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## NEMŠKE KOLONE V OZADJU AMERIŠKE ARMADE

### Rusi udri v Čehoslovakijo na deset milj dolgi fronti

## AMERICANI UNICILI 747 JAPONSKIH LETAL

Pariz, 19. dec.—Oklopne kolone nemške armade so v protiofenzivi, ki se je pričela v nedeljo, prodre 22 milj daleč v Belgijo, čeprav so izpostavljene bombnim napadom ameriške letalske sile. Ameriške bombe so razbile in poškodovale 121 nemških tankov in oklopnih vozil. Prve nemške kolone so dospelo do Stavelota, belgijskega mesta.

Čete prve ameriške armade so bile pogane z nemškega ozemlja na 50 milj dolgi fronti. Feldmaršal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt je vrzel rezervne in oklopne divizije v protiofenzivo proti ameriški armadi.

Zavezniška cenzura zakriva detajle vojnih operacij. Znano je le, da Nemci uporabljajo novo orožje v protiofenzivi, ki lahko spremeni potek vojne na zapadni fronti. Poveljstvo prve ameriške armade ne podcenjuje resnosti situacije in nemških napov, katerih cilj je ustavitv prodiranja zavezniških sil proti reki Reni.

Nemške oklopne kolone so prodre v ozadje fronte prve ameriške armade, ki se razteza od Durena do Luksemburške. Veliko število nemških padalcev se je spustilo na tla v ozadju fronte. Izgleda, da Nemci hočejo razdejati zalagalne črte, po katerih dobiva ameriška armada orožje, strelivo in drugi vojni material.

Belgijski civilisti spet beže pred Nemci proti zapadu, kakor so bežali l. 1940, ko so Hitlerjeve legije udrele v deželo. Očitno je, da je nemška protiofenziva presenetila poveljstvo zavezniških sil.

Čez tisoč ameriških bojnih letal je metalo bombe na Kolin, Coblenz, Mainz in druga mesta v zapadni Nemčiji. V napadih so vrgla čez dva tisoč ton zažigalnih in razstrelivnih bomb. Britski letalci so istočasno napadli Gdyninjo, bivšo poljsko pristaniščno mesto v bližini Gdanske ob Baltičkem morju.

London, 19. dec.—Ruske alpine čete so prekoračile gorovje Keeske v severovzhodnem delu Ogrske in udrele v Čehoslovakijo na deset milj dolgi fronti, poročila Moskva. Približno se se Košicam, nemški trdnjavi.

Radio Berlin poroča, da se druge ruske kolone vale proti Košicam z vzhodne strani. Ljutje bitke divjajo na fronti med Satorajjujehlyem in Ipolysagom in na robu planjav pred Bratislavo, glavnim slovaškim mestom.

Budimpešta je še vedno tarča ruskih bomb in topniških izstrelkov. Moskva molči o vojnih operacijah okrog glavnega ogrskega mesta. Prej je poročala, da so ruske kolone zožile jeziklen obroč okrog Budimpešte.

Radio Pariz poroča, da so Nemci mobilizirali čez 40.000 delavcev za gradnjo trdnjav okrog Dunaja, glavnega avstrijskega mesta. Ruske čete so v akciji proti Nemcem na ozemlju, ki je oddaljeno 115 milj od Dunaja.

Leyte, Filipini, 19. dec.—General Douglas MacArthur poroča, da so ameriški letalci uničili in poškodovali 742 japonskih letal v enem tednu. Ameriške čete, ki so invadirale otok Mindoro, niso naletele na močan odpor s strani japonske sile. Ameriški vojaški inženirji grade letališča na tem otoku, s

## Podrobnosti iz jubilejne kampanje SNPJ

Jubilejna kampanja naše jednote je končana, toda je še vedno nekaj niti, katere je treba pritegniti skupaj in zavezati. In te niti, zelo močne niti so oni člani in članice, ki so se podali v kontekst z veliko energijo in omogočili, da je kampanja tako dobro uspela.

Med temi pridnimi kontestanti je tudi pet članov, katerim so ob rojstvu dali ime Janez, po prihodu v Ameriko pa so dobili ime John. Ti Janezi ali Johni žive v zapadni Pennsylvaniji v razdalji deset do petnajst milj drug od drugega, vsi vneti za jednoto, vsi zelo marljivi agitatorji, sploh njeni stebri.

Društvu Bratstvo št. 6 v Syganu marljivo tajnikuje John Wirant, ki je v zadnji kampanji pridobil 20 novih članov in s sestro Ido Daniels omogočil, da se je društvo zopet povzpelo na prvo mesto. Društvu v Midwayju tajnikuje John Just, ki je pridobil 31 novih članov v jubilejni kampanji, od teh 21 v novembru. Postojnski jami v Strabanu pa zvesto tajnikuje John Zigman, ki je poskrbel, da je njegovo društvo doseglo kvoto s tem, da je pridobil 40 novih članov. V mali naselbini Beadling pa tajnikuje John Nemanich, ki je v zadnji kampanji pridobil 20 novih članov, od teh 16 v novembru. Zelo marljivo je bil na delu tudi John Jobkar v Southviewu, ki je pridobil 31 novih članov, od teh 21 v novembru. Vsem tem pennsylvanskim Johnom priznanje!

V mali farmerski naselbini v Sheldonu, Wis., pa ima jednota nadvse pridnega delavca v osebi Lukasa Dernovska st., tajnika tamkajšnjega društva, katerega je v zadnjih treh kampanjah povečal za 155 novih članov. Za malo farmersko naselbino je to naravnost sijajen rekord. V kampanji zmage predlaskim je pridobil 76 novih članov, v mladinski jubilejni kampanji lani je pomnožil društvo za 23 novih članov, v letošnji jubilejni kampanji pa za 56 novih članov. (Njegovo sliko vidite na tretji strani med prvaškimi kontestanti.) Dasi ima že 63 let na grbi in je pravi steber svojega društva, je poleg tega aktiven tudi za Rdeči križ, pri prodaji vojnih bondov in zbiranju sklada za vojno pomoč. Član SNPJ je že 34 let. Bratu Dernovsku vse priznanje!

V Pueblu, Colo., pa je društvo Oreš št. 21 dala novo življenje njegova tajnica sestra Rose Radovich. V lanski jubilejni kampanji ob 30-letnici mladinskega oddelka sta z br. Frankom Starkom pridobila 61 novih članov in odnesla prvenstvo. V letošnji kampanji pa je sestra Radovich pridobila nadaljnjih 40 članov, od teh 25 v novembru in se povzpela na osmo mesto na častni listi kontestantov. Zdjaj poroča, da so na delu za ustanovitev mladinskega krožka—nekaj, kar tako velika naselbina kot je v Pueblu gotovo potrebuje. Prepričani smo, da bodo v tem uspeli in da bo krožek v čast Orliu, naselbini in jednoti. Tudi vam, Rose in Orlovčani, vse priznanje!

Med presenečenji v zadnji kampanji je tudi sijajni rekord, ki ga je dosegel Tone Zornik v Herminieju, Pa. Tone piše, da je presenečen, ker je prišel na tretje mesto na častni listi. Pravi, da tega ni pričakoval—računal je na peto ali šesto mesto. Toda že bi ostal na tem mestu (to velja tudi za vse druge kontestante), bo razvidno čez šest mesecev; odvisno bo od tega, koliko od novopridobljenih članov bodo društva obdržala v svojih vrstah. Ampak Tone se bo gotovo potrdil, da jih obdrži. Še obilo uspeha, Tone, pri tvojim Jimmy Higginsovem delu!

Lavoriki vseh društev v Clevelandu in sploh v Ohio nosi društvo Naprež, ki je v zadnji kampanji doseglo prvenstvo. Oficielni kontestant pri št. 5 je še vedno Milan Medvešek, ki pa je že od začetka julija pomožni urednik Prosvete. Odkar je iz Clevelanda, ga je v pridobivanju novih članov nadomestil njegov oče, izredno pridni Ludvik Medvešek, ki nikdar ne počiva, marveč je vedno na delu za to ali drugo dobro stvar. On je tudi tajnik Napreža. Z Milanom sta pridobila v zadnji kampanji 50 novih članov.

Takoj za Medveški, na sedmem mestu, je sestra Mary Vasil, tajnica Vener št. 192 v Milwaukeeju, ki tudi prvič med Milwaukeečani. Na devetem mestu pa sta vsak z 39 novimi člani Mary Vidmar, tajnica društva 3, Johnstown, Pa., in Lenhart Werdinek, tajnik društva 29, Thomas, W. Va.

Vsem kontestantom najlepše priznanje!

### Sodišče potrdilo pravice zamorcev

Washington, D. C., 19. dec.—Federalno vrhovno sodišče je odločilo, da se mora bratovščina strojevodij in kurjačev pogajati z železniškimi kompanijami na jugu v prilog zamorcev, ki so uposleni kot kurjači, čeprav niso člani bratovščine. Odločitev v prilog zamorcem je podal Harlan F. Stone, načelnik sodišča.

### Ameriški magazin izhaja v Moskvi

Moskva, 19. dec.—Amerika, nov magazin v ruskem jeziku, se razpečava v Moskvi. Magazin je začel izdajati urad za vojne informacije (OWI), da seznanijo rusko ljudstvo z Združenimi državami. Izvod stane tri rublje.

katerih bodo letalci vršili operacije proti japonskim silam. Vest pravi, da je bila invazija Mindoraa lahko delo.

### Pearl Harbor, Havaji, 19. dec.

Glavni stan admirala Chesterja W. Nimitza poroča, da so enote ameriške mornarice in letalske sile potopile 28 japonskih parnikov, 66 pa poškodovale na morju pri Luzonu, največjem otoku Filipinske grupe, v dveh tednih. V tem času so Američani uničili tudi 482 japonskih letal.

Prej je Nimitz poročal, da so ameriške podmornice potopile 12 japonskih bojnih ladij in 22 parnikov v operacijah na Pacifiku.

## STETTINIUS POJASNIL STALIŠČE GLEDE POLJSKE

### Amerika ne bo nasprotovala začrtanju nove meje

## VAŽNOST SPORAZUMA Z RUSIJO

Washington, D. C., 19. dec.—Stališče ameriške vlade glede Poljske je pojasnil državni tajnik Edward R. Stettinius v posebni izjavi. Ta prvi med drugimi, da Amerika ne bo nasprotovala začrtanju nove meje med Poljsko in sovjetsko Rusijo na podlagi sporazuma, ki ga odobro druge države v okviru Združenih narodov.

"Ameriška vlada je za ustanovitev močne, svobodne in neodvisne poljske države," se glasi izjava. "Ona priznava pravico poljskemu ljudstvu, da samo odloči o svojem obstoju. Vprašanja glede ureditve meje naj se odlože do zaključitve vojne v Evropi, toda druga se lahko rešijo v atmosferi prijateljskih razgovorov. Ako poljsko ljudstvo osvoji stališče, da je preselitev narodnostnih grup v interesu poljske države, mu bo ameriška vlada nudila praktično podporo na podlagi sporazuma in kooperacije z vlada drugih zavezniških držav."

Izjava dalje pravi, da Amerika ne bo zavrgla svoje tradicionalne politike, katero je že večkrat naglasila. To pomeni, da ne more dati nobene garancije glede mej. Amerika je za ustanovitev mednarodne organizacije, ki naj bi vzdrževala in štiti svetovni mir. Ameriška vlada je pripravljena pomagati vsem osvobojenim državam, da se dvignejo na noge in dobe priliko za ureditev svojega ekonomskega življenja. To velja za Poljsko in vse druge države v okviru Združenih narodov.

Stettinius je dal razumeti, da se Amerika v načelu strinja s stališčem Velike Britanije. Premier Churchill je v svojem govoru v parlamentu naglasil potrebo sporazuma med poljsko ubežno vlado in sovjetsko Rusijo. On je tudi izjavil, da so zahteve Rusije, da mora biti nova meja med Poljsko in Rusijo Curzonova linija, pravične in upravičene.

### Grški levičarji zasedli jetnišnico

### Senator Johnson obsodil britsko intervencijo

Atene, Grčija, 19. dec.—Grški levičarji so porazili britske čete v bitki v središču Aten in okupirali jetnišnico. Odprli so vrata jetnišnice in osvobodili okrog sto jetnikov, potem pa so jo zažgali.

Bitka za posest jetnišnice je trajala dvanajst ur. Britske čete so se morale umakniti pred levičarji pod zaščito tankov. Znamenja kažejo, da civilna vojna, katero so provocirale britske oborožene sile z intervencijo v prilog premierja Papandreouja, še ne bo kmalu končana.

Washington, D. C., 19. dec.—Senator Johnson, republikanec iz Californije, je apeliral na svoje kolege, naj izrečejo svoje in simpatije ameriškega ljudstva napram grškim levičarjem. On je v svojem govoru obsodil britsko intervencijo v Grčiji.

"Amerika," je dejal senator, "mora biti še nadalje upanje malih narodov, ki hočejo živeti v miru."

## Domače vesti

### Novi grobovi

Warren, O.—Po daljši bolezni je tukaj umrl John Kocjan, star 53 let, doma iz Škocjana na Dolenskem in član društva 321 SNPJ. Zapuška žena, v Montani brata, eno sestro v Garyju, Ind., drugo v Pennsylvaniji in dve v starem kraju, če sta še živi.

Woodside, L. I., N. Y.—Dne 14. dec. je na svojem domu umrl Marin Zelenc, ki je podlegel rakavi v starosti 61 let. Doma je bil iz Zirov pri Škofji Loki. Zapuška žena, sina (v vojni v Italiji), poročeno hčer in brata.

### Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland.—V bolnišnici je umrl John Krizanič, star 66 let in član SDZ. Doma je bil od Sv. Križa pri Kostanjevici, odkoder je prišel v Ameriko pred 31 leti. Zapuška žena v starem kraju.—V Nemčiji je bil 20. nov. ranjen Pfc. Anthony Gole, sin družine Anton Gole iz Eučida, ki se zdaj zdravi v Angliji. K vojakom je šel januarja 1943, preko morja pa prolega septembra.—V vojnem ujetništvu v Nemčiji se nahaja Cpl. Edward Percic, star 28 let in sin družine Vincent Percic, o katerem je bilo prvotno poročano, da je pogrešan od 6. sept. Preko morja se nahaja 23 mesecev in udeležil se je invazije v severni Afriki in Siciliji.

Poročila sta se Esther Mramor, hčerka družine Karl Mramor, in Robert K. Sweringen.—Po dolgi bolezni je umrla Johana Smole, stara 60 let, članica društva 137 SNPJ in SZZ. Zapuška žena, tri sinove (eden je v New Yorku), sestro Mary She-rock v Iron Cityju, Minn., in dva vnuka, v starem kraju pa brata in sestro.—V bolnišnici je umrla Helen Kocjan iz Collinwooda, roj. Susalski, stara 33 let in rojena tukaj. Zapuška žena, sinčica, mater, pet sestra in štiri brate (dva pri vojaki).—Družina Frank Blatnik iz Newburgha je prejela vest od vojnega departmanta, da je bil 29. nov. ubit v Nemčiji sin Pfc. Frank B. Blatnik, star 25 let. Pri vojaki je bil od februarja 1942 in preko morja deset mesecev. Poleg staršev zapuška tri brate, od katerih je eden pri mornarici.—V Nemčiji je bil 21. nov. ubit Pvt. Larry A. Leskovec, sin Frances Leskovec, star 20 let. Prej je bil ranjen v Normandiji, toda po ozdravitvi je bil poslan zopet na fronto. V armado je šel aprila 1943, preko morja pa novembra lani. Poleg matere zapuška dva brata in sestro.—Družina John Melle je bila obveščena, da je bil 25. nov. v Nemčiji ranjen sin S/Sgt. Victor Melle, ki je bil že prej ranjen v Franciji. Preko morja je od septembra 1942.—V Nemčiji je bil 1. dec. ranjen Cpl. Anthony Hočvar, sin družine Charles Hočvar iz Maple Heightsa. Njegov brat Charles služi v Franciji, Loddie pa na Pacifiku.

### Feldmaršal Alexander v Londonu

London, 19. dec.—Feldmaršal Harold Alexander, vrhovni poveljnik zavezniških sil v Sredozemlju, je dospel v London, kjer je imel važne razgovore s premierjem Churchillom in člani generalnega štaba. On je bil pooblaščen za poveljstvo v Sredozemlju.

### Zborovanja v Siciliji prepovedana po izgreduh

Rim, 19. dec.—Zborovanja v Siciliji so bila prepovedana po demonstracijah in izgreduh, v katerih je bilo več ljudi ranjenih. Izgredniki so zažgali ranjeno hišo v Castel di Judici in več poslopj.

### Leteče bombe spet padajo na London

London, 19. dec.—Notranji minister poroča, da so nemške leteče bombe spet padale na London in druga angleška mesta. Več oseb je bilo ubitih in ranjenih.

## Ward Co. še izziva vladni odbor

### Avery razglasil odlok za nelegalen

Chicago, 19. dec.—Montgomery Ward & Co. je ponovno naglasila, da se ne bo pokorila odloku vojnega delavskega odbora, da mora podpisati pogodbo z unijo CIO s provizijo o unijski delavnici. V konfliktu je prizadetih okrog 20.000 delavcev, uposlenih v trgovinah te kompanije v Chicagu in šestih drugih mestih.

Sewell Avery, načelnik odbora direktorjev kompanije, je ponovno izjavil, da je odlok odbora nelegalen. "Kongres, ki je edina avtoriteta v zakonodajstvu na podlagi ustave, ni dal odboru oblasti enforsiranja odlokov," je dejal. "Montgomery Ward & Co. ni kršila nobenega zakona in ne more biti prosekutirana."

Henry B. Anderson, predsednik unije v Chicagu, je odgovoril Averyju. Dejal je, "da hoče uničiti vojni delavski odbor in provocirati splošno stavko v svoji opoziciji. Apelim na predsednika Roosevelta, naj dvzame potrebne korake proti kompaniji, da se odvrne kriza."

William H. Davis, načelnik vojnega delavskega odbora, je naznanil, da bo poslal pismo Fredu M. Vinsonu, direktorju ekonomske stabilizacije, s podatki o situaciji v svrhu akcije. Možnost je, da bo Roosevelt odredil zaseg trgovin Montgomery Ward & Co.

## Pravda odločno zavrača obdolžitve

### Napadla je ameriško publikacijo

Moskva, 19. dec.—Pravda, glasilo komunistične stranke, je zavrnila obdolžitve, da ni Rusija izpolnila vojaških obveznosti v smislu zaključkov, sprejetih na konferenci med maršalom Stalinom, predsednikom Rooseveltom in premierjem Churchillom na konferenci v Teheranu, Perziji.

Obdolžitve je izrekla publikacija American Army and Navy Journal. Pravda je objavila številke, da dokaže, da ima Nemčija toliko vojaških divizij samo v južnem sektorju vzhodne fronte kot na zapadni, kjer so zbrane zavezniške sile. V tem sektorju je 70 nemških divizij, 150 pa v ostalih krajih vzhodne fronte. Skupno število nemških divizij, ki stoje proti ruskim silam, je 220.

Pravda očita ameriški publikaciji, da služi nacistični propagandi, zaeno pa naglašja, da je Rusija doprinesla največje žrtve v vojni proti Hitlerjevimi legijam.

Washington, D. C., 19. dec.—John Callan O'Laughlin, izdajatelj Army and Navy Journala, je svetoval Rusiji, naj z vsjo silo udari po nemški sili na Poljskem in s tem skrajša vojno. "Najkrajša pot do Berlina je in je vedno bila skozi Poljsko," pravi v svoji publikaciji. "Prepričan sem, da bi bilo v interesu Rusije, kakor tudi zaveznikov, če bi moglo ruske armade udariti po nemških silah na Poljskem."

### Italijanska vojna zločinca pred sodiščem

Rim, 19. dec.—Pred italijansko vrhovno sodišče bosta kmalu postavljeni Fulvio Suvich, bivši zunanji podminister v Mussolinijevi vladi, in general Mario Roatta. Prvi je obtožen soudeležbe z zaratniki, ki so umorili jugoslovanskega kralja Aleksandra in francoskega zunanjskega ministra Barthouja v Marseillesu, drugi pa odgovornosti za zločine, ki so jih izvršile italijanske čete pod njegovim poveljstvom v Jugoslaviji.

## POMANJKANJE DELAVCEV V VOJNIH INDUSTRIJAH

### Produkcija orožja, streliva in drugega materiala padla

## VPRAŠANJE OBVEZNEGA DELA

Washington, D. C., 19. dec.—E. Krug, načelnik odbora za vojno produkcijo, je apeliral na kongres, naj stori korake proti onim, ki kršijo ali ignorirajo odredbe glede upositve delavcev v vojnih industrijah. On je nastopil pred člani senatnega odbora, ki vodi preiskavo izvajanja vojnega programa.

Krug je dejal, da je nastalo občutno pomanjkanje delavcev v vojnih industrijah. Mnogo delavcev je pustilo delo v teh industrijah in šlo v one, ki izdelujejo civilne potrebščine. Vojne industrije potrebujejo sedaj najmanj 350.000 novih delavcev.

Senator Ferguson, republikanec iz Michigana, je hotel vedeti vzrok pomanjkanja delavcev v vojnih industrijah. Krug je pojasnil, "da je za položaj odgovoren kongres, ker ni sprejel zakonskega načrta glede obveznega dela v teh industrijah. Ako bi imele vladne agencije isto kontrolo nad delavci kot jo imajo glede dobavljanja materiala, tedaj bi bil problem pomanjkanja delovne sile kmalu rešen."

Delavski department je poročal, da povprečno 58 delavcev izmed tisoč pušti delo v vojnih industrijah mesečno. To je eden izmed vzrokov padca vojne produkcije. Največji padec izkazuje industrije, ki izdelujejo težke topove, vojaška motorna vozila, strelivo in bojna letala tipa A-26.

Vojni podtajnik Patterson je tudi nastopil pred senatnim odsekom. On je dejal, da bo vojni department še nadalje pritiakal na kongres za sprejetje načrta glede obveznega dela v vojnih industrijah, da se poveča produkcija vojnega materiala.

Patterson je opozoril na nevarnost krize v produkciji orožja kot posledica pomanjkanja delavcev v vojnih industrijah.

## Amerika ojači svojo oboroženo silo

### Velike izgube na zapadni fronti

Washington, D. C., 19. dec.—General Lewis B. Hershey, direktor naborne administracije, je naznanil, da bo do 80.000 moških poklicanih v armado v januarju in februarju, da se poveča in ojači ameriška oborožena sila.

Prej je vojni department razkril velike ameriške izgube na zapadni fronti. Samo v novembru so znašale 57.755. Število je naraslo od invazije Francije do konca novembra na 258.124. To vključuje ubite, ranjene in ujete vojake.

Poročilo vojnega departmanta potrjuje napovedi, da bo pot do Berlina težka. Padlo bo še tisoče vojakov, preden bo Nemčija poražena. Hershey je naglasil, da sedanja nemška protiofenziva na zapadni fronti dokazuje, da Hitler razpolaga še z ogromno oboroženo silo.

## Hitler obiskal zapadno fronto

London, 19. dec.—Ujeti nemški vojaki so povedali, da je Hitler obiskal zapadno fronto pred desetimi dnevi. Takrat je naznanil, da se bo kmalu pričela nemška protiofenziva proti zavezniški sili na tej fronti.

Društvene vesti

Murray, Utah.—Sledeći odbor je bil izvoljen pri društvu št. 12 SNPJ za l. 1945: Predsednik Anton Tezak, podpredsednik Matt Simonich, tajnik Anton Kuzner, blagajničarka Dorothy Perves, zapisničarka Mary Truden, predsednik nadzornega odbora John Petrovich, društveni zdravnik dr. Sonwell, 118 E. 48 st., So. Murray, Utah. Seja se vrši vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob šestih popoldne v običajnem prostoru.

Na letni seji je bilo predlagano in z večino glasov sprejeto, da mora vsak član in članica plačati \$1 v društveno blagajno meseca februarja. Oni člani in članice, ki niso bili navzoči, naj blagovoljivo vpoštevati ta sklep. Anton Kuzner, tajnik, 135 W. 59 st., So. Murray.

Sharon, Pa.—Na letni seji društva št. 31 SNPJ je bil sprejet sklep, da vsak član in članica plača 50c v društveno blagajno. To doklado je treba plačati januarja ali februarja. Kdor je ne bil plačal, od tega ne bom sprejel rednega asesmenta. Na seji smo izvolili za l. 1945 ves stari odbor. Seje se vrše v običajnem prostoru. Joe Paulenich, tajnik.

Euclid, O.—Na letni seji društva št. 450 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči uradniki za prihodnje leto: predsednik Frank Podboršek, podpredsednik Frank Tegel, tajnica Mary Dodic, 977 E. 239 st., blagajničarka Frances Tegel, zapisnikar John Knific. Nadzorni odbor: Matt Klemen, Andrej Yerman in Frank Mihelič. Zastopnik za clevelandsko federacijo SNPJ in za izletniško prostoro SNPJ Frank Podboršek, zastopnika za SANS Frank Tegel in John Smith, zastopnika za klub društev Frank Gorjanc in Anton Cepilnik, za delniško sejo SDD Frank Mihelič in Frank Gorjanc. Društveni zdravnik: C. Rotter, A. Škur, L. Perme. Seje se vrše vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu v Slovenskem društvenem domu; plačevanje asesmenta na 25. v mesecu v Slovenskem društvenem domu, če pa pride praznik ali nedelja na ta dan, potem je pobiranje asesmenta dan pozneje ter zadnji dan na domu tajnice. Mary Dodic, tajnica.

Cleveland, O.—Na letni seji društev št. 53 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči uradniki: predsednik Frank Barbič, podpredsednik John Šorc, tajnik J. F. Durn, 15605 Waterloo rd., blagajnik John Koss, zapisnikar Louis Dugar. Nadzorni odbor: Joseph Siković, Frank Petrič in Anton Brenčić. Zastopniki za federacijo

jo clevelandskih društev SNPJ: Matt Petrovich, J. F. Durn in Frank Polantz. Društvo bo zborovalo v Slovenskem delavskem domu vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu.

Društvo je ostalo član Prosvetne matice, darovalo čitalnici SDD \$5 ter dalo \$100 za takojšnjo pomoč rojakom v stari domovini. Društvo je mesečno prispevalo do sedaj po \$25 na mesec ter bo prispevalo enako vsoto tudi v bodočnosti. Po \$25 na mesec prispeva naše društvo že nekaj let. Na seji je bilo tudi sklenjeno, da kupimo bond za \$400.

Ob tej priliki prosim članstvo, da plača svoj asesment ta mesec točno, kajti ob zaključku tega meseca ne bom zalagal nikogar. Torej, ako ne boste plačali pravočasno, vas bom suspendiral. Dalje poročam, da bomo vsi tajniki, ki pobiramo asesment v SDD, kolektali 26. decembra. Prošeni ste, da to vpoštevate. Ponovno poudarjam, zalagal ta mesec ne bom nikogar.

Nenadoma je umrl decak Lawrence Boege, vnuk člana našega društva Johna Skobca st. Mati pokojnega je tudi članica našega društva. Umrl je nenadoma za neko nalezljivo boleznijo in morali so ga takoj pokopati. Družini izrekam v imenu našega društva globoko sožalje. Star je bil štiri leta.

Ob zaključku leta želim vsemu članstvu SNPJ srečno novo leto. Nadejam se, da bo prihodnje leto prineslo več sreče in zadovoljstva vsem in da se bo končala ta vojna, v kateri mori človek človeka. J. F. Durn, tajnik.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Vsem članom in članicam društva št. 234 SNPJ, ki se niso udeležili letne seje, naznanjam, da smo izvolili sledeč odbor za l. 1945, ali na kratko rečeno, soglasno smo izvolili vse stare odbornike. Tem je članstvo pokazalo, da je imelo v preteklem letu in v bodoče zaupanje v poslanje odbora. Odborniki so: predsednik

Louis Marr, podpreds. Frank Maroh, tajnik Joseph Fritz, 1324 So. 5th st., telefon Orchard 6011, blagajničarka Mary Geiser, zapisnikar Anton Ermenc, predsednik nadzornega odbora Anton Ermenc, Frank Maroh, Mary Rebernikšek, društveni zdravnik Stefanetz.

Udeležba na seji je bila povoljna. Bil je tudi sprejet sklep, da v prihodnjem letu plača vsak član ali članica po 20 centov društvene doklade, kajti s sedanjo doklado smo težko izhajali in smo imeli komaj za kritje društvenih stroškov. Doklado pa bomo prenehali plačevati čim prej, kakor hitro bodo razmere malo bolj urejene in bomo zopet lahko prirejali zabave ali dobili kak drug finančni vir.

Članstvo tudi naznanjam, da ne bom drugo leto vzel od nobenega člana več kakor asesment za en mesec, ker nočem biti več odgovoren za denar, ki ga držim doma za več asesmentov. Vzrok za to mojo odločitev je, ker nas ni doma ves dan in lahko se prepeti kakšna nesreča na domu. Sicer pa danes imajo skoro vsi člani in članice denar in lahko plačajo vsak mesec sproti. Najbolje je, da plačate asesment na seji, kajti če plačujete na domu tajnika, niste nikoli zagotovljeni, da ga najdete doma. Seja se vrši vsako drugo nedeljo ob dveh popoldne. Joseph Fritz, tajnik.

Cleveland, O.—Članstvo društva Naprej št. 5 SNPJ opozarjam, da bom pobiral asesment ta mesec v soboto, 23. decembra,

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West Brownsville, Pa.—Članstvu društva št. 398 SNPJ, zlasti onim, ki se niso udeležili zadnje letne seje, naznanjam, da so izvoljeni za leto 1945 vsi stari odborniki z izjemo Mata Pintarica, ki je novi član nadzornega odbora. Želim, da vsi oni, ki so oddaljeni od sedeža društva, pošiljajo asesment na moj stari naslov, zaeno pa prosim članstvo, da plača asesment do zadnjega tega meseca, da bom lahko uredila društvene knjige, toda ne čakajte prav do zadnjega dne, ko moram že poslati denar v glavni urad.

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Naznanilo in zahvala

Z žalostnim srcem naznanjamo sorodnikom, znancem in prijateljem tužno vest, da je zaslišel svoje blage oči naš preljubljeni oče

Lovrenc Kavcic

Umrl je 17. novembra 1944. Rojen je bil v fari Ledine nad Idrijo na Notranjskem leta 1882. Pokojni je bil član društ. št. 89 SNPJ. Sledečim se prav iskreno zahvalimo za vence in cvetice, ki ste mu jih podarili v zadnji posdrav: društ. št. 89 SNPJ, gosp. klubu, Juv. Circle št. 22 SNPJ, Social members od kluba, mrs. Anna Janeshek in Ralph in John Hryb, mr. in mrs. John Beynik, sosedom in prijateljem, mr. in mrs. Anton Menart, mr. in mrs. Frank Stamfor in Claridge, Pa., mr. in mrs. Anton Rupar in Southviewva, Pa.—Pokojni zapušča žalujoco soprogo, dve svoji hčeri in 8 posinovljenih otrok, 2 brata v starem kraju in 2 sestri, ako so še živi. Torej se še enkrat najlepše zahvaljujem vsem, kar ste nam dobrega storili ob urah teške žalosti in društvu za lepo urejen pogreb. Ako je katero ime pomotoma izpuščeno, prosim, da mi oprostite.—Tebi, dragi in nepozabljeni moji oče, počivaj v miru, dokler se tudi mi ne snidemo s Teboj. Naj Ti bo lahka ameriška zemlja. Midway, Pa.

Naznanilo in zahvala

Z globoko žalostjo v srcu naznanjam vsem sorodnikom, znancem in prijateljem žalostno vest, da je dne 1. novembra 1944 na naglo preminul moj ljubljeni soprogo

JOSEPH OBLAK

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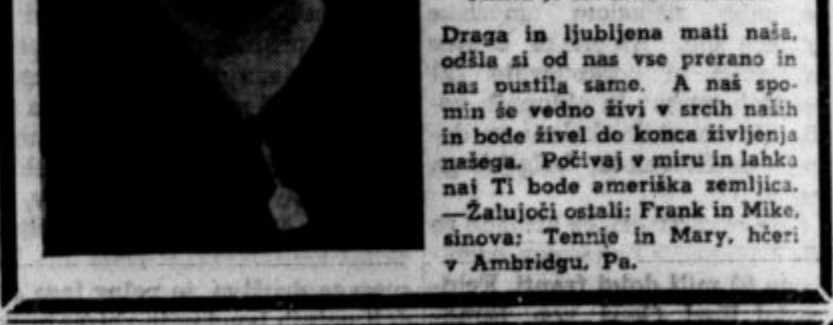
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JOHANNA POSEGA Umrla je 22. decembra 1943.



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Naznanilo in zahvala

Žalostnega srca naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, prijateljem in znancem tužno vest, da je preminula dne 1. decembra 1944 moja ljubljena soproga in mati

JOHANA MOYL

Ob smrti je bila stara 61 let. Rojena je bila v Bregu za Savo pri Kranju. Pogreb se je izvršil dne 5. dec. t. l. po cerkvenem obredu. Srčna hvala vsem sorodnikom, ki so jo prišli kropiti in ki so se udeležili pogreba in sicer: bratranec Peter Vrhovnik in soproga iz Chicago, Ill. Sestrična Jennie Horvat iz Kenosha, Wis., John Ticer iz Vulcana, Mich. Hvala moji sestri in njeni hčeri Mrs. Frances Globočnik, ter hčeri mrs. Louisa Ogrinc iz Clevelanda, Ohio. Nadalje se najiskrenejše zahvalimo vsem Slovincem in drugim prijateljem za darovane ji krasne vence in cvetlice, ter lepa hvala vsem, ki ste nam pomagali s avtomobilom, kakor tudi nosilcem krste. Srčna hvala vsem, ki ste se udeležili pogreba in spremlili pokojnico na zadnji poti k mirnemu počitku na mirodvor. Hvala lepa tudi vsem, ki ste darovali za maše in vsem, ki ste nas tolažili v uri žalosti. Tebi, draga soproga in mati naša, pa želimo, počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bude ameriška gruda.—Žalujoci ostali: John Moyl, soprogo; Annie in Julia Moyl in Mary Umek, hčere, vsi v Kenoshi, Wis.

Naznanilo in zahvala

Žalostnega srca naznanjamo sorodnikom, znancem in prijateljem tužno vest, da je neizprosna smrt pretregala življenje mojemu ljubljenu soprogo in očetu

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Ko se poleže vojna vihra in pridejo domov naši fantje, upamo, da bodo oni vzeli v roke vodstvo in usodo Adrije.

Dva naša člana pa sta dobila častno odpustnico od vojakov. Da naredimo tudi mi svojo patriotično dolžnost in ne samo vojaki...

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P. S.—Ko sem ravno skončala pisanje, je potrkala na vrata Johana Pecjak, hčer Charlesa Pecjaka.

William Pecjak je bil član našega društva. Je sin ustanovitelja društva Matja Pecjaka.

Mary Vidmar.

VELIKA BOŽIČNA PRIREDBA Chicago.—Zadnji nedeljo so imela čikaška društva SNPJ pod okriljem svoje federacije veliko Miklavževno priredbo.

Program je podal mladinski krožek pod vodstvom Anne Sannemannove in njene pomočnice Ruthie Medicove.

Vsekakor je videti, da je božična priredba čikaške federacije postala velika priljubljenost za očete in mame pa za njih mladiče.

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40-LETNICA IN DRUGE VESTI Waukegan, Ill.—Letos praznujemo 40-letnico SNPJ in društva po raznih naseelbinah so že v večini imela svoje prireditve.

Program obeta biti zelo zanimiv. Mladinski krožek SNPJ, ki je zopet oživel, se pridno vadi pod vodstvom sestre Christine Stritar.

Lincoln, Ill.—Naznanjam članstvu društva št. 116 SNPJ, posebno onim, ki se ne morejo udeleževati društvenih sej, kako gospodarimo pri našem društvu.

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izzubili članico Frances Slabe. Dokler so ji zdravje in družinske razmere dopuščale, je bila vedno aktivna in veliko delala za društvo in Slovenski narodni dom.

Letna seja društva št. 119 SNPJ se bo vršila v nedeljo, 24. decembra. Na vse članice apeliramo, da se seje gotovo udeležijo, ker bomo razpravljale poleg drugih važnih zadev tudi glede združitve z društvom št. 14. Pridite in izrazite svoje mnenje.

Antonia Bezak.

POROČILO O LETNI SEJI ŠT. 142 SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Kakor že mnogo let, tako se je vršila letna seja društva št. 142 SNPJ drugo nedeljo v mesecu, to je 10. decembra popoldne.

Na seji smo izvolili sledeči odbor: predsednik Frank Celin, podpredsednik John Prusnik, tajnik Frank Sustaršič, 15726 Holmes ave., njegova pomočnica pa je bolnišnica nadzornica sestra Frances Susel, blagajnik John Copic, zapisnikarica Frances Susel, reditelj John Ilovor.

Nadzožniki Anton Bokal, Joseph Koporc in Martin Sircelj. Najbolj bi me veselilo, ako bi si članstvo zapomnilo, da se vršijo naše seje vsako drugo nedeljo popoldne v Slovenskem domu na Holmes ave.

Na glavni seji smo izvolili še več drugih zastopnikov, ker smo podporniki raznih ustanov, čeravno tega ne obehajamo na veliki zvon. Naše društvo je tretje največje društvo pri jednoti in je vedno bilo pripravljeno podpreti vse napredne usmerjene delavske organizacije in ustanove.

Ob tej priliki naj tudi naznanim našemu članstvu, da bo društvo obhajalo 35-letnico svojega obstoja v l. 1945. Ker pa društvo ne bo priredilo nobene veselice in ker društvo ima bližje sto članov pri vojaki in jih želimo na kakšen koli način obdariti, ko se bodo povrnili domov iz vojne, je bilo sklenjeno, da se obdavičimo za leto 1945, in sicer pet centov naklade vsaki mesec skozi vse leto 1945. Upam, da vas bo o tem tajnik tudi obvestil in prosim—nič godrnjanja. Pet centov na mesec bomo že kako pogrešali.

Prosim, pridite na sejo prihodnji mesec, ki se bo vršila dne 14. januarja. Slišali boste poročilo o letnih računih in o drugih stvareh.

Na koncu pa še želimo vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem članom in članicam društva št. 142 SNPJ in ostalemu članstvu SNPJ!

Frank Celin.

NAZANJANJE

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Nadalje sporočam, da je bil na zadnji letni seji izvoljen ves stari odbor. Naj omenim tudi, da ni imelo naše društvo že zadnjih pet let nobenega piknika ali kake druge priredbe, zato je društvena blagajna precej izčrpana, kar je nas prisililo, da smo sklenili razpisati posebno društveno doklado, da bomo lahko krili društvene stroške.

Nadalje je bilo sklenjeno, da bomo pričeli pobirati prispevke v pomoč našim bratom in sestram v stari domovini. Do sedaj so prispevali kot sledi: Daniel Kerpan \$5, Marija Jereb \$3. Po \$2: Alois Brouch, Mike Brill, Anton Stigl, Joseph Krznar st. Po \$1 pa so prispevali: Thom Miklaucic, John Romih st., John Romih ml., Frank Metelko, Alois Suman, Sam Debelak, Bože Vlahovic, John Debelak, Rudolf Sparhakelj, Math Kerpan, Geo. Jurjevic in George Vicih. Po \$0.50: Anton Vlahovic, Joseph Bröuh in Leona Tomazini.

Denar je bil odposlan glavnemu predsedniku SNPJ Vincencu Cankarju in on ga bo oddal na pristojno mesto. V imenu reževev in stari domovini se vsem najlepše zahvaljujem in se vam priporočam. Podpisani bom nadaljeval s pobiranjem prispevkov za staro domovino. Ako želi kateri kaj prispevati, lahko pošlje podpisano imeno ali pa osebno prinese.

Na koncu pa pozivam članstvo, da se udeleži prihodnje društvene seje, katera se bo vršila prvo nedeljo v mesecu januarju od dveh popoldne. Slišali boste račune za vse leto in še kaj drugega.

Vsemu članstvu SNPJ želimo vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto!

Mike Brill, tajnik.

TO IN ONO IZ SHARONA

Sharon, Pa.—Tukaj je zapa del velik sneg, tako da je ovrzan čestni promet in veliko cest v mestu in na farmah je zaprtih. Mnogi pravijo, da tako velikega snega še ne pomnijo. Jaz živim v Sharonu že 35 let in ni bilo v tem času še nobenkrat toliko snega.

Mladinski krožek št. 21 SNPJ bo priredil predstavo na božični večer. Kakor po navadi, tako bo tudi letos podan zanimiv program. Za program se učijo krožkovi člani in članice pod spretnim vodstvom Frances Novakove.

Sedaj pa malo odgovora na uredniški članek Ameriške Domovine, katerega je ponatisnila Prosveta z dne 21. novembra. V tistem zmagku Jaka Debevec podkazuje nekaj uradnikom SANSa, kar ni resnica. Resnica pa je to: nekaj mesecev preden je bankrotirala slovenska banka v Clevelandu, so prišli v Sharon Jaka Debevec, dr. Seliskar in Anton Grdiha. V Sharon jih je pripeljal John Dolčić. Ustavili so se tudi pri meni. Zelo čudno se mi je zdelo, da so se ustavili pri meni in po kaj ste prišli. Predstavil jih je Dolčić, naker je začel pogovor Jaka Debevec. Govoril je približno takole: Mi v Clevelandu imamo močno in zanesljivo banko. Veliko bank je že propadlo v Ameriki, a naša ne bo. Mi smo direktorji te banke. Če imate kaj denarja v Sharonu, vložite ga v našo banko in denar bo na varnem — ničesar ne boste izgubili.

Največ je govoril Jaka Debevec in tudi dr. Seliskar, dočim je Tone Grdina molčal, kajti najbrže, da je tedaj vedel, da je denar na banki že zafukan. Potem so obiskali še nekoga, kjer so si naročili mesenih klobas in zelja, a so se kmalu po francosko poslovili. Denarja pa niso nikjer nič dobili.

Tem ljudem ni bilo zadosti, da so zafukali denar slovenskih delavcev iz Clevelanda, ampak so prišli tudi k nam, da bi še nas oskubili. Delavci v Clevelandu! Obrnite hrbet takim ljudem, ki samo gledajo, kako bi izkoriščali in ustvarjali zgago med narodom. Sedaj bi moral biti narod združen in treba bi miriti, ne pa delati razdor, kakor ga delajo zgoraj omenjeni. Mi moramo združeni pomagati našemu narodu v stari domovini, katerega uničuje ta satanski nacifazem. Slovenski narod trpi pomanjkanje že nad tri leta, zato mu moramo čim več in čim hitreje pomagati.

Dne 8. novembra smo od tukaj poslali devet vreč dobre obleke. Poslali smo jo v New York. Sedaj smo zopet skupaj nekaj nabrali in ko zberemo še več, bomo zopet naprej odposlali. Kdor ima še kaj obleke, ki je ne potrebuje, naj jo prinese v Slovenski dom.

Pri prvem nabiranju je bil najbolj priden naš trgovec Anton Bogolin, ki je veliko obleke speljal skupaj. Tudi ženske od gospodinskega kluba so veliko pomagale. Vsem najlepša hvala! Na koncu pa želim vsem skupaj vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto!

Joseph Garm.

VESELICA DRUŠTVA ŠT. 106 SNPJ

Imperial, Pa.—Društvo št. 106 SNPJ bo priredilo svojo letno veselico 30. decembra zvečer.

Naznanjam vsem onim članom in članicam, ki se niso udeležili letne seje dne 10. decembra, da je bilo sklenjeno, da morajo plačati vsi 50 centov doklade, da če se udeležijo veselice ali pa ne. Izvzeti so samo člani-vojaki in bolniki. Plačati je treba meseca januarja z rednim asesmentom. Prosim, da vsi vpoštevate društveni sklep.

Na veselico vabim vse članstvo in tudi prijatelje in znance iz bližnje okolice, da se bomo malo razveselili in pozabili na vsakdanje skrbi. Imeli bomo izvrstno godbo, in sicer Martinčev orkester, kateri bo igral poskočne polke in lepe valčke, tako da se bodo zabavali stari in mladi.

Želim vsem članom in članicam in prijateljem Prosvete vesele božične praznike in srečno novo leto.

Mary Poljak, tajnica.

VESELICA ŠT. 265 SNPJ

Southview, Pa.—Društvo št. 265 SNPJ bo priredilo božično veselico na sveti večer, to je v nedeljo, 24. decembra, ob sedmih zvečer. Kakor sem slišal, bo Miklavž prinesel darila za otroke. Tudi odrasli bomo imeli svoje veselje: imeli bomo pijačo in godbo.

Vabim vse člane in članice, da se veselice gotovo udeležijo in se vsi skupaj malo poveselimo.

Martin Urbas.

SKUPNA VESELICA

Republic, Pa.—Kakor je bilo že poročano, bodo tukajšnja društva št. 85 SNPJ, št. 528 HBZ in št. 171 HBZ priredila skupno veselico v soboto, 30. dec., v De Gregorijevi dvorani v Republicu, Pa.

Pričetek veselice je točno ob osmih zvečer. Igrala bo ena najboljših godb v tej okolici, in sicer orkester Les Faulk. Vstopnina je samo 50c, vojaki, pa če so člani ali ne, so vstopnine prosti.

Apeliram na članstvo društva št. 85 SNPJ, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo te skupne veselice. Pa tudi članice naj ne zaostanejo. Oni člani, ki pa boste zaposleni na ta večer, pa pošljite na ples mame, hčerke in sinove. Čim več nas bo, tem bolj se bomo zabavali. Nekdo pa bo srečen ta večer, kajti oddali bomo zvezni bond za \$25. Veselični odbor bo vsem postregel, tako da bomo vsi zadovoljni.

Na to skupno veselico vabimo vsa okoliška društva, prijatelje in znance, zlasti društva SNPJ in federacijo društev SNPJ in okraja Fayette in Green. To bo ena največjih veselic v tem letu v tem okraju. Pridite vsi! Vrta bodo že odprta ob petih popoldne.

Drugi dan, 31. decembra, se bomo poslavljali v Hrvaški dvorani od leta 1944 in pričakovali leto 1945. Da bi v novem letu prišli naši vojaki domov zdravi in veseli in se zopet z nami zabavali. Na tej prireditvi ne bo nihče lačen, kajti servirali bomo okusno pečenko.

Torej ne pozabite posetiti 30. decembra skupne veselice, ki se bo vršila v De Gregorijevi dvorani, 31. decembra pa obiščimo tudi veselico, ki se bo vršila v Hrvaški dvorani. Na veselo svidenje!

Anton Marinich, tajnik št. 85 SNPJ.

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Časna lista kontestantov jubilejne kampanje SNPJ

Lista kaže, kako stoje kontestanti po dovršenem delu

Na spodaj priobčeni častni listi SNPJ so imena vseh kontestantov...

Časna lista teh kontestantov je sledeča:

Table with columns: Mesto, Kontestanta, Ime, društvo, kraj, Pridobili v novembru, Skupno

Predsednikova kolona VESEL BOŽIČ IN SREČNO NOVO LETO

Nahajamo se že na koncu leta 1944. Tik pred nami so božični in novoletni prazniki...

Še par dni, pa se bomo spet pozdravljali z znanim "veseli božič in srečno novo leto"...

Povsod seveda to ne bo mogoče. Kajti ko se zbiramo okoli okinčanega božičnega drevesca...

Božični prazniki se smatrajo za najbolj važne praznične dneve v letu in obhajajo jih ne toliko radi božiča...

Pravijo nam, da je božič simbol ljubezni in bratstva ter pod tem imenom oznanjajo mir ljudem na zemlji...

Radi človeške lakomnosti in nepoštenosti je nastala tudi sedanja vojna, ki v svoji obsedenosti in grozovitosti presega vse dosedanje...

Nikdar ni bil mir bolj zaželen in nikdar v zgodovini človeštva ni bil bolj na mestu, kot je naš sedaj...

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### Another Successful Campaign

According to last week's report released by Campaign Director Michael Vrhovnik, the 1944 jubilee membership campaign brought the SNPJ a total of 3357 new members for both departments.

The campaign, which was conducted in celebration of the Society's fortieth anniversary, started on April 1 and closed on Nov. 30. It was an eight-month campaign in which many individual members and lodges participated.

The total gain of 3357 represents an average of 446 new members for each month of the campaign, which is high considering the rather slow progress made during its initial months. On the other hand, the average could have been much higher if more English Speaking Lodges had taken active part in the drive.

Included in the total gain were 2301 juveniles and 1259 adults, 686 of the latter being transfers from the juvenile department. However, these figures do not tell the entire story of the progress made by our Society since Dec. 1, 1943, for the four non-campaign months, namely, December, January, February and March, also show considerable progress.

During the four month period mentioned our Society registered a total gain of 867 new members for both departments—which means that the total gain during the past twelve months was 4427 new members, 2668 of whom were juveniles and 1760 adults.

As always in the past, the most productive campaign month was November, which brought a total of 943 members, of whom 692 were juveniles and 251 adults. Thus November, the home-stretch month, proved to be by far the most productive month in the jubilee drive, and also the second highest month in our Society's history.

Official figures further reveal that 414 lodges participated in the campaign, or a total of 67 per cent. The lodges so classified enrolled one or more new members.

Gains of one to five members were made by 236 lodges, gains of five to 10 by 74 lodges, and gains of 10 or more by 105 lodges. The Campaign Director is correct in stating that "these figures prove that while the results of the campaign as a whole were satisfactory, an increase of 10 per cent in participation would very likely have been sufficient to boost the year's total over the 5000 mark," which was unofficially set as the goal.

No less than 53 lodges attained the quotas assigned to them—in the final month, which clearly proves our often repeated statement that the home-stretch period is invariably the most productive. There was a total of 122 lodges that reached or surpassed their quotas.

In November alone, 29 individual contestants were added to the honor roll, bringing the total to 92, each of them qualified for a special award. Ida Daniels, Lodge 6, having secured in the last two campaign months a total of 152 members, easily won the top honors, while Mary Udovich, Lodge 102, with a total of 138, took the second place honors.

Thus we can readily see that our Society's fortieth anniversary membership campaign was another grand success in spite of wartime conditions and kindred handicaps.

What now? We might logically ask ourselves. Are we to rest at this point? Can our past achievements be the glory of the future?

We can answer these pertinent and timely questions only with future positive results. We must know no rest in this respect; we must know only work, constructive work. We can obtain new goals by striving for them with the same determination that made our past accomplishments so outstanding. And we must remember that our common endeavors have been so successful chiefly because we have followed so closely the path of progress charted by the pioneering founders of our Society. Therefore, with the cooperation of our loyal members we can continue along the same road of steady, upward progress in the months and years to come.

We extend the season's greetings to one and all.

### Strabane Pioneers

STRABANE, PA.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Pioneers, SNPJ lodge 589, officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows: Pres., Frank Tomasic; Vice Pres., Frank Miller; Secretary, Frances Podboy; Treasurer, Frances Florjan; Recording Sec'y, Mildred Chesnik; House Committee: Bill Tomasic, August Riska and James Tomasic. Auditors: Agnes Curtis, Mary Chesnik and Mary Progar. Juvenile Advisers, Albena Yarkosky and Mary Chesnik. Publicity Committee, Helen Tershell. Delegates to the Federation meeting which is to be held at Strabane in January, were also elected. They are Peter Elish, Bill Tomasic, and Frank Miller.

Once again it is the Pioneers' pleasure to help all to enjoy the Christmas holidays. They are sponsoring a series of dances over the holiday week-end. Opening on Saturday night and continuing the next evening will be two dances, featuring the music of Jackie Martincic who is well known in this district for his polkas. On Christmas night climaxing three days of holiday activities the Pioneers will hold their Seventeenth Annual Xmas Dance. Music will be by the "Vocalaires" who have proved their merits at several local night clubs. So for three days of fun and frolic come to Strabane.

After twelve months of writing articles for the Pioneers to keep other lodges informed of their doings, I am now writing my last one. It has been a pleasure to write for

the Pioneers and I wish to extend to the new committee my best wishes.

**Pioneer Pips:** The winner of the award at the meeting was Bill Tomasic. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Okleson upon the birth of a daughter. The little girl who was named Mary Ann, is now a Pioneer juvenile. Albert Florjan, who is stationed in England, has been promoted to corporal. Sgt. Paul Podboy has been transferred from Mississippi to Kingman, Arizona, where he is attending gunnery school. George Hinton has returned from a two-month vacation in Florida. The Pioneers wish to extend to everyone the season's greetings.

**Pioneer Pip for the week:** Three days of fun: December 23, 24, 25. Be there. DOROTHY PODBOY.

### Notice to Members of SNPJ Lodge 397

CRESTED BUTTE, COLO.—To all members of SNPJ lodge 397, Eagles of the Planes: Dates to pay dues are at the time of the meeting each second Sunday of the month, or at my home on the 29th or 30th of each month from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. Members can help the secretary by cooperating and not coming any day of the month and all hours of the day. I will not be responsible for anyone failing to pay dues on these dates. Pay on time and avoid suspension.

MATT MALENESE JR., Sec'y.

### Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—This will be your last reminder to attend our last and most important meeting of the year. The date is Friday, Dec. 22, at the usual place, Sostarich Hall, S. 6th and W. Bruce. The meeting starts promptly at 8 o'clock. Let's see some of those oldtimers there again. Officers for the coming year will be elected and other matters of importance will also be on the docket. The monthly attendance has been improving these last few months, so we should fill the hall for the December meeting. After the business session is over dancing and refreshments will be in order. Sister Ann Meyer who is in charge of the entertainment has promised some real surprises for those attending this meeting. You Badger Jassies are asked to attend in a body as there will be a special surprise for you. Again I ask all that can possibly attend please do so. It makes it much easier for the officers of the lodge and added incentive to preside at a large gathering.

As the holiday season is approaching, let us not forget our members fighting in the armed forces. Scattered all over the world some thousands of miles away, a letter or card will be deeply appreciated. So sit down tonight and write a few lines and keep on writing. Let us keep our boys and girls informed of what is going on in the old home town, our lodge activities and any old news. They are doing their part on the battle fronts and the least we can do is our part on the home front. Writing to them is one of our most important jobs. The addresses for this week are—Cpl. Richard Smith, 36214054, 14th Prov. M. P. Det., A.P.O. 782, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y. Cpl. Anthony Paulin, 36291513, 3631st Q. M. Trk. Co. (T. C.), A.P.O. 350, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.

I have been informed that one of our Badger members, Pvt. Frank Faletich, has been wounded in the European battle front. Frank is now convalescing in a hospital in France. We all hope you a speedy recovery, Frank. Frank's parents reside at 926 A. S. 12th st.

### Bowling Taps

In the Monday Remic Mixed league we find Wally Remic leading the parade with a nice total of 624. Rudie Pugel followed with a 604 series. On the reverse end of the field we find Frankie Kouchin banging the setups for a bulging total of 457. Joey Glavan did a trifle better with 480, but he didn't seem very proud of the total. Brother Barbarich was all set for a big series starting off with a 200 game. Bowling on the late shift must have got the best of him as he had to be satisfied with a 507 set. Among the lassies the honor counts were nil. Little Josie Smanz and Mitzie Schuller lead the field with identical scores of 476. Francy Freidl had a very tough night of it hitting her lowest total of the season, a pudgy 354. In the Tuesday Allstar wheel Rudie Pugel smacked the maples for 642. In the Thursday whirl he came thru with a neat 68. In the World's Individual Match Championship which was held in Chicago, Rudie didn't fare so well finishing 15th in a field of 16 bowlers from all over the country. Better luck next year.

See you at the meeting Dec. 22.

"SALTY," 584.

### Quiz-Kid

"Hubert," said the fifth grade teacher, in an arithmetic review, "how many make a million?"

And the experienced and realistic Hubert promptly replied: "Very few."

### Lincolmites Lodge

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—On Sunday, Dec. 24, we Lincolmites will hold their last meeting for 1944. New officers will be elected for the coming year. After the business meeting a Christmas party with a gift exchange will be given for the juveniles. Freda Klossin and Frances Lazar will be in charge and since these two ladies have put on yule parties before the kiddies are sure to be "treated" extra well. So let's all be on hand, weather permitting, and let the kids have their day. After all, Christmas is mostly for the children.

We were happy to get a V-mail Christmas greeting from Tony Kerar this past week from somewhere in France. The same mail brought us one marked simply "From the Middle East." On the front is a picture of a little town which looks as if it might be Bethlehem, judging from the buildings and the star in the sky. All of which reminds us of a story a certain soldier wrote to his mother one time. "Dear Mom," he said, "I can't tell you where I am of course but I will tell you this. I am in the land where Christ was born, but I wish to Christ I was in the land where I was born." And the censor had marked it, "Too good to cross out." All of which goes to show that even the censors have a sense of humor. And which also proves that what our boys want more than anything else is to get home. Surely by the time another Christmas rolls around they will be home, and to stay.

Bro. Rudy Kerar, our Sec'y is in Memorial Hospital suffering from injuries received in the mine this week. We hope you will be able to get home for Christmas, Rudy and our meeting the day before.

Forgot to mention that after the Juvenile Yule Party we are all going to enjoy another potluck supper together. Everyone enjoyed the one we had at Halloween time very much. So let's all be present for a good time Dec. 24.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

### Young Americans

DETROIT, MICH.—Through the medium of the Prosveta I wish to notify the Young American members, SNPJ lodge 564, that since they have again reelected me for the second successive year, I will faithfully perform the duties of my office, and will give each and every member my utmost attention and cooperation.

As in the past meeting will be held each 2nd Friday of the month, starting promptly at 7:30 p. m. at SND on John R., although your sec'y will keep his same appointment with members who fail to mail or pay lodge dues at meeting by being at the SND on John R the last Friday of each month from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m.

As a precautionary measure I again warn members to promptly pay dues before the 1st of each month to avoid suspension and undoubtedly in some cases cancellation of membership.

CHARLES KAITNER JR., Secretary.

### Dues Collection Nite Saturday, Dec. 23

CLEVELAND, O.—Members of Lodge Naprej No. 5 SNPJ are notified that dues will be collected Saturday, Dec. 23, in the lower SNH hall, 6417 St. Clair Ave., beginning at 5 p. m. Please pay on time in order that the annual audit can be made before the end of the year. Other lodges will also collect their dues the same evening.

L. MEDVESEK, Secy.

### Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—"It was the night before Christmas." Remember that poem? This beginning also applies to the dance the Veronian lodge 680 is holding, Sunday, Dec. 24. Les Faulk's orchestra that features Slovene polkas will do all the entertaining for that evening. If you want a Sunday eve of enjoyment, visit with the Veronians Dec. 24.

Quite a group of distinguished folks attended our Dec. 10 dance that saw smiling Jackie Pessin from Warren, Ohio, give out with his best, Charles (Drugie) Mehalich, Cambridge Navy's physical culture instructor and football end; Pvt. Sam Sucheveh, all smiles, because the girl, Helen Langus, his future, was with him; Cpt. Steve Rafay, a former Veronian, who is now stationed in Texas; Pee Wee Previc from Universal whom this scribe almost forgot to introduce over the mike; Josephine Samec who has been transferred from her gov't job in Washington to a similar position in Pittsburgh, and William Cestnik, were the persons who in my opinion are very prominent because they are all in the services of our Uncle Sam.

Also home on furlough but not present at the dance was William Mehalich, Charlie's brother. A baby boy, that's what the William Bostjanics got for Christmas. Tipping the scales at 5 lbs. and 11 oz. the youngster first saw light (at night) at 9:30 p. m. at the Pittsburgh hospital, Sun., Dec. 10. In behalf of the Veronians, our congratulations.

Entertainment Committee's Chairman Mary Krulc says, "Almost everything is in readiness for our President's Ball that will take place at our Veronian Club on Jan. 28, a Sunday date. Feature attraction of the evening will be Frankie (Tarzan) Porovne's new Slovene band. More concerning this affair will be given in the following issues of the Prosveta.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

### Lodge 106 to Hold Dance on Dec. 31

IMPERIAL, Pa.—SNPJ lodge 106 will hold its annual dance Sunday evening, Dec. 31, at the local Slovene Hall, featuring Jackie Martincic's orchestra. All members and friends as well as nearby lodges are cordially invited to attend. All members of Lodge 106 who failed to attend the Dec. 10 meeting are notified of the decision that each and every adult member shall pay 50c into the lodge treasury whether they attend the dance or not; exempt are only soldier-members and those on the sick list. The season's greetings to one and all.

MARY POLSAK, Sec'y.

### Lodge 286 to Elect Officers Sunday

EAST MOLINE, ILL.—Lodge Mississippi, No. 286 of SNPJ, will conduct its annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 24, at 2 p. m. in Bohemian Hall, East Moline, at which time election of officers will take place. As usual it is the most important and interesting meeting of the year and all members are urged to attend.

EDWARD E. PENCA, Pres.

### Annual Meeting of Lodge 240 Dec. 31

BENTLEYVILLE, PA.—The regular and annual meeting of SNPJ lodge 240 will be held on Sunday, Dec. 31, at the usual time and place. At this meeting lodge officers will be elected and important business will be taken care of. All members are requested to attend.

STELLA SKERBETZ, Sec'y.

### Honor Roll of E. S. Lodges in Campaign

Of the 87 E. S. Lodges in the SNPJ at the present time, 62 of them, or 71 per cent in all, were active in the 40th Anniversary Campaign, and 19 of these succeeded in getting on the HONOR ROLL by attaining the quotas assigned to them, when the campaign opened last April. The Chicago Pioneers (559), first E. S. Lodge organized in the SNPJ and for some time past the biggest lodge of the Society, concluded its drive in the Jubilee Campaign with a total of 140 new members as compared with 176 for the first place winners, Lodge 6 (Bratstvo), Sygan, Pa. The Pioneers took second high honors in the total standings, but finished first among the E. S. Lodges, ahead of the Harmonizers (700) of Roundup, Mont., who wound up their campaign drive with a total of 56 new members. The honor roll follows:

Lodge Name—No.—Location	Lodge Name—No.—Location
Pioneers, 559, Chicago, Ill.	Utopians, 604, Cleveland Ohio
Harmonizers, 700, Roundup, Mont.	Sunflowers, 609, Arma, Kan.
Integrity, 631, Chicago, Ill.	Keystoners, 513, Herminie, Pa.
Hearts of America, 690, Kansas City, Kan.	Lucky Stars, 716, Imperial, Pa.
Trailblazers, 100, Chicago, Ill.	Friendly City, 684, Johnstown, Pa.
Spirits, 659, St. Louis, Mo.	Sunkist, 723, Fontana, Calif.
Lincolmites, 567, Springfield, Ill.	Mt. Hood, 627, Portland, Oreg.
All Americans, 580, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Trail Blazers, 734, Meadowlands, Pa.
Keystoners, 755, Sharon, Pa.	Columbians, 760, Washington D. C.
	Lodge No. 607, Byesville, Ohio

### HONOR ROLL OF CAMPAIGN CONTESTANTS

The complete HONOR ROLL of contestants of the 40th Anniversary Campaign, which contains the names of both the Slovene and E. S. Lodge members who have qualified for a special award, may be found in the Slovene Section of this issue of the Prosveta. Below are listed only the names and respective standings of ESL contestants, a total of 17 altogether, who succeeded in reaching or surpassing this goal. Holding first place in this group by the narrow margin of one member is Leo Schweiger, Secretary of the Badgers (584), Milwaukee, Wis., and in second place by the same margin is Mary Rodina, Treasurer of the "Hearts of America" (690). Credit for the outstanding gain in the closing month of the campaign goes to Agnes Mejasch, Treasurer of Integrity (631), who enrolled 16 new members. Stanley M. Tisol, Secretary of the Chicago Trail Blazers, added 12 new members to his previous total; Frank Polsak, President of the Harmonizers (700), gained 11; Mary Brinocar of the Lincolmites (567) enrolled 10; Frances Novak, President of the Keystoners (755), increased her total by 7; Leo Schweiger by 6, while Frank Oset Jr. of the Harmonizers, and the All Americans (580), of which Jennie Padar is Secretary, each enrolled 5 new members.

All contestants, whose names appear on the honor roll, will receive special campaign awards. After deductions are made for canceled members, it is estimated that there will be approximately \$1500 for distribution among the 90 successful Slovene and E. S. Lodge contestants, with the first four (Ida Daniels, Mary Udovich, Anton Zornik and Lucas Dernovsek Sr.) getting \$350 and the balance going to the remaining 86 contestants. The seventeen ESL contestants on the honor roll are as follows:

1. LEO SCHWEIGER, 584, Milwaukee, Wis.	29
2. MARY RODINA, 690, Kansas City, Kan.	28
3. AGNES MEJASCH, 631, Chicago, Ill.	27
4. FRANK POLSAK, 700, Roundup, Mont.	22
5. STANLEY M. TISOL, 100, Chicago, Ill.	21
6. DONALD J. LOTRICH, 559, Chicago, Ill.	20
7. MARTIN MEZNRICH SR. (700), Roundup, Mont.	20
8. MARY BRINOCAR, 567, Springfield, Ill.	17
9. LAWRENCE CASSOL, 680, Verons, Penna.	16
10. ALL AMERICANS, 580, Brooklyn, N. Y.	15
11. FRANCES NOVAK, 755, Sharon, Penna.	15
12. FRANCES L. RAK, 559, Chicago, Ill.	14
13. HENRY ZORMAN, 604, Cleveland, Ohio.	14
14. CHRISTINE STRITAR, 588, Waukegan, Ill.	13
15. JAMES M. MAGLICH, 716, Imperial, Penna.	11
16. FRANCES PODBOY, 589, Strabane, Penna.	10
17. FRANK OSET JR., 700, Roundup, Mont.	10

Contestants are reminded once more that all new members, canceled prior to the expiration of six months membership, will be deducted from above totals before special or regular awards are distributed. Therefore, to insure your present place in the standings, see that all new members pay their assessments regularly. We must not forget that, in the final analysis, the real success of any membership campaign depends not entirely on the number of new members enrolled, but the number the lodges are able to retain in good standing. If you want your lodge to have good campaign record, do your best to keep the cancellations down to a minimum.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

### Our Members in U. S. Forces Fight for Human Rights

#### TWENTY-SEVENTH REPORT

- Lodge
- 3—John Bubelo, John Bardar, Andrew Draksler, Mike Pozarich, Nichler Bandy, John Dressler, Mildred Curcije, Anton Dragar, William Znidarsic, John Sterle, Michael Thomas, Joseph Kachick, Thomas Lonchar, James Chamer, George Vuletic, Ignatz L. Pecjak, Milan Poznic, Nick Devich, Edward Bardar.
  - 138—Mike Sketel, Albert Martincic.
  - 210—Olga Abrancovich, Albert Abranovich, John Brodnik, Joseph Grgurich, Rudolph Grgurich, Frank Jakovar, George Kruljac, Carl Ozanich, John Ozanich, Walter Pirisch, Walter Simcich, Viktor Tkalcic, Stanley Sekirica.
  - 318—Thomas Mekic, William Zabkar, Anthony Lamovsek.
  - 356—Robert Ferjancic.
  - 381—Paul Ali.
  - 513—Ralph Kencnik, Rudolph Sopotnik, Olie Vogrin.
  - 698—Freddie Koricich, George Benchek, Matt Benchek.

TOTAL WITH THIS REPORT—5,054

Lodge secretaries are requested to send the names of members in U.S. Armed Forces not yet published in Prosveta to the Office of Supreme Secretary.

F. A. VIDER, Secretary.

### Leading ESL Contestants of Jubilee Campaign



AGNES MEJASCH  
Treas. Lodge No. 631  
Chicago, Ill.



LEO SCHWEIGER  
Sec'y Lodge No. 584  
Milwaukee, Wis.



MARY RODINA & Son  
Lodge No. 690  
Kansas City, Kan.

Here we have pictures of the three leading English-Speaking Lodge contestants, who finished in a very close race for top honors in this group in the recent SNPJ 40th Anniversary Campaign. First place was won by Leo Schweiger of the Badgers with a total of 29 members, second place went to Mary Rodina of the "Hearts of America" with 28 members, and third place is held by Agnes Mejasch of Integrity with 27 members. Congratulations!

# Our Front Interesting Highlights of the Campaign

By Louis Beniger

The 1944 fall season witnessed a number of successful social and cultural affairs in Chicago.

Last Sunday the Chicago federation of SNPJ lodges sponsored its annual Christmas party for the juvenile members of affiliated lodges in the auditorium of the SNPJ building. As in the past several years, Circle 26 again held sway over the affair by staging a repeat performance of its barn dance that was such a big hit last spring, with minor changes to suit the spirit of the occasion. They sang and danced and they staged individual numbers that ranged from comical to semi-serious, but mostly comical, all of them well received by the audience. And the audience itself consisted largely of tiny tots and youngsters of all ages that are classed as juveniles, accompanied by their fond parents and relatives. It was one of the biggest yule affairs and the hall was filled to overflowing.

It is to the credit of Circle Manager Ann Sannemann and Assistant Manager Ruth Medic that the juvenile group performs so well and on so many occasions.

The Chicago Juvenile Circle is indeed an ever-busy and ever-ready group. They are willing co-operators at our various doings.

On Nov. 29, a group of 12 boys and girls from Circle 26 participated in the Chicago federation's observance of the Society's 40th anniversary. They also held an unusually successful fall festival and bazaar, besides holding regular meetings twice a month. Their rehearsals are many and always enjoyable. In addition, many of the older boys and girls "take in" all other affairs taking place at the SNPJ hall. In short, they are a lively group which shows good signs for the future. They are also supporting the Yugoslav War Relief as well as many other worthwhile causes.

On Sunday, January 21, a group of Circle boys and girls will travel to Waukegan where they will augment the program of the local Circle 24 that will be staged at the SNH.

From these and other activities it can be readily seen that Chicago is witnessing a revival of social and cultural affairs.

The Pioneers, largest SNPJ lodge, have held their servicemen's benefit, lodges Integrity, Nada and others sponsored dances, and the Singing Society France Preseren held its annual fall concert which was a great success. Two weeks ago, the dramatic section of Club 1 JSP presented a three-act play, entitled "Norec," which can be added to the long list of Club's well-staged plays. Let us hope that from now on wartime conditions will not interfere with the continuance of our common cultural and social undertakings.

At any rate, the success of the 1944 fall season, which is now rapidly coming to a close, may well be taken as an indication of a brighter future in our field of worthwhile entertainment.

## Jugoslav War Relief Drive Is Successful

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Yugoslav War Relief drive in central Illinois and St. Louis and vicinity is progressing very satisfactorily and the response has been very generous.

Thus far the contributions received by the local committee from the following solicitors in Illinois are: Gertrude Janesch and Mrs. Tony Zornie (Nokomis) \$17.25, Angela Jurisko, Mary Umek and Anne Colman (Panama) \$25.25, Peter Menchak \$55.25 and John Rugel \$73 (both of Gillespie), John Widmar \$72 and John Hribar \$16.75 (both of Livingston), and Frank Popelar (Stanton) \$27. This is only a partial list; detailed reports will follow in later issues.

The clothing collection was very successful for the first shipment of 6,550 lbs. to New York. The Central Illinois Committee deserves much credit for its untiring efforts in making it possible to send such a large poundage of clothing for the first shipment. Many thanks go to SNPJ lodge 92 of Livingston and its officers, especially John Widmar and John Hribar for their fine cooperation in aiding us with the mass meeting and clothes collection. We wish to give our sincere thanks to those who have solicited funds and clothing.

We must not relinquish our efforts for clothing and fund collections. The need in Yugoslavia is great. If you have any clothing or other material that is still usable, notify your committee or mail it directly. Canned food and other supplies are also needed.

ANNE SPILLER, THERESA SPECK.

### Ice Room

An Englishman touring Canada was staying in a wayside hotel. One night it was very cold and the Englishman, feeling it pretty badly, came downstairs early next morning to get warm.

At the same time a trapper, who had been out looking at his traps, came in at the door. Icicles were hanging from his mustache and with a pitying expression, the Englishman looked at him and exclaimed: "By jove, old man, what room did you sleep in?"



John Zigman

### FIVE PENNSYLVANIA JOHNS

Living within a radius of ten to fifteen miles of each other, five Western Pennsylvania contestants had the same word for it and, quite by coincidence, have the surname of John. These five outstanding contestants are John Warrant of Sygan who has 20 members to his credit, John Just of Midway with 31 members, 21 of them enrolled in November, John Zigman of Strabane with 40 members, John Nemanich of Beadling with 20—16 coming in the final month, and John Jobkar of Southview also with 31 new members, applications for 21 of whom were received in November. Incidentally, all but Brother Jobkar are lodge secretaries. Congratulations, Brothers JOHN!

Finally, after three requests for his picture, we have succeeded in getting one of Lucas Dernovsek Sr., very active member of Lodge 273, Sheldon, Wis. (See Slovene Section.) Brother Dernovsek has earned for himself the honor of being the leading campaigner in his state, having finished first in each of the last three drives—in the Victory Campaign with 76 members, in the Juvenile Campaign with 23 members, and now in the 40th Anniversary Campaign with 56 members, adding together for a grand total of 155, which is a super-excellent record for a small country community like Sheldon. But Brother Dernovsek's activity is not confined to enrollment of new members alone, for he is also active in Red Cross, War Fund, Bond drives, etc. He was 63 years old on his last birthday and for 34 of them a member of the SNPJ. Congratulations!

No doubt some of you wonder why a picture of Ida Daniels has not been published in the Prosveta, although she won the highest honors and award in the campaign. Let it be understood that an attempt was made on at least two different occasions to obtain a picture of her, but in each case we failed to get satisfactory response. Our guess is that Sister Daniels just isn't interested in photographic publicity. But picture or no picture, our congratulations go to both her and the lodge.

### For the second time in a little over a year, Lodge Orel (21) of Pueblo, Colo., leads the SNPJ Lodges in that state.

Last year it was Rose Radovich, Secretary and Frank Stark who collaborated in enrolling 61 new members for the top honors in the Juvenile Campaign, but this year Sister Radovich rolled up her sleeves and wrote up 40 more members, 11 more than the quota. A gain of 25 members in the closing month gave her a tie for eighth place honors. We are now looking forward to the organization of a new Juvenile Circle in Pueblo. Preparations are in the making. Congratulations!



Rose Radovich

So outstanding has Mary Udovich's record been in the last three membership campaigns, that we cannot help adding these few additional lines in praise of her work. It is doubtful if there is another member in the Society who can boast of a campaign record that equals or surpasses hers. In the last three, Sister Udovich has enrolled the grand total of 458 new members. But this is not all, for not only has she enrolled this amazing total of members in a period of less than three years, but the records also disclose that only 6% of the members have been lost through cancellations and not one by death. This, I'm sure you will agree, is a superb record—an inspiration to all of us and a real tribute to SNPJ in this important anniversary year.

One of the big surprises of the campaign was the splendid showing of Anton Zornik of Herminie, Pa. Not even Brother Zornik believed that he would find his name in third place when the campaign ended, for I have a letter, received from him a few weeks before the conclusion of the drive, in which he conceded the first four places to other contestants. You can imagine how surprised he was to learn that his name was third on the list. Whether he will be able to maintain this position until six months hence, when the prizes will be awarded, depends (and the same is true of all other contestants) on how well he is able to retain the members enrolled. Here's wishing him the best of luck.



Ursula Ambrozich

Leading all contestants in the state of Ohio is Milan Medvesek, representing Lodge Naprej (5) of Cleveland, who is fifth in the national standings with 51 members to his credit. One behind him is Ursula Ambrozich, District Vice President of the Supreme Board, who finished with a total of 50 new members. Not far to the rear in seventh place is Mary Vasil, Secretary of Lodge Venera (192), who is the leader in the city of Milwaukee, while in ninth place, each with 39 new members, are Mary Vidmar, Secretary of Lodge 3, Johnstown, Pa., and Lenhart Werdinek, Secretary of Lodge 29, Thomas, W. Va.—Congratulations to all of them!

(More next week)

### CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR.

### A Ruse That Failed

Four soldiers were playing poker in a Pullman car. The hour was late; the porter wanted to go to bed. So he used an old and favored strategy.

He got out his bucket and mop, and the powerful disinfectant he uses to scrub the floor. Soon the room was so filled with the strong odor, even the porter could stand

it no longer. He left the compartment briefly.

When he returned, the four were still playing cards but they were all wearing gas masks, and had thoughtfully laid out an extra mask for the porter.

Other men's sins are before our eyes; our own are behind our backs. —Seneca.

## Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

### Perfect Circle No. 26 Will Have Holiday Parties

CHICAGO.—New that the Christmas program rehearsals are over, members of the Perfect Circle are going to relax and enjoy the holiday season. There will be no further business until Thursday, Dec. 28, when the Circle will have its annual meeting and the election of officers. After this meeting, we will have our Christmas party, and members are reminded to purchase their gifts for the grab-bag. We are going to play games, dance, have refreshments. Parents are cordially invited to come and have fun with their children.

On Friday, Dec. 29, the Circle has been invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rak for more fun. The younger group are to meet at the SNPJ hall at 7:30 p. m. and we will all go to the Rak home in a group. Games, stunts and refreshments are on the program, and you will be on your way home by 4:30 p. m. The older group's party is scheduled for the evening of the 29th at the Rak home, 3054 S. Keeler Ave., and they are to go directly there.

Before I close, I wish to take this opportunity to thank every one of the Circle members (and their very cooperative parents, too) for the beautiful Christmas gift presented to me on Saturday. The many compliments I received at Sunday's program concerning the excellent taste of the gift increased my happiness all the more. Thank you all, again and again, and may Santa be as good to you.

ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr.

### Jolly Juveniles, Circle No. 24, Plan Yule Party

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—Our Jolly Juvenile Circle No. 24 is planning a program to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the SNPJ. The program will be almost entirely Slovene. There will be Slovene songs and dances by both the older and younger groups. We also will have the groups from Milwaukee and Chicago to help us out over the program on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Slovene Nat'l Home.

At our last meeting we had the election of officers. They are as follows: Richard Pekley, President; Frank Stritar, Vice President; Juliette Gabrosck, Secretary; Mildred Gregorine, Treasurer; Trustees: Margie Kenik, Julie Valencic, Geraldine Gilitzki. Publicity: Mary Debelak, Dolores Rode, Louise Dolence.

Plans were made for a Christmas Party. The younger group are to have their party on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 6:45 to 8:30. They will have a grab-bag. The older group will have theirs on the same evening from 8:30 to 10:30. They will draw names and will exchange gifts.

The decorating committee consists of the following: Richard Pekley, Frank Stritar, John Karlovich, Henry Birtie, Ann Simsic, Julie Valencic, Gerry Gilitzki, Dolores Rode, Mildred Gregorine, Margie Kenik, Juliette Gabrosck, Louise Dolence. On the game committee are Gerry Gilitzki and Dolores Rode. Refreshments committee, Millie Gregorine, Margie Kenik, Louise Dolence.

Plans for mixed bowling and an ice skating party are being formed. Our first meeting will be in the morning on Dec. 31. We hope to have a large crowd turn out. There will be no meeting Wednesday night, but we will have practice on Sunday morning. The younger group at 9:30 and the older group at 10. Be sure to be there.

LOUISE DOLENCE.

## They Said Last Week

Sumner Wells, former Undersecretary of State:

"It is estimated that between 15,000,000 and 18,000,000 persons of all races and of all creeds have been forced, in Europe alone, to flee from their homes as a result of the war. Since the outbreak of the war less than three-quarters of a million refugees have been able to escape from the Hitler-dominated regions of Europe. Of the European countries, Switzerland has given asylum to by far the largest number, approximately 100,000. Those who have obtained refuge in all of the other European neutral countries, in Turkey, and in North Africa, total but little more. Some 90,000 Poles have obtained a temporary haven in the Near East. Pitifully few Jewish refugees have been enabled to make their way to Palestine. Less than 10,000 refugees, exclusive of course, of those who have entered under regular immigration quotas, have been given shelter in the New World. The immediate task will be to facilitate the return to their own homes of those refugees who are able and willing to go back. Surely one of the aims for which this war has been fought has been to end once and for all racial and religious discrimination and persecution. Those refugees, therefore, who desire to start life again in their old surroundings must be enabled to do so with full guarantees of liberty and of equality."

—Common Council.

## NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO, ILL.—The membership campaign held in connection with the observance of SNPJ's 40th anniversary, is over, and according to our Campaign Director has been very successful. Ida Daniels of Lodge 6, Syran, Pa., won the top honors, while Marj Udovich, lodge 102, Chicago, was declared second highest. To both of these ardent workers, our heartiest congratulations.

Pioneer Meeting.—The Pioneer annual meeting had a nice turnout. The secretary gave a lengthy report; we renewed our membership with the Educational Bureau JSP; favored, among other things, an SNPJ farm or recreational center; decided to continue the publication of the Pioneer Bulletin; gave a vote of appreciation to Mary Udovich for her good efforts in membership campaign, and a vote of congratulations to Ida Daniels, the membership campaign winner. With a Gratchner's team won the Women's Midwest Bowling Tournament last May, and was presented with a trophy for her victorious team; lodge will pay the expenses for the engraving of the names of the team. John Simon made the JSP conference report. Sylvia Bozicnik won the adult attendance award, which she donated to the Bulletin (nice gesture, Sylvia). The juvenile award was won by Louis Kramer Jr. Popular brand cigarettes were given away to each adult attending; they were donated by our various members and friends.

The following officers were elected for 1945: President, Anne Kumer; Vice-President, John Rak Jr.; Secretary, Donald J. Lotrich; Recording Secretary, Mae Cerkoney; Treasurer, Anne Beniger; Sergeant-at-Arms, Frances L. Rak. Auditors: Steve Cerkoney, Jack Groser, and Ida Simon, Lodge physicians, Drs. Zalvertnik and Neuman. Federation delegates: Anne Beniger, Anne Kumer, D. J. Lotrich, John Rak, and Louis Zorko.

Federation Yule Party.—Last Sunday the SNPJ hall was just "packed" to capacity—all the aisles were filled with people standing all the way up front. The president of the federation, Donald Lotrich, made a short introductory speech after which Supreme President Vincent Cankar made the principal address, and that too was short. Perfect Circle 26 presented an excellent program; it was under the direction of Ann Sannemann, Circle manager, and her assistant, Ruth Medic. After the program, Santa made his appearance and mingled with the kiddies. Agnes M. Heindenreich and her Integrity crew took care of the distribution of gifts, and all the children received their supper free. For a short while games were played in the upstairs hall. There was dancing downstairs, and we had just one grand and glorious time.

Perfect Circle.—Annual meeting of Perfect Circle will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 28, at 7 o'clock at the lower SNPJ hall. The highlight of the meeting will be election of officers. The meeting will be short, and M. T. Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director, promised to attend and he'll have "something up his sleeve." A social will follow with refreshments. Gifts will be exchanged, and a photograph will be on hand for some good dance music, and especially your favorites—the polkas.

There was a lot of excitement last Saturday at the rehearsal of the Yule program. We'll tell you about that next week as it can wait, but we can't wait too long to tell you that Edward Udovich, the president, celebrated a birthday that day. Marion Cervenska helped Ella Mae Selak and Sylvia Trojar compose the following poem for that occasion:

Eduard Udovich  
E is for Eddy, a nice friend to have,  
D is for Doing the things that he has,  
W is for winning the friends that will last,  
A is for Absence, and coming, at last,  
R is for Roughness, the usual thing,  
D is for Dearnness, we hope your car rings!  
U is for Us who have written this poem,  
D is for Doing, this you do own,  
O is for Opinion of which you have plenty,  
V is for Valor, of which you are scanty,  
I is for Initiative, in every way,  
C is for Courtesy, in that which you say,  
H is for Hangover, from your childhood days.

JSP Meeting.—The annual Branch No. 1 JSP meeting will be held at the Slovene Labor Center, Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock. After the meeting we will have the privilege of listening to a lecture delivered by Lt. Mike R. Kumer, of Universal, Pa. He will lecture on London, England, and France. Lt. Kumer is back from overseas duty. You'll not want to miss this lecture.

Servicemen.—Three servicemen attended the last Pioneer meeting. Lt. Mike Kumer made an impressive speech. He stressed the need of such organizations as the SNPJ and the JSP. The Bulletin, which he received regularly was highly appreciated, and he urged its con-

tinuancy for the good of the morale of our servicemen. You could tell that the members were interested in his talk as everyone was so quiet. —Cpl. Gus Kramer and Cpl. Frank Zordani, were the Pioneer servicemen present. Both made short speeches and how much they appreciate their gifts from the Pioneers. Frank Zordani left for Camp Faninn, Texas, last Sunday. —Sgt. Jack Yencich was the lucky winner of the serviceman's award for December. —T/Sgt. Ernie Reven is now stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. That makes it two Pioneers at the same camp. Capt. Louis Cankar is also stationed out there.

New Year's Eve Party.—How do you plan to spend New Year's Eve this year? The Slovene Labor Center Social Club is sponsoring a party this year, and it's a nice place to go. Dance music will be from Waukegan. Reserve this date, Dec. 31, and come to the Center and celebrate.

All - A - Round.—Dorothy Sodnik and son left suddenly for Nokomis, Ill. to be with her aunt, who suddenly took ill. We hope that the illness isn't serious. We were sorry that Norman Sodnik could not appear at the Yule Party Program.—Rosemary Groser's name was omitted from the program last week, but we'd like to tell you that she did acrobat and dancing also. Four SNPJ members participated at the Burn's PTA Parents Nite Program last week, three of them Perfect Circle members, namely, Rob Ann Sannemann, Frank Sternisha, and Joseph Svehla; the other girl, a Pioneer, was Joan Pouhe.—Pauline Langerholec spent a few days with us last week. She was en route to Johnston from Texas where she had been living at camp with her husband. Larry has been transferred to Camp Livingston, La. In concluding this week's "Notations", I'd like to wish all SNPJ members a very Merry Christmas.

## Sgt. John Poklar's Letter from Italy

ITALY, Dec. 5.—Since Christmas is just about here I thought I would write to you again to wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope that this letter finds all of you there in the best of health. It looks like I am due for one of those Italian winters, you know the kind I mean: It rains every day and snows once in a while too. There have been quite a few washouts up here. The rainfall has been the heaviest in about ten years. A lot of the roads and many of the bridges have been washed right out and have to be completely repaired. Many times soldiers have awakened in the night to find water coming through the tent. Sometimes the life gets a little rugged but not so bad that a soldier can't stand it.

A couple of ex-members from Circle 4 have gone back to the states the last time I heard. Bob Gradisher, one of our first presidents, came back from Panama recently after serving there for close to three years. Frank Primozich, one of the early members, was somewhere in Italy but I don't know exactly where. Cpl. Frank Udovich, who has spent close to three years in the Southwest Pacific, was in on the invasion of the Philippines with the American troops who landed there. Matty Smole of the U. S. Marine Corps, saw action on one of these famous island battles. I don't know which one it was but from what I hear it was plenty hot. Billy Udovich is somewhere in Texas. Other fellows are in the navy and in other army camps but I don't have the whereabouts of most of them.

Since the last time I wrote to you I had a promotion to sergeant. Promotions come few and far between in this army and I was glad to get it. There is a nice pay boost over the salary I was getting as a corporal. It comes in very handy to me. This worldwide war is a big thing. With all the people I have met in the Army I have yet to meet a friend of mine that I knew personally in my own city. The Army is so huge that you would expect to run into someone you know but most of us rarely see somebody we knew back home. It seems that I got stuck with a lot of boys from Brooklyn when I came overseas and there I remained. Like any other outfit in the Army there is quite a mixture in my outfit. A lot of the men are from the middle west but a lot of them also come from the East Coast.

Since I first wrote to you about the Slovene soldiers I met in Egypt I have met a few other Yugoslavs. It seems that a lot of them were in the Italian army when it surrendered to the Allies. A lot of them are still prisoners of war but many of them are fighting with Tito now as you have probably read in some of the magazines. From what I have found out from them Slovenia is pretty well banged up. A lot of the Slovenes joined the Partisans right from the start and the Germans and the Italian fascists didn't forget this.—They ravaged and pillaged the country and took away some of the best people especially the intellectuals and the able bodied men who remained behind.

## Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosli

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The annual meeting of the Spirits, SNPJ lodge 639, is over and we are glad to be able to say it was a very nice meeting; being well attended is one of the reasons that makes any meeting interesting. Various topics of interest to lodge were discussed, some revisions of our lodge by-laws were made, followed by a ten-minute recess, after which we held our annual election.

We initiated another new member, Mary Jurcek, charming wife of John Jurcek. We also were honored by the visit of a very good looking soldier, Col. Walter Johnson, who gave an interesting speech, short but sweet. Drawing was held for "new mystery pals," and the guess box brought some cash for our servicemen's fund, started by Mary Schmidt.

Our new officers: Sophie Vertovsek, president; Frank Kokal, vice president; Odella Markoff, financial secretary; Helen Hervatin, treasurer; Mildred Doslak, recording secretary. Board of trustees: Albert Kacin, chairman; John Jurcek and Ida Kacin, Frank Malnich, sergeant-at-arms. Anne Spiller, chairman of publicity committee; Mildred Doslak, Helen Hervatin, Loraine Korentz and Mary Schmidt, Social Committee; Al Kacin, John Spiller, John Jurcek and Frank Kokal.

## Zupon Writes from Jungles of India

Praises Prosveta

ASSAM, INDIA, Dec. 1.—Here, at this jungle outpost in India, the Prosveta has finally reached its journey's end. I am sending my thanks to all who helped in having the Prosveta forwarded to me and many thanks also to Louis Selan for sending in my last article for publication.

Allow me to compliment the Prosveta and all who make its appearance possible. It certainly rates as an exceedingly well balanced paper as well as an informative and interesting publication. I am quite sure all who come in contact through the Prosveta are pleased about the work it is doing.

Since my last article I have received many compliments from various places such as Kansas, Illinois and Panama. I am grateful to the readers for having such interest in my articles and I hope the short article below will be of some interest to our readers.

Once again I am sending greetings from this jungle outpost of India to all members and friends of the SNPJ. I wish to state that things are coming along fine, that is, as good as can be expected.

A few days ago I received the Prosveta which was like receiving a piece of good old U. S. A. But the jungles that surround me bring me back to India. Since it is impossible to tell you much about the happenings here, I will not attempt to divulge any secrets for that would only aid the enemy. However, I can say that the Japs are catching a lot of hell and will get more of it in the coming days.

I have seen quite a few movie stars here. The best of all was Jinx Falkenburg who dined with us MPs as well as with other outfits stationed nearby. A show was just put on for her by an expert marksman. He showed us every trick he knew in shooting a pistol. Accompanying Jinx was Pat O'Brien who was master of ceremonies. It goes to show you that we have a little amusement besides movies to keep our minds off the war to a certain extent.

I say again "thanks" to all who make it possible for my articles to be published.

May we look upon the day when we can look up into the sky to see the light shining through the dark war clouds, to a victorious ending and everlasting peace.

My best wishes to you all on Christmas Day and may the New Year bring peace and happiness to us all.

Pic. TONY A. ZUPON, APO 689, P. M. New York, N. Y.

### A Simple Technique

A colored warrior was explaining jujitsu to a friend. "It's jes' a mean, low-down kind o' wrasslin' you might know a Jap'd think up. When you gits 't close infightin', you exten's the glad hand o' fellowship 't the enemy, and whilist yo' shakin' hand's yo' sprain his ankle, so he can't run whilist yo' breaks his neck."

Up to the present time there is no chance of getting up there since it still is in enemy occupied territory. The way the Russians are driving through that part of the Balkans I don't think that it will be too long before all this territory will be in our hands.

From time to time, if I have anything to write, I will drop you a line. There are always some things of interest to help fill up a letter. I like to keep in touch with the various things going on. So this is my way of doing it.

The very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year to all the members of the SNPJ.

Sgt. JOHN J. FOKLAR, Co. D, 2677 Rept. OSS (Prov), APO 512, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Here are the Pioneer officers for 1945: Anne Groser Kumer, president; John Rak Jr., vice-president; Donald J. Lotrich, secretary; Mae Cerkoney, recording secretary; Anne Beniger, treasurer; Frances L. Rak, sgt-at-arms; Jack Groser, Ida Simon, and Steve Cerkoney, auditors; and Drs. J. J. Zaveritnik and Charles Neumann, examiners. Anne Beniger, John Rak, Anne Groser Kumer, Louis Zorko, and Donald J. Lotrich will represent the lodge at the federation. We had a nice attendance and a fine meeting. Many questions of importance were gone over. We gave the SNPJ farm idea some concrete support, reviewed the accounts of publishing the Pioneer Bulletin, heard the third quarter audit, and the complete report on the servicemen's benefit. Lt. Michael Kumer, 1st vice-president of the SNPJ, who recently married Anne Groser, attended this meeting and gave a short talk on the importance of such organizations as the Pioneers. Frank Zordan and August Kramer, who are home on furlough, also related some of their experiences. Jack Yencich, Sylvia Bozenik and Buddy Kramer won the monthly meeting awards; Sylvia contributed her winnings to the Yugoslav War Relief. A package of cigarettes was given to every adult member free of charge.

The SNPJ hall was packed to capacity for the Annual Children's Xmas Party. Over 400 children alone were present and enjoyed the fine program produced by Circle 26 under direction of Ann Sanne-mann. Bro. Vincent Cankar, president of the SNPJ, made a few remarks and this writer explained the meaning of the yule party. A swell supper was served to all of the children. Candy and nuts were also distributed. The evening was devoted to dancing. Thus, we kept up the old tradition in somewhat of a difficult manner, but kept up it was and with reasonably good results.

We're going to hear Lt. Michael Kumer again this Friday night when he speaks for Branch 1 JSF at the Center, 2301 S. Lawndale. It is expected that he will relate some of his experiences in England and in France because he has just returned from there. All who can should arrange to hear him—Anton F. Zager, Denver, Colo., was a visitor to Chicago for nearly a week. He is looking mighty well and speaks highly of Denver.—Anne Groser Kumer and her husband left for Pittsburgh, Pa., last Friday night on some social calls.—Greeting cards have been received from Frank Groser (France), Adolph Malovich (Burma), Frank Pirman (Italy), Frank Krehel and Stanley Zbacnik (Southwest Pacific).

With the next issue of the Pioneer Bulletin we will include an up to date list of the names and addresses of all the Pioneers serving Uncle Sam. We ask that you make certain that the addresses pertaining to your dear ones are included and that they are correct. Such a list sent out six months ago was very helpful and enabled many of our boys to correspond with one another. Be sure you send in any changes of addresses to us.—This week's mail includes a letter from Frank Yencich who is at San Diego, Calif., and who explains that he's expecting another transfer soon. He is a master-at-arms and likes his work.—Milton Zaveritnik expresses his appreciation for his Xmas parcel and explains that parcels and mail from home are looked forward to. He is at Camp Blanding as a field instructor. His wife, Blanch, will be down to see him for the holidays.—Thanks for the Xmas package," writes Leo Cretnik from Lexington, La. He liked the Cervelat especially well. They are having plenty rain in that section now. From all indications it looks like his outfit may be shipped across soon.—It has been a long time since we heard from Larry Gradisek, but that's because he isn't much for writing, at least that is what he says. He is now stationed in England and finds things quite different from those in the States and the manner of exchange in money bothersome.

Another fine letter came in from Frank Groser which made it two letters within a week. He expresses satisfaction at the Pioneer membership gain, in the fine work of Mary Udovich and includes a clipping from The Yank about their version of the strikes in this country. We are going to turn it over to the editor in hopes that it can be printed. "The Bulletin is very welcome and always enjoyed," he says, "and Marion Herick has a good coverage of the stories from the boys." He also speaks of the disturbances in Greece, Italy and other liberated countries and asks, "What are we fighting for?"—John Janecik is in good shape, is in England, and explains that they are being treated well. He'd like to have been home for the 40th anniversary and feels that they might be home for the next anniversary.—Henry Stirn gets the Bulletin and Prosveta regularly and devotes quite some time to reading. They are having a lot of rain there.—Acknowledging receipt of the Xmas parcel, Eddy Bernik, too, wants to thank the Pioneers. "The salami came in darned handy

but many hungry mouths helped to devour it." Glad to learn from the Bulletin where all of the boys are situated.—Joe Supancic writes again to compliment us on our progress and to explain that he is kept very busy.

A lot of rumpus has been raised about the appointments recently made by President Roosevelt. From all indications, the President has placed into extremely responsible positions men who are not qualified to judge accurately and men who could not possibly be honest about their connections with the enemy prior to the war; some even after the U. S. entered the war. The State Department appointees, in particular, are being denounced. People who will not look for a permanent peace are being assigned to this job. People who have great interests in war industries or who will be called upon to serve interests making profit out of war. All of us must condemn these appointments and write to our Senators and Congressmen, not to confirm them. In this connection in fact related an interesting account of what all was done before, during, and after World War I and how certain big interests had the most to say as to how the war should be waged in order to prolong it. It's a revelation and has come out of the records of Congress which makes the report authentic. They care not how many of our fine boys are killed, they care only for profit. What Churchill is doing in Italy and Greece and Belgium smells like they want to prolong the rotten regimes in those poor countries and our boys are giving their lives to keep a monarchial minded group in power.

With the coming of the new electric generating projects thruout the country more and more of the farmers will have an opportunity to enjoy some of the comforts of the city folks. The TVA has been a very practical experiment. Here the government undertook a job that private enterprise could never attempt. Not only is the project self-sustaining but the cost of construction is being repaid to the government. Some day this project will be completely paid for and the people of the surrounding communities will be able to utilize the power and other services of TVA at an exceedingly small cost. Goodness knows that the farmers deserve some of these comforts. Current reports show that 82% of them do not even have running water. A larger percentage does not have a central heating plant. This is a good field for our future industry.

Tin cans are an essential commodity especially in normal times. Although tin cans are being displaced by glassware and eventually by other plastic item, Illinois has had the distinction of being the leading tin can producing state in the Union. A number of large manufacturers are situated in Chicago and other large communities whose ordinary normal output is nothing else but tin cans. Sometimes we wonder where all the cans go to but when we consider the millions of families and how many cans each family uses each year, we can understand why it is necessary to make so many of them.—According to a recent survey it is reported that half of the cigarette output in 1944 goes to the War Department and 15% of this amount goes to the Navy. It has also been stated that many of the cartons get to the South American countries for a better price where the cigarettes are reshipped to England, France, and other European countries. The world would be much healthier without cigarettes. What would the smokers do without them?

Our only wish for Christmas is that this darned war would come to an end and that the American people would realize what war really means so that they could prevent them in the future. Happiness can only come when we know that those whom we love are out of danger and can enjoy the same good things with us.

Science Speaking: There is no evidence for the existence of an inborn Jewish or German or Italian mentality. Furthermore, there is no indication that the members of any group are rendered incapable by their biological heredity of completely acquiring the culture of the community in which they live. This is true not only of Jews in Germany, but also of groups that actually are physically different from one another. The Nazi theory that people must be related by blood in order to participate in the same cultural or intellectual heritage has absolutely no support from scientific findings. Certainly no individual should be treated as an inferior merely because of his membership in one human group rather than another.—Journal of Social Psychology, May 1939, Vol. 10, pp. 302 ff. She Was Skeptical In a little colored church in the South, the preacher had concluded his eulogy and the widow approached the casket. She uttered the usual sentence: "Rastus," she muttered. "I hopes you is gone whar I spec' you ain't."

SNPJ Sports

Comrades Retain First Place

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Some very close games were rolled off last Friday. Struggler No. 2 again came through with two wins—snatching both by a small margin of 3 and 4 pins.—Theresa Clements lead her team to victory over the Utopians No. 1 team with a 503 series. Christine Lisch of Utopians also rolled a 503 series, her first this season. Comrades No. 1 upset the Cavaliers in two sessions. Pauline Spik rolled her first 515 series to lead her team. Pauline Reinman and Christine Kebe were high for the losers with 493 and 491 respectively. Concordian five suffered a two-way defeat while battling with Strugglers No. 1. Hermine Zupancic's 446 and Frances Perusek's 442 were high for the winners. Agnes Jeres, who was absent and whose average of 420 was used, was high for the losers. Comrades No. 2 retained first place by clouting the Utopians No. 2 in two bouts—Mollie Koren was high for the Comrades with 457, while Albina Gruden took top honors for the Utopians with 418. Good luck in better bowling, girls. PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

'V's' Star as Whitewash Brush Reigns at SWH

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—It was a case of three or nothing as the whitewash brush was very much in evidence after the keggers had completed competition in the SNPJ Men's League at the Slovene Workers' Home. The V boy boys emerged victorious by a very thin coating in their experiment with the Utopian Lions. After entering the last frame in each game on fairly close terms the lad squeezed through by margins of 20, 32 and 4 pins. Oscar (Rib Cracker) Hirsh barreled in a 564 series that included a fine 222 game for the winners. Bobby Perdan pummeled the maples for the identical score for the Blankees.

The league leading Lunder-Adamic sharpshooters dampened the hopes of the Betsy Ross crew in the second special course of the evening. Frank Svigel hit the target the steadiest for a 580 series to shine for the Lunders. Carl Krause's 554 series glitshed brightest in the Rossmen's Repulse. Brothers, behave! But the Utopian Tigers "dood it again" as they handed the Utopian Panthers the skippy end of the deal in their whitewash woes contest. Joe Matthews maneuvered most for the Tigers with a dandy 246 game in a 57 series. Yours Truly trailed with a 587 set. Al Hirsh with a 228 game in a 555 series was the leading aggressor for the "Panting" Panthers. 200 Circle J. Matthews 246, A. Hirsh 228, O. Hirsh 222, L. Strukel 220, J. Spilar 26, M. Krall 204, F. Svigel 203, J. LUNKA 201 and F. Zupan 200.

Bowling Bits Laff of the week: Mike Krall, anchorman for the Betsy Ross Quintet, throwing his ebantite perfectly in the 1-3 pocket only to have it backfire in a 8-10 split. Turning around with an amazed look Mike started tugging at his hip pocket . . . to throw the spectators in an uproar after dropping a rubber horseshoe on the runway . . . and wearing a green tie, too! . . . We'll get you that rabbit foot next week, Mike! . . . Sensitive moments: Louis Strukel drawing out with a "For crying out loud!" when you couldn't hear a pin drop. Confronted with the stillness in the establishment at that moment, Louie blared forth loudly with his husky baritone which jolted both onlookers and keggers . . . Could see a few of the boys with tears streaming down their faces after these two sessions. Song of the week: "Oh, Those Ffol Bell Blues!" . . . A couple of back seaters missing out on their nap with that continuous ringing on o. 1-3 Lanes. Odd-ties: Bobby Perdan dropping the identical amount of eleven pins per game . . . 199, 188 and 177 . . . Frank Zupan sandwicheing a 200 canto between two 161 Strugglers . . . Mike Poklar hitting a pair of 165's before dealing himself three aces . . . A 111 game! . . . Ozzie Hirsh applying a bear hug on "Whitey" Matthews earlier in the week that resulted in a Cracked Rib . . . Joe seeming none the worse belted the highest series of the evening . . . and jackpots galore!

There will be no bowling these last two Sundays. Competition will resume on Jan. 7. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! JOHN J. SPILAR, Ath. Rep.—Dist. No. 3.

Clev. Fed. Postpones Meeting To Jan. 27

CLEVELAND, O.—All lodge representatives to the Cleveland SNPJ Federation please take notice: Due to the Christmas holidays and slow activities the Cleveland federation decided at the November meeting that we postpone the December meeting. The next and annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 8 p. m. at the usual place (Slovene Nat'l Home, 64th and St. Clair, Hall 2). CARL SAMANICH, Rec. Sec'y.

AS NAZIS GIVE UP AT BELFORT



IN THIS FIRST photo to arrive from the Belfort Gap front, where the French broke through to the Rhine, long lines of Nazi prisoners are shown being marched through Haricourt after surrendering to the French 1st Army forces. U. S. Signal Corps Radiophoto.

"I Dream'd That Greece Might Still Be Free"

Kenesaw M. Landis II

"The mountains look on Marathon," wrote Lord Byron not long before he died in the Greek War for Independence, "and Marathon looks on the sea: And musing there an hour alone, I dream'd that Greece might still be free: For standing on the Persians' grave, I could not deem myself a slave." That was more than a hundred years ago, and with British help the Greeks won their independence from the Sultan. But they got in return King Otto, a despotic monarch foisted on them by the intervention of Britain, France, and Russia.

Ever since, in spite of the overlordship of the great powers, Greece has been a rough spot for kings. King Otto was finally overthrown, King George I was assassinated, and King Constantine was forced to abdicate twice. Constantine's son, George II, became king in 1922, but a year later he also was forced to abdicate. The monarchy was abolished by plebiscite.

Yet these are the people whom Churchill calls Communists. They are the people who were shot down in Athens this week by the police of a British-sponsored government which had been flown in from Cairo. It's enough to make anyone a Communist. The E.L.A.S. does not want to disarm until Churchill agrees to disarm the British-equipped Royalist Sacred Greek Battalion which hopes to install George II as king for the third time. Maybe the Greeks remember the last sham plebiscite. When Lord Byron died in Greece his heart was buried at Missolonghi, and only his remains were sent back to England. I hope that isn't symbolic. I'm glad to read of the protests in the House of Commons. (Chicago Sun.)

Frank Groser Writes Interesting Letter on Strikes and Postwar Jobs

FRANCE, Nov. 30.—Over here we are getting a taste of France at its worst, that is, plenty of rain, mud, and now some cold which brings snow. However, being well equipped I don't expect to have such hard time of it. After spending a little over two months in hospitals and replacements, I expected to get back into the rough, but was lucky again as my outfit is back taking a much needed rest. Of course, I appreciate it as much as they do. I was in luck to have some 35 letters awaiting me, being the first words from home since leaving the States. So you see, I was doubly glad to get back to my outfit. On Thanksgiving Day, I was back in a replacement company and enjoyed a very good meal; they surely tried to do it up good. We had all the turkey we wanted, with all the trimmings: cranberry, potatoes, cake, cookies, raisin bread, beans, butter, fruit salad and coffee. After eating so many rations we really worked into the turkeys. As for myself, I can't say how the trimmings tasted as I ate only turkey and bread and cake. As a "special" we got a package of cigarettes, which in itself is a rare treat back there, that is, back home. Fortunately, here in France we are at present getting all the smokes we need. We, like you people back home, know as much about the war as you, if not less. We only know definitely what we take part in. The only newspaper we read is the Stars and Stripes and, like you people, on some days feel that soon the war will be over and then the next day that we've no more than started. Some of the G. I.'s pit "beefs" at present are the stories coming here that back home the people are quitting the war plants and going into

Sgt. Ambrosic Pens Note from France

FRANCE, Nov. 24.—It's been a long time since I have written an article to the Prosveta. Having put this letter off for a long time, I finally got enough time to do it now, using a flashlight as a light. I have been overseas for a long time and have seen many different sights, also the different ways of living of the people here in these countries that border on France. Being stationed in England for a long time prior to my coming here, I had a chance to go on a pass a few times. I remember visiting a small town. You wouldn't see many civilians around, mostly G.I.'s. It was a very clean place and the homes seemed to be kept in tip-top shape, also the surroundings. I noticed only one place where a person could get something to eat—fish and chips (French fries). There would be a line a block long waiting, both civilians and G.I.'s. The woman, man or child would have a plate or some other kind of a container to take some food home. Rationing was strict and things were tough for the people, being so long in the war. Naturally, I also visited some of their pubs—taverns to you. They don't have bars like we have back home, but still you were able to get beer and sometimes a little harder drink. In one place I noticed the men and women singing and having a jolly time, and of course, we helped them out by singing American tunes. On one occasion I also visited a place called Cricket Club. There they played outdoor cricket, and they also go strong for outdoor lawn bowling—ballica to you. In the clubhouse they had a bar, and a dance that night, and so I had a good time that night. Walking along the street the children would ask a G.I. right away for candy or gum; of course, he would oblige them with something, and were they tickled, especially if it was chocolate. On Sundays you would see the people all come out, dressed in their best, either walking or riding on bicycles, with the whole family. I didn't get a chance to see London or Liverpool, but I surely would like to some day. There was a valid reason for us staying in England, for a big job had to be done on the other side of the English Channel—in France. Things have happened on D-day, and since then everything has changed here a lot. Seeing all of these war-torn towns, and the people coming back to their homes after it was safe enough from the enemy. It surely was a sorry sight to see. It made many a soldier think about things back home where everything is quiet and peaceful. Many of the people wouldn't find their homes as many homes were in complete ruins. One thing I also noticed here in France that I thought was rather good to remember. The children, when they would approach a G.I., would have a verse something like this: Cigarette for Papa, Chocolate for Mama, Chewing gum pour moi. (Chewing gum for me.) Being in combat here, at times we were fortunate to get passes to a town nearby. This town was Nancy, a large city. It surely was good to get out of the mud and walk on a sidewalk again. Here a soldier was able to get good beer, wine and cognac if he wanted it. I also had the opportunity of meeting Lt. Agnes Dolence from Library, Pa., my home town. Need I tell you how good it felt to see somebody from my town so far away from home? In France, I have had the opportunity to see a native wedding being performed in a church. It was very interesting. I might add that the church surely is a large and beautiful structure. The only setback is speaking to the French people. If a fellow could only speak that language! I have learned some since I've been here, just a few words and phrases. But when I want to buy something—well, I just have to point at a certain item that I want. Not knowing the language of the country is quite a handicap, believe me. I have had letters from Lt. Art Petermel and Sgt. Frank Licker, who are also somewhere here in France. Both are doing okay as far as I know. I have written to "Beachey"

Happy New Year. A lot of luck to the boys and girls in uniform and may we all have a grand reunion soon. Pvt. FRANK GROSEER, 36786774 Co. L, 137th Inf., APO 35, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.

They Said Last Week

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's message to the CIO convention in Chicago: "American men and women on assembly lines, at machines, in mines, at counters, in office work, on farms and those directing production have, almost without exception, done everything humanly possible to help our brave fighters carry on against ruthless enemies. They have supplied them with matchless guns, tanks, planes and ships in record quantities, and with unstinted ammunition and ample supplies. It has been a job of which workers, management and farmers may well feel proud. That job is not yet done, however. We must, and I know we will, keep turning out the weapons and materials needed by our fighters so that the war may be shortened, lives saved and our boys returned at the earliest possible moment to their homes and loved ones." General Dwight D. Eisenhower in a radio broadcast to the United States: "Today we are firing ammunition that we would not have used until next February or March if we had been content with slower advance, with less crushing victories, or if we had been ready to sacrifice soldiers to save materials. . . . Now we are hammering at the massive crust of armor surrounding the German forces. Appalling conditions of rain, fog, snow and mud make difficult the employment of our tanks, even of our foot soldiers. But wretched weather cannot stop artillery shells. More than ever we need ammunition."

Brig. Gen. Julius Ochs Adler in an address in Detroit before auto motive and advertising executives: "There has been a lot of talk by both political parties about jobs for everybody. There have been promised 60,000,000 jobs and I hope they are right. But there is something more important as far as we are concerned. That is a show of patience and tolerance on the part of everybody. There will be millions of these youngsters, most of them without roots, coming back after five or six years of service. They will return as men, not boys. Your office boy is now a captain with more authority and an income larger than anything he ever dreamed of having. . . . When he returns he won't be an office boy again. He will take five or six months of looking around to settle down to work. I say to you gentlemen, be patient with him and give him time to adjust himself."

Worth begets in base minds envy, in great souls, emulation. —Fielding.

In Memoriam

In sad but loving memory of our dearly beloved MAX POLSAK, Jr. who passed away December 20, 1940.

Wearry, sad and heavy-hearted Since the day we have parted Four years have passed, our hearts are sore, And as years go by, we miss you more and more. Sadly missed by Tina Polsak, Maxine, Mr. & Mrs. Max Polsak, Roundup, Mont.