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PRAVICA DO DELA

HUDOBEC, o katerem pravijo, da v sili tudi muhe žre, naj se gre skrit pred branilci sistema privatnega profita, kadar so ogroženi njihovi interesi. Česa vsega se ti ljudje ne izmislijo! Kakšnih argumentov se niso pripravljeni poslužiti, da bi v vzbujajoče se delavske vrste zasejali nesoglasje ter preprečili efektivno organizacijo delavstva!

V tovarnah bogate General Motors korporacije je v teku štrajk, prvi štrajk, od katerega more delavstvo pričakovati, da bo z njim priborili nekaj najosnovnejših pravic, kakršne delavci v mnogih industrijah uživajo že desetletja. Kapitalisti in njihovi podpredniki si vrtajo možgane, kako bi to preprečili in ustvarili položaj, v katerem bi delavce pognali nazaj v tovarne kot tepene pse. In v tej svoji stiski so zavzeli pozo velikodušnih delavskih dobrotnikov, ki zanje branijo—pravico do dela.

Pravica do dela—to je bila tema govora, ki ga je imel preteklo nedeljo zastopnik General Motors korporacije pri običajnem nedeljskimi radio programu, ki je oddajan od Atlantika do Pacifika. Pravica do dela je temeljna, nedovzetna pravica! Kadarkoli je ogrožena ta pravica, je ogrožen vsak napredek, naša civilizacija—vse je ogroženo! Stremljenje po pravici do dela je potisnilo pero v roke revolucijonarnim očetom, ki so spisali Deklaracijo neodvisnoti! Pravica do dela je najsvetejša izmed svetih ameriških svetinj in kdor gazi po tej svetinji, tira deželo v propast in pogubo!

Kakšna zloraba lepih besed in v resnici zlate resnice! Kar je govornik za General Motors korporacijo hotel reči, in kar bi bil rekel, če bi bil odkrit in pošten, se da stisniti v dve besedi: Pojdite skebat! Ker pa je "skeb" grda beseda, jo je ovil v oblak fraz o "pravici do dela," kakor da so delavci zategadelj šli na stavko, ker so lenuhi, ki jim delo smrdi.

Sicer pa je to zlat nauk in če si ga bodo mase ameriškega delavstva zapomnile, jim utegne še prav priti. Zaenkrat pa bi lahko vprašali gospode pri General Motors, zakaj niso delali takih lepih pridig o "pravici do dela" tista dolga leta, ko se je Hooverjeva prosperiteta mudila za znanim vogalom.

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ALI JE SLOGA MOGOČA—ZAŽELJIVA?

UREDNIK nekdanjega "Časa," Mr. Frank Kerže, v svojih "Pomenkih," ki jih piše za new-yorški dnevnik, že dalj časa tarna, da smo ameriški Slovenci preveč razprti med seboj, da se preveč lasamo in prepiramo in da bi bil že čas, da se spoprijaznimo in postanemo složni. Mi se strinjamo, da je sloga lepa čednost, ampak ne priznamo, da ni druzih, ki so še lepše in boljše. In vprašanje tudi nastane, kakšno ceno naj bi plačali zanjo?

Lepša in koristnejša od sloge je po našem mnenju vera v gotove ideale, ki je tako trdna, da je človek zanje pripravljen tudi kaj žrtvovati. In v našo srečo je bilo, da je bil med našimi naseljenci visok odstotek ljudi, ki so imeli take ideale in tolikšno vero vanje. Vse, kar se je med nami storilo dobrega, je zasluga teh ljudi. Da njih ni bilo, bi bili Slovenci v Ameriki brez dvoma bolj složni, ampak bili bi tudi bolj mrtvi v vseh ozirih razen v fizičnem. Reakcija bi bila med nami na krmilu na celi črti kot se to vidi pri marsikateri narodnostni skupini v Ameriki,

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PREGLED VAŽNIH DOGODKOV DOMA IN PO SVETU

Ena največjih poplav v zgodovini dežele je nastopila zadnje dni v državah, skozi katere se vije reka Ohio in njeni dotoki. Prizadetih je skupno enajst držav in iz bivališč je voda pregnala okrog pol milijona ljudi. Škoda je ogromna. Blizu petdeset oseb je v katastrofi izgubilo življenje, na stotine pa je pogrešanih. Zvezna vlada je takoj določila štiri miijlone dolarjev za prvo pomoč. Resno so prizadete pokrajine in mesta v Ohio, Indiani, Kentuckju, West Virginiji, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansasu, Illinoisu, Mississippi, Pennsylvaniji in Louisiani.

Med mesti, katera so v povodnji, najhuje udarjena, so Cincinnati in Portsmouth, O., ter Louisville, Ky. V Louisville je bil razglašen preki sod in na poziv governerja je zvezna vlada poslala v mesto zvezno vojaštvo, medtem ko je bil v Cincinnatiju mestni p o slovodja Dykstra imenovan "diktatorjem." V tem mestu so izbruhnili tudi veliki požari, ki so napravili za več milijonov škode. V večini mest, ki jih je zalila voda, je prebivalstvo brez električne razsvetljave, ulične železnice ne vozijo in paralizirani ali ogrožani so javni vodovodi, vsled česar preti izbruh bolezenskih epidemij.

Vreme v letošnji zimi je sploh nekaj nenavadnega. Z malo izjemo države srednjega zapada sploh niso imele še nobenega pravega mraza, namesto snega pa je padlo že ogromno dežja.

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Predsednik Roosevelt je v sredo preteklega tedna nastopil svoj drugi termin. Slovesno vstoličenje oziroma zaprisega se je vršila po starem običaju na tribuni, postavljeni na stopnišče Kapitola, pred katerim se je navzlic temu, da je bil dan pust in mrk in da je med ceremonijo lilo kot iz škafa, zbrala silna množica ljudstva. Govor, ki ga je imel Roosevelt ob tej priliki, je bil bojevitejši kot bi se pričakovalo od moža, ki je stal na vladnem krmilu skozi štiri leta, ki predstavljajo eno najbolj razburkanih dob v zgodovini dežele.

Roosevelt je poudarjal, da Amerika ne sme iti nazaj ali obtičati na mestu, temveč iti mora naprej po poti, na katero je stopila pred štirimi leti, ko je sprevidela, da pot nebrezdanega individualizma vodi deželo naravnost v pogubo. Skušnjava je velika, da bi na tej točki omagali ter se vdali iluziji, da je borba že dobljena. Doslej smo napredovali pod pritiskom strahu in trpljenja. Čas je bil na strani napredka. Toda ostati na poti napredka sedaj je težje, kajti vest postaja topa, neodgovornost in brezobzirna sebičnost se zopet pojavljata. Pod takimi okolščinami se utegnejo znamenja vračajočega blagostanja spremeniti v svarilni znak novega poloma.

"Vprašajmo se zopet, ali smo že dospeli na cilj, ki smo ga zazrli v naših misli pred štirimi leti?" se vprašal predsednik, potem pa je odgovarjal: Vidim velik narod, posedajoč velik kontinent, blagoslovljen z velikim bogastvom naravnih zakladov. Ta narod živi v miru med seboj, in nobenega vzroka ni, zakaj bi se pod demokratičnim načinom vlade ne ustvarilo razmer, da bi sleherni imel dovolj za dostojno življenje. Ampak našo demokracijo čakajo še boji in preizkušnje, kajti še danes je v deželi na milijone ljudi, ki jim je zanikan dostojen življenski standard, ki jim je zanikana prilika do izobrazbe, ki nimajo prave obleke, ne hrane in ne stanovanja. Ne slikam te podobe, ker me navdaja obup, temveč zato, ker sem prepričan, da bo narod, videč in razumeč krivičnost, nastopil, da se jo odpravi. Mi smo odločeni ustvariti razmere, da bo sleherni državljan Amerike predmet njenega zanimanja in brige, in nikoli ne bo prišel čas, da bi na katerokoli lojalno in zakone spoštujočo skupino zrli kot da je odveč. Preiskušnja našega napredka ni v tem, da povečamo izobilje onih, ki imajo že veliko, temveč, da-li bomo preskrbeli dovolj za one, ki imajo premalo. Če poznam duh in smotrenost našega naroda, ne bomo poslušali glasu ugodja, oportunizma in strahu, temveč stopali bomo naprej po poti, kaero smo si začrtali pred štirimi leti.

Mnogo ugibanja je vzbudila predsednikova opazka, da se nobene lojalne skupine v Ameriki ne bo nikoli smatralo za "odveč," in vtis je, da je Roosevelt s tem indirektno švrknil po Hitlerju, obenem pa hotel zagotoviti, da se niti Židje niti nobena druga narodnostna skupina v Ameriki nima bati, da bo izpostavljanja šikanam ali preganjanju.

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Položaj v stavki avtnih delavcev v tovarnah General Motors korporacije se v minulem tedni ni dosti spremenil. Družba je morala vsled pomanjkanja kosov zapreti nadaljne tovarne, med katerimi je tudi tovarna, v kateri se izdeluje Buick avtomobile, in iz njenih izjav se da tudi sklepati, da utegne v kratkem napraviti poizkus za ponoven obrat nekaterih tovarn s pomočjo stavkolomcev. V akcijo pa je stopila zvezna vlada. Delavska tajnica Perkins je namreč pred par dnevi za danes pozvala v Washington predstavnike obeh spornih strank, v poizkusu, da bi se otvorila pogajanja, ki so se imela začeti med unijo in družbo že prejšnji teden, ampak so se po krivdi družbe razbila, še predno so se začela.

John L. Lewis je zadnji teden direktno apeliral na predsednika Roosevelta, da priskoči na pomoč delavstvu, kakor so delavci stali za njim pri volitvah. To je avtne magnate tako razkačilo, da so jezno zapustili Washington, kamor so prišli na razgovor z delavsko tajnico. Predsednik Roosevelt doslej še ni osebno nastopil v situaciji in za enkrat tega očividno tudi ne namerava storiti. Njegov položaj je tem bolj delikaten radi nasprotstva, ki obstoji med Lewisom in William Greenom, predsednikom ADF.

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Nova odkritja o industrijski špijonaži, ki jo vzdržujejo razne ameriške korporacije, so prišle te dni na dan pred senatnim odsekom za civilne svobodščine, kateremu predseduje senator La Follette iz Wisconsina. Med drugim se je odkrilo, da imajo kompanije svoje plačane ogleduhe v delavskih unijah in da se tem plačancem včasih celo posreči, da so izvoljeni v unijske urade. Izpričano je bilo tudi, da ena taka vohunska firma, Corporation Auxiliary Co., katere sedež se nahaja v Clevelandu, ima do pol milijona

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Bodite previdni!

Piše *dr. F. J. Arch*, vrh. zdravnik SSPZ.

V vzhodnem delu Zedinjenih držav tudi po srednjem zapadu je bilo zadnje čase nenavadno veliko število slučajev influence in pljučnice. Obe sta nevarni bolezni, katerih pa se je po večini možno ogniti ali jih preprečiti. Obe sta kužni in zelo nalezljivi bolezni in obe se širita na sličen način. Predhodnik teh bolezni je običajno navaden prehlad ali katar z vročnico. Obe bolezni se širita potom direktnih stikov, to je, bolne osebe razširjajo okušenje na druge s kašljanjem, kihanjem in glasnim govorjenjem, ker se s tem prenašajo bacili bolezni na druge osebe v bližini.

Za preprečenje obeh omenjenih bolezni moramo rabiti zdravo pamet. Odpornost našega telesa ne smemo zniževati s prezebanjem, utrujenostjo in izčrpanjem. Dovolj spanja, osem do deset ur na dan, in lahka dijeta, sestoječa iz lahkega sadja in zelenjave, sadnih sokov, žitnih jedi in mleka, nam dosti pomaga, da obdržimo našo odpornost proti bolezni.

Doma ali pri delu, če se isto vrši v zaprtih prostorih, naj bo temperatura od 68 do 74 stopinj. Za potrebno vlažnost v zraku naj se postavijo plitve posode z vodo na peči ali radiatorje. Za sveži zrak v sobi naj se okna odpirajo zgoraj, ne spodaj. Pogosto kopanje je priporočljivo, toda izvrši se naj, predno gremo k počitku, ne pa predno se podamo na prosto. Vroča kopelj namreč odpre vse znojne luknjice na naši koži in nas s tem bolj izpostavi okuženju. Prepiha se izogibljimo podnevi in ponoči, pa naj bo zrak vroč ali mrzel. Avtomobilisti, ki imajo ogrevalne naprave v avtomobilih, naj pazijo, da ne bodo v smeri prepiha od ogrevalnika.

Kadar gremo v mrzlem in vetrovnem vremenu na prosto, pazimo, da sta posebno prsi in vrat dobro in gorko zavarovana. Proti zmočenju nog se v deževnem ali snežnem vremenu zavarujemo z galošami. Izogibljimo se gneč, pa naj bodo velike ali male. Pazimo, da nam nikdo ne kašlja ali kiha v obraz. Ako sami kašljamo ali kihamo, ne pozabimo si zakriti ust z robcem.

Še enkrat: poslušajmo našo zdravo pamet! Pri prvih znakih bolečin, glavobola, bolečin v križu ali vročnice pokličimo kompetentnega zdravnika!

Novice iz življenja naših ljudi širom Amerike

Aktivnosti S. S. P. Z.

— Prihodnjo soboto 30. novembra zvečer se vršijo tri važne in velike prireditve med našimi društvi. V Pittsburghu Pa. bo imela Federacija SSPZ v zapadni Penni veliko veselico in nastopila bosta tudi dva pevska zbora; vrši se v Slov. Domu na Butler St. Druga važna prireditev je 10-letnica pijonirskega angleško - poslujočega društva SSPZ, "Trail Blazers" v Chicagu, katero se bo proslavilo z banketom. Proslava se bo vršila v Stancikovi dvorani na 115. cesti. V Clevelandu oziroma Collinwoodu pa obhaja na isti večer angleško poslujoče društvo "Utopians" 9. obletnico svojega obstoja s plesom in zabavo v Slov. Del. Domu na Waterloo rd.

Dolžnost vseh zavednih članov je, da se prireditev vdeleže v čim večjem številu, kajti vdeležba pri društvenih prireditvah je merilo članske zavednosti.

Razne vesti

— Na pustno nedeljo 7. februarja bo dramsko društvo "Ivan Cankar" v Clevelandu vprizorilo veseloigro s petjem "Kura gospoda Bombeka". Prireditev se vrši v S. N. Domu na St. Clairju. Igra je nenavadno polna humorja in se torej pričakuje, da bo dobro obiskana.

— V Waukeganu, Ill. sta Fr. Podboj in njegova žena Jera obhajala v družbi prijateljev 25-letnico svojega zakonskega življenja.

— V Milwaukee, Wis. so bili kaznovani radi nepostavne prodaje opojnih pijač na domu trije Hrvati in en Slovenec. — V istem mestu so se poročili: Fr. Belaj in Katarina Benan ter Harold Lumley in Irma Kovačič.

— Nenadoma je zbolel v Clevelandu na vnetju slepiča naš rojak in okrajni sodnik Frank J. Lausche, ki se je moral takoj podvreči operaciji. Baš ta teden se je imel vršiti na čast njegovi izvolitvi velik banket v S. N. Domu, katerega pa se je seveda moralo odložiti, dokler sodnik Lausche ne okreva.

— V Brooklynu, N. Y., sta se poročila Frances Medved, hči slovenskega farmarja iz Forest City, Pa. in Jack Roth.

— Družina Pavel Volf v Southview, Pa., je dobila krepko hčerko. Rojakinja Jennie Bernick, roj. Peršuti, v isti naselbini se je morala podvreči operaciji radi vnetega slepiča.

— Težki operaciji na kosteh se je moral podvreči rojak Louis Uhernik iz Ambridge, Pa. Nahaja se v St. Francis bolnišnici v Pittsburghu, Pa. Njegova žena je bila tudi operirana pred kratkim.

— V Luzerne, Pa. so bili zadnji čas na operacijah sledeči: Frank Vratarič, Josephine Sperlek in Josephine Camblack, doma pa sta v bolniški oskrbi Jos. Volkar in Martin Zajč. Družina Louis Testana pa je dobila sinčka.

Novi grobovi

— V Clevelandu so umrli: Terezija Frank, roj. Grdanec, stara 47 let, doma iz vasi Cerina pri Čatežu ob Savi na Dolenjskem. V Ameriki je bivala 24 let in zapušča tukaj moža, omoženo hčer in brata. — Mary Lenarčič, roj, Marolt, stara 66 let in doma iz Bevk pri Vrhniki, p. d. Dežerjeva. Zapušča moža, tri sinove in dve hčeri. — Johanna Korče, roj. Furlan, žena Gašperja Korčeta. Doma je bila iz Verda pri Vrhniki, v Ameriki pa je bila 35 let. Poleg moža zapušča eno hčer, dva brata in sestro. — Louis Ilc, doma iz Dolenje vasi pri Ribnici, kjer zapušča ženo in odrasle otroke. — Frank Nelc, star 58 let, doma iz Loške doline na Notranjskem. Tu zapušča ženo in tri hčere. — Frank Pivk, star 49 let, doma iz Žirovskega vrha pri Žirih na Notranjskem. V Ameriki je bil 31 let in tu zapušča sestro.

— V Bon Air, Pa., je umrl Jacob Machevka, ki je podlegel naduhi. Bil je član društva št. 162 SSPZ in zapušča obilno družino.

— V Orient, O., je umrl Edward Tekavčič, star 23 let, ki se je nahajal šest let v zavodu za paralitike. Starši mladeniča so že pred leti umrli v Clevelandu, kjer zapušča dva brata.

— V Burgettstownu, Pa., je nanagloma umrl Martin Pompe, star 53 let, doma od Zidanega mosta. Bil je najden mrtev v postelji.

— V Luzerne, Pa., je umrl Louis Grošelj, doma od Gornjega Tuhinja na Gorenjskem, ki zapušča ženo in tri nepreskrbljene otroke.

— V Frederick, Colo., se je smrtno ponesrečil rojak Joe Major. Podrobnosti o nesreči niso znane.

— V Walsenburgu, Colo., je umrla J. M. Bajuk, žena Martina Bajuka in sestra Louis Pajniča, ki je bil kot znano umorjen za časa, ko je bil poslovodja Come-Back zlatega rudnika v Idaho. Doma je bila iz Goriče vasi pri Ribnici in tu zapušča moža, sina, hčer in pet vnukov, v Montani pa sestro.

— V Evelethu, Minn., je umrl Andrew Mertelj, star 49 let. V Ameriki je bil 25 let in zapušča ženo in štiri sinove.

— V Duluthu, Minn., v bolnišnici je umrl Matija Bilban, župnik v Gilbertu, star 74 let in doma iz Zagorij na Gorenjskem. V Ameriki je živel do malega 50 let.

— V North Stratfordu, N. H., si je s kuhinjskim nožem prerezal vrat Jos. Zalar, doma iz Otav pri Cerknici. Zaposlen je bil v gozdu. Vzrok samomora ni znan.

— V Buffalo, N. Y., je umrl pijonir Aleksander Cimerman, star 70 let in doma iz Dolenje vasi pri Ribnici. V Ameriki je bil 44 let in zapušča ženo.

— V Kelloggu, Idaho, je umrl Frank Dežman, star 60 let, doma iz Bele Cerkve, ki zapušča v Clevelandu sina, hčer in dva brata.

Ogledalo:

NEW YORK. — Nov letalski rekord med Los Angelesom in New Yorkom je napravil zadnji teden filmski podjetnik in nepoklicni avijatik Howard R. Hughes, ki je to daljavo preletel v 7 urah, 28 minutah in 25 sekundah. Plul je s povprečno brzino 333 milj na uro ter se večji del poleta nahajal 20 tisoč čevljev visoko, kjer je vsled redkosti zraka moral rabiti posebno napravo za vdihavanja kisika.

RIM. — Z zvezi z nedavnim obiskom gen. Goeringa pri Mussoliniju se poroča, da se je delalo tudi na tem, da se vpostavijo prijateljski odnošaji med nacijskim režimom in Vatikanom, in sicer na nekam taki podlagi kot sta se pobotala cerkev in italijanski fašizem.

DETROIT. — Tu se je prišlo na sled verskemu kultu med zamorci, ki baje prakticira žrtvovanje živih ljudi na oltar bogovom. V policijsko varstvo se je zatekla neka zamorka, katere 11-letna hči je bila menda izbrana, da se jo živo vrže v kotel vrele vode.

DETROIT. — Nenadoma je umrl zadnji teden detroitski katoliški škof Michael J. Gallagher, ki je bil vseskozi odločen zagovornik radijskega pridigarja Coughlina. Slednji je zadnjo soboto začel zopet obdržavati radijske govore, dasiravno je takoj po volitvah v posebnem radio govoru naznanil, da se za vselej umika iz javnosti.

BEOGRAD. — Zadnji teden je imel vodja hrvaške opozicije dr. Maček dolgo posvetovanje z ministrskim predsednikom Stojadinovićem, kateremu je svetoval revizijo ustave in razpis novih volitev, s čemur bi se "hrvaško vprašanje" likvidiralo.

MOSKVA. -- Pred sovjetskim sodiščem se mora zagovarjati Karl Radek, ki je bil izza revolucije vodilni časnikar v Sovjetski uniji. Dolži se ga tajnih zvez s Trockijevimi pristaši. Najbrže ga čaka ista usoda, ki je zadela Zinovjeva, Kameneva in druge nekdanje boljševiške voditelje.

NEW YORK. — Revija "The Literary Digest" prinaša poročilo, v katerem je rečeno, da je v Zed. državah 70 milijonov ljudi, ki ne pripadajo k nobeni verski skupini, samo 54 milijonov pa takih, ki so člani ene ali druge verske sekte. Med depresijo se je močno razširilo takozvano humanistično gibanje, ki temelji na agnosticizmu, obenem pa je na delu za preprečenje vojen in zločinstva, za dvig kulturnega nivoja in za kontrolo porodov. Ustanovitelj humanistov je slavni ameriški pisatelj Sinclair Lewis. Ta teden bo Lewis v Parizu odkril spomenik znamenitemu ameriškemu svobodomislecu Thomas Paine-u, ki ima velike zasluge tako za ameriško kot francosko revolucijo. Proslave v čast Paine-u, ki je bil rojen pred 200 leti, se bodo vršile istočasno tudi po ameriških mestih.

Mexico City. — Pred kratkim je dospel v Mehiko izgnani sovjetski glavar Leon Trocki, kateremu je mehikanska vlada dovolila bivanje v deželi po izgonu iz Norveške.

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V obrambo svobodne misli

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Namen SSPZ je...Dalje, pomagati članom do polne kulturne izobrazbe, vzgajati jih za dobne člane človeške družbe...razvijati v njih napredne, prave demokratične nazore, navajati jih k medsebojni ljubezni po geslu: bratstvo — pot do pravice, sloge in edinstva. — Namen, člen IV. ustave SSPZ.

Uradno glasilo mora biti urejevano v smislu prvega odstavka načelne izjave v ustavi in po načelih in principih razredno zavednega in strokovno organiziranega delavstva. — Pravila SSPZ, člen IX., točka 69.

MOŽ PRIDE z dela in ko se umije in preobleče, sliši glas svoje žene: "Pridi, Janez, klobase so že na mizi!" Janezu ni treba dvakrat reči. V nosnice mu udarja prijetni duh klobas, da pospeši svoj korak in ko stopi v jedilnico vidi, da so klobase res na mizi. Ker pa je zelo lačen, niti ne čaka noža in vilic, temveč klobaso kar v roko prime ter si jo založi v usta.

V tej kratki sceni se je naš Janez za ugotovitev klobasjega kosila poslužil peterih čutov: sluha, vonja, vida, tipa in okusa, in je na ta način z lahkoto ugotovil, da je žena res skuhala klobase in da so klobase bodisi dobre ali slabe.

Pri klobasah to zadostuje. Ampak zelo slabo izpričevalo svoje inteligence pokaže človek, ki se na enako primitiven način loti kake bolj komplicirane zadeve. In to je baš način, katerega se je poslužil g. Matija Jager, ko se je spravil nad članek "Nebesa me ne zanimajo," ki je bil pred par tedni priobčen v "Napredku" ter s tem edinole pokazal, da njemu sta filozofija in kranjska klobasa eno in isto, oziroma, da probleme in pojme, pri razglabljanju katerih je potrebno poklicati na pomoč tudi tisto sivo tvarino, kateri pravimo razum, "rešuje" nekam tako kot tisti, ki je s svedrom kravo drl.

Če bi imel g. Jager le količkaj pojma o filozofiji, potem bi se ne mogel znebiti takšne gorostasnosti, kot da je omenjeni članek označil za — ateizem. Ali je res tako omejen, da ne pozna razlike med ateizmom — nazorom, ki zanikuje Boga — in panteizmom (sestavljenka iz gršćine: pan — vse, in theos — Bog) — nazorom, ki vesoljstvo istoveti z Bogom, oziroma v principu ko-ordinacije ter v manifestaciji definitivnega vodilnega principa, ki ga nahajamo v vesoljstvu, vidi in priznava obstoj Najvišje sile — Boga? Njemu očividno tudi ni ničesar znanega o tem, da zgodovina filozofije pozna več panteističnih sistemov in da se eden od teh nazivlja humanistični panteizem. In vendar, človek, ki bi rad druge učil in veljal za avtoriteto, bi moral posedati to znanje. Če bi g. Jager to znanje posedal, potem bi si bil prihranil neprijetno skušnjo, da mu moramo dajati lekcije, kajti videl bi bil na prvi mah, da filozofija, ki preveva članek, v katerega se je s tako vehemenco zapodil, je humanistični panteizem—**nazor, da človek najbolje služi Bogu s tem, da pomaga svojemu sočloveku in človeštvu vobče.**

V dotičnem članku, ki ga je napisal Channing Pollock v ugledni ameriški reviji "North American Review," v izčrpku pa ga je objavil popularni mesečnik "Readers Digest," namreč čitamo med drugim:

"...zdi se, da naša sedanja briga bodi, ojačeno razumevanje lepote okrog nas, pospeševanje korakov napredka, človeška ljubezen za človeštvo, in pa nikakor ne malenkostni posel, da bo svet, kadar ga zapustimo, ali vsaj nekateri izmed ljudi, ki na njem živijo, malo boljši, kakor pa bi bil, če bi nas nikoli ne bilo... Moja nebesa so vsepovsod okrog nas. Ako potrebuje verjeti v drugačna (namreč nebesa), ne pustite, da bi vas pregovoril. Ni s tem rečeno, da ne verujem v ona druga nebesa, temveč le, da mene ne zanimajo, da se mi ne vidijo važna. Vsaj sedaj nikakor ne. Preveč sem zaposlen. Nadaljevati hočem s svojim delom, izid pa prepuščam Bogu."

Kje je tu zanikan Bog? Nasprotno — pisec Boga direktno izpoveduje. Celo glede nebes — teoloških nebes — ni dogmatičen, temveč edinole izjavlja, da po njegovem mišljenju bi človeštvo več storilo za sebe in tudi za nebesa in Boga, če bi na zemlji častilo Boga z občudovanjem božjega stvarstva in z dobrimi deli, namesto, da ga "časti" z malikovanjem pred dogmami in z jezičnim poveličevanjem.

In pomislite, ljudje božji, g. Jager imenuje tako izpoved — ateizem, umazano bogokletstvo! Kaj govori iz njega? Vera v Boga prav gotovo ne! Prej bo to nevednost, ali pa zlohotnost in samovoljno preziranje resnice, hčerke božje in nespravljive nasprotnice okostenelega in zastarelega dogmatizma.

Angležpravi: "The wish is father of the thought," po naše pa bi rekli: "Želja je mati misli." G. Jager želi, močno želi, urednika "Napredka" predstaviti javnosti kot "ateista," ki piše "umazano bogokletne reči," pa brez vsakega pomisleka seže po besednjaku, kjer poišče definicijo "ateizma" ter jo z velikansko naslado citira — kot dokaz, da je urednik "Napredka" — ateist in bogokletnež! G. Jager, ali ste pozabili na božjo zapoved, da "ne pričaj po krivem proti svojemu bližnjemu!"? Ali pa morda mislite, da za vas ne velja? Kaj bi Vi rekli, g. Jager, ako bi urednik "Napredka," sledeč Vašemu receptu, poiskal v besednjaku definicijo besede "maniac," kjer stoji zapisano, da ta beseda pomeni "človeka s podivjanim, zveriženim razumom," potem pa bi to predložil kot dokaz, da ste — Vi tak človek. **Vi bi brez dvoma rekli, da je urednik "Napredka" zloben človek, da je intelektualno nepošten. In prav bi imeli!**

Ker se nam močno dozdeva, na kakšen način se bo skušal g. Jager izviti iz precepa, v katerem se je znašel s svojo nepošteno in neiskreno polemiko, nam ne sme zameriti, ako bomo sedaj na kratko ugotovili nekatera dognanja, katerih ne pričakuje, ampak smo mu jih prisiljeni servirati, da mu prihranimo trud nadaljnega ne-etičnega in brezplodnega rogovilenja.

Vprašanje, ki zanima nas, in ki bi moralo zanimati tudi njega, ako je iskren iskalec resnice, je: Kakšen je odnos med verstvom in filozofijo. Naj citiramo iz tozadevnega strokovnega dela, ki pravi:

"Tako filozofija kakor verstvo podajata svetovni nazor in objasnjujeta smisel človeškega življenja. Ali medtem ko sta filozofija in znanost zgolj pojav človeškega razuma samega ob sebi, podaja verstvo sliko sveta in življenja, ustvarjeno iz druge potrebe...iz človeškega čustva in volje. V tem temeljnem razločku nam je tudi iskati vzroka, da verstvo nastaja prej, filozofija pozneje. Filozofija se je razvijala praviloma iz verstva šele, ko je človeštvo umstveno višje napredovalo... Verstvo je kolektiven (skupen) ljudski produkt, ima socialen značaj in pomen, da je pobudo k nastanku raznih verskih družb, ki jih obče nazivljamo cerkve, pojavlja se v raznih obredih in običajih, v takozvanih kultih, ki mogočno vplivajo na čutno in čustveno stran človeškega bitja, ustvarja poseben stan v človeški družbi, duhovništvo. Filozofija in znanost pa sta bolj individualnega značaja — četudi s tem ni tajiti njiju socialnega vpliva — sta namreč rezultat samostalnega premišljevanja, raziskavanja, iskanja posameznika, ki se je ločil od svoje okolice in splošnega verskega naziranja o svetu in življenju in se dvignil nad nje."

To je ena definicija o odnosu med verstvom in filozofijo, oz. o razlikah med njima. Mi ne trdimo, da je absolutno pravilna in za vse čase veljavna definicija, temveč navajamo jo le v premislek.

V istem duhu navajamo drugo definicijo, ki skuša ugotoviti odnošaj med verstvom in filozofijo, oz. razlike med njima. Ta definicija, katero je podal Tomaž G. Masaryk, ki je ne samo velik državnik, temveč tudi odličen filozof, navaja dodatne razlike, n. pr. sledeče: **verstvo opira svoje trditve na vero v nadnaravno razodetje, filozofija se opira na naravni razum; verstvo veruje v skrivnosti, kjer ne more podati pozitivne razjasnitve svetovnih in življenskih ugank, filozofija in znanost postavljata samo začasno veljavne hipoteze (postavke), ki čakajo svoje potrditve; verstvo si prisvaja absolutno resnico in nezmotljivost, filozofija priznava in uči relativno resnico in pravico svobodne kritike: verstvo je konservativen življelj, filozofija in znanost napreden."**

Drugo vprašanje, ki nas zanima, je: Ali obstoji med verstvom na eni strani ter filozofijo in vedo vobče konflikt? Ako vemo, da se je filozofija razvijala iz verstva vzporedno z umstvenim napredkom človeštva, tedaj je jasno, da filozofija verstvo izpopolnjuje, ker skuša tudi z umom razjasniti to, kar je golemu čustvu nedostopno, torej je konflikt s stališča filozofije nepotreben. Ako navzlic temu prihaja do konfliktov, za to ni odgovorna filozofija, temveč odgovorno je organizirano verstvo t. j. dogmatizem, ki zahteva, da naj se človek odpove rabi razuma. Da pa je filozofija in veda vobče iz vseh dosedanjih nezaželjenih in neiskanih konfliktov izšla zmagovita, menda ni treba še posebej dokazovati. Naj navedemo samo en znamenit primer. Giordano Bruno je bil l. 1600 v Rimu od "Svete inkvizicije" na grmadi sežgan kot "krivoverec," ker je iz Kopernikovega odkritja, da je naša zemlja samo eden izmed številnih planetov in da se zemlja suče okrog solnca, ne pa solnce okrog zemlje, razvil filozofijo takozvanega poetičnega panteizma. Sveta inkvizicija je Galileo Galileja z grožnjo smrti prisilila k preklicu iste teorije, še skozi dve sto let po teh dogodkih je rimska cerkev trdovratna vztrajala na stari zmoti, in vendar — danes ni tako zagrizenega dogmatika in ne katoliške šole na svetu, ki ne bi priznavala in učila nauka, proti kateremu je nekoč vodila smrten boj.

(Dalje sledi)

Sem in tja

William Candon

Če mi le čas dopušča, se rad ustavim v S. N. Čitalnici, da prebrskam razne časopise, najsibode ameriške ali iz stare domovine. Kar me nekaj v oči zbode, ko zagledam ime "Lunder-Adamič" v Ameriški Domovini. Prečitam novico in vidim, da je to pohavala društvu, ker je darovalo $10.00 za tukajšnje štrajkarje v Fisher Body tovarni, s pripombo—ne pa za Španце. Če se je novica videla, da je društvo darovalo za štrajkarje, naj bi se videla tudi novica po društveni seji 13. decembra, celo dvakrat na prvi strani v "Enakopravnosti" in potom dopisa v "Napredku," da je društvo darovalo $10.00 za španske bojevnike na strani ljudske vlade, in poleg omenjene svote je daroval še en navzoč sobrat $2.00, torej s k u p a j $2.00. Svoto se je poslalo na glavni urad SSPZ, kot je bilo razvidno iz poročila gl. tajnika v zadnji izdaji glasila.

Ne bi se vtikal v dotično notico, ampak ker je bila velika vdeležba članov na decemberski seji in ker je bil sklep osvojen, da se daruje tudi za španske bojevnike, in vem, da nekateri člani čitajo lokalni list A. D., ki je objavila le en dar, bi si lahko kateri mislil, da je odbor tisti denar porabil za kake druge svrhe. Torej, kadar kak list objavlja, naj objavi vse ali pa nič. Društvo je darovalo tudi za S. N. Čitalnico, Prosvetno Matico, in ne pozabi tudi Slovenske šole, kadar je treba. Sploh društvo prav rado daruje, kjerkoli se gre za korist delavstva in za napredek slovenskega naroda.

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Bil sem na shodu stavkarjev v Public avditoriju. Eden izmed govornikov je rekel: "Fantje in možje, dekleta in žene! Zavezimo si pasove in se pripravimo na dolgo stavko. Ne morem reči, da bo jutri ali pojutrišnjem končana, ampak pripravljeni bodimo, da ne bomo presenečeni z ozirom na vse, kar pride. Prišel sem iz Flinta, Mich., mudil sem se eno uro v tovarni št. 1 med našimi fanti, ki se prav dobro počutijo, akoravno so noč in dan v tovarni. Rekli so mi, da bodo ostali notri toliko časa, dokler ne bo zmaga. Samo vi Clevelandčani se držite kot ste začeli, pa bomo gotovo z vso slavo prikorakali pred tovarno in pred naše družine. Imajo v tovarni svoj orkester, imajo svojo policijo med seboj in svojo sodnijo. Vsak dan ob 10. uri sodijo, če je bil kateri poreden; dalje imajo **kuhinjo, ki je čista kot je treba,** razne poučne govore itd.

"Pomoč nam prihaja od vseh vetrov," je nadaljeval govornik, "ni se treba bati pomanjkanja tako hitro. Še celo trije duhovni so se priglasili, da so pripravljeni storiti vse za korist stavkarjev, en judovski rabin ter en protestantovski in en katoliški duhoven." (Nisem si zapomnil imen teh dušnih pastirjev, gotov pa sem, da ni bil nobeden Slovenec.)

Delavci, težka je borba za pravico, vem, da marsikje že danes primanjkuje. Pomoč vam je zagotovljena, samo javite na odbor vaše postaje in gotovo bodete dobili, kar potrebujete. Pripravljeni smo vam pomagati, zakaj, če boste vi izvojevali zmago, bo tudi naša zmaga, kateri še delamo, ne samo vaša. Zato opozarjam člane SSPZ, stojte trdno kot skala, akoravno vas zapeljujejo ter na vas streljajo z nevidnimi puščicami, ne bojte se, ampak s tem večjo energijo in odločnostjo idite na boj na piketne vrste. Naj bo misel vaša samo zmaga in nič drugega. Tisoče in tisoče je delavcev, kateri vam stoje na strani. Vemo tudi to, da je boj težak, kot ovca proti volku, ampak doseči se da vse, ako je složno delovanje. Ako bodo gospodje v Washingtonu stali za delavsko maso, je gotovo zmaga vaša in naša, ako pa ti pokažejo hrbet, potem bo pa treba podvzeti druge korake v bodočih volitvah, tako da bo v resnici imel delavec kaj pravice Čas prihaja, delavstvo se zbuja iz indirektnega suženjstva. Danes je večja sužnjost kot je bila nekdaj; razlika je ta, da nekdaj so te tepli drugi, danes se sam, ako hočeš, da zaslužiš pošten kruh za sebe in družino. Zatorej delavci in delavke pri General Motors Co., držite se; vsi za enega in eden za vse, dokler se gospoda ne uklone.

Pregled važnih dogodkov doma in po svetu

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dolarjev letnih dohodkov, in da je od 175 do 200 njenih agentov stalno "zaposlenih" s špijonskim poslom med delavci po raznih tovarnah.

Da se industrijska špijonaža izplača, je razvidno iz dejstva, da je predsednik te firme, Dan G. Ross, po lastni izpovedi leta 1935 "zaslužil" $62,300, dočim je predsednik neke druge slične agencije priznal, da njegov letni dohodek znaša okoli $75,000.

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Položaj v Španiji se v minulem tednu ni spremenil. Večjih bitk ni bilo, toda poroča se, da bodo rebeli poskusili pretrgati železniško zvezo med Madridom in Valencijo, kjer se nahaja sedež ljudske vlade. Vladne čete so na to pripravljene. Madrid je še vedno v rokah lojalnih čet. Prizadevanja Francije in Anglije za mednarodni sporazum, ki bi ustavil dotok vojaštva in orožja v Španijo, se nadaljujejo, toda Berlin in Rim o tem noče ta nič slišati.

Od tedna do tedna

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ki je bila bolj "složna" od naše.

Mi se strinjamo, da smo Slovenci v Ameriki kot kaplja v morju in da indirektno in vidno ne vplivamo na tok ameriškega življenja. Ampak tisti, ki hoče stvari pogledati do dna, ne more zanikati, da imajo celo takšni boji, ki bi jih kdo utegnil smatrati za prerekanje radi "oslovske sence," v končni analizi pomen za nas in za deželo, katero smo si izbrali za svojo drugo domovino. S temi boji smo tisočerim našim naseljencem pomagali "graduirati," da so zapopadli bistvo ameriške miselnosti—miselnosti svobode mišljenja—in človek bi moral biti res brezupen cinik, ako ne bi v tem videl nekaj pozitivno dobrega za naše potomstvo. Zroč na vprašanje s tega vidika, bi celo lahko rekli, da smo bili premalo bojeviti in ne preveč.

Nič se bati, sloga se bo naselila tudi v naše vrste; še prezgodaj se bo to zgodilo, in to brez apelov in pozivov. Konec bo bojev in prepirov in tudi konec našega izživljanja kot Slovencev—Ameriške Slovenije takrat ne bo več.

Pa brez zamere...

Ameriški Slovenci smo zelo napredni in razboriti ljudje. Med nami imamo ljudi vseh mogočih poklicev, ki skrbe, da se na potovanju od zibelke do groba kje ne izgubimo. Enega poklica pa vendar nimamo: kritikov, to se pravi takih, ki bi bilo kritiziranje njih poseben posel in poklic. Tako nam je vsem tudi na tem polju zajamčena najširša svoboda, enakost in demokracija. Vsi smo lahko kritiki in vse nam je dovoljeno kritizirati.

Zastran tega pa nismo niti za počen groš na izgubi. Ta uredba ni samo koristna, ampak včasih tudi zabavna.

Navsezadnje je mogoče kritizirati le na dva načina, ali kakor pravijo kunštni ljudje: kritika je konstruktivna ali pa destruktivna. Take kritike, ki bi ne bila ne eno ne drugo, sploh ni. In človeku tudi ni treba biti študiran, da zna med njima razlikovati.

Če ti eden naprimer reče: Fajn si napisal! Zapel si kot škrjanček! Ali pa: Kapa kosmata, to pot si pa svojo vlogo kolosalno pogodil!—se razume, da je to konstruktivna, poštena kritika. Vsaka drugačna kritika je seveda destruktivna, čisto odveč in je pravzaprav nezaslišen škandal.

Kaj se hoče; takšni smo pač ljudje—jaz sem tak, ti si tak in drugi so tudi urezani po najinem kopitu. Nihče ne mara slišati, kdaj in kje ga je polomil, vsi pa radi slišimo—tudi tisti, ki pravimo, da ne—da smo fest fantje in punce.

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Iz Berlina se poroča, da je Hitler po dolgem razmišljanju prišel do zaključka, da je kult nagote arijska čednost, ki je kot taka dovoljena tudi njegovim podanikom. K temu zaključku mu je vsekakor pomagala ta okolščina, da Nemčija doma nima surovin, iz katerih se izdeluje blago oziroma oblačila, na kredo pa zunanji svet Hitlerjevu rahju ničesar dati noče.

Ampak Herr Hitler je kampelc in je to zadevo drugače raztolmačil.

Po njegovi razlagi interesi arijske pasme in njene čistoti zahtevajo, da so podaniki nacijskega paradiža čim več gibljejo na prostem brez vsake navlake na telesih, kajti to bo pomagalo odkriti še tiste judovske volkove v ovčjih oblačilih, katerih se doslej še ni dalo iztakniti, in tako bo odtranjena zadnja nevarnost za 100-procentno arijsko pasmo.

Do tu je vse v redu, dasiravno ne vem, kako naj kak 100-procenten Arijec spozna hčerko iz rodu Abrahama—saj obrezovanje je menda mogoče le pri moških—ampak nevarnost je še druga in bolj resna. Kaj si bodo n. pr. Hitlerjevi 100-procentni Arijci mislili, kadar bodo prišli skupaj na javnem trgu ter začeli drug na drugem ogledovati suha rebra!

Gola resnica je že od nekdaj sila nevarna reč, za diktatorje pa še posebno.

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Ni problema, da bi mu prej ali slej kdo ne prišel do dna. Tako je neka modra glava končno tudi pogruntala, kdaj in pod kakšnimi okolščinami sme ženska moškemu v obraz pljuniti. Takrat namreč, če mu brke začno goreti!

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196	Agnes Flisek	17	4846
198	Frank Zakrajsek	23	23611
198	Frank Ilc Jr.	28	41805
198	Robert Lee Matelich	22	41806
198	Max Batis	18	41807
198	Mary Jeanne Abram	18	41808
199	Julia Rudolph	17	23612
239	Josephine Petrovich	27	23613

Nazaj sprejeti črtani člani:
Reinstated Lapsed Members:

1	A. Mladic	16	11941
1	A. Mladic	34	10145
1	F. Mladic	16	11039
18	John Dolcic	34	41005
18	Angela Dolcic	25	10031
20	Mary Zevnik	25	40354
26	Fred Kochevar	18	41014
26	Ernest Hafner	18	40494
26	Rudolf Hafner	18	41378
26	Ludvig Pintar	25	20722
26	Stefan Mihelich	33	14646
26	Jerry Hafner	41	40581
26	John Yanchar	43	21946
27	John Kaucic	37	21303
28	Barica Vidika	39	41224
39	Ida Strempel	26	40895
97	Peter Gerzetich	43	1400
104	Joseph Grbais	31	13943
120	Anna Hoover	42	40836
120	Mary Trampush	41	41436
189	Vencel Mollnar	28	41302
192	John Maticic	43	41093
198	Pauline Hanko	17	41282
204	Josephine Perrotti	18	23337
204	Mollie Novak	16	22136
235	Ruth Davis	22	22578

Prestopli člani:
Transferred Members:

	Od dr. št. 26 k dr. št. 120—		
	Florence Yeraj	18	20719
	Od dr. št. 26 k dr. št. 120—		
	Mary Yeraj	32	20724
	Od dr. št. 42 k dr. št. 56—		
	Mike Baricevac	31	40993
	Od dr. št. 92 k dr. št. 85—		
	Frank Bernik	39	3126
	Od dr. št. 116 k dr. št. 176—		
	Lucy Jung	35	22962
	Od dr. št. 178 k dr. št. 131—		
	Valentin Blatnik	42	4223
	Od dr. št. 198 k dr. št. 215—		
	John L. Kikol	31	40904

Črtani člani: Lapsed Members:

1	A. Zlogar	24	2520
1	S. Zlogar	30	7248
1	F. Zlogar	16	14025
1	Jos. Dovjak	37	21069
12	Adolph Turk	18	20496
12	Dora Turk	18	22581
26	John Debeljak	49	21525
27	Frank Seme	16	8144
55	Joe Leskovec	41	11048
100	Silvia Marechke	17	20266
126	Rose Fucek	48	22988
126	Joseph Gilovich	20	41527
127	Thomas Reven	34	40803
139	Joseph Zelensky	44	21819
167	George Spenak	48	20844
167	Barbara Spenak	44	20843
171	Louis Jovanovich	28	10131
176	Cecilia Artach	20	13803
183	John Rupnik	34	20306
192	Mary Maticic	39	41364
192	Ivana Maticic	19	41365
192	Frank Vidergar	25	41441
198	Ann Gustincic	18	41392
198	Frank Krainz	21	22500
225	Frank Montanari	32	40845
230	Mary Gershanoff	16	21636
235	Marion Pelligrinni	23	22060
235	James Spiller	20	21598
235	Mary Y. Namit	17	21355

Umrli člani:
Deceased Members:

19	Emil Ansick	21	40536
120	Angela Arko	30	10194
122	Mary Andrejcic	41	21317
172	Frances Ritonia	30	12263

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EXPLANATION: The numbers following the names of the members designate the age and the certificate number, under which every member is admitted to the Society.

ANTON ZAITZ, pomožni tajnik

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

Gillespie, Ill. — O delavskih razmerah ne bom na široko pisal, ker so tukaj iste kot drugod, kakor čitamo v listih. Resnično je, da premogorovi obratujejo že več mesecev s polno paro, ampak s tem ni rečeno, da delavec dela vsaki dan. Naredi se po štiri dni v tednu, druga dva pa je treba ostati doma, da pridejo na vrsto še oni, ki jih je več kot pa v tednu delovnih dni. To se pravi, da se nam nič dobro ne godi; je veliko premajhen zaslužek v tej neznosni draginji.

Sporočiti želim, da se je dne 2. decembra ponesrečil rojak in sebrat John Nemanič v premogorovu št. 4, Superior Coal Co. Utrgala se je plast premoga in ga podsula. Dobil je zelo težke poškodbe v kolku. Nahaja se še vedno v St. Francis bolnišnici v Lichfieldu. Druga nesreča je zadela rojaka in večletnega predsednika društva št. 178, Pavla Jesiha. Dne 8. decembra je šel na delo v rov št. 2 že prej omenjene družbe, pri kateri je bil uposlen pri nakladalnem stoju. Tekom dela mu je padla velika skala premoga na stopalo desne noge in mu ga zmečkala. Nahaja se na svojem domu pod zdravniško oskrbo. Obadva sta člana društva št. 178 SSPZ. Želim obema popolno in hitro okrevanje.

Naj sporočim tudi nekoliko o zabavi našega društva, ki smo jo priredili na Silvestrov večer oziroma 31. dec. v prostorih brata J. Rugela in pričeli novo leto 1937 v najlepšem zadovoljstvu in slogi. Vdeležba je bila zelo lepa, ker navzoči so bili skoro vsi člani in članice. Lepa hvala P. Serjonu, ki ni član SSPZ, pa je bil vso noč marljiv in zvest natakar. Hvala tudi njegovi ženi, ki je z okusnim prigrizkom nasičevala lačne želodce. Prav lepa hvala tudi nečlanu K. Guna, ki je skoro brezplačno igral na svojo harmoniko prav lepe poskočnice, tako da se je lahko vsak navrtel, kolikor ga je bila volja. Hvala tudi vsem drugim, ki ste se z nami veselili in nam pripomogli do lepega dobička za društveno blagajno.

Sporočam članstvu SSPZ, da sem prevzel tajništvo tukajšnjega društva št. 178 za leto 1937. Ako ima kdo kaj sporočiti v Zvezinih zadevah, naj se ozira na spodnji naslov. Društveni uradniki in njih naslovi za leto 1937 so: Pavel Jesih, predsednik, 402 E. Henry St.; John Krainz, podpredsednik, RFD 2; Peter Menchak, tajnik in blagajnik, 409 W. Charles St.; Fred Podgornik, zapisnikar, 812 North Clinton St.; prvi nadzornik John Rugel, 900 North Clinton St., drugi nadzornik Jos. Hoznar, RFD 1; tretji nadzornik Mike Sube, 402 West Henrietta Ave.; društveni zdravnik dr. J. H. Wokano, vsi v Gillespie, Ill. Društvene seje se vršijo vsaki mesec prvo soboto ob 6. uri zvečer v prostorih P. Jesiha, 402 E. Henry St.

Tem potom tudi opozarjam člane in članice, da se vsake seje polnoštevilno vdeležite, kajti v vaših rokah je napredek in uspeh društva, in upam, da se boste tudi v bodoče tako točno odzvali z asesmentom kot ste se zadnjič, kajti s tem olajšate delo meni kot tudi glavnemu uradu. Z bratskim pozdravom in srečno Novo leto vsemu članstvu!

Peter Menchak, taj. dr. št. 178

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Pittsburgh, Pa. — Kot je bilo v glasilu "Napredek" že poročano, se vrši veselica skupnih društev oziroma federacije SSPZ v zapadni Penni v soboto 30. januarja v Slov. Domu na 57 cesti in Butler St. Začetek ob 8. uri zvečer. Na prošli seji se je razpravljalo, kako bi si spet opomogla federacijska blagajna. Po daljši debati se je enoglasno sklenilo, da se priredi veselico v korist blagajne. Predlaganih je bilo več naselbin in končno se je enoglasno sklenilo, da se veselica vrši v Pittsburghu, Pa., ker je središče te okolice. Ker so dobre ceste, se vsakdo lahko pripelje z avtom, ali pa z vlakom ali avtobusom. Na seji federacije me je neki član vprašal, ako bo veselica v Pittsburghu uspešna. Glede tega bi rekel, da ako se vsi člani in članice društev, ki tvorijo federacijo, vdeležimo, potem je uspeh zasiguran, to se pravi, uspeh je ležeč od nas samih. Federacija je že veliko pomagala našim sobratom pri plačevanju asesmenta in v drugih potrebah, da so danes člani Zveze. Federacija ni samo pomagala članstvu v potrebah, temveč je tudi spodbujala k ustanavljanju angleško poslujočih društev in mladinskih Vrtcev. Federacije so torej neobhodne potrebne za procvit članstva in Zveze.

Bratje in sestre, vdeležite se te proslave, pridite vsi, od blizu in daleč, pripeljite svoje otroke in prijatelje. Apeliram pa posebno na društvo št. 126, da se gotovo vsi vdeležite te prve skupne veselice v Pittsburghu, in pokažimo, da smo tudi mi za skupno delo in napredek Federacije SSPZ. Na svidenje na veselici v soboto 30. januarja! Za pripravljani odbor,

Anton Barilar

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Bon Air, Pa. — Pri našem društvu št. 162 je umrl večletni član Jacob Marchevka, kateri je bil dolgo bolan za naduho. Društvo mu je poklonilo lep venec v zadnji pozdrav in vdeležba pri pogrebu je bila velika, kar pokaže, koliko je vredno, ako ima človek eno društvo ali več. Umrli član zapušča številno družino, od katerih je še nekaj nedoraslih. Bratje in sestre, zopet se je izkazalo, koliko je vredna naša S. S. P. Z. Težko se plača asesment, ali ne vemo ne ure ne dneva, ko bode tudi našim družinam SSPZ brisala solze. Ako je še kateri izmed čitateljev ki ne pripada pod okrilje naše dobre matere SSPZ, naj ne odlaša, ker mogoče bo jutri že prepozno. Prizadeti družini izrekam moje največje sočutje!

Naj še omenim, da na 16. januarja je imelo naše društvo veselico. Vdeležba je bila velika, ali žalibože, da članov je bilo malo. Ko bi slišali, kako izvrstno godbo smo imeli, ne bi nihče eden izostal. Ker je eden izmed godbenikov tudi dober pevec, ni bilo ne konca ne kraja plesanja in petja tja do ranega jutra.

Naj se na tem mestu še zahvalim v imenu društva dobro poznanemu gostilničarju Andrew Urbasu iz Conemaugh, kateri je bil preveč zaposlen, da bi se veselice udeležil, pa se je vseeno dobro postavil in dal, da se je od "bare" kar cedilo pijače. Kadar bomo po Conemaugh hodili, se gotovo spomnimo na Urbasovo velikodušnost. Še enkrat, lepa hvala, Andy!

Na tem mestu apeliram na članstvo, da bi v bodoče bolj redno plačevali svoj asesment. Pozdrav vsem članom in članicam naše SSPZ!

Sylvia F. Skedel, tajnica

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Claridge, Pa. — Moram se zopet oglasiti v našem glasilu, ker vidim, da je malo dopisov iz naše naselbine. Morda bo kdo mislil, da spimo, pa ni res. Delamo in živimo kot povsod drugod in tako čas teče naprej. Žal, da tudi nesreča nikoli ne počiva. V premogorovu se je namreč poškodoval predsednik našega društva št. 2, brat Louis Surla, ki se zdravi na svojem domu. Tu je zopet slučaj, ki bi moral biti slehernemu v opomin, da se zanima za svojo društvo, če pa še ni član, da pristopi. Nikar ne odlašajte, temveč pridite na sejo, kjer boste dobili vsa pojasnila in vas bomo sprejeli, da se vam ne bo treba bati za slučaj nesreče. Flu tudi precej razsaja v naši okolici. Tu je precej ljudi bolnih, in primerilo se je tudi nekaj smrtnih slučajev.

Naj še opozorim članstvo, da se polnoštevilon vdeležite seje, ki se bo vršila 21. februarja. Pozdrav vsem članom!

Anton Menart, tajnik št. 2

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White Valley, Pa. — Na zadnji seji 17. januarja je naše društvo vzelo v pretres prihodnjo federacijsko sejo društev SSPZ. Kot vam že znano, se prihodnja seja federacije vrši tukaj v White Valley 28. februarja. Seja je torej ukrenila podvzeti vse korake. da se bo društvenim zastopnikom kar najbolj postreglo v vseh ozirih. Zato prosim vse člane našega društva, da se prihodnje seje 21. februarja polnoštevilno vdeležite, 28. februarja se pa vdeležite federacijske seje, ker vsak član ima pravico prisostvovati. Tu se bo imel vsakdo priliko prepričati, da Federacija dela v dobrobit SSPZ in članstva v splošnem. Apeliram tudi na društva, da pošljete polno število zastopnikov, in prepričali se boste, da je naša dolina res bela, samo če bode kaj snega padlo.

Jurij Previc, tajnik št. 142 in predsednik federacije.

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North Braddock, Pa. — Pričakoval sem, da bo kdo drugi poročal o našem uspehu, ki smo ga imeli z Miklavžovo veselico, ker pa se nihče drugi ne zglasi, naj jaz na kratko poročam. Uspeh smo imeli, otrok polna dvorana in sladkarije tudi, in je izgledalo, kakor da smo vsi zadovoljni. Plesalcev se ni manjkalo, pri bari pa smo se seveda tudi "luštno" imeli, in tako smo zaključili Miklavža za leto 1936.

Kakor je bilo sklenjeno na zadnji federacijski seji, se vrši v soboto 30. januarja v Pittsburghu skupna veselica v korist federacijske blagajne. Torej, sobota 30. januar je tukaj in naša dolžnost je, da pridemo stoprocentno v Slovenski dom na 57. cesti in Butler St. Na svidenje!

Z bratskim pozdravom,

Louis Karish, taj. federacije

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Milwaukee, Wis. — Članom društva št. 24, ki niso bili na zadnji seji, želim naznaniti, da sem zopet tajnica in še stanujem na starem naslovu in sicer 1120 A—W. Washington St. ter lahko plačate svoj asesment na gori označenem naslovu.

Sophie Stampfel, tajnica

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Zdenko Koubek, ki je še v marcu letošnjega leta slovel pod imenom Zdenka Koubkova kot svetovni prvak oziroma prvakinja v panogi lahke atletike in se je potem po operaciji spremenil iz ženske v moškega, se mudi v Parizu, kjer nastopa v "Folies Bergere." Za kulisami tega revijskega odra ga je obiskal te dni neki časnikar, ki opisuje svojo pogovor z njim.

"Pravkar še mi je ta intervju povzročal malce nemira" piše časnikar. "Komaj pa mi je gospod Koubek stisnil roko, je odpadla vsa moja bojazen. Najmanjši delček "ženske" bi me bolj presenetil. Poskušal sem najti na njem kakršen koli znak njegove spremembe, to je njegovega prejšnjega spola — zaman! Pred menoj stoji mož, z moškimi mišicami, z glavo, prsi, telesom moškega. Tako popolnoma je moški ta moški, da se je ta večer pozabil obriti.

Koubek mi je pripovedoval, da je bil že šampion v lahki atletiki, ko se mu je "to" zgodilo. V nekoliko mesecih se bo znova posvetil lahki atletiki, potem pa se bo boril z moškimi. Spregovorila sva tudi o delikatnejših vprašanjih. Ta mož je drugim moškim v resnici zelo podoben, da sem ga z nekakšnim obotavljanjem vprašal, ali ne računa morda z možnostjo, da bi ponovno spremenil spol. Nato sta Koubek in njegov menažer prestrašeno vzkliknila: "Ne! . . . nemogoče! . . . absolutno nemogoče!" V ostalem je bil Koubek vedno čutil, da bi moral biti ustvarjen kot moški. To je bilo celo tedaj, ko živel kot ženska med ženskami. "Vidite," je dejal, prej sem se čutil vedno tako nesrečnega. Danes mi gre izvrstno. Hočem le kmalu v Prago nazaj, da se tam poročim z mlado študentko." In pa tudi zato, da si dobi nove osebne listine. Kajti njegovi papirji se glasijo še vedno na stenotipistko Zdenko Koubkovo, ne pa na Zdenda Koubka."

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Zahvala

Na seji "Složnih Sester," št. 120 SSPZ, dne 13. jan. sem bila pa v resnici tako presenečena, da sem se komaj oddahnila, ko mi ob zaključku prinesejo škorca na mizo. To sem debelo gledala, dokler mi ni sestra Rose Hanko začela čestitati k mojemu godu in 40-letnemu rojstnemu dnevu. In mi je rekla: "Da bi bila saj toliko časa za tajnico, da bi se škorec navadil tri jezike govoriti." Ne vem, koliko časa bo to. Tu so imena članic, ki so darovale, ako pa je kako ime slučajno izpuščeno, naj oprosti in se ji prav tako zahvaljujem:

R. Hanko, M. Vidmar, F. Bartol, M. Race, J. Snyder, A. Koren, J. Orehek, R. Sintič, L. Perko, M. Snider, G. Poglaj, K. Kolman, A. Lunder, A. Krašovec, T. Janežič, M. Pozelnik, M. Zgajnar, A. Pangerc, A. Duša, A. Jesenski, R. Scheid, F. Lukjace, F. Gril, M. Yeray, M. Medved, R. Hiti, M. Samarin, M. Zupančič, A. Stucin, A. Kozoglav, M. Konček, A. Gustinčič, A. Kosec, F. Hočevar, F. Kastelic, M. Fink, M. Volk, A. Popič, M. Vilar.

Hvala vsem skupaj!

Agnes Jerič

Death Keeps Roaring By

By Marion Pellegrini

In picking up our local daily newspaper, there are nine chances out of ten that at our first glance at the front page we are confronted with head-lines that sorrowfully tell the tragic story of a "hit-and-run" victim, or that of the ones struck down and killed by maniacs operating motor vehicles while under the influence of liquor.

Year in and year out these two particular types are running down and killing a grand total of three to four hundred lives, including innocent school children, in every first-class city throughout these United States.

Laid out on cold slabs of stone throughout the nation's morgues rest hundreds of these poor, torn, twisted and mangled unclaimed bodies. Each and everyone victims of a horrible death.

Time and again the question is being repeated: What in the name of God can be done to prevent this mass slaughtering of human lives?

Today the people of Pittsburgh can joyfully raise their heads towards heaven above and utter a prayer of thanks for having in their midst such a courageous person as the Honorable Judge M. Musmanno.

In Spain Loyanists are battling desperately to protect the lives of thousands of women and little children against the deadly guns of the Rebels. In Pittsburgh Judge Musmanno battling desperately to protect the lives of thousands of innocent pedestrians who travel the nation's highways against this country's worst known enemies—the intoxicated motorists. Addressing the general public over radio station KDKA recently Judge Musmanno issued a warning that any individual, be it man or woman, caught operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor within the city limits of Pittsburgh will be subjected to 30 days in the county jail, pay a fine of two hundred dollars, suffer the loss of operators license for a period of two years. Within the short period of a single month Judge Musmanno's spectacular drive against tipsy drivers resulted in the arrest of one hundred and thirty-eight young men and women. Of these 138 listed for arraignment, 50 pleaded guilty; 57 entered pleas of not guilty; 25 forfeited their bonds of $2,500 by failure to appear, 4 held over because of sickness. Those found guilty of the 57 pleading not guilty were sentenced to serve six months.

Today the greatest majority of the people in these United States just sit back and say to one another: Don't you think that it's disgraceful the way people are being killed along the highways by drunkards?

On the other hand little effort is made on their part to aid in eliminating the cause. In using common sense, safe and sound judgment, we the people, more than anyone else can to a certain extent prevent these arrests and eliminate to a certain extent this unnecessary death and destruction along the nation's highways.

You perhaps may ask how? Before I go into detail, let me just give you a true example. Several weeks ago a party of five youths, 15 to 20 years of age, made up their minds to step out on what they called "painting the town red." At that moment little did they realize the human blood would furnish them the color. From one night club to another they continued until all but the exception of one became intoxicated. Upon their return home after spending one grand night, the car which they were riding, operated by one of the youths under the influence of liquor, crashed into another car instantly crushing to death a poor mother and father and their three children. The car occupied by the youths in turn plunged over an embankment killing one of its occupants and sending the remainder of the party to a hospital for a great many days to come. Now I ask could this fatal accident which cost the lives of six individuals be prevented? My answer is yes. If you recall I state earlier in this article that one of the group remained sober. This individual having the only clear and sane mind of the group could have by using common sense prevented the accident simply by urging his companions to take a street car home and let the car remain parked. While on the other hand he could very easily have escorted them to a near-by hotel to sleep the drunkeness off before returning home.

Whenever the name of Judas is mentioned in our presence instantly our minds wander back to a person who betrayed his best friend and led him to be stabbed to death. Now let us for the moment stop to think. Has it ever occurred to you that we too at one time or another may share the dreaded name of Judas? In allowing a friend to operate a car while under the influence of liquor we betray him. There is always a possible chance that he or she may get killed or in turn strike down and kill someone else. Therefore in allowing them to do so we by our own hand become the same persons as Judas. If by a stroke of fate we were forced to spend a day at the morgue and while there given an opportunity to see the dozens of poor mangled bodies, with faces twisted into a mask of horrible agony at the sudden death, see the terror and despair that distorts the faces of the poor mothers and fathers after they have been able to identify what remained of their dear loved ones laid out there on a cold slab of stone, then perhaps we would realize that whiskey and gasoline do not mix. In closing this gruesome article, I safely say:

Let your friend drive sober and his and your happy days are never over. If they care to drive drunk and be a fool, we can only warn them that Hell isn't quite half full.

Spartan-o-Gram

Nite Letter

CLEVELAND, O. — Another month is almost over. Is there any duty that you, as a member of your lodge failed to do? Did you attend your lodge meeting in January? Did you attend your lodge's social affairs? Hove you paid your lodge dues? If you have not performed any duties, which as a member, you should have—another month and for the succeeding months of 1937 you should and still have time to attend the remaining lodge meetings and social affairs. Make sure you do not miss out on all the fun and business discussions of your lodge.

Spartans' meeting has passed. The attendance was not so very good. Attendance at the December meeting was high for the year. Executive board had high hopes that 1937 would be very much better. Why is it Spartan members, that more do not attend our meetings? They are not dull and boring. With all the events to take place this year why meetings are very interesting. The executive board wishes to see as many members attend future meetings and social affairs (of which there will be many) as attended our December meeting. What do you say, come meet the Spartan lads and lassies. I'm sure if you attend one meeting you'll attend all Spartan doings.

Some of the dates each member should make it a point to mark down and keep open. All Spartan meetings which are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month unless otherwise stated. April meeting will be held Sunday, April 11th, after meeting refreshments, etc.

A big celebration will be observed Feb. 20th. This date will be 10 years since Spartans had their first meeting in 1927. A committee of 3 was nominated to take care of this affair. Place to be known later. All halls in S. N. D. are taken, so we'll go out of the neighborhood to celebrate.

April 17th the Spartans will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a dine and dance at Slovene National Home. This promises to be the high spot in Spartans' 10 years of activity. Attend Spartans Tin Dance. Novel decorations, souvenirs, etc. in typical Spartan style. All lodges of SSPZ and other Slovene lodges are asked to keep this date open. A big group of out-of-towners are expected to attend this affair.

Picnics, socials, gatherings, outings, sports is on the summer program. Each Sunday Spartans gather at St. Clair Eddy recreation to see how many pins can be toppled. Bowling seems to have "caught on" with Spartan lads and lassies. Every Sunday more and more members attend our bowling party. This Sunday a few will not be present as a very important meeting will be held at Bro. Kalister's. All members on this committee meet at our secretary's this Sunday, Jan. 31st at 1:30 p. m. sharp. From there we will amble to Kalister's.

Brother Stanley Somrak tendered his resignation as vice-president. Sure sorry that you will not serve us as an executive. Bro. Somrak has done his work splendidly. I'm sure we'll miss his happy-go-lucky smile. Hope that he'll be able to come around to our meetings and social affairs. Stanley Zagar was elected unanimously to the vice-presidency. He was our past vice-president and Stanley I'm sure will do his best as he has done in the past. Congrats, Stan!

And now, again, Spartan members do not forget to attend our meetings and social affairs. I assure each and everyone attending a very pleasant evening spent.

Socials, fun and sports will
Predominate during 1937
At our meetings and gatherings
Regardless of how many
Take interest and attend our
Affairs. Read the
Napredek where you will find
Spartans dates for coming events.

Members join in all our business and fun. You'll not regret it.

"Uncle" Charley, president

Trail Blazers

CHICAGO, Ill. — Quite a number of the Trail Blazers have been spending their spare time bowling with the intention of upsetting the Victorians. As I'm not a resident of Roseland, it is a little inconvenient for me to join the girls, but I do hope I may be able to witness this match which promises to be very entertaining and all I can say at the present time is "beware Victorians!" As yet, the date of this event has not been disclosed.

As the time is drawing near to the mammoth 10th Anniversary celebration the cooperation of each and every member is requested by selling as many tickets as possible. The committee has been working very hard preparing elaborate entertainment, so members don't forget to tell your friends not to miss the Trail Blazers' 10th Anniversary Banquet and Dance which will be given January 30th at Stancik's Hall and the music will be furnished by no other than the popular original Gay Dons.

Don't forget!!

Angeline M. Kuhel

(Editor's Note: The article arrived too late for last week's issue, for which reason reference to meeting which was held last week had to be omitted.)

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The Role of Fraternalism In Modern Life

Thoughts in Connection With the Tenth Anniversary of "The Trail Blazers"

THE COMPLAINT is often heard that these modern times have not only destroyed many of the old values which at one time had been considered indispensable attributes of a balanced life, but that old and honored relations between men no longer are what they used to be. If we omit from consideration such relations as that of husband and wife and parent and child, which relations enjoy the sanction not only of the moral but also of the statutory law that compels men and women to live up to and perform obligations which they have assumed, wisely or unwisely, because the paramount interests of society as a whole are at stake, we must admit that there is a considerable amount of truth in the assertion.

Is there really such a thing as friendship among men in our modern life? That is the query that one hears often in this age of speed and hurry, which. paradoxically enough, on one hand has crowded more people into single concentrations than ever before and on the other hand caused that men and women are growing away from each other instead of their relations becoming closer and more friendly. As a writer pointedly remarks, man has no time now to become acquainted with men. Life is an incessant touch-and-go with him; the perpetual passing of crowds and battalions. He has no chance to know any man. There are no more long leisurely talks with a crony over fire, winter after winter. His days are chopped off into incessant ten minutes of shouting over the telephone to someone on the other end of the city, or, the other end of the country. He may know the face of his next-door neighbor, but if he ever knew his name he forgot it. He works with masses, in trade, in politics, even in religion. But, somehow, he has lost sight of the individual. He has no friend.

In the early ages it was the custom among Eastern peoples for two men who had chosen each other as comrades to bind themselves together by what was called the blood tie. After certain solemn ceremonies they pierced their arms with the point of their sowrds and each put a few drops of the blood of the other into his veins. After that they were allies and brothers for life; each was bound to help, to fight for, or, if need be, to die for his friend.

Such customs may be repugnant to our present day tastes and esthetic feelings, but nobody can deny that friendships cemented with such blood-curdling solemnity really meant something. We may not agree with the form and the ritual of the performance, that, however, does not change the fact that we sadly miss the spirit that motivated such relations in the dim past. The spirit of friendship is in need of some of its old force and vitality.

In this respect, however, I believe, we, who are of Slovene extraction, are better off, than the general run of people who populate this continent. I dare say that our emotional life is fresher and cleaner than that of a great many people whose entanglement with the life in the ant-hills known as the modern city is of a longer duration than ours. I want to stress this point before going the whole way in acknowledging the downfall and disintegration of friendship and kindred social relations of the modern world in general. Our emotional life being fresher, I think, we should use this advantage and make it go to work. In this manner we can benefit ourselves as well as the community in which we happen to live—benefit both substantially and permanently.

Are you curious to know how? The answer is really very simple. By following in the foot-steps of our fathers and mothers, by doing that which they have done better than anything they have ever attempted to do since their emigration from the Old World into the New World—by continuing to build upon the really magnificent structure of FRATERNALISM which they have built for themselves and for us who are the natural heirs of their common endeavors.

It is a curious thing that Fraternalism as it exists among American Slovenes was an unknown thing among our people in Europe. The simple life in the villages and small towns in which they were born and grew up did not necessitate organizations along these lines; their life being simple it was also intimate; any attempt to bring about a closer relationship among them would have been superfluous. But coming to America they soon discovered that there was something missing and almost instinctively hit upon the idea that Fraternalism was the only practical substitute for the friendly, intimate way of living which they had left behind. They knew what was needed and their emotions being still in pitch with the simple and intimate social relations they had just left, they went ahead and built the next best thing.

For the foresight and understanding which our parents have shown by banding themselves together in our strong fraternal societies we owe them more than we can always realize, but whether we do realize it as fully as we should or not, one thing is certain: There is no way in which we can contribute as much to the revitalization of closer community life, to the rehabilitation of old values in social relations than by doing our utmost to preserve and spread the spirit out of which our fraternal life was born, which, basically, is the spirit of friendship. Let us not deceive ourselves about this: We need it more than our parents ever did, maybe not from the material standpoint, but we need it so much more from the spiritual and moral standpoint. Being the children of the New World, we no doubt are more able to take advantage of its material opportunities, we are better equipped to find our way in practical ways of life, but for that very reason are also more subjected to the spiritual maladies which are so characteristic of America—the feeling of loneliness, of not being a part of anything vital, being the deadliest of them all.

Utopians To Observe Ninth Anniversary

CLEVELAND-COLLINWOOD, O. — There's a popular phrase about what happens when "good fellows get together," and something akin to that is due to occur when the members of the Utopians get together for their ninth anniversary celebration, on Saturday, January 30 in the upper hall of the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo road.

On this date we expect to meet many old friends and also to make many new acquaintances. We would like especially, to see some out-of-town members at this gala affair.

Johnny Pecon's orchestra is going to serenade us with good dance music from 8:00 p. m. to ?? So come ye eager dancers and satisfy your dancing feet.

Refreshments will be served to appease all. We certainly guarantee there will be no need for anyone leaving hungry. Plenty of beverages will be on hand so there will be no excuse for the singing chorus to stop their bar-room melodies.

Now remember all you loyal supporters of SSPZ and everyone else, we will consider a pleasant evening incomplete unless we see you at the dance. Just save all your dancing energy until Saturday, January 30 at the Slovene Workmen's Home, where you are assured a wonderful time. Anyone who misses this event will surely spend many weeks in regret. Arrange your personal plans so that nothing will interfere with you not being at the Utopians' Ninth Anniversary Dance.

Once more I want to remind you that the Utopians' Ninth Anniversary Dance is on Saturday, January 30 in the upper hall of the Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo road. Admission only 30 cents.

Sideviews

Now that 1937 is well on its way, who'll be next in the SSPZ family to march down the aisle of matrimony? The eligible timber hasn't thinned a great deal in the leap year, so results are anticipated.

Marion Pellegrini, the charming author of the Exposer column after a period of inactivity has decided to revive his Tid Bits. For a while 'twas rumored that Marion was going to retire on a farm, and spend the rest of his days in contemplation and meditation, and we would prefer more of his pleasing articles before he contemplates on retiring.

Challengers, too, are contemplating on holding their 2nd Winter Carnival Dance in the near future—and arrangements are being attempted to have Val Garvin's famous band for the affair. Those who have attended the First Winter Carnival Dance two years ago, still retain pleasant memories of the wonderful time spent. No doubt, this year's affair, if staged, will be as huge a success as the first.

"It's June in January" for many SSPZ members in Pennsy—the reason is the steady increase of employment, higher wages, better working conditions, and improved business conditions, that rings more silver in the jeans of members.

In the short space of a few months four Challengers had the dubious pleasure of visiting the ether chamber. The latest to feel the doctor's knife is brother Matt Turk, former prexy, who is recuperating in Washington General Hospital. The others who have been "entertained" by nurses and doctors are, Anthony Sirca, Peter Elish and Frank Samsa.

Bro. Andrew Milavec of Meadowlands is attending the SSCU Supreme Board Meeting in Minnesota. Bro. Milavec is a member of the Board of Trustees.

Rumors have been circulating that Pennsy English-speaking lodges are to charter a bus in order to celebrate with the Spartans on the 10th of April, their Tenth Anniversary.

Challenger members are to take note that the regular monthly meeting of the Challenger's lodge will be held the fourth Sunday of each month at 2 o'clock sharp, at the regular meeting place.

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PROGRESSORS

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa. — The first regular meeting of the Progressors for 1937 was held Tuesday, January 19. This meeting was very well attended and proved very interesting. From all indications we are going to have an even more prosperous year than we witnessed in 1936.

Thinking back over the old year I cannot help but recollect some of the affairs and incidents that made 1936 so outstanding in the minds of Progressors. First of all was our "First Anniversary Dance" in January which was very successful both socially and financially. Next was our "Pre-Lenten Dance" in March which also turned out to be a huge success. Then came the reorganizing of our softball team which was so successful in the 1935 Olympic Meet in Cleveland. Although this year there seemed to be little hope of accomplishing very much. Nevertheless we entered the Bridgeville Community Softball League. To our astonishment, at the end of the season, we found ourselves in the semi-finals only to be beaten out by one game in the play-off series. Next was the election of our first delegate to a convention of the SSPZ, this being their ninth, to be held at Milwaukee, Wis. Then came our July 4th Anniversary celebration with Lodge No. 89 of Sygan. This was the most profitable affair of the year; thereby, making it possible for us to attend the National Athletic Meet in Chicago. With August came our outdoor picnic at Morgan in conjunction with SNPJ No. 669 which also boosted our treasury considerably. Finally the day for which we had all been planning and waiting for arrived—September 4th at 6 p. m. This was the day of our departure for Chicago and the National Athletic Meet; everyone was eager to get there for a glimpse of the "Windy City." Our trip and stay there shall never be forgotten, to say nothing of our trip home with the 1936 Softball Championship Trophy. We left home in order to get it and carrying out our sincere determination we came home with it. October brought another social gathering in the form of a dance where as usual we spent the evening amidst the large crowds of our neighboring lodges from Canonsburgh and Burgettstown, who came to repay our frequent visits to them. In November came the planning and campaigning for new members and we were fortunate in securing 50 new juveniles with which to organize our now very active Vrtec. Then finally came December and plans for our "SECOND ANNIVERSARY DANCE" soon were under way.

The date of this affair has been set for February 6th at the Slovene Hall in Bridgeville, Pa. The committee in charge has been working long and hard to make another huge success of our first affair this year. For this "ANNIVERSARY DANCE" they have been fortunate enough to engage the ever popular "Lee Barrett and his Shep Fields Styled Orchestra." We wish again to have the honor of having that great fun loving gang of Challengers and Pirates with us on Feb. 6th. So don't forget we will be expecting all of you.

I also want to remind you of the Western Penna. Federation Dance to be held at 5th and Butler Sts, Pittsburgh, Pa. on January 30. Since we are all members of this federation it is our duty and responsibility to cooperate and attend this affair with as strong a representation as possible.

I shall be expecting to see you all at Pittsburgh on January 30th and also, without fail, at the "PROGRESSORS SECOND ANNIVERSARY DANCE."

Ernie

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Spartan Sports

CLEVELAND, O. — The Spartans lost their last week's game by the slim margin of 31 to 27. They would have won had they have had five men on the floor. You just can't win a game with four players.

The team lost their last game to the Socas who are tied with the Spartans for fourth place, having won five and lost five.

Wednesday the team plays the fearless Pioneers. We have but four more games to play, so come and give the boys a big hand. Come down to the St. Clair Bath House at 7:30, January 27.

Manager

Spartans Preparing For 10th Anniversary

CLEVELAND, O. — Have you attended your lodge meeting in January? Are your dues paid up? Have you attended your lodge and other SSPZ activities in your locality? If you can answer these questions in the affirmative you can rate yourself as a 100 per cent SSPZ member, you've started 1937 in the right way. If you haven't you know it's never too late to start!

Spartans' January meeting wasn't as well attended as I had hoped. It was quite a contrast to our December meeting which I think I'll never forget. But in spite of the poor attendance the meeting was lively, plenty of discussion, everyone expressed his own opinion.

Our 10th Anniversary on April 17 was the main topic. Spartans' 10th year will be observed with a banquet and dance. SSPZ supreme officers (we hope it will be possible for them to attend) and Spartans' charter members will be our guests of honor. More than ever, we would like to have all the Pennsylvania, Ohio and our neighboring lodges as our guests as well. We do hope you will give this your sincere consideration, let us be your hosts and you our guests, and we'll celebrate in a real fraternal fashion—how about it everybody?

I can assure you that the committee in charge is giving their fullest consideration and attention to every detail in order to make this affair the greatest in Spartans' history.

February 20th will be exactly 10 years since Spartans held their first meeting. So the members have decided at the last meeting to hold a special social called "Spartans' Birthday Party" on the above mentioned date. A committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Watch this paper for further details, maybe by next week it will be possible to give you the full particulars.

Also we added two new members to our list, namely Christine Erzen and Frank Maticich. Welcome, brother and sister.

Just a reminder to those interested in bowling. We meet every Sunday afternoon at two (2) at the St. Clair and Eddy Bowling Alleys located at East 123rd and St. Clair Ave.

In behalf of the Spartans I want to congratulate the Trailblazers of Chicago on their 10th Anniversary and Utopians of Cleveland who are observing their 9th Anniversary on the same date, January 30. May your celebrations be huge successes, and the coming years full of prosperity!! The same goes for the SSPZ Federation affair in Pittsburgh!

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Odds and ends— Henry Zorman, vice-president of Utopians attended our January meeting— Spartan Jrs. orchestra receiving applause for an encore during the S. N. H. 13th Anniversary program in which they participated— How about the Kalisters, Selans, Dietzs, Hocevars, Homovecs, Dermottas, Grills, and the other absentees attending our February meeting— Stan Zagar has a girl 1-1— Wasn't last week's "Napredek" interesting?— Vrtec supplement and all— Rudy Lisch finding it impossible to jump a broomstick at 3 a. m.— How's Carmellieta getting along, Charlie?— No measles or chickenpox?— 'Nuff said!

Ann Opeka

SPARTAN JUNIORS

CLEVELAND, O. — We're going to the top. Traveling at high speed. Spartan Jrs., Vrtec No. 5 SSPZ are leading the parade. You who have not attended our last meeting sure missed out on plenty of fun and serious business discussions. This year promises to surpass all years of Vrtec activity in the way of attendance at meetings, social gatherings, sports, and a program of making useful items for yourselves, parents and friends.

Wish that all you parents of members take interest, attend our meetings and affairs and have your children do the same. The executive and advisory board are preparing a program for 1937 which will need the co-operation of each and everyone of you. I assure all of you parents that the Vrtec movement of the SSPZ is one of the finest in all Slovene organizations. We are progressing very rapidly. The youngsters are taking keen interest in all our doings. Send them to our meetings and you yourself attend every 2nd Friday of the month.

After the meeting in February a valentine party is planned. Music will be furnished by our Vrtec orchestra. Those of you who heard them at the 13th anniversary affair of the S. N. D. know and say that they are very good. Members be sure you attend this meeting and party.

"Uncle" Charley

Ten Years of Progress

BY MICHAEL VRHOVNIK

Ten years ago saw the beginning of what is termed, today, as the SSPZ English-Speaking Lodge Movement for it was in the early part of February 1927 that brother Louis Levstik, then Supreme Secretary of the Society, first rapped the gavel at the meeting which gave inception to the organization of the Trail Blazers, Lodge No. 197, and at the same time laid the cornerstone of the foundation of the youth movement within the SSPZ.

The organization of the Trail Blazers, almost immediately, created new interest and enthusiasm, and inspired SSPZ leaders in other communities to found similar lodges. It was the spark that was needed to ignite fraternal spirits anew. This was the SSPZ Renaissance.

A few months later, the Spartans, Lodge No. 198, Cleveland, Ohio, was organized. Then followed in rapid succession the Morning Stars Lodge No. 203, Utopians Lodge No. 204, Victorians Lodge No. 205, Lodge No. 207, Western Leaders Lodge No. 209 and so forth, until 19 English-speaking units were established. At this point activity and progress came to a standstill. The worst depression in the history of the world began to take its toll. Hundreds of members were forced to drop out of the Society's ranks because unemployment had robbed them of their means to meet their monthly assessment.

Gradually the economic conditions began a turn for the better. Lapsations and passivity dropped to a new low. Our members were going back to work. And so in 1934, after the conclusion of our first National Athletic Meet, we find the birth of another era of progress. The Pennsylvania membership, which had, heretofore, lagged behind in the youth movement, came to the front. In a short time four new E. S. Lodges sprang into existence. At Burgettstown, the Pirates lodge No. 234 was organized by brother Frank Laurich . . . At Strabane, the Challengers Lodge No. 235 was started on its fraternal journey . . . At Republic, the Blue Eagles Lodge No. 236 began its promising career as an SSPZ unit while at Bridgeville, the Progressors, under the sterling leadership of our Supreme President brother John Kvartich, started a march to the forefront which has kept them there ever since. Last year, Lodge No. 202, which, up to that time, was ranked among the Slovene-speaking lodges, moved over into the E.-S. division.

During the past ten year 24 English-speaking lodges were organized of which 20 are still active. Today, these lodges are composed of 703 adults and nearly as many juvenile members. It has been said of them, "Small in number but mighty in influence" for it has been this small group of members who have shown the way to other similar groups in modernizing their fraternal and social functions. The Trail Blazers have played an important role in the progress of the E.-S. movement.

To the members of the Trail Blazer Lodge No. 197, who are celebrating their 10th Anniversary this coming Saturday, January 30, I extend my sincere congratulations and urge them to remain loyal to the Society and the principles for which it stands. Again, congratulations!

Be Careful

By DR. F. J. ARCH,
Supreme Medical Examiner SSPZ

In the eastern part of the nation as well as in the midwest there has been an unusual number of cases of influenza and pneumonia. These are both serious diseases and for the most part can be avoided as well as prevented. They are both highly infectious and contagious and are both spread in like manner. They are usually preceeded by what is known as the common cold or cattarhal fever. Both are spread by direct contact, that is, infected persons spread the infections by coughing, sneezing or talking loudly, and so passing the germs on to others near them.

To prevent both these illnesses it is necessary that we use common sense. Our resistance should not be lowered by exposure, fatigue or exhaustion. Plenty of sleep, eight to ten hours daily and a light diet consisting of light fruits and vegetables, fruit juices, milk and cereals will help materially in retaining our resistance.

At home or at work, if inside, the temperature of the rooms should be kept between 68 and 74 degrees and moisture should be provided by keeping vapor pans on stoves and radiators. For fresh air the windows should be open from the top rather than from the bottom. Remember to bathe often, but, bathe before retiring rather than before going outside as a hot bath opens all the pores in our skin and predisposes us to infections. Drafts, of either hot or cold air, both day and night should be avoided. In considering drafts it is well to remember that an automobile driver, if he has a heater in his car should be careful that he is not in line with the draft from the heater.

When going outside be sure to wear extra wraps especially over the chest and neck in windy and cold weather. Dry feet can be prevented by wearing rubbers or overshoes in rainy or snowy weather. Avoid crowds of any kind both large or small. Do not let anyone sneeze or cough in your face. If you yourself should sneeze or cough be sure to cover your mouth and nose with your kerchief.

To repeat, be guided by common sense. At the first indication of pain, headache, backache or temperature call a competent physician.

Masquerade Dance In Moon Run, Pa.

MOON RUN, Pa. — The annual masquerade dance will be held at the Slovene Hall, Moon Run, February 6, 1937, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The admission is 35c for men, ladies 25c and children 7 to 16 years of age 10c. This is to be the affair of this district with plenty of fun and enjoyment and refreshments to suit everyone's liking, with music for the occasion, and prizes for the prettiest and the most comic masks. All are invited to attend, friends, nearby lodges and all who desire to have fun. Also notice to the members of lodge 10—those who do not attend must pay a fine of 50c into the local treasury. Hoping to see all at the dance with a different face to win one of the prizes.

Secretary

This coming Saturday our pioneer English-speaking lodge, THE TRAIL BLAZERS OF CHICAGO, is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its birth. In the near future other lodges of the SSPZ which sprung up after the first successful attempt will follow with similar celebrations. And well may we celebrate these events, for they a living proof that as sons and daughters of immigrants we are at work to merge the best of what our parents have brought with them with the best in the life of America, doing our full share in the respective communities in which we may happen to be to make them a better place to live in. HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS, TRAIL BLAZERS!

—V.J.G.