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ANGLEŽI VRGLI 2000 TON BOMB NA FRANKURT

Ruske kolone se vate proti poljski meji

NOVI NAPADI NA JAPONSKE BAZE

London, 21. dec.—Angleži letalci so sinoči vrgli 2000 ton razstrelnih in zažigalnih bomb na Frankfurt, središče orožne in kemične industrije v Nemčiji. V napadih na to in druga mesta so Angleži izgubili 42 bombarfov.

London, 21. dec.—Ruska baltiška armada je zasedla nadaljnji 70 naselbin v prodiranju proti poljski in letski meji, se glasi naznano v Moskve. Nemci se umijejo na vse črti in puščajo velike zaloge orožja in streliva.

Velika sovjetska ofenziva na južni strani Nevela, tuk nad mejo Belo Rusije, se nadaljuje. Prve ruske čete so v prodiranju v smeri Polotska in Vitebska, važnih železniških križišč, doseglo do točke, ki je oddaljnjih 50 milj od Poljske in Letiske. V enem tednu so Rusi reokupirali ozemlje v obsegu tisoč kvadratnih milij in pobili uter skoro 24.000 sovražnikov.

Rusi so odbili nemške protinapade na svoje pozicije v korenstenskem sektorju, zapadno od Kijeva, glavnega mesta Ukrajine, in v bližini Kirovografa, pravi moskovski bulleten. Radio Berlin je sinoči priznal nemški četrt vzhodnega brega reke Dnjepor na nasprotni strani Hersona. Mnenje prevladuje, da se Rusi pripravljajo na naskok na to mesto.

Zavezniški stan v Alžiru, 21. dec.—Oddelek pete ameriške armade se po okupaciji San Pietra, važne trdnjave v nemški bojni črti, prodrl dve milijarde in se približali San Vittoru, drugi trdnjavski točki, se glasi naznano. San Vittore je oddaljen šest milij od Cassina, kjer se odpira pot v Rim.

Osmi britški armada je zasedla vas Consalvo, šest milij stran od Orsogne, po bitki, v kateri so bili Nemci poraženi. Slednji so izgubili 2400 vojakov v bitkah z etonati britške armade v tem sektorju italijanske fronte.

London, 21. decembra.—Britški bombniki so ponovno metali bombe na nemška mesta in industrijska središča. Sili so v akcijo potem, ko so ameriške letalte trdnjave bombardirale Bremen, glavno bazo nemških podmornic. V spopadu v zraku so Američani sestrelili 42 nemških bojnih letal, sami pa so izgubili 25 bombnikov in 11 bojnih letal.

Zavezniški stan na Pacifiku, 21. dec.—Cete ameriške armade, kateri poveljuje general Walter Krueger, so okupirale dolg pas arapskega ozemlja, šest milj vzhodno od rta Mersuka. Nova Britanija. Prve ameriške čete so se izkrcale na tem otoku 15. decembra.

Glavni stan generala Douglasa MacArthurja poroča, da so ameriški letalci vrgli 414 ton bomb na japonske baze in pozicije na zapadni konici Nove Britanije.

Stavka mestnih uslužencev v Montrealu

Montreal, Kanada, 21. dec.—Okrog 2300 mestnih uslužencev je zastavkovalo za zvišanje plače, priznanje unije in izboljšanje delovnih pogojev. Pred enim tem, so zastavkali policiji in gospodarji v Montrealu. Stavka, ki trajala en dan, je bila končana z delno zmago policajev in gospodarjev.

PRIZNANJE AKTIVNIM ČLANOM

Kampanja mladinskega oddelka, katera je bila razpisana ob tridesetletnici istega, je uspela boljše kot se je prvotno pričakovalo, zakar, kot običajno, gre zaslužna onim delavnim ter aktivnim članom jednote, ki so še vedno pripravljeni nekaj žrtvovati za organizacijo. Vsled tega smatram za dolžnost, da v imenu jednote na tem mestu izrečem najtoplješo zahvalo vsem onim, ki so v tem ali onem oziru pripomogli do tako dobrega uspeha in značilnega napredka v članstvu, posebno pa še naslednjim kontestantom, ki so se v teku kampanje posebno trudili:

TEKMOVALCI RAZREDA "A"

Tekmovalec—št. društva—kraj	Število članov	Število članov nad kvoto
Društvo št. 21, Pueblo, Colo.	61	32
Anne Gostkowski, štev. 680, Verona, Pa.	41	12
Milan Medvešek, štev. 5, Cleveland, Ohio	40	10
Josephine Močnik, štev. 137, Cleveland, Ohio	30	7

TEKMOVALCI RAZREDA "B"

George Smrek, štev. 122, Aliquippa, Pa.	32	23
Joseph Snay, štev. 13, Bridgeport, Ohio	34	16
Lenhart Werdinek, štev. 29, Thomas, W. Va.	17	13
Lucas Dernovsek, štev. 273, Sheldon, Wis.	23	12

TEKMOVALCI RAZREDA "C"

Mary Udovich, štev. 102, Chicago, Ill.	56	47
Frank Pavletich, štev. 238, Mansfield, Ohio	23	20
John Nemanich, štev. 172, Beadling, Pa.	26	19
Joe Kolenc, štev. 381, Aguilar, Colo.	11	7

TEKMOVALCI RAZREDA "D"

John Shular, štev. 206, Gross, Kansas	20	17
Paul Benich, štev. 238, Mansfield, Ohio	10	5
Helena Kristof, štev. 163, Albion, Iowa	9	4
Angela Nagode, štev. 430, Gebo, Wyo.	9	4

TEKMOVALCI POSEBNIH NAGRAD

Mary Udovich, štev. 102, Chicago, Ill.	56	47
Društvo št. 21, Pueblo, Colo.	61	32
George Smrek, štev. 122, Aliquippa, Pa.	32	23
Frank Pavletich, štev. 679, St. Louis, Mo.	23	20
John Nemanich, štev. 172, Beadling, Pa.	26	19
Joe Kolenc, štev. 381, Aguilar, Colo.	11	7

ČLANI MLADINSKEGA ODDELKA V TEKMI

Sylvia Trojar, štev. 1 (Krožek 28), Chicago, Ill.	17	12
Mildred Padar, štev. 580 (Krožek 50), Brooklyn, N. Y.	13	8
Marion Kaučič, štev. 185 (Krožek 38), Cleveland, Ohio	8	3
Frank Bedeny, štev. 700 (Krožek 28), Roundup, Mont.	7	2
Martin Chick, štev. 29 (Krožek 18), Thomas, W. Va.	6	1
James Podboy, štev. 589 (Krožek 27), Strabane, Pa.	5	—

Bratje in sestre! Za vašo pomoč in kooperacijo v kampanji tega leta se je članstvo jednotne znatno pomnilo in upati je, da boste s svojim plodonosnim delom nadaljevali tudi izven kampanje, kolikor vam bodo razmere ter okoliščine dopuščale. Kadar pa zopet pride prošnja ali razpis nove kampanje, da se vanjo ponovno vržete s tako odločnostjo, kakor ste se v kampanjah letos. V Slovenski narodni podporni jednoti je še vedno dovolj prostora za one, ki hočejo postati člani delavske podporne ustanove. Ker bo naša organizacija prihodnje leto obuhajala 40-letnico svojega obstanka, se že sedaj opozarja članstvo na to zgodovinsko obletnico, katero lahko izrabimo v reklamne svrhe, če že v drugim ne, vsaj v tem, da bomo zopet skušali pomnožiti članstvo naše organizacije.

Naše geslo mora biti: naprej v agitaciji za članstvo! Naprej v idejah in načelih, na katerih temelji naša organizacija!

Želim vsem bratom in sestrám vesele božične praznike!

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

Rusija osvojila novo himno

"Zmaga" nadomesti "Internacionalo"

London, 21. dec.—Sovjetska Rusija je opustila "Internacionalo" kot narodno himno, ob kateri so paradiški komunisti v njihovi pristaši so z dovoljenjem zavezniških vojaških avtoritetov. Na tem shodu so spomnili spomislja Giovanni Amendola, katerega so fašisti ubili leta 1926.

Ljudje so nosili znake kladiva in srpa in rdeče zvezde na svojih rokavih in oddajali pozdrave s stisnjениmi pestmi. Množica je izvajala prvega političnega shoda z dovoljenjem zavezniških vojaških avtoritetov. Na tem shodu so spomnili spomislja Giovanni Amendola, katerega so fašisti ubili leta 1926.

"Internacionala", himna ruske revolucije, kakor "Marseljeza", je bila bolj mednarodni simbol nego narodna himna. Mnogi so jo smatrati za simbol komunizma, katerega so sovražili, drugim pa je bila himna simbol borbe proti zatiranju. "Internacionala" je bila pesem članov mednarodne brigade, ki so se borili na strani španskih lojalistov proti Francovim fašistom, pristaniščim delavcem v Hamburgu in ameriškim komunistom, kadar so paradiški komunisti v New Yorku ob praznovanju Prvega maja, mednarodnega delavskoga praznika.

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cijih kontrolirana pariska radiostaja v Vichyju, Francija, poroča na podlagi vesti iz Tokija, da je bilo oseb arretiranih v Franciji 4000 oseb arretiranih v Franciji v zadnjih dveh tednih. Vsi so označeni kot teroristi, banditi, komunisti in uporniki.

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Naša pomožna akcija

Zbiranje obleke za stari kraj

Kot znano, smo ameriški Slovenci takoj po vpodu nacističnih tolovajskih vojnih čet v Jugoslavijo zaslužili, da bo naša starost domovina strašno veliko trpela. Ne samo, da bo ljudstvo preganjano in mučeno ter doprinošalo velikansko krvne žrtve, temveč bo tam nastala tudi nepopisna beda. Zaenčo pa smo se zavedali, da bo naša dolžnost pomagati, kajti nesrečno slovensko ljudstvo nima nikogar, h komur bi se moglo z zaupanjem obrniti, razen do svojih boljših situiranih bratov in sester v daljnji Ameriki. Zavedali smo se nadalje tudi, da bo naša pomoč najbolj zanesljiva, ako se za pomočno akcijo organiziramo in to nas je dovedlo, da smo ustanovili Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekacija.

Da se v tej sluttini nismo vralli, najboljše pričajo številna poročila, ki kljuk strogi cenzuri in drugim zaprekam polagoma prihajajo do nas vse od tedaj. Naše ljudstvo je bilo okradeno in oropano vsega in z velikim upanjem se obrača do nas. Potrebujemo hrane, obleke, orodja, semen, živine, poslopij in sploh vsega. Veliko bo torej treba zbrati, da bo naša pomoč res kaj zategla. Zato, bratje in sestre, posezimo spet v žep in darujmo v to svrho, kakor največ moremo! Baš sedaj, ko so božični in novoletni prazniki, ko je skoraj vsak izmed nas nekam posebno razpoložen, da kaj podari, je pravi čas, da se spomnimo tudi na naše nesrečne rojake v starem kraju.

Ke zadnje čase o pomočni akciji nismo posebno pisali, so se nekateri očividno že začeli bati, da bomo pustili stvar zaspali.

Temu pa ni tako. Pomočna akcija gre s svojim tokom naprej – počasi pa sigurno. Najboljši dokaz zato so poročila o prejetih prispevkih, ki jih priobčujemo vsak mesec sproti. Ako nismo bili poslednje čase posebno gledali pomočne akcije, je največ vzrok, ker smo hoteli dati SANSU ali naši politični akciji, ki je tudi potrebnega, nekaj več priložnosti. To pa naj ne zadružuje nikogar. Obe akciji sta potrebnih in vsakdo lahko prispeva za prvo ali drugo, najboljše pa bo storil, ako daruje za obe!

V pomočno akcijo bi seveda spadalo tudi zbiranje obleke za stari kraj, glede česar se nekateri tako ogrevajo. Ni dvoma, da bi se nabralo precej ponosene pa drugače še dobre obleke med nam, in tudi ne more biti dvoma, da bi v starem kraju to hvaležno sprejeli. Toda z zbiranjem obleke je ta kriz, da jo je treba kmalu odpolati, kakor delajo Rusi in drugi, ki imajo prevozne ladje na razpolago ter uvoz dovoljen. Za Slovenijo in sploh za Jugoslavijo je to za enkrat še izključeno. Ako bi pa najeli prostore za skladisče, bi morali imeti tudi osobe za upravo, čiščenje in pažnjo itd., kar pa preveč stanje in mi nimamo denarja za to.

Z zbiranjem obleke v kaki centrali se torej za enkrat ne moremo začeti. Priporočljivo pa je, da si vsakdo, ki želi darovati ponoseno ali kakršnokoli obleko, nabavi zato sposoben zabolj ali bakso, v kateri naj jo drži, dokler ne pride čas, da bomo tudi mi lahko poslati direktno v stari kraj. Seveda je tako obleko treba najprej dobro očistiti in poskrbeti, da je moli ne žro. To se nam zdi za enkrat najbolj priporočljivo in nedvomno bo tudi najcenejše. Upamo, da se bodo tudi ostali strinjali z nami glede tega.

V. Cainkar,
predsednik JPO-SS.

da pride vsaj enkrat na leto na sejo. Posebno važna je glavna, na kateri so volitve odbora in tudi napravljenje smernice za prihodnje leto. Torej ne pozabite priti. Naše društvo steje 103 člane, na sejo jih pa pride 10-12. Imamo člane, ki niso bili na seji že več let.

Joseph T. Turck, tajnik.

Porečam tudi, da je naše društvo narastlo za 15 članov v mladinskom oddelku – pet več kot je bila naša kvota v zadnjih kampanjih.

Louis Lejevic, tajnik.

Trinidad, Colo.—Prosim člane društva 66 SNPJ, da poravnajo svoj asesment do 31. dec., da bom ob zaključku leta mogel napraviti račune. Obenem vas prosim, da se vsi udeležite prihodnje seje, ki se vrši 26. dec. ob 10. dopoldne v naših prostorih.

Charles Kersie, tajnik.

Auburn, Ill.—Vabim vse članstvo društva 335 SNPJ, da se udeležite glavne 26. dec. točno ob 10. zjutraj v naših prostorih. Ta dan so volitve odbora za 1944 in določene bodo tudi smernice za prihodnje leto.

Matt Karish, tajnik.

Aurora, Minn.—Naznanjam vsemu članstvu društva 43 SNPJ, da sem na glavni seji oddal tajniško delo. Prihodnji tajnik bo Charles Jerich st. Prosim vse člane in članice, da plačate asesment ob nedeljah od ene do treh popoldne na mojem domu; izjema je le prva nedelja v mesecu, ko imamo društveno sejo.

Alots Ocepek, tajnik.

Najbolj mi boste pa ustregli, če pridete na sejo in tam plačate. Vsem članom srečno novo leto!

John Homer, tajnik.

Radley, Kans.—Naznanjam članstvu društva 72 SNPJ, da se vrši letna seja 26. dec. ob 10. zjutraj v naših prostorih. Apeliram na vse, da se udeležite to seje, ker je tole važna. Zaključiti moramo glede naše proslave prihodnje leta in izvoliti odbor za 1944. Bratje in sestre, včina vas ne pride vse leto na sejo; torej pridite vsaj na leto sejo, da sišate, kako gre pri društvu.

Jacob Remshak, tajnik.

Willard, Wis.—Članstvo društva 198 SNPJ naznanjam, da se vrši letna seja v nedeljo, 26. dec. ob eni uru popoldne. Na teji seji morimo izvoliti odbor za 1944. Dolžnost vas vseh je, da se udeležite.

Martin Kirn, tajnik.

Toronto, Ontario, Kanada.—Vabim vse člane in članice društva 648 SNPJ, da se udeležite letne seje v nedeljo, 26. dec. ob treh popoldne v naših prostorih. Izvoliti moramo odbor za 1944 in rešiti druge zadeve. Pričakujem, da se udeležite v polnem številu.

Ivan Mihelich, predsednik.

Peoria, Ill.—Letna seja društva 311 SNPJ se vrši 26. dec. Vsi člani naši so gotovo udeležite seje, na kateri bodo važne stvari in tudi volitve odbora za 1944 in urediti druge važne stvari. Dolžnost vsakega je, da je na letni seji in da pomaga izvoliti odbor, da potem ne bo kakšnega prerekanja. Torej na sejo vidi brez vroča.

Thomas Smith, predsednik.

Bentleyville, Ill.—Posivam člane društva 240 SNPJ, da se udeležite prihodnje seje 26. dec. Imamo volitve odbora za 1944 in urediti druge važne stvari. Dolžnost vsakega je, da je na letni seji in da pomaga izvoliti odbor, da potem ne bo kakšnega prerekanja. Torej na sejo vidi brez vroča.

Hackett, Pa.—Posivam vse člane in članice društva 90, da se v polnem številu udeležite letne seje 26. dec. ob 9.30 zjutraj v Slovenskem domu. Vsakega člana je dolžnost,

je bila poslana na Rdeči križ za jugoslovanske vojne ujetnike. Bond je dobila naša članica Rose Stubler iz Angie, N. Y.

Mary Kustich, tajnica.

West Winona, Pa.—Društvo 191 SNPJ poziva svoje člane, da se udeležite v čim večjem številu letne seje 26. dec. ob 10. zjutraj v naših prostorih. Pridite vse, da bomo lahko izbrali odbor za 1944.

Louis Varjian, tajnik.

Društvene vesti

Cleveland.—Članstvu društva Mir 142 SNPJ naznanjam, da po dogovoru z ostalimi društvenimi tajnikami v okolici Slovenskega doma na Holmes ave. bomo pobrali asesment za tekoči mesec zvečer dni 27. in 28. dec. v naših prostorih. Na seje se vsak ponodeljek v dvorani SNPJ. Srečno novo leto vsem članicam!

Josephine Frantar, tajnica.

Barberton, Ohio.—Sporočam vsem onim članom društva 48 SNPJ, ki se niso udeležili letne seje, da je bil izvoljen sledišči odbor za 1944: Predsednik Anton Jachec, podpredsednik Frank Steblaj, tajnik Alois Ocepek (948 Shannon ave.), blagajnik Josephine Plavner, zapisnikarica Antonia Motz, zdravnik dr. J. J. Weber, nadzorniki: John Prince, Frank Platner, Pauline Knaus; bolniški odbor: John Spetic, Mike Platner, Mary Jakich.

Društvene seje se vrše vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne v dvorani društva Domovine na 14. cesti N. W. Bruslava.

West Allis, Wis.—Z veseljem poročam, da je bila velika udeležba na letni seji našega društva 104 SNPJ. Upam in želim, da bo taka udeležba skozi vse prihodnje leto. Izvoljen je bil ves stari odbor: Predsednik Rudolf Singer, podpredsednik Ivana Kodre, tajnik Joseph T. Turck (954 S. 58 st.), blagajnik Anton Demshar, zapisnikar Frank First, predsednik nadz. odbora Ralph Chiplak, zdravnik dr. F. S. Stefanec. Seje je vsaki drugi petek v mesecu. Asesment pobiram na seji, vsako soboto po 20. in zadnje tri dni v mesecu od dveh pop. do 9. zvečer. Ob nedeljah in praznikih ne bom pobiral asesmenta.

Upam, da boste upoštevali ta navodila in plačali asesment do zadnjega dne, ker državni udeležbi ne morebiti.

Društveni asesment ostane še po starem za vse člane, ki so zavarovani za bolniško podporo

ti plačajo dva dollarja na leto, in sicer prvi dollar do 30. junija.

drugi dollar pa do 31. dec. Oni člani, ki so zavarovani samo za smrtnino, plačajo dolar letno—50c v prvi, 50c v drugi polovic leta.

Ta asesment je potreben za društvene stroške, ker drugi dohodka ni. Da bi imel kakšno priedbo, ni mislit, ker ne moremo dobiti mesa brez pointov; še slabše pa je glede pijače, kajti piva za veselico se absolutno ne more dobiti.

Naše društvo ima že več let zgoraj omenjeni asesment, ampak nekateri člani, to še zdaj ne razumejo. Kadar ga vprašam, če bo plačal društvene prispevke se pa jezi ali mogoče še preklinja, če, da je že plačal. Če bi pogledal v plastično knjižico, bi seveda videl, kolik je zadnjih plačal.

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Glasovi iz naselbin

Cemu imamo konvencije?

So. Chicago. Ill.—V Prosveti se dosti piše proti uredniku br. Molku zaradi partizanov in drugih stvari, izvirajočih iz vojne, kakor da je on krv, če ni v strem kraju in drugod vse tako kot bi moral biti po mnenju nekaterih bratov. Saj ni Molek vsega sveta vladar. Nekateri se radi prepričajo in nič ne pomislijo, da nam to škoduje v teku te strašanske vojne. Namesto da bi kooperirali z urednikom, pa rovarijo proti njemu.

Ne gre jim v glavo, da se urednik drži zaključkov 12. redne konvencije. Cemu pa imamo konvencije, ki stanejo jednotno ogromne tisočake, če se njihovi sklepi lahko vsak čas zavrejo? Srce me boli, ko vidim toliko nevoščljivosti in hinavstva med nami. Nekateri hočejo, da bi urednik menjal principe vsak čas, kakor srajco, samo zaradi njih. To pa ne bo šlo. Principe Prosvete postavlja konvencija, ne pa urednik. Mi člani, ki se s tem ne strinjam, bomo skrbeli, da ne bo tako. Le drži se te poti, br. Molek, mi smo s teboj! Le drži se svojih pravic in demokracije!

Nekdo piše, da edina Rusija bo rešila naš slovenski narod, ne pa angleški in ameriški kapitalisti. Dragi brat, vsa čast ruski armadi, ki se tako odločno bojuje, ampak če ne bi bilo strica. Samo, bi tudi ruska armada bolj počasi napredovala, ker bi ji manjkal orodja za bojevanje. Stric Sam zalaga vse svoje zaveznike z bojnim orodjem. Upoštavati moramo tudi naše fante, ki se tudi bojujejo. Torej le naša Amerika je v stanju, da lahko osvobodi našo staro domovino, ako bo le mogoče.

Neki pisek mi očita, da sem proti Milanu Medvešku, pa ni tako. Jaz sem le omenil Medveško, naj gl. odborniki poravnajo stvari med seboj na sejah gl. odbora in ne v javnosti, kar ni bilo niti osebnega. Strinjam se tudi z br. Barbičem v celoti, nikakor se pa ne strinjam z br. Aleshem, ki priporoča splošno glasovanje glede Prosvete, kar nas bi stalo mnogo copakov. Tega ne bom dopustili, bratje in sestre, da bi trošili denar, še za to in razburjali člane zdaj med vojno. Strinjam se tudi z br. Michaelom Chokom, ki imenitno piše o tej zadevi. Le tako naprej, br. Chok, to so dobre stvari! Brat Jože Snoj je tudi pametno povedal v svojem dopisu, da ne verjam, da je večna članstva na strani kritikov urednika.

Ti pa, br. urednik, kar naprej piši po konvenčnih sklepih. Mi člani smo s teboj. Bratje in sestre! Brat urednik dela nepretrgano že več ko 27 let pri Prosveti—in zdaj po tolikih letih zvestega delovanja naj mu memo polena pod noge? Ali je to lepo?—Frank Gorenec, 8.

Br. Čok uči br. Podlipca

Canton, O.—Te vrstice pišem, ker smatram, da je delavčeva dolžnost, da poduci svojega tovariša delavca, če vidi, da je v zmoti.

Br. Fr. Podlipc se ne strinja z menoj, ker priznavam ljudem ono, kar zaslužijo. On piše, da sem inteligent, vendar ne toliko, da bi vedel, da brez naših članov ne bi bilo tudi zasluznih mož. Br. Podlipc je pokazal s svojim dopisom, da je eden onih, ki potrebujejo še precej šole pri naših zasluznih možih.

Naši zasluzni moži, ki so ustavili SNPJ in Prosveto, se niso učili od članov in ne od lista Prosvete, ker takrat še ni bilo prvih in ne druge; morali so nekaj znati že prej, predno so to ustavili. Torej so se učili od drugih, ne od članov.

Da bo br. Podlipc jasno, kdo so pri meni zasluzni delavci za jednotno v Prosveto ter na delavskem, društvenem in kulturnem polju, lahko rečem, da vsi starci gl. odbora se lahko štejejo zraven; zraven so tudi naši starci dopisniki naprednih nazorov in nekateri znani delavci, ki so stalno aktivni na društvenem in kulturnem polju našega naroda v Ameriki. Zame so vsi ti zasluzni moži, ker brez takih mož bi

bilo tako. Po zadnjem porazu Nemčije je želja po maščevanju gorela ne samo v srcu junkerjev in militaristov, temveč tudi velikega števila nemških delavcev. Weimarska republika je bila le na papirju, v vsej Nemčiji pa ni bilo drugega Goetheja. Goethe je bil prvi Nemec, ki je hotel imeti neke reforme v smislu demokratične kooperativnosti z drugimi državami in to še pred francosko revolucijo. Pruskim junkerjem pa to ni ugaljalo in poskrbeli so, da je Goethe strohnel za trdnjavskim zidovjem. N oben Nemec ni zadovoljen, če vidi svojega soseda v miru in prosperiteti; to velja tudi za velik odstotek nemških delavcev, ki zavajajo angleškim in francoskim, posebno pa še slovenskim delavcem. Zakaj delavci delajo razliko med seboj zaradi narodnosti? Zato, ker je v delavskih masah premašo naobrazbo in preveč nacionalizma. Vse kaže, da se bo moral br. Podlipc še precej ukvarjati z naobrazbo, predno se bo moglo njegovo znanje merititi z onim v trdi buči urednika Molka, kakor jo je označuje.

Sedaj pa malo obravnava s Tonem iz Cleveland. Dragi moj Tone, večni popotnik! V starem kraju sva skupaj krave pasla in ko sva se naveličala, sva šla v Ameriko, da se naučiva pasti še politiko. V tem oziru ti si neme prekošil za celih 30 let. Jaz sem bil zadovoljen s two reprezentacijo naše največje občine v Ameriki in poslušam sem te celih 30 let, sedaj pa ti mene poslušaj.

Ko sem videl, da hočeš zbezljati v Moskvo, se mi je zdelo potrebno, da te obdržim na "šranji." Meni, kakor vsem Lokavcem in Preložcem, si potreben tukaj na St. Clairju—to hell with Moscow na tvoja stara leta! Ali te naj pustim, da se mi grešiš letat z Jožetom po Rdeči ploščadi in jaz naj sam ronam politiko tukaj? Nothing doing. Jaz pravim tebi, Tone, halt in mirna Bosna! Ratal si mi star, od tebe sem se pa naučil, kako je reba stare panje dregniti—in izregniti te bom vselej, kadar skočiš iz tira naše stare politike. Tebi diši Jožetofa uniforma in to tukaj je vse o. k., ampak ko mi hočeš odvleči pol Čikage s teboj v Moskvo, je pa preveč. Ti si maršal na St. Clairju čez 30 let, Jože je pa šele eno leto, torej si ti starejši in mi te hočemo tukaj. Chicago do sedaj romam jaz, tebi pa prepričam trobino Cleveland. Končno ti velim srečno novo leto 1944 v naši, da se mi oglašiš za mirovno politiko, kadar Jože zapali svojo 'ajfo v Berlinu, nočem pa, da se ni še nadalje zaletavaš v tako politiko, iz katere te bom moral vselej na suho... Viva, Tone!

Srečno novo leto vsem! Pripravimo se v starem letu, da se pet udarimo v novem.—Michael Chok, 1829 Ohio Ave., N. E. Canton 5, O.

Še za splošno glasovanje

Chicago, Ill.—Splošno glasovanje je pri naši jednoti v pravilih zato, da članstvo lahko v medkonvenčni dobi izpremeni točke pravil, ki se pokažejo škodljive. Kdor čita naše glasilo Prosveto, je že davno lahko opazil, da resolucija, katera določa smernice glasilu, ne odgovarja več današnjim razmeram in urejanje Prosvete v smislu te resolucije ne ustreza več željam članov.

Resolucija sama na sebi je čisto nedolžna stvarca, če bi ne bi ločil v njej dvoumnih "jokerjev," na katere se urednik nataknal poljska vlada sama, ki ni hotela sodelovati z njim. Poljska vlada je bila vedno agresivna. Tako pa prvi svetovni vojni se je Pilsudski vrgel v Ukrajino, ko je bila Rusija brez moči. Potem je ugrabil Vilno. Tretja poljska agresivnost je prišla, ko sta Hitler in Musso mrevarila čehoslovško republiko. Takrat je klika na celu Poljske napadla Češi z orožjem in jim iztrgal Tešinj. Če to premislim, pride do zaključka, da je bila agresivnost ruske diktature napravljena Poljski le-povračilo za poljsko agresivnost. Stalin danes kooperira z demokratičnimi zaveznički in vsi moramo priznati velike zasluge ruskim armadam, ki pod Stalinovim vodstvom drobe v prah Hitlerjevo oboroženo silo.

Proti koncu Podlipčevega dopisa je tudi rečeno, da je Nemčija naredila napako, ker ni uvedla delavške diktature. Ni

bole glede smernic Prosvete v luči današnjih razmer in jo dal članom na glasovanje.

Na mojo sugestijo se je do sedaj oglašil br. Barbič, ki vprašuje, katero Prosveto mislim, tednih ali dnevnik. Zame obstoji samo ena Prosveta, katera izhaja petkrat na teden in ta je last vseh članov SNPJ, pa naj bodo člani naročeni poleg uradne številke še na dnevniki ali ne.

Po naših pravilih in zakonu

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Odbor je sleden: Predsednik Anton Jankovich, podpreds. Anton Svec, tajnik Leonard Poljšak (1114 E. 160 st.), blagajnik Anton Mežnaršič, zapisnik John Petrich, nadzorniki Paula Vadnal, Dorot Šubel in Anton Petrč; zdravnik so vsi slovenski zdravnik; zastopnika za clevelandsko federacijo Anton Jankovich in Andy Poklar, za izletniške prostore SNPJ Anton Svec in Frank Glavich, za delniško sejo SND John Filipič, za klub društva SND John Petrich.

Seje se vrše prvo nedeljo v mesecu ob 9:30 zjutraj v dvorani 2 SND, novo poslopje. Prošnjo imam do članstva, da bi se v večjem številu udeleževali društvenih sej. Ni dovolj in tudi ne pravilno, da pride na sejo le odbor in še nekaj drugih članov, premočati očnjeni upravi. Za- to, br. Barbič, ni nikjer nobene

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"Prosveta služi pred vsem propagandi za SNPJ, nato pa izobraževanju v smislu politične, ekonomske in socialne demokracije ter svobodne misli." — Iz resolucije o publikacijah SNPJ, sprejeti na 12. redni konvenciji SNPJ v Pittsburghu, Pa.

"Z ozirom na današnjo svetovno situacijo in že posebej na odnosu med Združenimi državami do zunanjega sveta ter z ozirom na našo stanovalno domovino, Slovenska narodna podpora jednota po svojih začetnikih na 12. redni konvenciji v Pittsburghu, Pa., načrtovala obozoja diktatorsko in barbarsko totalitarstvo vsake vrste in podarja svojo globoko vero v demokracijo in v končno zmago demokracije po vsem svetu." — Iz resolucije o starem kraju in svetovnem položaju, sprejeti na 12. redni konvenciji SNPJ.

Nekaj za razmišljjanje

Kampanja mladinskega oddelka SNPJ je bila uspešna. Direktor kampanje je poročal zadnjem sredo, da je mladinski oddelk naše jednote dobil 1461 članov v tej kampanji. Če pomislimo, da je kampanja trajala le tri meseca in dalje, da živimo v izrednih razmerah, lahko rečemo, da je bil uspeh zelo dober.

Toda direktor tudi poroča, da večina društev ni sodelovala v tej kampanji. SNPJ šteje v tem letu 761 društev, v tej kampanji je pa sodelovalo le 264 društva ali 43 odstotkov. Kje so bila ostala društva? Gl. predsednik br. Cainkar po pravici gleda resno na to vprašanje, ko vprašuje v zadnjem uradni Prosveti: "Kako se to ujemamo z našimi načeli enakopravnosti? Kaj je z našim pravilom, da imajo vsi člani enake dolžnosti, kakor enake pravice?"

Br. gl. predsednik bi tudi lahko vprašal, kako se to ujema z našo demokracijo. Ponašamo se, da je naša jednota demokratična. Tako je zapisano v naših pravilih in drugih naših sklepih. Kako pa je v praksi? Ali ne prihajajo večne pritožbe tajnikov o pčilih udeležbah društvenih sej? Na seje društev, ki štejejo od sto do 500 članov, navadno pride dvajset do trideset članov in ta borna manjšina potem govori in dela v imenu ogromne večine. Ali je to demokratično?

Nobena demokratična institucija, pa naj bo država ali privatna organizacija, ne more siliti svojih državljanov oziroma članov k izvrševanju njihovih demokratičnih dolžnosti; če to storiti, ni več demokratična. Na drugi strani, če le neka aktivna manjšina izvršuje vse delo in se zaveda svojih dolžnosti, velika večina pa je pasivna in čaka le na svoje pravice—tedaj je takšna država ali organizacija demokratična le po imenu in večina se ne sme prisotiti, če agresivna manjšina vladá.

Člani naše jednote, ki se ne brigajo za društvene seje, niti takrat ne, kadar vedo, da gre za važne zadeve—na primer na letni seji, ko so volitev odbora—niti za druge aktivnosti (društvene prireditve), se s tem odpovedo svojim dolžnostim, obenem se pa odpovedo svojim demokratičnim pravicam do soodločevanja o zadevah v društvu in jednoti. To pomeni, da namesto njih odločuje manjšina—in ne vselej po njihovi volji. Najslabše je pa to, ker se potem ne morejo nikomur pritožiti, če je bilo kaj sklenjenega, kar jim ne ugaša. Sami so si krivi in posledice naj pripisajo le sebi!

Neštetokrat smo že zapisali na tem mestu, da demokracija ne more obstati, kjer ni kooperacije in tolerance pri večini. Kooperacija ali sodelovanje večine je absolutno potrebna, ako hočemo, da jednota ostane demokratična tudi v praksi, ne samo na papirju—da bo jednota tudi rasla in veseljeno napredovala v tem smislu.

Sto let kooperativnosti

Kooperativno ali zadružno gibanje sveta stopa ob letosnjih božičnih praznikih v svoje stoto leto. Ta teden poteče devet in devetdeset let, kar se je sestalo v Rochdalu na Angleškem 27 revnih delancev in ustanovalo prvo konzumno kooperativo ali zadružno. Prihodnje leto bo zadružarstvo praznovalo svojo stotletnico.

Če bi kdo zbral vsa podrobna dejstva s polja zadružnega gibanja v teh sto letih, bi bila zelo debela knjiga, prav za prav cela vrsta knjig. In kaj bi v glavnem povedala ta knjiga čitatelju? Ne pretrgano vrsto bojev, uspehov in neuspehov, težkega dela in neponisnega požrtvovanja! To bi bila vsebinska knjiga.

Zadružarstvo je gospodarsko gibanje. Nič romantičnega ali herojskega ni na njem. Zadružništvo ni, kakor sta francoska in ruska revolucija, ki sta polni razburljivih incidentov, junakov, fanfar in vihajočih zastav—zato so domala vsa poročila o njem suhi-parna. V glavnem same številke. Resnično—nič ni, kar bi dvignilo cestvo in razburilo žive.

Vsek solarček lahko ve, kdo so bili veliki vojskovodje in voditelji velikih revolucij, ampak zadružno gibanje je menda edino v zgodovini, ki nima osebnih imen, nima slavnih voditeljev. Celotno imena ročdalskih pionirjev so ostala neznamna!

Klub temu je zadružarstvo revolucija—največja ekonomska revolucija malega človeka, kajti ta revolucija je položila temelj ekonomske demokraciji sveta. Sto let že teče ta revolucija—brez plamenečih manifestov in himne, brez bobnov in praporjev, brez uniforme in odlikovanj, brez barikad in krvi—teče mirno, skoraj neslišano in nevidno.

V sto letih je ta mirna in tih revolucija prodrla v vse dežele, na vse kontinente (baš danes se bujno razvija na Kitajskem) domala v vsa mesta in med vse niže in srednje sloje ljudi. V najnovejših časih tukaj in tam zastaja (Nemčija, Rusija itd.) zaradi totalitarnih razmer, ampak to je začasno, nemile totalitarske razmere bodo minile povsod in zadruge bodo obnovile svoj razvoj.

V sto letih so kooperativni polagomi in potihoma zrasli v velikana, zlasti v Ameriki po zadnji vojni. Danes je v Ameriki na milijone zadružarjev, zadruge hitro stopajo na polje produkcije. Po tej vojni bodo važen faktor v ameriški ekonomiji. Zadruge niso meteor, ki blisne in ugase. Gospodarske zadruge so faktična sila, katera prinaša vsemu svetu—ekonomska demokracija.

Glasovi iz naselbin

Sia pri vojakih

Wilkes Barre, Pa. — Pošiljam vam sliko mojega sina Johna, člana društva 432 SNPJ, z željo, da jo priobčite v Prosveti. On je bil poklican v armado 10. junija t. l. Kakor je razvidno, se sedaj nahaja nekje na pacifici obali ali mogoče že na Pacifiku.

Najprvo je služil v Alabami. Po štirih mesecih je prišel domov na dopust za šest dni, potem pa je odšel naravnost v taborišče Ford, Cal. Na tem naslovu ni bil dolgo in je bil prešavljen v San Francisco, Cal. Ko je bil v Alabami, je večkrat pisal, da je tam došlo vojakov, toda nobenega Slovenca. Tako tudi v Californiji ni našel nobenega Slovenca.

(Urednik Prosvete se ni nikoli navduševal za Mihajloviča, tudi takrat ne,

žimeci, ki se zbirajo okrog njega. In tako je prišlo do famozne izjave gl. odbora. Rusija je prišla na dnevni red samo zato, ker pisarje urednika ni bilo simpatično napram njej iz razloga, ker urednik ne ljubi ruske diktature in ker se je zadnja konvencija izrekla proti diktatorstvu. To pa še ne pomeni, da mora naša Prosveta razglasati vse, kar je ne-povoljno za Rusijo. (Urednik Prosvete se ni nikoli navduševal za Mihajloviča, tudi takrat ne, ko so mu hrvaški komunisti v Ameriki kadili in prodajali njeve slike; še manj se je urednik navduševal za kralja Petra, dočim so se hrvaški komunisti lanskopolej hodili klanjat Peteru in New York. Na zadnji sej gl. odbora sploh ni bilo govorja o Mihajloviču in Peteru. Ur.)

Anglija ima tudi krvavo zgodovino, kolikor se tiče njenih kolonij. O tem bi se lahko veliko pisalo, posebno o zadržanju angleške vlade, ko je Hitler gradil svojo bojno mašino. Yes, brat Molek, tudi naša ljuba ameriška demokracija ima umazane prste! (To imajo nekateri demokratje, ne pa principi demokracije. Ur.) Ameriška demokracija s predsednikom Rooseveltom, na celu

Frank Vratarč.



John Kogoy

Rojen je bil 25. dec. 1924 v Kemptonu, Md. V šolo je hodil v Forest Cityju in tukaj v Wilkes Barreju. Član SNPJ je od leta 1922, če se ne motim. V odrasli oddelku je prestolil, ko je bil star 17 let. Slovensko rad govori, aki pride med rojake in tudi je ponosen, da je Slovenec. Svoj 18-letni rojstni dan bo obhajal nekje ob Pacifiku ali na Pacifiku. Kje je, ne moremo vedeti, kajti vsa njegova pisma so cenzurirana. Kadar omenjuje kraj, je izrezano, da ne moremo vedeti kje je. Njegov naslov je: Pvt. John F. Kogoy 33606126, A. P. O. 15049, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Velikokrat nam je pisal, kajko je pri vojakih in da imajo dobre oficirje; izjema so le Irki in židje. Upamo, da se naši ljudi sinov vrnejo živ in zdravi domov.

John Kogoy, 432.

Oj ta ljuba demokracija!

Lusserne, Pa.—Ni bil moj namen, da se vtikam v današnjo polemiko, ker sem misil, da je izjava gl. odbora izrazita za vse, napisod je pa bila še pojasnje na bo Medvešku. Ker se pa br. Molek ni zadovolil z izjavo in je začel polemiko, sem misil, naj se zdaj članstvo izrazi. Toda dopis br. Barbica v Prosveti z dne 1. decembra me je podprezel, da ne morem več molčati.

Br. Barbic v onem dopisu poziva br. Molka, naj udari in če ne more drugače, naj prej izpije "enega." Dalje br. Barbic piše o 50 copakih, dasi bi bilo bolje, če bi molčal o tem. Oj ta ljuba demokracija, katero si hoče vsakdo po svoje tolmačiti in izrabiti v svojo korist! Br. Molek hoče članstvo uveriti, da se je gl. odbor izrekel za diktaturo v svoji izjavi v zadnjem avgustu. V Prosveti z dne 13. oktobra t. l. je pisal: "In tako so naši gl. odborniki, ki so glasovali za izjavo, čisto po nedolžnosti, dasi zelo ne-previdno in lahkomisljeno, padli med sopotnike, kamor, razen morda enega ali dveh, nikakor ne spadajo." Bolje bi bilo, če bi bil zapisan: "Tisti eden ali dva pripadajo—in potem ne bi bilo treba, da bi FBI hodili v urad izpravljati, kdo tam spada."

Demokracija je torej ono, kar dela kakšna vlada ali kakor si jo ta ali oni posameznik toimajo. Prosveta, članstvo SNPJ in piševec tega dopisa je za politično, ekonomske in socialne pravice.

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Seja 3. novembra 1943

Predsednik odpre sejo gl. izvršnega odseka ob eni uri popoldne. Navzoč so bratje Cainkar, Vider, Kuhel, Gradišek, Vrhovnik, Godina in Molek.

Sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 20. oktobra 1943.

Predsednik predloži pismo pittsburške univerze, s katerim se zahvaljujejo, da smo jim posodili jednotne filme, ki predstavljajo razne pokrajine v starem kraju in o katerih se izražajo zelo povoljno.

Naše filme so rabil pri poučevanju vojakov, ki so namenjeni za posebno službo v Jugoslaviji. Zaeno opazirajo, da omenjena univerza vzdržuje posebno jugoslovansko sobo v katedrali znaniosti in vabijo, da si jo ob prilikli ogledamo. — Se vzemame na znanje.

Nadale predloži predsednik pisimo American Investors Union, ki izdaja gospodarsko revijo "Your Investment" ter se priporoča za ponovitev naročnine. — Sklenjeno, da se naroči za eno leto.

Nato gl. tajnik predloži sledede:

Pisimo br. Fer. Barbič, ki v imenu društva št. 53 v Clevelandu poroča, da želi, da bi se br. gl. predsednik udeležil njih obletnice 14. nov., ker se bo itak tedaj nahajjal v bližini, ter da bi tudi prinesel seboj jednotne filme, ki bi se ob tej priladi predvajale. — Dovoljeno.

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Sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 10. nov. 1943.

Nato je predloženo pismo društva št. 559, v katerem poročajo o predviti v svetu, da z dobitkom nakupijo darila za svoje člane, ki so pri vojnih službi ter posajo, da bi jim gl. izvršni odbor za to dovolil rabe jednotne dvorane brezplačno.

Dovoljeno.

Precitano je pismo društva št. 8, ki poroča, da bo 30. aprila prihodnjega leta obhajalo svojo 40-letnico s primernimi programom ter prosi, da bi se gl. predsednik udeležil tudi ob letni ustanovitvi društva, ki je sklepalo o tej stvari.

Ker je s tem rešeno vse, kar je bilo pripravljeno za to sejo, predsednik isto zaključi ob treh populacijah.

Sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 10. nov. 1943.

Nato je predloženo pismo društva št. 643, Girard, O., ki poroča, da bodo 14. nov. razvili posebno zastavo članom, ki so v vojni službi in prosijo, da bi na isti prireditvi zastavo, da bi se zaenamovali jednotni filmi, ki je sklenjeno, da se jih poskuša pridobiti, da se ena imenovanih prireditve vrši na kateri drugi datum.

Ker je že 5:15 na uru, je sklenjeno, da se preneha in se nadaljuje 26. nov.

(Seja se nadaljuje 26. nov. ob 10. dopoldne.)

Predložena je prošnja za izredno podporo br. Cirila Medveda od društva št. 107, ki si je moral dati odrezat prst na nogi ter imel s tem precej izrednih stroškov, zakar pa v smislu pravil ni operacijski podporo. — Dovoljeno \$15.00.

Društvo št. 131 poroča, da bo skupno s pevskim društvom France Prešeren 11. novembra priredilo zabavo v jednotni spodnji dvorani. Ker je ves dobitek namenjen za božična darila članom vojakom, proučijo, da bi smeli rabiti dvorano brezplačno. — Dovoljeno s pridržkom, da primerno odškodujemo hišniku za njegovo delo v zvezi s tem.

Društvo št. 425 poroča o preizkušenju, da je dovoljeno s pridržkom, da se nadaljuje 26. nov. ob 10. dopoldne.

Predložena je prošnja za izredno podporo br. Antonu Trojcu, ki je devetkrat gl. odbornikov glasovalo v drugih rečih, ki jih potrebuje mladinski direktor za poslovne mladinskih krožkov.

Zaključek seje ob 2:30 pop.

Seja dne 10. nov. 1943

Predsednik odpre sejo ob 1:30 pop. Navzoč so vsi člani gl. izvršnega odboka.

Sprejet je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 3. nov. 1943.

Predsednik nato poroča, da je zahvaljuje vodstvu gl. pomočnega tajnika zaključeno. Razen br. Kuhe, ki je pri vojakih in točasno preko morja, so glasovali vsi člani odbornikov ter vrnili glasovnice v smislu prejšnjega zaključka gl. izvršnega odboka.

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Another Successful Campaign

Complete returns of our Society's three-month membership campaign show that the goal of 1000 new juveniles has not only been reached but surpassed by more than 400 new juvenile members.

The campaign, conducted in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of our Juvenile Department, started September 1 and closed November 30. It was one of the shortest membership drives the SNPJ has ever had.

In September, the drive brought the SNPJ 207 juveniles; in October, that number was doubled for a 405 count, and in November, our campaigners again doubled the October total by securing a record of 852 juveniles—or a total of 1471 juveniles in a relatively short period of three months!

To be sure, the lucrative awards offered the contestants participating in the campaign were a potent factor in the drive; however, the popularity of the SNPJ among our people and its past record of serving its members faithfully for nearly 40 years, cannot be minimized. It is this solid background—our Society's financial soundness plus its progressive principles—that stands as a mighty pillar that attracts ever greater numbers to it.

A campaign with good incentives shows what we can do, but it also shows what we might have been doing every month, to a certain extent, if we want to do our level best. We all like to have at least a mild form of competition and we do like to win, especially if there is a substantial reward for our increased efforts.

Viewing the campaign from still another angle, we note that out of the total of more than 700 local lodges, only about 260 lodges participated in the drive, or about 43 per cent.

We might well ask ourselves, "Where were the other lodges?"

The campaign chairman and director issued a call at the beginning of the campaign to all lodges and members, to every lodge officer and to every lodge secretary, to buckle up and do his or her level best. We venture to say that if the majority of our lodges had answered the call, our campaign goal would easily have doubled the actual number of new members secured.

On the other hand, it is true that we are living in abnormal times and conditions in many cases do not allow a more active participation in our functions. Yet, we must remember the saying that "where is a will there is always a way" still holds true.

However, to those who participated and succeeded in obtaining and surpassing their quotas, we offer our sincere appreciation for their fine demonstration of loyalty.

The editorial staff of Prosvesna extends to all SNPJ members and their families the season's greetings.

President Roosevelt on Postwar Readjustment

"What our service men and women want, more than anything else, is the assurance of satisfactory employment upon their return to civil life. The first task after the war is to provide employment for them and for our demobilized war workers. There were skeptics who said that our wartime production goals would never be attained. There will also be skeptics who will question our ability to make the necessary plans to meet the problems of unemployment and want after the war. But, I am confident that if industry and labor and government tackle the problem of economic readjustment after the war with the same unity of purpose and with the same ingenuity, resourcefulness and boldness that they have employed to such advantage in wartime production, they can solve them. We must not lower our sights to prewar levels. The goal after the war should be the maximum utilization of our human and material resources. This is the way to rout the forces of insecurity and unemployment at home, as completely as we shall have defeated the forces of tyranny and oppression on the fields of battle."

Sharon Keystoners

SHARON, PA.—The Keystoners' December yearly meeting will surely be remembered a long time. There were enough of eats and drinks for not only the members, but others, too. As special guests we had with us, from Camp Reynolds, and members of the Pioneers Lodge of Strabane, Pa., Pvt. Tony Toplisek and Pvt. Carl Podboj. That Tonček can surely sing our Slovene songs. And Podboj cuts a mean rug on the dance floor. Why not, with Sis. Mitzie Anzur furnishing the music. All in all we had a wonderful time.

The Keystoners' newly elected officers for the year 1944 are: Pres. Miss Frances Novak; V. Pres. Joseph Novak; Fin. Sec'y Albin Cvelbar; Rec. Sec'y Margaret Cimperman; Treas. Mrs. Albin Cvelbar. Auditors: Mrs. Nellie Culina, George Tunko and Joseph Novak. Delegates to the Eastern Ohio and Western Pa. Federation are Sis. Frances Novak and Joseph Novak. Let's hope these newly elected officers will carry on the job just as well as our past officers who deserve plenty of praise. Yes, you did a magnificent job! So let's all attend our first meeting of the New Year on Sun. Jan. 2, at 2:30 p.m.

Attention, members and friends: Being that the orchestras are so scarce these days, the Keystoners are having a juke-box dance for New Year's eve. The dance will probably start about 10 o'clock and carry on 'till late in the morning. The juke orchestra never gets tired. Oh, koko bo lusitno! We will also try to have a menu with zelje.

FRANCES NOVAK, 755

New Year's Day Dance

Jack Persin of Warren, Ohio, will again play for the Juvenile Circle's New Year's dance, Jan. 4. This is a fine way to start off our New Year, kaj ne? The old saying is, "What you do the first day of the year, you'll continue with the same all year round. That won't be bad, will it? Please come."

Jack Persin will also play for a Croatian dance Dec. 25 under the church dance floor. We'll be there, Yaka!

Pvt. Peter Garm, a Keystoner, is home on furlough for the holidays. Looks very good! Welcome home, Pvt. Garm!

In behalf of the Keystoners' Lodge 755 SNPJ I want to offer our best wishes to the Prosvesna and the editorial staff and to the Supreme Board and to all the SNPJ members and especially to the ones that are serving our great country in the armed forces, wherever they may be. A very, very merry Christmas!

FRANCES NOVAK, 755

Integrity Broadcast

Strugglers SNPJ Lodge No. 614

CHICAGO, ILL.—Integrity Lodge 631 will have completed another milestone in SNPJ history; 15th to be exact, come January, since organizing on Chicago's north side many moons ago. From the few Charter members who undertook this responsibility Integrity has grown to a point where we now boast of a membership well over the 300 mark, disproving the fact some skeptics had in mind that an English speaking lodge would prove a failure on the north side, and what's more, we're still growing. The results from the last two campaigns made it possible to surpass this mark. Our members, who secured these new members, were rewarded for their efforts with War Savings Stamps from the Main Office and the Lodge had the honor of winning the Midwest League prize for most new members secured (on a ratio basis). All in all we consider this a successful year insofar as membership gains are concerned and many thanks to those who helped and strived to achieve this success.

Now there is something of different nature I want to bring up, which is not so pleasant and that is, attendance at our monthly meetings which have been very unfavorable in the past few years. Surely one member from each family can spare time enough one evening, ONCE A MONTH, to attend our meetings. Let's not take the attitude, "Let George Do It." Our secretary has stressed this item time and again and it does get a bit aggravatin' and disgustin' to have only a few members show up, especially, considering the size of our membership. We don't continually like to harp on this subject, but we have no other recourse. So let's have a large turnout at our December meeting and also subsequent meetings in 1944. Whatever has happened to the Lenassis, Podlesnicks, Roychits, Di Cenzo, Yanolewiczs, J. Baumbich and numerous other old-timers whose names I can't think of at this moment. As stated in last week's issue our December meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, at 2436 Diversey Ave., instead of the 24th; due to the fact that our regular meeting night fell on Christmas eve, we realized every one would want to spend that evening at home, hence the change.

Bits About 'Em: Pleased to hear that Pfc. Alfred Reifler is recovering nicely from his recent operation and is now convalescing in an army hospital. Drop him a cheery word or two, he'll be tickled to hear from you. You may address your mail to Pfc. Alfred Reifler, 36607102, Med. Detach. 376, AAA.W. Bn. (SP), Camp Davis, N. C.

Hope Sis. Di Cenzo is now up and around after her tussle with that Ole Debil Appendectomy.

Also had a surprise visit from another army man, Henry La France, who had a brief furlough. He also had the pleasure of celebrating his first wedding anniversary while in town.

Bro. E. Heidenreich (Traillor) recovered in time from a back ailment to perform that certain duty at our Christmas party.

Congratulations are in order for our hard working secretary, Mike Fleischhacker, who just acquired of himself another son, James Joseph, a bouncing 9½ pounder, and the Mrs. is doing fine, too, thank you. Personally, I believe they pulled a slight double-cross on us, inasmuch as James Joseph arrived Dec. 2, just 2 days after the close of the campaign for new juvenile members. Oh, well, we have another year to look forward to. Incidentally, this was the sixth blessed event in the Fleischhacker household.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate that super's Badger pin-topper, Rudy Pugel, on his brilliant performance in the recent Tribune All-Star Bowling tournament. Third best in the USA. Nice going, Rudy.

Marine Andy Susman reports he has been transferred from San Diego to Newport, Rhode Island, and has been promoted from Pfc. to Corporal. Keep up the good work, Andy.

I'll have to make a correction on one of the above paragraphs. Due to a last minute emergency switch it was Al Di Cenzo who performed that certain duty. Thanks, Al, we'll keep you in mind for next year.

Wish to report our Christmas party was a huge success. There were slightly more than 100 children present, far above our expectations.

From comments heard everyone was pleased with his or her gift, and the children are looking forward to another Christmas party next year.

Season's greetings to all.

JULIUS ABRAM,
President 614.

JOE MREZAR, 311.

JOSEPH REBITCH, Sec'y.

FRANCIS NOVAK, 755

JOSEPH REBITCH, Sec'y.

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

Two weeks ago this column rounded out four years of its modest existence and entered its fifth year of weekly observations and comments.

It was on December 6, 1939, three months after the start of the present war, that I assumed this voluntary task that on many occasions has been a pleasure. However, at times when I am "in the dumps," this self-imposed obligation has proved to be quite an ordeal, and I often wonder what a job it would be if I were to undertake to write a daily column. Yet, I presume, nothing is impossible if one sets his mind to add one more to the regular tasks performed each day.

Be that as it may, all that this column hopes is that it does not bore too many of its readers and not too often.

Last Sunday afternoon, Juvenile Circle 26 presented a variety Christmas program at the SNPJ hall here in Chicago.

Sponsors of the affair were the Pioneers, SNPJ lodge 889, which, by the way, is once again the largest lodge in the Society. Approximately 250 adults and at least that many children filled the hall to cheer the juvenile performers who staged their numbers well. The program was not too long, which is well to bear in mind at an affair of this type when children get restless and are all too anxious for the main feature—the distribution of gifts.

Both the Lodge as well as the Circle are to be complimented on the successful execution of a difficult but worthy task.

Comments on Louis Adamic's doings are many and varied, both favorable and otherwise. Fanny Butcher, writer and book reviewer, has an interesting account in the Book Section of last Sunday's Chicago Tribune concerning Adamic. She writes:

"Believe it or not, authors sell more bonds than movie stars do. This fact is straight from Martha Huddleston, who manages the Books and Authors for Bonds days throughout the country. It comes via Louis Adamic, who had just come from the Toledo rally, at which \$2,076,300 worth of bonds were sold."

Fanny Butcher continues: "There has been some furor lately in the press, via Congress, about Louis Adamic because his autobiographical 'The Native's Return,' published in 1934, was included among the overseas editions of books sent to American soldiers by the government through the Council of Books in War Time. At the time of its publication that book was read avidly as the best picture of life in Jugoslavia yet made available to American readers, as well as a piece of literature. Nobody then saw anything sinister in it. His recent insistence that the majority of his fellow countrymen were adherents of Tito practically took the words out of the mouths of the Teheran conference, which came to the same conclusion."

Richard Mowrer, the Chicago Daily News correspondent in Cairo, has this to say about the conditions in Jugoslavia and the reaction of the Jugoslav government to the latest developments there:

"To all intents and purposes, the royal Jugoslav government-in-exile here exists in a state of suspended animation. With Great Britain and other United Nations definitely supporting Marshal Tito and his Army of Liberation, and dispatching supplies and air support to him rather than to Peter's war minister and guerrilla leader, Gen. Draja Mihailovic, the young king's government cannot continue to dangle forever, and some solution will have to be found soon."

Mowrer goes on to say that: "To date, the British government continues to maintain formal relations with the royal Jugoslav government. There are no signs that the British intent to ditch Peter. On the other hand, the British make no bones of the fact that they are supporting Tito's setup inside Jugoslavia as political and military entity of great assistance to the Allies."

Herminie Lodges Give New Year's Day Dance

HERMINIE, PA.—To all members of SNPJ lodges 87 and 613 and our friends and neighbors: You are all cordially invited to attend a dance on New Year's Day, Jan. 1st, at the Slovene Hall. You will enjoy our remodeled social rooms. The Evers Sisters will entertain you at this affair. You are all welcome to attend. Let's all be together at this gathering and ring in the New Year in a happy atmosphere. Happy New Year to all, with hopes to end the war in 1944 with victory for democracy.

ANTON ZORNIK, Sec'y.

SNH Plans New Year's Eve Dance on Dec. 31

CLEVELAND, O.—The Slovene National Home at 6818 Denison Ave. wishes to invite you all to a "very nice dance on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the SNH hall. There will be song music and good eats, and there will be lots of fun. Don't miss it.

ROSE BIZAJ.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Last Sunday's juvenile Christmas party under direction of the Pioneer Lodge was a complete success. The attendance was good, the program well rendered and received, and the disposition of the youngsters and the grownups was excellent. Gifts were given to all the children including nonmembers. A light luncheon was also on the schedule. There just isn't any doubt in our minds but that these Yule parties are of benefit to the organization, that they do a lot of good and that they must be continued. If anyone has any such doubts last Sunday's affair should dispel them. We are thankful to all who assisted, particularly to Erma Vertnik and Frances Rak for securing the gifts and to Ann Sammann who was in charge of the program. Financially, the party had to be subsidized by the Pioneers because no such affairs are self-sustaining. However, it is worth every dollar spent.

The Pioneers held their annual meeting last Friday night and practically confirmed all of the 1943 officers for another year. We are in an era when everyone is tied down so that little time is left for other things, such as Lodge affairs. The short resume by the Secretary showed that we had made good progress during the year, however. We initiated 101 new members during this period, had only 38 sick members, which is just a trifle more than half of the number for 1942. Twelve members received operation benefit while 29 received maternity benefit. We handled three special benefit applications and 30 certificate changes including eight conversions to the 20-year paid up plan. Officers for 1944 are as follows: Anne Groser, President; Erma Vertnik, Vice-President; Donald J. Lotrich, Secretary; Anne Beniger, Recording Secretary; Wilma Gratchner, Treasurer; Frances Rak, Sgt-at-Arms; John Rak, Steve Cerknay and Ida Simon, Auditors. Anne Beniger, Anne Groser, John Rak, Ida Simon and Donald J. Lotrich will handle things for the Federation. Dr. John J. Zavertnik was renamed Lodge physician. We also elected representatives to the local Jugoslav Relief Committee. They are John Rak, Anne Beniger and Anne Groser.

A Good Place For It
One day, when Fred Grieg, the New York art critic, was a boy of 12, he was riding on the front seat of a Fleet Street bus in London. Although it was midsummer, the rain had been coming down with practically no cessation for more than a week. Along the sidewalk came an East Indian, garbed all in white, sloping along under an umbrella. The driver pointed to the stranger and inquired: "What's that?" Young Grieg, who prided himself on his knowledge of Oriental history and customs, replied: "That's a Parsee."

"And what's a Parsee?" asked the driver.
"A sun-worshipper."
"Well, remarked the Cockney, "E must be ere on a blinkin' vacation."

Another Siur

She—What are all those men doing in a circle with their heads together? Is it a football team?

He—No, my dear, just a bunch of Scotchmen lighting a cigarette.

FACTS ABOUT WAR BONDS

1. War Bonds cost \$18.75, for which you receive \$25 in 10 years—or \$4 for every \$3.
2. War Bonds are the world's safest investment—guaranteed by the United States Government.
3. War Bonds can be made out in 1 name—or in 2, as co-owners.
4. War Bonds cannot go down in value. If they are lost, the Government will issue new ones.
5. War Bonds can be redeemed, in case of necessity, after 60 days.
6. War Bonds begin to build up interest after 12 months.

SPLASH THEIR WAY TO BATTLE



JUST HOW TOUGH it is to reach an Italian fighting field these wintry days is vividly pictured here as U.S. lads with the Fifth Army go steadily along a country road, slopping through mud. Here they must break ranks or wade through a deep puddle.

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They Said Last Week

James F. Byrnes, Director of War Mobilization:

"The primary issue before the American people today is whether we are going to keep down the cost of living. Since our entrance into the war in December, 1941, food has gone up 22 per cent. The increase is a great hardship to people with fixed incomes. If Congress kills subsidies and raises the price of bread and butter, meat and milk, sugar and other staples, these people will suffer greater hardships. It will result in demands from organized workers for increased wages... in shipyards, munitions plants and other industries. If the War Labor Board grants the increases it will help the workers in those industries, but will be of no help to the unorganized millions whose incomes cannot be raised by that board. Their plight will be worse. Killing subsidies will hurt everybody. Killing subsidies will hurt the farmer. For years the farmers have been paid subsidies of various kinds when it was essential in order to preserve American agriculture. It is essential today to support prices in order to insure production."

Col. Elliott C. Cutler, Chief Surgeon of the European Theatre of Operations:

"God help the Germans when the Russians get them! I don't think Joe Stalin could stop the soldiers if he wanted to. How the Russian soldier hates the Germans! And he knows how to fight a war. There are no Red Cross girls to rub your back; there is no basket weaving in Russia. They know how to fight a war. Everybody is fighting the war in Russia and there is a great lesson for the so-called civilized world. Go to Russia to learn how to fight."

Cordell Hull, Secretary of State:

"I was deeply impressed by the people of Russia and by the epic quality of their patriotic fervor. A people who will fight against ruthless aggression, in utter contempt of death, as the men and women of the Soviet Union are fighting, merit the admiration and good-will of the people of all countries. We of today shall be judged in the future by the manner in which we meet the unprecedented responsibilities that rest upon us—not alone in winning the war, but also in making certain that the opportunities for future peace and security shall not be lost. As an American, I am proud of the breadth and height of the vision and statesmanship which have moved... Congress to adopt by overwhelming non-partisan majorities, resolutions in favor of our country's participation with other sovereign nations in an effective system of international cooperation for the maintenance of peace and security."

Prof. Willard Waller, of Columbia University:

"In the schools, the loss of many of the best teachers, including principals, coaches and vocational teachers, has produced serious effects. Some 38,000 teachers were lost to the armed forces in 1942-43, and of course they are mostly men. Women can in no way replace men in maintaining discipline. If we are to keep the schools from deteriorating further we must have some men on the faculties, particularly young men, but we must also manage to keep the able women. The gum-chewing, sweat-shirted football coach and the slangy instructor in shop work may not be intellectual giants, but they can do more for discipline than anybody else on the faculty."

Philip Murray, President of the CIO:

"We must give all legitimate encouragement to competitive enterprise. We must do our utmost to reduce monopoly, for monopoly restricts output and thwarts investment. Sales taxes must be avoided, for they take purchasing power from those who spend it and depress business and employment. Progressive income taxes must be maintained for the opposite reason. Corporate taxes may not now be designed to help economic activity. If so, they should be studied and made to encourage actual investment, production and employment. The rates now are highly deflationary and will threaten in the post-war period repetition of the depression of 1937-38."

Statement from the Women's Advisory Committee of the War Manpower Commission:

"The committee is of the opinion that national planning should provide employment outlets for everyone who wants to work—both men and women—after the war. Any easy assumption that a great number of women will return to their homes is to be seriously questioned. The number of women who want and need to work has increased enormously during the war. There will be an even higher proportion of unmarried women in our population. There will be hundreds of thousands of women who must accept the permanent function of breadwinners because of the loss of husbands in the war. And there are the women who have adjusted their family life and found a new, often hard-won economic status which they do not wish to lose. No society can boast of democratic ideals if it utilizes its womanpower in a crisis and neglects it in peace. The American people, therefore, must demand the consideration of the status of women in all post-war plans."

Juvenile Circles

Annual Meeting of Circle No. 18

Sunday, Dec. 26

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—All members of Circle No. 18 are requested to attend the annual meeting which will take place Sunday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. Officers for 1944 are to be elected, and other important matters discussed. All members should be present.

HELEN AMBROZICH, Mgr.

Circle 1 Elects Officers; Plans Theater Party

WALSENBURG, COLO.—Circle No. 1 held its annual meeting Dec. 19. New officers elected were: David Zorman, pres.; Ray Patrick, vice pres.; Elizabeth Duzenack, sec'y, and Joe Dernovsek, treasurer.

Instead of games this year, a party and social were held, donuts, soda pop and candy were served to all members present. A theatre party has been arranged for all juvenile members for Dec. 26, all to be there by one o'clock.

We discussed our Christmas party scheduled for December 19 at the home of Dolores Recser. We chose names and gifts that were exchanged at the party.

The prizes for the point contest were given out. The winners were Frances Smuke, first prize, and Elizabeth Zeaken, second prize. The point contest will be continued through the coming year.

FRANCES SMUKE, Circle 31.

Perfect Circle 26 Thanks All For Cooperation

CHICAGO.—The Perfect Circle gave a Christmas program last Sunday for the Pioneer Lodge, for which the Circle and myself wish to sincerely thank all those who cooperated so wonderfully during our long weeks of rehearsals.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rak were a big help. Johnny always around when and where he was needed, and Frances Rak, buying, cutting, fitting and sewing the costumes that everyone admired on the children. Anton Trojnar, whose cooperation in every respect made our work so much easier. Michael Vrhovnik, our Juvenile Director, took complete charge of the play, and judging from the comments heard last Sunday, he did a bangup job, and we regretted the fact that he could not be with us. For all those who asked, it was Mr. Vrhovnik who made the stencil for the programs that appealed to old and young alike.

I don't know how to express my feelings and my thanks for the lovely gift given me by my Circle members and their parents. The gift is truly beautiful, and I shall always keep it as a remembrance of a fine group of youngsters. It means more to me than I can express, for sometimes words cannot really do justice. Again thank you all, and the Perfect Circle extends a Merry Christmas to all its friends.

ANN SANNEMAN,

Perfect Circle 26.

Salem Circle No. 10 Is Planning Yule Party Jan. 1

SALEM, O.—The meeting of Circle 10 on Dec. 12 was very much enjoyed by all the members that attended. All the members were present except Rose Mary Celin who is ill. Hurry and get well, Rose, because we don't want you to miss the Christmas party.

At the meeting we planned the Christmas and New Year's Day party which is to be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 1 at Mr. and Mrs. Mozina's farm by Circle 10 together with SNPJ lodge 476.

We are going to have a little program consisting of singing and playing of musical instruments by the members. Then the time comes that we all have been waiting for—the exchange of gifts. After the gifts have been exchanged, a \$25 war bond will be given away to the person with the lucky number. The party will end by dancing with music furnished by Mr. Kores and son.

New officers of Circle 10 were elected for the coming year. They are as follows: Frank Mozina, President; Johnny Krizay, Vice President; Matilda Krizay, Secretary; Tony Kotars, Treasurer; Francis Kordan, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Krizay, Manager; Mrs. Mary Kordan, Assistant Manager.

In closing my letter, I hope to see all the members at the Christmas party and I wish a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all members of the SNPJ.

MATILDA KRIZAY, Sec'y.

Warren Juvenile Circle No. 31 Elects Officers

WARREN, O.—The regular and annual meeting of our Juvenile Circle No. 31 of the SNPJ was held on December 6 at Manager Josephine Smuke's home. It was called to order by President Dorothy Tomazin.

The Circle elected the following officers at this meeting: Pres. Elizabeth Zeaken, Vice Pres. Louis Miller, Sec'y Dolores Reeser, and Treas. Dorothy Tomazin. Reporters for the Midanski List and Prosveta were also elected.

One of the main discussions at this meeting was the Christmas party that was scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 19. We selected names for the party and made other necessary

Common Council.

preparations in order to make the event a success.

DOLORES RECSR, Sec'y.

(Ed. note: Very sorry! Your letter postmarked at Warren Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. reached us Dec. 15 at 9 a.m., much too late for last week's paper.)

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Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Nov. 3

President calls the meeting to order at 1 p.m. In attendance are officers Cankar, Vider, Kuhel, Gradišek, Vrhovnik, Godina and Molek. Minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

President reads letter from Pittsburgh university thanking the SNPJ for the films loaned to them. The films were used in classrooms where soldiers who will eventually be sent to Yugoslavia receive special instruction. An invitation was extended to visit the Yugoslav room in the Cathedral of Learning. The report is filed.

He also submits an offer from the American Investors Union for the magazine Your Investments; subscription approved for one year.

Supreme secretary submits letter from Frank Barbic, president of lodge 53, requesting supreme president to appear as speaker and to show films at the lodge's Nov. 14 program, which is approved.

Also letter from lodge 643 requesting Medvešek as speaker at service flag dedication Nov. 14, which is also approved.

Letter from the Chicago community war fund requesting participation in the current drive, and \$100 is appropriated for this purpose.

Because Charles Lesky of lodge 743 was not entitled to operation compensation according to the by-laws, the committee approves \$30 special benefit to him. Special benefit of \$25 each was approved for Alice Zabavnik (59), Josephine Lueich (79) and John Trepal (14); \$15 for Thomas Murat (204) and \$35 for Sophie Martinjak (102); also operation benefit of \$5 for John Panian (397) upon recommendation of the supreme medical examiner.

Juvenile director explains he has books and plays used in connection with Circle and other programs and needs a book case for same; request is granted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting of Nov. 10

Meeting is called to order at 1:30 p.m. in presence of all executive officers. Minutes of the previous meeting approved with a minor correction.

President reports that all supreme board members, except M. Kumer who is serving overseas, had returned their ballots pertaining to assistant secretary election in accordance with a previous committee meeting decision.

It is determined that 29 supreme board members submitted their ballots within the required time, and the votes were cast as follows: Anton Trojar 16, Peter Bernik 11 votes, one ballot is blank, one is spoiled, total 29 votes cast. The committee declares Trojar as the duly elected assistant secretary who received absolute majority of the votes cast. Since Trojar is the janitor of the SNPJ building, the president is instructed to find a reliable person for the position of janitor and that Trojar continue his work as janitor to about Dec. 1 of this year.

Special benefit is approved for the following members, who were not entitled to operation benefits, as recommended by the medical examiner: Rose Marie Hamilton (89), \$40; Sylvia Petrel (682), \$25; Blaz Mohor (685), \$15.

Secretary of the sick benefit department submits the matter concerning sick benefit of Louise Sasek of lodge 105. Decided to obtain more information before the matter can be properly taken into consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.

Meeting of Nov. 24

President calls meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. All executive officers are present and minutes of the previous meeting are approved with a minor correction.

Letter from lodge 559 requesting the use of SNPJ hall free of charge for the Nov. 20 lodge affair, proceeds to be used to buy gifts for lodge's servicemen, which is granted. Lodge

8 will celebrate its 40th anniversary April 30 next and requests supreme president as speaker and to show the society's films, which is likewise granted.

Discussion pertaining to a statement from lodge 5 criticizing the attitude taken by head editor anent communications and requesting that this statement be published in the official organ; decided the statement be turned over to the head editor.

Circle 26 will present a yule program for lodge 559 Dec. 19 and it asks for juvenile director as speaker. There is a similar request from Circle 4 of Milwaukee for the same day, to show the society's films.

Decided to try to work out an arrangement so that one of these affairs would change its date if possible.

Since it is 5:15 p.m., decided to adjourn the meeting and to resume the meeting Nov. 26 at 10 a.m.

Special benefit in the amount of \$15 is approved for Ciril Medved of lodge 107 due to a toe amputation for which he was not entitled to any disability benefit according to the by-laws.

Lodge 131 will hold a combined affair with singing society Preseren at the lower SNPJ hall Dec. 11 to raise funds to buy yule gifts for their servicemen and they ask for the use of the lower hall free of charge, which is granted, provided they compensate the janitor for his work in connection with this affair.

Circle 425 requests special benefit for two members who suffered damages due to flood. Special benefit in the amount of \$30 for Kate Brzovich and \$25 for John Remick is approved.

Matter of merger of lodges 448 and 3. After all correspondence in connection with the merger is read, the merger is granted.

Request for membership fee from the Medical Section of the National Fraternal Congress in the amount of \$5 is approved. A donation of \$10 is also granted for the People's Lobby.

Secretary recommends additional 2200 small wall calendars be ordered due to increase of membership since the order was placed last February; recommendation approved.

The following special benefit and operation claims are approved upon the recommendation of the supreme medical examiner: Jennie Mesec (14), \$25; Thomas Soket (385), \$25; Sam Yukovich (63), \$35; Lovrene Shifrar (630), \$50.

Juvenile director reports he received a request from Circle 2 for financial help, and \$25 is granted. He also reports on his trip to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he attended the juvenile triple-anniversary celebration sponsored by Lodge 580 and Circle 50. In his opinion the celebration was a huge success although the attendance was not as big as expected. He was impressed as well as pleased by the manner in which the members of Circle 50 gave their performances. The entire program was very ably conducted under the direction of Jennie Padar, local lodge secretary and Circle adviser.

Applications for loan and special benefit are also approved (details in Slovene minutes).

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Vincent Cankar, President
F. A. Vider, Secretary.

A Tactful Fellow

Mr. Timson came home one evening to find his wife displeased with him.

"Do you realize, James," she asked, "that you have forgotten that this is my birthday?"

"Of course, I've forgotten," he answered, readily. "There really isn't anything about you to remind me that you're a day older than you were a year, or even 10 years ago."

Nicely Explained

Diner—Say, waiter, what's this button doing in my soup?

Waiter—I dunno, sir, unless it came from the dressed beef.

NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ATHLETIC BOARD

The term of the present members of the National Athletic Board of the SNPJ, with exception of the Athletic Director who is elected by the convention, will expire with the annual meeting of the Supreme Board to be held in February 1944.

The rules provide for the right of nominating candidates by the various lodges in each of the five Athletic Districts of the Society, irrespective of whether the lodges are English or Slovene speaking. They provide further, that the members of the National Athletic Board shall be elected from candidates so nominated by the Supreme Board or if necessary, by the Executive Committee. Each lodge has the right to nominate a candidate for the District in which it is located.

A call, therefore, is issued to all lodges to take up the matter of nominating a candidate for the National Athletic Board at their next meeting. All nominations shall be forwarded to the Juvenile Director on or before the first day of February, 1944.

The five Athletic Districts of the Society and the members who now represent them are as follows:

Dist. 1—Eastern Pennsylvania and New York—Thomas Bricely, Johnstown, Pa.

Dist. 2—Western Pennsylvania (West of Cambria County) and West Virginia—Lawrence Cassell, Verona, Pa.

Dist. 3—Ohio and Michigan—Joseph Golia, Detroit, Mich.

Dist. 4—Indiana, Illinois and Missouri—Julius Abram, Chicago, Illinois.

Dist. 5—Wisconsin and Minnesota—Anton Verbick, West Allis, Wisconsin.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Director.

The White-Collared

From its very inception, the CIO has fought the battles of the white-collar workers.

It set out to organize them in unions specially adapted to their needs in the world of modern industry.

The white-collar unions of the CIO have won many improvements in salaries and conditions for their members, keeping pace in these respects with the unions of industrial workers, many of which also include the white-collar.

It is true many millions of white-collar workers still remain unorganized, suffering the fate of all people who do not organize and stick together.

But these millions too have benefited from the great gain won for all labor by the CIO. When a CIO union wins an increase for industrial workers, for instance, it is not uncommon for employers to grant raises to their salaried employees as well.

At all times, the CIO has been the one outstanding champion of the white-collar, constantly calling attention to their plight, demanding improvements in their conditions and opening the door of opportunity and organization to them.

But now suddenly there comes an outpouring of crocodile tears about the plight of the white-collar from the reactionary press and other big-business interests, whose only concern with them in the past has been to exploit them and keep them unorganized.

In order to drive a wedge between salaried and wage workers, to weaken all labor, these interests are starting to draw comparisons between the conditions of unorganized white-collar workers and organized industrial workers, and to play off one group against the other.

But this game is too slick and phoney to deceive anyone for long. For all salaried and wage workers stand to gain from labor's efforts to adjust wage standards to increased living costs.

The net effect, we predict, will be to help countless white-collar workers realize they, too, should organize to remedy the inequities from which they suffer; and to play their part, along with the rest of labor, in establishing a better balance between wages, salaries and living costs and in fighting the battle against inflation through strict price control, fair taxes and the rest of labor's program.

—The CIO.

Prisoners as Patriots

In one year, inmates of our state prisons produced \$14,000,000 worth of war goods. They also put on the market \$23,908,000 worth of food. In addition, they topped all other sections of the population as blood donors. All this happened in 1942. The figures for 1943 are running far higher.

All of this is voluntary. There are many sorts of evidence to show that the prisoners are throwing themselves into the war effort with real enthusiasm.

Suggestions are being made in many journals that it is time for a new deal in our prisons. This thing happening before our eyes is so dramatic that the most conventional mousiebacks are having their eyes opened. It is being demonstrated that the great majority of prisoners are not a queer, separate, special crowd. They are a part of the nation. Their motives, reactions, impulses are the same as those of the majority. If they respond to the appeal of patriotism, they will equally respond to other appeals.

It is time to inaugurate a prison system designed to fit them for places in the world of normal persons. The virtues revealed in war can be developed and built upon during time of peace.

—The New Leader.

Retailers vs. Black Markets

Many small food retailers find themselves backed to the wall by runaway prices in wholesale black markets.

At a meeting called by the Associated Retail Food Dealers of New York, an association of 1,100 fruit and vegetable dealers, one small merchant after another said he couldn't do business under present conditions, that unless price ceilings were enforced, he would have to close up shop.

Under severe economic pressure, these retailers are losing their fear of being deprived of supplies by fruit and vegetable wholesalers. They discussed with OPA and city authorities the procedure for giving evidence against black market practices.

Dealers pointed out that fruits and vegetables should be priced by grade. Otherwise even the poorest grades are sold at the top ceiling prices.

Genius, as an explosive power, beats gunpowder hollow.

T. H. HUXLEY.

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Anti-Freeze Supply
There should be plenty of anti-freeze for motorists this winter. The government has allocated between

The Upper Crust



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BY CONSUMERS UNION

What Housewives Want

The business magazine Sales Management has shed some light on the attitudes of housewives towards grade labeling.

Most anti-freezes will be of the ethyl alcohol type. Anti-freezes made of ethylene glycol will be available only in small amounts for ordinary motorists, since commercial motorists get first call on the so-called permanent types. No anti-freezes are being made of wood alcohol (methyl alcohol); it is used 100% for war production.

If you can't get the "permanent" types of anti-freeze, CU's automotive consultant advises the use of a pressure cap on your radiator, to guard against excessive evaporation of ethyl alcohol anti-freezes. Many late model cars have these devices, but if your car doesn't have one, you can get much the same result by installing an expansion tank (sold by some General Motors dealers as an accessory), or an inexpensive pressure valve (such as Alko-Save) or the over-flow pipe.

To protect motorists, WPB has halted the sale of 500,000 gallons of two destructive types of anti-freeze made either with such salts as calcium, magnesium or sodium chloride, or with petroleum distillates.

Last year, a great deal of damage was done to motors through the use of these injurious types, which harmed copper radiators, rubber hose connections, ignition system and water pumps.

Last January the government forbade the further manufacture of these harmful anti-freezes but didn't stop the sale of those already produced.

The present action is to prevent the sale of supplies still held in inventory.

CIO Consumer Front

The CIO is to be congratulated for the fine consumer program brought forward at its recent annual convention.

The CIO asked that subsidies immediately granted to control and roll back prices. The CIO's action brought an immediate response from Congress, where some Congressmen stiffened their weakening support for subsidies.

The tax program which the CIO adopted calls for no sales tax, repeals of the Victory Tax, higher exemptions to lower the taxes of low-income groups, sharply increased taxes on high incomes with a \$25,000 ceiling on net income after payment of taxes, elimination of tax loopholes and increase of taxes on corporate profits.

The CIO asked for rationing of such commodities as milk and soap which are "admittedly scarce" but have not yet been rationed, as well as for rationing of meals served in hotels and restaurants. It backed up rent control against its enemies in and out of Congress, and called for increased funds for OPA to enforce this and other necessary regulations.

The CIO also called for a program of full food production, providing security for farmers in the form of subsidies "to assure increased income to them for increased production of necessary crops" and in the form of credit, crop insurance and postwar guarantees.

It called for representation of both farmers and workers on government food agencies.

To speed production, the Convention urged that adequate feeding facilities be installed in war plants, that more funds be appropriated for war housing, and that more adequate child-care facilities be developed in order to help women to go into industry.

Three actions are needed so that orange and grapefruit prices can be rolled back at retail and black markets wiped out. The government should resist the efforts of the citrus bloc to raise prices. The WPA should accept OPA's proposal that the government purchase the entire citrus crop for subsequent resale to processors and whole-salers, so that distribution can be controlled. And finally, OPA should revise the present system of wholesale and retail markup, so that citrus fruits are taken out of the luxury class.

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