosti. Tudi Rusija in z njo države, ki so izišle iz nekdanje Sovjetske zveze, je bila predmet številnih razprav in analiz. (Mimogrede: zanimivo je bilo videti od blizu sina Nikite Hruščova, Sergeja, ki je sicer zgodovinar po stroki in je tudi letos kakor lani v Seattlu sodeloval na zborovanju; po obrazu je presenetljivo podoben očetu.)

Na eni od sekcij v zvezi z NATO so obravnavali možnosti za novo širitev te zveze. Referate so podali tri znanstveniki, ki so pa vsi zaposleni v zvezni vladi. Referat o Slovaški je potrdil, da ta država sploh ni bila in verjetno tudi v dognani bodočnosti ne bo zrela za članstvo v NATU. Ker so ravno potekale parlamentarne volitve v tej državi, je razpravljalka kar med podajanjem referata zvedela o prepričljivi zmagi opozicijskih strank, pri tem pa opomnila, da to že ne pomeni, da bo glede moči predsednika Mečiarja demokratičnejša opozicija sploh dobila oblast v roke. Kakor o Slovaški, tako so bile bolj ali manj negativne ocene o izgledih sploh vseh drugih možnih novih članic, z baltskimi državami vred. Eden od razpravljalcev je poudaril, da je bilo odločanje že v zvezi s Poljsko, Češko in Madžarsko zelo politične narave ter dejal, da zadnji dve sploh ne moreta nič koristnega nuditi NATU, izjema v tem oziru je oziroma bo le Poljska.

Fantje na vasi: KONCERT

Zapeli bodo!

Naši že poznani **Fantje na vasi** bodo to soboto, 3. oktobra, zapeli na koncertu v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju. Kot vsako leto, bodo zapeli z močnimi glasovi, v ubrani melodiji, z navdušenjem in veseljem.

In kot vsako leto, bomo slovenski rojaki v Clevelandu prišli, da slišimo slovensko pesem, da se zopet naužijemo že poznanih melodij in novo izvedenih pesmi. Prišli bomo z družinami in prijatelji, s pričakovanjem in veseljem; da tudi sami zapojemo z njimi, če ne glasno, gotovo v srcih. Prišli bomo, ker je s petindvajseto obletnico zbor **Fantje na vasi** postal naša ustanova, tista trajna točka slovenskega središča, ki razveseljuje in bodri, da naša pesem ne bo izumrla med nami.

Letos bo zbor **Fantje na vasi** v predstavi spremljala plesna skupina **Kres**. Mladi plesalci bodo v eni izmed najstarejših plesnih skupin v Clevelandu zaplesali valčke in polke in nas razveselili s svojo pestrostjo in razigranostjo, ki dajeta pečat slovenskemu plesu.

Koncert Fantov na vasi nam bo prinesel užitek za uho in oko, za srce in dušo. Za kratek večer se bomo razveselili ob glasbi, ob spominih in prijateljstvu. Pokazali bomo, da smo prvič in vedno Slovenci. **Mara Cerar Hull**

Pristavski upokojenci vabijo na "Koline"

KOLINE

*Ko jesenski čas zlati na drevju liste—
Vinko vabi k važnemu delu penzioniste;
le zakaj bi dremali in tam v zapečku spali,
bomo rajši običajno spet prašička klali.*

*Vsak naj pride na Pristavna kolina,
kdor pa noče, naj doma oceja sline;
vse naglušne vabimo z besedo glasno—
na gostijo brez primere, prvoklasno.*

*Da bo vse na kolcah teklo gladko—
naj še pripomore vince sladko;
ki še srce krepko nam oživlja,
da starost presneta hrbet ne ukrivlja.*

*Zdaj pa v roke svinčnik in na nos očala—
da ga ne polomi pozabljiva glava,
ko enajstega oktobra sončna bo nedelja:
na Pristavi zvrhano košaro bo veselja.*

CLEVELAND, O. — S to prelepo pesmijo nas je naš dragi Lojze Bajc lansko leto vabil na koline. Letos pa se nam bo smejal z nebes in računal, kdo bo prvi prišel za njim. Saj je pa v tej lepi pesmi že vse povedano. Na Pristavi je vedno lepo, a najlepša je jesen, ko je Pristava ožarjena v vsemogočnih barvah. Že zato se šplača priti na Pristavo. V nedeljo, 11. oktobra, vam bomo pripravili tudi dobro kosilo z doma pripravljenimi pečenicami, krvavicami, riževimi klobasami, kislim zeljem, pečenim krompirjem, jabolčnim zavitkom in kavu.

Vsako leto pride na naše koline vedno več ljudi; to je znamenje, da so naše klobase res dobre in da so naši gostje z našo postrežbo zadovoljni. Serviralo se bo od 1. do 4. ure popoldne. Ta dan bo na Pristavi tudi "Open House" naše nove hiše pri vhodu na Pristavo, katero so naši člani sezidali s prostovoljnimi delom. Dokler bo Pristava imela tako požrtvovalne člane, se ni bati, da bo samevala. Pridite, ne bo vam žal!
Za odbor: U.F.

Omenil je tudi Slovenijo, ne v negativnem smislu, a tudi ne kot država, ki bi utegnila biti koristna za NATO. Po poslušanju tako referatov, ocen ter vprašanj po njih in debato, je bilo jasno, da ljudje, ki se najbolj ukvarjajo s to problematiko, ne vidijo kakšne realne možnosti za nov krog širitve NATA, kar že a priori izključuje možno oziroma eventualno slovensko članstvo. Vsi govorniki so pa poudarjali, da si bo NATO prizadeval za navezovanje različnih uradnih stikov z "upniki" na članstvo, in da bi bilo verjetno koristno za te "upnike", da te ponudbe sprejemajo.

Ocenjevalec referatov je bil edini, ki je omenil vzporeden proces evropskega združevanja in tu so možnosti za Slovenijo veliko boljše. Države Evropske zveze so v veliki večini tudi članice zveze NATO. Prizadevanje Slovenije na članstvo v EU, ki je realnejše od članstva v NATU, torej utegne biti uspešnejša in časovno hitrejša. Stališče nekaterih, da naj bi Slovenija namenoma ostala zunaj ene ali druge ali kar obeh, EU in NATO, in s tem hodila svojo ločeno, neodvisno pot v bodočnost, se ne zdi pametna glede na svetovni in evropski razvoj, ki smo ga v tem zgodovinskem trenutku priča.

Rudolph M. Susel

Zahvala Slovensko ameriškega sveta

CLEVELAND, O. — Na Delovni praznik, 7. septembra, je Slovenski ameriški svet pripravil na Slovenski pristavi srečanje z ljubljanskim nadškofom in slovenskim metropolitom dr. Franc Rodetom, ki je obiskal Cleveland za Baragove dni.

Ker pa je bilo srečanje na Pristavi povezano z velikimi pripravami in delom, je SAS naprosil za sodelovanje in pomoč. Prošnji so se odzvali številni in požrtvovalni rojaki. SAS se zato še posebej zahvaljuje vsem tistim, brez katerih sodelovanja in pomoči bi to srečanje gotovo ne bilo tako uspešno.

Najlepša hvala upravnemu odboru Slovenske pristave, da je nudil prostor za to srečanje. Prizrčna hvala č.g. Jožetu Božnarju in č.g. Janezu Kumšetu za vso njuno naklonjenost, in ostalim duhovnikom, ki so prisostvovali pri nadškofovi sv. maši. Iskrena hvala strežnikom, lektorjem in prinašalcem darov. Hvala g. Janezu Sršenju, da je vodil med mašo ljudsko petje. Hvala številnim narodnim nošam, belokranjskim, gorenjskim in drugim, da so s svojo navzočnostjo dodale k slovesnemu vzdušju tega dne.

Orlov vrh je bil praznično okrašen. Naša topla zahvala gre g. Vinkotu in ge. Mary Vrhovnik ter g. Franku in ge. Tončki Urankar, ki so oskrbeli, da je bil prostor na Orlovem vrhu lepo urejen. Zahvala gre tudi Taboru slovenskih protikomunističnih borcev, za številne zastave in zvočne naprave pri kapelici.

Nasploh je bil ves prostor Slovenske pristave bogato okrašen na čast visokemu gostu. Slavolok so postavili g. Vinko Vrhovnik in njegovi pomočniki, pletenje vencev pa sta prevzeli ga. Marija Ribič in ga. Marija Sedmak, pomagale pa so ji tudi druge požrtvovalne gospe, članice upokojenskega kluba Slovenske pristave. Oder (plesišče) je v pristenem slovenskem motivu okrasila ga. Zdenka Zakrajšek. Napis nad odrom v pozdrav nadškofu pa je naredila ga. Mara Cerar Hull. Vsem skupaj, prav lep Bog plačaj!

Ker smo pričakovali veliko množico, je bilo treba veliko pomoči v kuhinji. Vodstvo kuhinje je prevzela ga. Joži Cerar, pomagali pa so ji številni člani upokojenskega kluba Slovenske pristave. Za vodstvo kuhinje se go spej Joži Cerar najlepše zahvaljujemo, seveda hvala tudi vsem članom upokojenskega kluba Slovenske pristave, ki so ji pomagali v kuhinji in pri serviranju.

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Trgatev na Triglavskem parku - zadnji piknik

WAUKEGAN, Ill. - Prijatli obrodile so trte vince nam sladko, ki nam oživlja žile, srca razjasni in oko... in dvignili so kozarce na staro prijateljstvo iz "high school years", ko so preživljali nepozabne dneve na Triglavskem parku. Prišli so skupaj iz bližnje okolice in celo iz Oregona, stari prijatelji, sedaj že zreli možje, in njihova dobra volja je dala poseben čar letošnji trgatvi.

Tudi za ta zadnji letošnji piknik nas je vreme malo ostrašilo, vendar se je vse lepo obrnilo in je bilo čudvito popoldne. Pred dvorano je bilo vse lepo okrašeno za trgatve. Grozdje je vabilo in nova ječa z veliko novo ključavnico je čakala na predrzne tatove. Po kosilu so muzikanti pridno vlekli svoje mehove, dokler se niso pojavili "policaji". Ti so začeli loviti tatove, ki so kradli grozdje in muzika jim kar ni več mogla držati "štíha".

Ker so bili policaji "stari prijatelji", niso prizanesli z ječo niti nedolžnim žrtvam - in bilo nas je kar precej, da je bilo tako več zabave. Vsak je moral pred sodnika, da je kdo zanj plačal odkupnino. Tudi srečolov, ki na piknikih ni nič manj važen kot hrana, pijača in balinanje, je moral počakati, dokler niso polovili največjih grešnikov.

Med vsemi temi dogodki pri dvorani pa je bilo veliko zabave tudi pri balinanju, saj sta bili v akciji kar dve skupini. Vsekakor je bil letošnji zadnji piknik v zadovoljstvo vsem udeležencem.

Zahvala gre spet vsem tistim, ki so nas nasitili in odžejali, da smo bili vsi veseli in dobre volje.

Naj omenim še nekaj drugih novic s Parka. 4. septembra je obhajal svojo 90-letnico naš dolgoletni član Triglava Vlado Kralj, ki vodi slovensko radio oddajo v Milwaukeeju že nad 38 let. Triglavani smo se ga s hvaležnostjo spomnili ob priliki društvene seje z iskrenimi čestitkami in zahvalo za vse, kar je v teh letih naredil za Triglav.

Od vsega začetka je s pokojno ženo Izo režiral in sodeloval pri neštetihih proslavah in komemoracijah. Po radiju vedno oglašja datume za naše piknike, spominja se rojstnih dni in posebnih dogodkov na Triglavskem parku. S hvaležnostjo mu kličemo: še mnogo zdravih let med nami!

Naše iskrene čestitke veljajo tudi za Rezi in Jožeta Smoliča, ki sta v krogu svoje družine praznovala 50-letnico poroke. Bog vaju živi! Vse najboljše želimo tudi Veri Ornikovi, ki je obhajala svoj 80. rojstni dan. Ko smo mladi kar ne moremo



"Sodnik" sprejema denar za odkupnino



Nedolžne žrtve v ječi



Poletja na Triglavskem parku

pričakat, da bi bili polnoletni in samostojni, zdaj pa se leta usipajo kot jesensko listje!

Naj še omenim, da smo se Triglavani udeležili sv. maše v Lemontu ob priliki obiska ljubljanskega nadškofa dr. Franca Rodeta. Prinesli smo mu pozdrave vseh Triglavancov, ker ni bilo časa, da bi nas on počastil s svojim obiskom v Parku.

In še žalostna novica: spet smo pokopali dolgoletnega člana, zavednega Triglavana in domobranca, Ivana Jakoša. Po dolgi bolezni ga je Bog poklical in ga rešil vsega trpljenja. Na zadnji poti so ga spremili tudi njegovi prijatelji iz Clevelanda. Vsi, ki smo ga poznali, ga bomo ohranili v lepem spominu kot vedno veselega prijatelja.

Ženi Vidi, hčerki Vidki in vsem trem sinovom naše iskreno sožalje.

Hladna jesen že prihaja,

po dolincah se že vlečejo meglice, drevje že dobiva nove barve in nas spominja, da bo na Parku še precej dela, predno se bomo za letos zares poslovili od tega ljubega koščka zemlje, ki nas druži in razveseljuje.

Predno nas bo listje v Parku zasulo do kolen, se bodo člani društva zbrali še za občni zbor, ki bo 11. oktobra. Triglavani, znanjete en velik križ na vaših koledarjih! Vsi naši prijatelji pa na svidenje prihodnje poletje!

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V zalogi imamo še nekaj izvodov "Križev pot za Slovence", ki ga je izdal župnijski urad v Kočevju za letošnja spominsko proslavo v Kočevskem rogu in blagoslovitev postaj Križevega pota, ki jih je umetniško izrezal kočevski umetnik g. Stane Jarm. Udeleženci romanja v Frank, O., preteklo nedeljo smo ga prvič uporabili pri popoldanski pobožnosti. - Stane \$7, po pošti \$8.

V zadnjem času se je kar nekaj slovenskih rojakov, ki so bili na obisku pri sorodnikih v Clevelandu, zanimalo za slovenske knjige, ki so izšle v tujini, a jim z nekaterimi že nismo mogli postreči, ker jih nimamo več v zalogi. Nekateri starejši rojaki so pa izrazili skrb, kaj bo s knjigami, ki jih imajo, ko bo treba slediti klicu Gospodarja življenja. Rojake, ki se selijo v manjša stanovanja ali starostne domove in nimajo prostora za knjige, revije in časopise, ki so se z leti nabirale, prosimo, da pokličejo Slovensko pisarno na tel. 216-361-1603, ali Antona Oblaka na: 216-481-9150. Ne dovolite, da bi se knjige odvrgele na smetišče.

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Anton Oblak

Praznik vere in kulture

V Begunjah pri Cerknici odkrili spomenik dr. Jožetu Debevcu

V slikoviti menišeovski župniji Begunje pri Cerknici je bil v nedeljo, 30. avgusta, zares "praznik vere in kulture", kot je v svojem govoru pri maši dejal voditelj somaševanja ljubljanski pomožni škof Jožef Kvas. Praznik vere zaradi tega, ker so župljani Begunj obhajali god zavetnika župnijske cerkve apostola sv. Jerneja, kulture pa, ker je bil v parku velikih mož na poti h cerkvi odkrit spomenik pomembnemu rojaku dr. Jožetu Debevcu. To dejanje je po maši opravil predsednik Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti (SAZU) dr. France Bernik, škof Kvas pa je spomenik blagoslovil.

O liku velikega Begunjčana (Meniševca) sta že v cerkvi govorila domači župnik Ivan Petrič (v uvodu v mašo) in škof Kvas, pri akademiji po maši pa prav posebej predsednica pripravljalnega odbora za postavitelj spomenika upokojena učiteljica Marija Hren iz Bezuljaka ter slavnostni govornik, predsednik Slovenske Maticе dr. Joža Mahnič.

Hrenova je predvsem obudila spomine na dr. Debevca, ki še živijo med Meniševci. Pri njih je veljal za "dobrega, skromnega, ponižnega in učenega" človeka. Radi so ga vabili na slovesnosti, kjer je imel kot govornik glavno besedo.

Tega mu ni bilo treba dvakrat reči, saj je zelo rad prihajal v rojstni kraj, h "Grmkovim" v Begunje, kjer se je rodil 15. marca 1867 (umrl je 5. oktobra 1938 v

Ljubljani). Rad je tudi pomagati ljudem; najraje skrivaj, da ni nihče vedel, tako da si je moral dostikrat celo sposoditi denar za vožnjo nazaj v Ljubljano.

Študiral pa je toliko, da so se rojaki bali, da ne bo zaradi tega "dobil še žulje na obeh". Po učenosti mu ga v Begunjah doslej še ni bilo enakega, je poudarila govornica.

Njena živahna, po begunjsko sočna in "zategnjena" beseda je bila pravo izhodišče za strokovno predstavitev življenja, dela in pomena dr. Jožeta Debevca, ki jo je v svojem govoru izčrpno in poznavalsko opravil dr. Joža Mahnič. Opisal ga je kot duhovnika in profesorja, prevajalca, pisatelja in znanstvenika.

Največ pozornosti je namenil najpomembnejšemu Debevcem delu - prvemu celotnemu prevodu Dantejeve Božanske komedije v slovenščino z razlago. Poudaril je, da je to "temeljno pionirsko delo" vredno vsega spoštovanja in da se poznejši prevajalci, ki so se lotili prevajanja enega največjih mojstrov pesniške besede Danteja Alighierija v slovenščino, niso mogli izogniti Debevcu, čeprav ta mogoče ni bil ravno najbolj poklican za to delo, ki je klicalo po resnično pesniško nadarjenem človeku.

Njegovo delo ni doseglo priznanja, kot bi si ga zaslužilo. To priznanje, posmrtno rehabilitacijo, mu je v besedi pred odkritjem

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Vzporednice Stepinca in Rožmana

CHICAGO, Ill. - Ker bo te dni sv. oče spet stopil na Hrvaško, da bi se oddolžil Alojziju Stepincu za prstovoljno mučeništvo, je primerno omeniti še slovenskega istočasnega trpina Gregorija Rožmana. Vojni vihar je obema narinil grenko čašo, naj jo izpijeta do dna.

Slovenci še nimamo priročnika o vseh Rožmanovih korakih, iz dneva v dan, o romarskem obiskovanju italijanskih uradov, ki so ga že odkrito zmerjali z ovaduštvom in izdajalstvom, ko jim je izrekal prošnje obupan mater za podaritev življenja (navadno komunističnim) sinovom in hčeram.

Hrvatje imajo takšen dokument o svojem "Lojzku". Napisal ga je bistroumni in zvesti pribočnik Aleksa Benigar, Slovenec, v zajetni knjigi (skoraj 1000 strani) in jo je izdal v Rimu (1974).

Rožman ni imel takega naslonila; zato je svoj življenjepis opravil sam, po vojni, v treh bukvah, ki niso, žal, imele dostopne zgoščenosti. Nujna bi bila jedrnata izdaja. Zanimivo je, da nista imela - Stepinac in Rožman - osebnih dotikov; spajal ju je Sv. Duh, da sta uspevala reševati sebe in druge.

ZAHVALA

(nadaljevanje s str. 8)

Hvala gospem, ki so prodajale pecivo in popoldne delale v kuhinji. Hvala lepa vsem za darovano pecivo.

G. Rudi Merc je prevzel točilnico, pomagali pa so mu člani kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave. Vsem prisrčna hvala!

Posebna zahvala gre ge. Mary in g. Vinkotu Vrhovnik ter ge. Tončki in g. Franku Urankar za ves njihov trud in delo v vseh fazah večdnevnega pripravljavanja tega pomembnega srečanja z nadškofom na Slovenski pristavi.

Slovensko ameriški svet se pa še nadalje zahvaljuje vsem, ki so sodelovali pri popoldanskem programu: Slovenskima šolama pri Mariji Vnebovzeti in pri Sv. Vidu, folklorni skupini Kres in pevskemu zboru Korotan. Lepa hvala tudi g. Srečotu Gaserju za povezovanje programa.

Hvala Ameriški Domovini za objavo dopisov in Radijski družini Cleveland, za objavo naših sporočil in vabil na radijski oddaji "Pesmi in melodije iz naše lepe Slovenije".

Nazadnje pa se Slovensko ameriški svet zahvaljuje še vsem udeležencem tega srečanja, ki so se navkljub napovedanemu deževnemu vremenu v tako velikem številu odzvali našemu vabilu.

Slovensko ameriški svet

OZADJE

Stepinac je bil kmetavz, a Rožmana je rešila gosposka drža. Tako je bilo, žal, tudi z občutljivostjo. Lojzek je vseskozi trden, enodelen, a Gregorij nežen in spregledljiv, rešitve išče v mehkih prošnjah in diplomatskih poskusih. Ne more se primerjati z izrednim predhodnikom A. B. Jegličem, ognjevitim vojščakom, pred katerim se je umikalo vse bolešno, nezdravo in neodločno. Ali izbire ni bilo; nagla Jegličeva smrt je izročila žezlo preusmiljenemu Rožmanu.

Iz tega lahko sklepamo, da je zaradi prirojene previdnosti veliko več notranje trpel ljubljanski metropolit: Pravici sploh ni mogel ugoditi; veljavo je dal usmiljenju, tej najmanj hvaležni duševni lastnosti, ki je čezmerno terjala od njegove plemenite osebnosti preveč.

Kljub temu, da je Rožman nedopovedljivo več trpel med svojimi dvomi, kot Stepinac, je vendar - premagovaje samega sebe - izpolnil svojo dolžnost. Medtem ko je Lojzek vedno ostajal *izven* vsakega dvoma, vede, da je pravica vselej enodelna, neizogibna, je Gregoriju padala na srce široka kompleksnost in mu obteževala dejavnosti ob vsakem primeru ščitenja prizadetih.

Papež bi moral oceniti to Rožmanovo usodo kot poseben mučeniški lakmus in mu dati svetniško veljavo; saj trpinči nepretrgoma, dneve in noči brez postanka.

Stepinac bo okronan v Mariji Bistriški; prvič v 50-letni zgodovini so nam to pojasnili slovenski časniki. Kako se oddolžiti Rožmanovim duševnim prepadom in njegovim zmagam glede popuščanja v prelivanju krvi, bodi naloga rimskih komisij pri Sv. Sedežu.

Rožman ni bil nikomur nevaren; ni se ga bilo bati. Stepinčev posel je bil dokaj ostrejši, s previdnostjo so se mu približevali, ali se umikali... Pošteno je on to plačal po letu 1945; pretepali so ga med procesom; videli smo ga zabuhlega, ko je iz ječe prevažan na sodnijo. Takšen postopek bi bil skrhal nežnega Gregorija; zato so ga prijatelji pravočasno spravili na varno, ko je hotel vztrajati na domačih tleh. Umril je čaščen, naravne smrti, dočim so Lojzeka pospravili z arzenom.

Gregorij ni imel ostrejših sovražnikov med Judi, medtem ko je Alojzijeve zasluge nenehno zasenčeval nevoščljivi judovski kongres (lobi). Ko sem svojčas vprašal nekega preživelega Žida, če ima kaj proti Stepincu, je rekel, da mu zamerja (ne-

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V zahvalo in ljubeč spomin

S težkim srcem, vendar vdani v Božjo voljo, naznanjamo, da je ob letošnjem obisku njemu tako drage domovine, nenadoma umrl naš dragi mož, oče, stari oče, brat in stric



Lojze Bajc



17. junija
1927

20. julija
1998

V Slovenijo je potoval s Slovensko sobotno šolo pri fari Marije Vnebovzete in deset srečnih dni preživel na svojem domu pri sestri Francki. V četrtek je še pel v družbi prijateljev, v petek so ga odpeljali v bolnico na operacijo. V ponedeljek ga je njegov Stvarnik poklical k sebi. Takoj po operaciji in pri polni zavesti je prejel poslednje maziljenje, katerega mu je podelil častiti gospod Dušan Bratina.

Na mrtvaškem odru je ležal v domači hiši, kjer so se od njega poslovili sorodniki in prijatelji. V četrtek so častiti duhovniki msgr. g. Franc Bole, msgr. g. Franci Petrič, g. Joško Kragelj in g. John Kumse iz Združenih držav, na vrtu domačije pred odhodom za njega darovali sv. mašo. Častiti g. Venceslav Filipič je vodil obred slovesa.

V Cleveland smo ga pripeljali 28. julija. Ležal je v pogrebem zavodu Žele na E. 152. Street. K zadnjemu počitku smo ga položili 1. avgusta iz cerkve Marije Vnebovzete na pokopališče Vernih duš v Chardonu, Ohio.

Najlepše se zahvaljujemo častitim duhovnikom, ki so za Lojzeta v Sloveniji vodili pogrebne molitve in darovali poslovilno mašo; posebno smo hvaležni č.g. Dušanu Bratina za zadnje sv. maziljenje, msgr. g. Francu Bole za globoko čustvene besede o življenju našega dragega Lojzeta, in č.g. Venceslavu Filipič, upokojenemu župniku Podkrajca, za obredne molitve slovesa. Zahvaljujemo se možem in fantom iz Cola, ki so ob mrtvaškem odru v Sloveniji peli žalostinke. Hvala vsem prijateljem, vaščanom, znancem in sorodnikom, ki so darovali cvetje in se prišli posloviti od dragega Lojzeta in prisostvovali pri obrednem bogoslužju pred odhodom. Enako se zahvaljujemo tudi pevcem Podkrajске cerkve za petje ob sv. maši. Topla zahvala msgr. g. Francitu Petriču za nagovor in članek v Ameriški domovini.

Najlepšo zahvalo izrekamo Lojzetovim nečakom in nečakinjam v Sloveniji za tako lepo izvedbo Lojzetovega kropljenja, slovesa in zadnje poti iz domače hiše in Slovenije. Skrbno organiziran potek slovesa nam je bil v veliko tolažbo.

Srčna zahvala č.g. John Kumsetu za molitve v pogrebem zavodu Žele in obredno bogoslužje v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete. Enako se zahvaljujemo č.g.g. Jožetu Božnarju, Pavlu Krajniku, Viktorju Tomcu, Francu Urbaniji in Jožetu Černetu za somaševanje in molitve.

Toplo zahvalo izrekamo Slovenski radijski družini za sporočilo Lojzetove smrti in žalostinke; predsedniku Slovenskega ameriškega sveta g. Mateju Roesmannu in direktorju zavoda Žele za pogrebni nagovor; Ameriški domovini za objavo člankov in sporočila; društvu Protikomunističnih borcev za darovan mašniški plašč; Pristavskim upokojencem za molitve rožnega venca in prof. g. Vinkotu Lipovcu za besede slovesa; Slovenski ambasadi pri Sv. Sedežu za venec in izrečeno sožalje; g. Rudiju Knezu za glasbo v cerkvi; pevcem in pevkam cerkve Marije Vnebovzete za petje pri pogrebni sv. maši.

Prisrčna hvala Ivanu Hauptmanu za branje zadnje Lojzetove pesmi ob koncu bogoslužja; lectorju Franku Urankarju za branje berila in Julki Zalar, ki je s svojimi pomočnicami po pogrebu pripravila tako bogato pojedino. Hvala direktorju pogrebnege zavoda Žele, g. Sutton Girod, za vso pomoč in nasvete ter lepo urejen pogreb.

Zahvaljujemo se vsem prijateljem, rojakom in znancem, še posebno Lojzetovim sodelavcem pri fari Marije Vnebovzete, pri društvih in organizacijah, ki so prišli k slovesu, se udeležili pogrebne sv. maše in zadnje poti našega dragega Lojzeta; vsem, ki so poslali cvetje in kartice; za sočustvovanje in tolažbo, za podporno pomoč in spomine; za stisk roke in izrečeno sožalje.

Razposlali smo zahvalne kartice vsem, katerih naslove imamo. Če kdo ni prejel osebne zahvale, prosimo, naj oprostí in sprejme to javno zahvalo. Vsem se iz srca zahvaljujemo! Naj Vam Bog povrne vso Vašo dobroto.

Dragi Lojze, s svojo ljubeznijo do družine in domovine, z dobrodušno naravo in z veselim nasmehom, s pripravljenostjo za pomoč in s svojimi pesmimi, boš vedno živ med nami. Tvoja ljubezen je naša dediščina. Tvoj spomin nas bo kljub Tvoji odsotnosti vodil v življenju, nas krepil in nam vlival pogum. Naj Te Bog poplača v svojem domovanju!

Žalujoci: žena Marija, roj. Kozar

hčere: Danica (Pulver), Marjanca, Karolina (Aricanli), Johanca;

sin: Andrej

zeta: Jim Pulver, Suat Aricanli; snaha: Donna

vnuka in vnukinje: Kurt, Evren, Emily, Angie, Jessica;

sestre: Francka; Ivanka Kalc in Ančka Nusdorfer z družinami v Sloveniji;

pokojni: brata Franc in Jože; sestre Micka, Slavka, Stanka;

nečak v Clevelandu, Frank Bajc z družino

in ostali sorodniki v Sloveniji.

Cleveland, Ohio, 1. oktobra 1998.

KANADSKA DOMOVINA

PAVLE KVEDER: 85-letnik

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. - Kakor pravi pesem: "Vse je lepo, na svoj način." Tudi prerija, ki si jo mnogi predstavljajo kot puščavo, je po svoje lepa. Posebno še ko njej valovijo nedogledna zlato rumenkasta žitna polja...

Ob času, ko je bila žetev v največjem razmahu, so bile v tukajšnjem lokalnem dnevniku parkrat objavljene fotografije prikupnega znanca Pavleta Kvedra, proslavlajočega petinosemdesetega rojstnega dneva. Obenem pa tudi vabilo k praznovanju njegovih visokih let. Poleg njegove družine se je udeležilo tej slovesnosti lepo število prijateljev in znancev, kar je dokaz, da je Pavle v tukajšnjem kraju dobro poznan in upoštevan.

Zvon sv. Petra v Ljubljani je Pavleta 30. julija 1913 privabil na ta svet. V skromnosti je preživel svojo mladost. Z instruiranjem si je pomagal skozi svoj študij. Pridno je ministriral pri sv. Petru in kot učiteljski pri zgodnjih sv. mašah v stolnici. Dobro se še spominja svojih sovrstnikov, ki so v njihovem življenju postali znani, zaslužni narodni možje.

Pavle se je udeleževal pri mnogih športnih, pa tudi drugih društvih. V ljubljanskih časopisih je objavljaj športno kritiko. Po končanem učiteljskem je bil izbran kot eden izmed mnogih kandidatov v enoletni tečaj telesne vzgoje v Beogradu. Po končanem tečaju je poučeval na ljubljanskih gimnazijah in se med tem tudi udeleževal univerzitetnih predavanj.

V času, ko je Pavle začel uživati sadove naporene mladosti, je za naš narod nastopila najstrahotnejša doba njene zgodovine. S pomočjo velesil je zmagalo zlo. Takrat je preko meje bežalo trume rojakov. Med njimi so bili trije Kvedrovi fantje. Lojze, najmlajši, je bil žrtev vetrinske tragedije. Jože, kot splošni zdravnik v Spittalau, je med avstrijskimi prebivalci užival velik ugled in priznanje.

Zdravnik dr. Jože je Pavleta obiskal v Kanadi in je Pavle to veselo snidenje delil tudi z rojaki, ki smo Jožeta poznali iz begunstva. Nekaj let po Jožetovim obisku smo se pridružili Pavletu k žalovanju, ko je prejel poročilo, da je Jože umrl.

Mnogi se spominjamo Pavleta iz begunskih tabo-

rišč. Posebno še gimnazijski dijaki, ki jih je poučeval in so sedaj razkropljeni po vsem svetu. Eden od njih je bil sedanji kardinal dr. Alojzij Ambrožič. Spominjajo se ga igralci nogometa, člani dramskega odseka, igralci taroka in šaha.

Pavle se je v taborišču poročil s prikupnim dekletom Tončko Šifrer. Kmalu po poroki sta se podala preko morja na plantaže sladkorne pese v zahodni Kanadi. Po napornem dvehletnem kontraktu se je Pavle oprijel tesarstva. Težko, a kljub temu razmeroma hitro se je prilagodil popolnoma novemu poklicu. S vsakom Francetom sta si za svoje družine zgradila eden poleg drugega prijetne domove.

V času, ko se je najlepše razvijala družinska sreča, je Kvedrova družina leta 1966 v prometni nesreči izgubila nenadomestljivo mamico, in to v času, ko bi jo najbolj potrebovala.

Vso skrb in vzgojo štirih mladoletnih otrok, starih od 8. do 14. leta, dve dekleti in dva fanta, je moral prevzeti Pavle. V pomoč mu je bil Pavletov svak France in njegova žena Zvonka. Družina je dorastla, vsi so dobro preskrbljeni in živijo z družinicami v svojih udobnih domovih. Pavle se ponaša s šestimi vnukinjami in šestimi vnuki, ki so vsi navdušeni športniki.

Prostega časa Pavle gotovo nima, posebno ne v poletju. Poleg gospodinjstva, lepo ureja vrtno gredice. Njegov dom pa je ves obdan s cvetjem. Del svojega časa posveča kot član tukajšnji zelo uspešni pokojninski organizaciji, ki nudi svojim članom vse vrste aktivnosti.

Ko nas obiskujejo slovenski misijonarji je Pavle še vedno stalni bralec beril. Poleg vseh aktivnosti je dopisnik v kanadskem delu Ameriške domovine, pod psevdonimom "PAK".

Želimo, da bi Pavle še na mnoga leta nadaljeval z vsemi svojimi aktivnostmi. Ob tej priliki mu tukajšnja slovenska srenja prisrčno čestita in mu kliče: "Bog Te živi, Pavle!"

Omembe vredna je zlata poroka Zvonke in Franceta Šifrer. V krogu svojih petih otrok in vnukinje (ki so za to slavnost prihitali iz več krajev Kanade) in bližnjih sorodnikov, sta 17. julija 1998 Zvonka in France praznovala svojo zlato poroko v Kranju, Slovenija, v Francetovem rojstnem kraju.

Slovesni so bili obredi obnovitve poročnih zaobljub s sv. mašo. Po cerkvenem obredu je sledila bogata in okusna pojedina. Vse slavje je s pomočjo svoje družine spretno organizirala Francetova sestra Jelka Jese.

Vsa naša srenja vama k zlati poroki prisrčno čestita in vama kliče: "Bog Vaju živi še na mnoga leta!"

V letošnjem poletju sta obiskala Franci in Tinca Dimnik svoje bratrance in sestrično ter njihove družine v Lethbridge. Spoznala sta obširnost Kanade, ker sta iz Toronta do Lethbridgega potovala z avtomobilom.

Tone D.

PRAZNIK VERE

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spomenika dal sam predsednik SAZU, ko je o dr. Debevca dejal, da je s prevodom enega največjih del svetovne književnosti "razširil duhovno in estetsko obzorje Slovencev".

Slavnostna akademija v Begunjah pri Cerknici ni samo vrnila velikega Meniševca v obliki portreta v bronu na toskanskem stebru iz kamna osojnice (akademski kiparka Milena Braniselj iz Cerknice, dipl. arhitekt Marjan Loboda iz Begunj in kamnosek Evgen Avsec iz Kala pri Pivki) na prvo mesto v parku znamenitih župljanov.

Vrnila ga je tudi v Slovenijo kot velikega, po krivici zamolčanega (bil je pač duhovnik) umetnika in znanstvenika. Kot duhovnik pa, žal, ostaja še naprej "zamolčan" pri napisu na spomeniku. Bil pa je najprej ravno to, mož vere, šele potem kulture, kar je jasno v svojem govoru v cerkvi povedal škof Kvas.

Zelo lepo pripravljeno akademijo je posebej poživilo petje domačega mešanega cerkvenega pevskega zbora pod vodstvom zborovodja in skladatelja Janeza Kranjca.

Jožef Pavlič

Družina, 6. sept. 1998

VZPOREDNICE

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

sramnost" med 2. svetovno vojno, ko ga, ni hotel sprejeti v semenišče (dejansko "skrivališče), če - vsaj začasno - "ne spremenim svojega priimka". Pravo hudodelstvo!

Glede Rožmana se potrkajmo na prsi... Našli smo mu častno počivališče v Lemontu, toda cvetje se mu ne donša, niti mu ne gorijo sveče. Dvignimo Gregori-

Zopet smo letos romali v Midland...

...v poznem poletju, v nedeljo, 13. septembra, k cerkvi kanadskih mučencev, k slovenskemu spominskemu križu, da zbrani iz mnogih ontarijskih krajev skupno počastimo spomin francoskih jezuitskih misijonarjev, ki so pred tri sto leti v tem delu Kanade oznanjali krščanstvo med Indijanci in umrli mučeniške smrti.

Od leta 1950, ko je bil z nami še pokojni škof dr. Gregorij Rožman, romamo v ta kraj ob spodnjem jugovzhodnem brezu Huronskega jezera, da v skupni molitvi poživimo svojo vero in se poklonimo spominu naših slovenskih mučencev, domobrancev in vseh žrtev rdeče revolucije na naši zemlji.

Takrat smo bili še mladi, novi priseljenci iz evropskih povojnih taborišč. Hvaležni Bogu za življenje in rešitev iz težkih časov, smo v prvih letih z avtobusi romali v Midland, ki je za nas postal prava slovenska božja pot v tujini. Iz leta v leto nepretrgoma prihajamo, prvotni romarji že v letih in z mlajšim rodom še vedno v stotinah.

Pri sveti maši in posebno pri petih litanijah Matere božje kipi v nebo mogočno ljudsko petje kot na velikih božjih poteh v Sloveniji. Takrat nam je vse božje in Marijino blizu, da vztrepeta srce in se duša dvigne v božjo prostost in nebeško lepoto...

Takrat nas prevzame misel na naše starše in dobre vzgojitelje, ki so s svojim zgledom in besedo ravnali naša pota po tradiciji našega krščanskega ljudstva, za kar smo jim neskončno hvaležni...

V množici narodnosti, ki sestavljajo današnjo Kanado in obiskujejo Midland, imamo Slovenci svoj prostor in čas sedaj vsakoletno drugo septembrsko nedeljo.

V mirnem sončnem dnevu smo se ob pol enajsti uri udeležili komemoracije pri slovenskem križu. Mlade smreke okrog kamenitih znamenj povojnih grobišč v Sloveniji nas bodo vedno spominjale Orlovega vrha na

jev pomen in naj vsaj ostane mlajšemu rodu naloga njegove posvetitve! Slednjič, poskrbimo za udobnejši dokument o njegovi celotni osebnosti Kalvariji, kot je naš Benigar ovekovečil Alojzija Stepinca. Ali naj čakamo, da to stori neki Hrvat?

M. Milanez

ljubljskem gradu in žalostnih domačih gozdov.

Blaž Potočnik, predsednik društva Tabor, je govoril o pomenu in zavezi našega romanja. Pretresljiv je bil odlomek iz Kalinove Velike črne maše za pobite Slovence, ki ga je prebrala Anica Resnik. Ljubljanski nadškof dr. Franc Rode je počastil naše srečanje ob križu. Z modro besedo je razgrnil resnico o tragiki našega naroda v letih 1941-1945, ki ji ni primere v evropski zgodovini. Potrdil je naše prizadevanje in delo za resnico in ohranitev svetega spomina mučencev domobrancev. Svečano petje Križmanovih pevcev je zaključilo prvi del romanja. Program je povezoval inž. Ciril Pleško.

Podali smo se k molitvi križevega pota po bregu za romarsko cerkvijo, ki jo je vodil Franc Pajk. Pri petnajstih postajah smo premišljevali križev pot Slovencev v maju in juniju 1945, ki so ga letos prvič molili pri komemoraciji v Kočevskem Rogu. Po trpljenju in smrti je Vstali Kristus nad grobnico mučencev edino poročilo njihove pravice in zmagane.

Za sv. mašo ob eni in pol uri popoldne so slovenski romarji do kraja napolnili prostorno cerkev. Nadškof dr. Franc Rode je ob asistenci čč.gg. Tineta Batiča, Ivana Plazarja, Franceta Slobodnika in tajnika Jezerčiča daroval sv. mašo. V prezbiteriju sta bila navzoča še čč. Ciril Čarga in Franc Mihelič.

V slavnostnem ozračju ob nadškofovem govoru o pravem mučeništvu, o hoji za Kristusom v veličino popolnosti, po dolgih vrstah vernikov k sv. obhajilu in ob petih lavretanskih litanijah Matere božje smo doživljali poseben praznik blagoslova in notranjega miru, ki ga srcu prinaša vera v božjo prisotnost v našem vsakdanjem življenju...

Sredi popoldneva, po končani pobožnosti smo poiskali znance in prijatelje, izmenjali pozdrave in novice, se spomnili znanih, ki so zemsko romanje že končali in šteli nov rod, ki stopa v naše stopinje, da vseslovensko romanje v Midland ostane za ontarijske Slovence poseben praznik srečanj, zgodovinskih spominov in molitve.

Anica Resnik
TORONTO, KANADA

Z Ameriško Domovino boste vedno na tekočem!

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1249. V zadnjih dveh člankih sem

povedala, da prideta v naše mesto Cleveland dva misijonarja z Madagaskarja in sicer: g. Lojze Letonja in g. Tone Kerin.

G. Letonja ima brata v Montrealu, g. Franca, ki je zadnjič praznoval srebrno sv. mašo in sta se te slovesnosti oba misijonarja udeležila. Na pot v naše mesto ju je usmeril g. srebrnomašnik, za kar iskrena hvala!

V petek, 18. septembra, zvečer sta misijonarja prispela v naše mesto. Lepo smo ju pozdravili v imenu vseh, ki bereto to kolono, in tudi vas, ki pomagate pri prireditvah. V soboto sta si malo ogledala naše mesto, v nedeljo sta v naši cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete maševala pri deseti maši. Popoldne je bil njima sestanek v sejni sobi, nato pa sta šla na Slovensko pristavo.

Pri deseti maši je imel g. Letonja zelo zanimivo pridigo: Kdo je misijonar, kaj dela misijonar? Ko je Jezus naročil apostolom: Pojdite po vsem svetu, učite vse narode in jih krščujte v imenu Sv. Trojice, je to Njegovo naročilo za vse ljudi, ki so člani Cerkve. Vsi, ki smo bili krščeni, smo

misijonarji, morali bi misliti, da je naše delo, ne samo zase ostati kristjan, ampak širiti to krščanstvo naprej.

Kaj dela misijonar? Označena evangelij in deli zakramente. Najvažnejši zakrament je sv. krst, zato je zelo važna priprava nanj. Veliko časa se posveti, da krščenca dobro pripravijo na ta zakrament. Tudi vaši župniki z veliko skrbjo delijo ta zakrament. Jezus je največ ozdravljaj bolnike, kar je zakrament bolniškega maziljenja, mi pa pripravljamo ljudi, da bodo vse zakramente vredno prejeli.

Na sestanku sta bila oba misijonarja zelo zgovorna. G. Kerin je povedal, da sta starša zelo verna, kar so tudi otroke navajali k takemu življenju. Iz ljubezni do Boga in do človeka se je odločil za duhovniški poklic. Ko je pa poslušal misijonarje, ki so prihajali na obisk, kolika potreba je na misijonskem polju, se je odločil, da gre tudi on v misijone.

V ta namen se je učil francoščine, a ko je prišel na Madagaskar, se je moral učiti malgaščine. Za prve tri mesece, ko se je učil novega jezika, so mu dali tudi delo, da je obiskoval jetnike in jetične bolnike. V tisto temo je prinašal upanje, zbudil je državo, da se je pričela zanimati za te reveže, on sam pa je pred tabernakljem zorel v veri.

Nato je odšel na župnijo,

kjer se je začel odpirati malgaškemu človeku, da je iskal stike z njim, ga študiral, se mu posvečal. Trinajst let dela na tem otoku na jugovzhodnem delu Afrike. Pred tremi leti je prevzel novo župnijo, ki je zelo raztegnjena, pa težko dostopna z vozilom. Največ časa zgubi, ko pešači od ene vasi do druge. Konec oktobra gre nazaj na Madagaskar, med svoje Malgaše, katere je vzljubil.

G. Lojze Letonja je zadnji dve leti pomagal pri zidavi nove cerkve v njegovi župniji. Ko so jo posvetili, je tudi vzel slovo od svojih župljanov. Tudi g. Letonja je bil trinajst let na Madagaskarju. Pred štirimi leti so ga vprašali, če bi šel na drugi misijon. Pristal je in v začetku oktobra bo odpotoval v Sibirijo, v pomoč misijonarju g. Tomažu Maveriču.

Sestanek je bil zelo živahen. Vsi smo z zanimanjem poslušali, nekateri so stavili vprašanja in tudi dobili odgovore. Nazadnje sta v malgaščini misijonarja zmolila očenaš in nam dala blagoslov.

Knezova sta ju odpeljala še na Slovensko pristavo, da sta si ogledala še ta košček zemlje in se malo pogovorila s tamkajšnjimi posetniki.

V LJUBEČ IN BLAG SPOMIN

ob tretji obletnici,
ko je bil poklican od nas,
naš skrbni mož in oče,
stari ata, brat in stric



JANEZ KOŠIR
Umrl 2. oktobra 1995

Spavaj mirno v tihem grobu,
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V ponedeljek, 21. sept., zjutraj sta še maševala v naši cerkvi, malo kasneje so ju Knezovi pobrali za kosilo. Ob eni uri so se ustavili še pri naši hiši, da smo si rekli: srečno pot, veliko blagoslova pri vsem delu. Nato so obrzdeli proti letališču, da ju je letalo odpeljalo v Toronto.

Hvala Vam, g. župnik, da ste ju sprejeli za prenočitev in za maševanje. Hvala vam vsem, ki ste se odzvali in prišli v tako lepem številu na sestanek, darovali za njuna misijona, tako za Madagaskar kot za Sibirijo. Naj vam vsem poplača nebeški Oče s svojim blagoslovom, iskreno želi

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3. – Fantje na vasi imajo koncert v SND na St. Clairju. Pričetek ob 7h zv.

4. – Oltarno društvo župnije Marije Vnebovzete pripravi kosilo v šolski dvorani. Serviranje od 11. do 1. pop.

4. – Društvi KSKJ št. 226 in 172 prirejata dobrodelno kosilo v pomoč po potresu prizadetim rojakom v Posočju. Serviranje od 11. dop. do 1.30 pop. v avditoriju sv. Vida na Glass Ave.

11. – Ameriška dobrodelna Zveza (ADZ) prireja Pečenje školjk na svojem letovišču v Leroy Twp.

11. – Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave pripravi kosilo z domačimi kolinami, na SP.

18. Občni zbor Slovenske pristave, na SP.

24. – Štajerski in Prekmurski klub priredi martinovanje, v SND na St. Clair Ave. Igra Stane Mejač orkester.

24. – Pevski zbor Zarja ima jesenski koncert v SDD na Recher Ave. v Euclidu.

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1. Ameriška dobrodelna Zveza (ADZ) praznuje 88. obletnico obstoja, v SND na St. Clair Ave.

7. – Pevski zbor Glasbena Matica priredi koncert v SND na St. Clair Ave.

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15. – Mladinski pevski zbor kr. št. 2 SNPJ ima koncert ob 60. obletnici ustanovitve, v SDD na Recherjevi ulici.

DECEMBER

4. – Slovensko ameriški kulturni svet priredi Srečanje s škofom Pevcem na Borromeo s sv. mašo ob 7h zvečer.

6. – SKD Triglav, Milwaukee, ima miklavževanje na Triglavskem parku.

20. – Društvo SPB ima vsakoletno božnicnico, ob pol treh pop., v dvorani pri Sv. Vidu.

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JANUAR

23. – Odbor Slovenske pristave priredi vsakoletno "Pristavko noč", v SND na St. Clair Ave. Igrajo Veseli godci.

FEBRUAR

5., 6. in 7. – Slovenska poslovna skupnost organizira smučarski izlet z veleslalom tekmami v Ski Windham v Windham, NY.

APRIL

5. do 11. – Newyorški Slovenci organizirajo smučarski izlet v Aspen, Kolo.

10. – Tabor DSPB priredi družabni večer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Pričetek ob 7. uri. Po večerji ples, igrajo Veseli godci.

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