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Most Reverend Anthony M. Pilla

### Revitalizing, Redeveloping

When the disciples of Jesus came to his tomb that first Easter morning, they came only to complete the sorrowful ritual of burying their friend and teacher, a ritual begun three days earlier, on a day we strangely call "good."

Faith alone can interpret the sign of the empty tomb. Without faith it is a problem to be solved; with faith it is a sign of new life and hope beyond all measure. Only faith allows us to accept the proclamation of the angel at the tomb: "He has risen: He is not here." (Mk. 16, 6).

Because we are a people of faith and hope, I have chosen Easter to officially promulgate my message entitled *The Church in the City* to the people of the Diocese of Cleveland.

At the same time I am asking all of our people to begin a process of dialogue and discussion for the purpose of developing a plan for revitalizing and redeveloping the churches, schools and institutions of our urban centers. As a result of this dialogue, I will propose an action plan in early 1995, based on the suggestions I received from our people.

For more than 40 years, we have witnessed a pattern of movement out of our cities and into the suburbs. More and more, our cities are home to good, hard-working people of reduced income, fewer educational opportunities, and little or no access to employment opportunities in the suburbs, where many jobs have moved as well.

For these people the church, its schools and social service centers remain as one of the last signs of hope for a better life. When churches or schools must close, their empty shells are one more sign of hopelessness for those who live in the neighborhoods of our cities.

Let this Easter season be a time not only for Catholics, but for all government, business and civic leaders, and indeed for all people of good will to search for ways to restore life and hope to our cities.

Pray with me this Easter that God will help us: help us create new cities, the kind our society longs for; cities where people of different incomes, races and cultures can live together and be enriched by each other's presence; cities where the poor and disadvantaged will be able to live and



achieve beyond their initial circumstances to the fullness of their human potential; where the weak and the powerless will be freed from chains forged by the fear of violence and delivered from the destructiveness of drugs; cities where children will be able to live in

decent homes, have sufficient food and receive an education which will prepare them for a life of meaningful employment.

In the faith and hope which this Easter season brings, let us set out to build the City of God!

### Deseti Brat in Chicago

A wonderful Slovenian experience awaits everyone on Sunday, April 17th when in Chicago the Slovenian Cultural Center hosts the players of Toronto, Canada in a special presentation of the masterpiece drama, "Deseti Brat."

It is written in the Slovenian language by Josip Jurcic. It will be presented at the St. Stephen's Center, 1852 W. 22nd Place, Chicago, following a full-course dinner to be served in the same hall at 12:30 p.m.

Ticket price is all-inclusive for the play and dinner plus a donation to the Slovenian Cultural Center Building Fund. Tickets are \$30 each. Students pay half and children

to age 6 are free.

We hope you will begin your visit with us at Holy Mass where there will be a wonderful Slovenian liturgy and singing. Mass is at 10 a.m. Then, stay for the dinner and plan to complete your day with us.

This day is actually most significant because for the first time in 20 years, the Chicago and Midwest area will be able to enjoy a first class play, performed by excellent actors who have been acclaimed for their dedicated work in the field of Slovenian drama.

For information, reservations, tickets, please see a member of the Slovenian Cultural Center committee or call Anna Hozjan (708) 654-4800.

### 100 WORDS MORE OR LESS BY JOHN MERCINA

#### EASTER 1848 !

THE FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM FROM AN 1854 SLOVENIAN BOOK ENTITLED "SHODNI OGOVORI" BY O.MANSVET SMAJDEN. IT APPEARS TO BE A SERMON GIVEN ON EASTER SUNDAY IN THE TOWN OF SPODNJIM CEROVIM V BERDIH. HOW MANY OF YOU CAN ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND THE SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE THAT WAS IN USE IN 1848?

"...VSE POBOŽNE ŽENICE, ZALITE V BRITKE SOLZICE, KI PO KALVARII TIHO TAPATE, MED SEBOJ MARNATE, KDO BO NAM SLABIM VELIKI KAMEN SPRED DUR POKOPALIŠTA ODVALIL, POVEJTE, STE LI NAŠLE JEZUSA MERTVIGA, OD TAL DO VERHA RANJENIGA, NA ROKAH INO NOGAH Z ŽEBLJI PREVERTANIGA, NA STRANI PREBODENIGA, DE BI MU SE SVOJO ZADNJO HVALEŽNOST IN LJUBEZEN SKAZALE, POMAZILILE NJEGOVO MERTVO TELO IN GA TAKO STROHNETI ZABRANILE, STE GA LI NAŠLE? - NE. NE? GOVORITE, KAJ IN KAKO STE NAŠLE, PA GOVORITE, KAKOR ODKRITOSERČNE ŽENE INO NE, KAKOR RESNICO PRESEKAJOČE JEZICNICE. ZASLIŠIMO, KAKO ONE GOVORILJO: KO SMO DRUGA DRUGI REKLE: KDO NAM BO KAMEN ODVALIL OD DUR POKOPALIŠA, SMO SE OZERLE, INO VIDILE, DA JE KAMEN ŽE ODVALJEN BIL. INO SMO ŠLE V POKOPALIŠE, INO VIDILE MLADENČA SEDETI NA DESNI STRANI Z BELIM OBLAČILAM OGERNJENIGA IN SMO OSTERMELE. ON PAK JE DJAL NAM: NIKAR SE NE PRESTRASIŠTE: VE ISETE JEZUSA NAZARENSKIGA KRIŽANIGA: ON JE VSTAL, NI GA TUKAJ, POGLEJTE, TO JE KRAJ, KAMOR SMO GA BILI POLOŽILI. STE LI VIDILE, DA JE TAKO? SMO VIDILE."

MAY THE JOY OF THE EASTER SEASON BE WITH YOU THIS EASTER SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR !

*John Mercina*



### War and Income Taxes

David Brinkley of ABC News, writing in the Jan. 3 issue of Newsweek on America in the 1940s:

Under pressure of war, the withholding tax was born. It is doubtful that without war Congress would ever have voted for a tax so intrusive and troublesome. Because of the withholding tax, the term "take-home pay" entered the language. Had people been forced to count out their taxes in hard cash for some government collector, taxes in such stratospheric amounts almost certainly could not have been collected.

The cost of the war was so high that the top rate eventually went to about 92%. It was explained to Roosevelt that his rich enemies would be soaked, even fleeced, beyond their deepest fears. They paid the 92%, hated it, but could not escape. It made Roosevelt so happy, press Secretary Steve

Early told me, that once or twice he saw the president spend hours pouring over records sent to him from the IRS showing who paid how much.

As for Roosevelt's own finances, all that was ever known was that his mother, Sara Delano Roosevelt, until she died in 1941, every month or so handed him cash in a sealed envelope.

Members of Congress were so happy to find they now had a Niagara of money flooding into Washington, all ready for them to spend. Even when the war was long over, there was never any thought of ending the withholding tax. (They held the top rate at about 70% for another 16 years.)

Did the enormous tax rates pay the cost of the war? No. Did the government run the war on credit and leave billions in debt? Yes.

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# Reason for demonstration

Editor:  
Last Sunday, when the president of Slovenia, Mr. Kučan, visited the United States and especially, when he stopped in the Slovenian neighborhood in Cleveland, the undersigned had decided to show our solidarity with the demonstrators in Slovenia, who are at this time proclaiming their support of the defense minister of Slovenia, Janez Janša. He is just this week being accused by the members of the previous dictatorial regime of harboring dictatorial intentions and President Kučan two weeks ago allegedly raised allegations that Mr. Janša is planning to execute a coup d'état.

Though Slovenia has had for the past three years a democratically elected government with numerous political parties, whose representatives are duly elected into the parliament, the effectiveness of this government's body is sadly restricted in its performance because of the accusations, imputations, underground factions hiding behind the words of democracy, personal polarization, and value differences brought over from the previous nomenclature. All these tendencies make the government ineffective. The Parliament members either deliberately abstain from the floor, making it without a necessary quorum or cast their votes in a manner which abandons the principles on which they had previously won the elections. And so the corruption in the economy continues because the government has no tools necessary for juridical corrections.

In 1988 Janez Janša became one of the popular persons in the country. When the communistic government accused him of possessing a military secret paper he became the symbol of that Slovenian consciousness which in later years moved the curtain of the communistic one-sidedness in Slovenia. His esteem became even more evident during the

ten-day war for the independence, when he commanded the first-ever Slovenian army. To the old communists, who are striving to take as many seats in the Parliament as possible and who wish to retain most of the high positions in the country's economy, the popularity of this man has become too much and for some of them even threatening.

The undersigned are sure that the present accusations against the defense minister are nothing less than a "very well weighted action and plays from the coffers of that same ideology of the communistic nomenclature, which is now trying to split the political powers of all (on the right of them) in order to gain (again) the assent they once held." (After Vinko Vasle, Delo, March 5, 1994).

The above facts had prompted us to offer the literature for the other side to all who took part in the reception of the president, Kučan. We hope the participants would this way be able to assess for themselves the political scene in Slovenia and not just blindly follow the lead of the communist Kučan. This way we

are in our own way contributing to the attempt to balance the powers in Slovenia and help the demonstrators, who have today, March 28th, gathered in large numbers on the Presernov Trg in Ljubljana - and in even larger

numbers in front of the Parliament - in support of the defense minister, Janez Janša.

- Marusa Pogačnik
- Tone Oblak
- Lojze Bajc
- France Šega
- Mara Cerar Hull

# More input on possible Slovenian origins

Editor:  
I appreciate very much the attention of Dr. Arko (Ameriška Domovina, English section of February 3, 1994) given to the book about the Veneti as the predecessors of the Slovenians. However, I cannot share his opinion.

He occasionally jumps to totally unjustified conclusions, as for example, his implication that the ancient Phoenicians, or Phoeneti, might have been a variant of Veneti. However, these lapses of logic in no way negate the many excellent points.

Such a "totally unjustified conclusion" comes from me, but it was not quoted as a conclusion. It was given as a possibility, not only for the affinity of the names Veneti

-Phoinikes (Phoeneti) but also for the archaeological facts which give witness about the penetration of the Indo-Europeans to the Middle East even in the period of the Venetic migrations. The identification of the Veneti with the Indo-Europeans in many occasions is well known.

These Indo-Europeans were called "Peoples from the sea" in the Egyptian sources, and they were defeated, when trying to penetrate Egypt, by the Pharaoh Rameses III (ca. 1190 B.C.). Thereafter, they settled Palestine and were known, at least in part, as Philistines. — So much is our information.

Dr. Jožko Šavli  
via Bella Veduta 12 • Q  
Gorizia, Italy

# Little problems, big stress

The greatest toll from stress may come not from a divorce, the loss of a job, and other major traumatic changes or misfortunes, but from the minor yet frequent annoyances we experience daily — getting stuck in traffic, gaining a few pounds, having an argument at work.

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What a vast difference there is between the barbarism that precedes culture and the barbarism that follows it.

—Friedrich Hebbel

It's easier to remember when you are right than when the other person was right.

—Robert Half

Psychiatrists say it's not good for man to keep too much to himself. The Internal Revenue Service says the same thing.

—Harold Smith

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# The fire and the fury

by Stane J. Kuhar

(Continued from last week)

## Chapter XI

### The Mushrooms of Steel

I finally crossed the border into Austria. I was originally sent to Celovec to the complex center where other Slovenians were making their passage out of the hell that was going on in Slovenia.

I was so alone at this point in my life. Here I was, away from my family and not knowing what had happened to them.

All seemed lost until I met him.

Viktor.

Viktor was a tall lanky man with thick brown and black hair combed over to the side. His glasses marked him as an educated person. I soon found out that he had just left the seminary and returned to secular life.

He had been educated in Kranj and had degrees in philosophy, languages, and theology. He had found employment at a local publishing house and was engaged in editing the works

of various Slovenian writers and poets.

He was all the comfort that I had received in this period of hell on earth.

Within a few weeks I discovered to my surprise that I was with child and expecting within the next eight months. Viktor and I decided to become man and wife and had a short religious ceremony by an old priest friend of Viktor's in Celovec.

It was just lovely here. Mount Pepca hovered just around the corner of Globasnica and I remembered the legend of King Matjaz and his troops sleeping at the foot of the mountain, protecting the inhabitants.

Then one day we received a surprise visit from an old friend of mother's in Cleveland.

It was Father Marko Perc from mother's former parish of St. Nicholas in Cleveland, Ohio. He had come to visit me but spoke hours on end with Viktor.

In later years I discovered that Father Marko was an officer in the U.S. Army and had been stationed in Italy and

Austria due to his ability to speak not only Slovenian, but also Italian, German, and English.

I also remember seeing imprinted on his black briefcase the letters "OSS."

Shortly after Father Perc's visit Viktor told me that we would have to leave Globasnica at once and plans were made to first go to Trieste, then Rome, and finally, Cleveland.

But first Viktor insisted on hiking up the mountains by the supposed settlements of early Christian sites on Mt. St. Hema. He was accompanied by Father Marko.

They were gone for about four days. I thought that perhaps some former Union Party militia had kidnapped them and returned them to Slovenia.

But they finally came back to the small farm house that we were renting on the outskirts of Globasnica.

Both of their faces were flush with excitement and apprehension.

"You must leave immediately", Viktor told me. Father Marko simply nodded his head in agreement. Now, Viktor spoke to me in earnest. He told me to take the best linen we had in our small house and to give it to him. He and Father Marko then covered a worn-out hard bound looking book.

No matter what happens to him, Viktor told me, take this book and make sure it is delivered to the pastor of St. Nicholas in Cleveland, Ohio.

Viktor instructed me to leave with Father Marko and that he (Viktor) would follow us within the next few hours.

I never again heard from Viktor. I later found out that the Union Party militia had been following Viktor and Father Marko to Mt. St. Hema and were only a few hours behind them. *Continued*

Maintenance, Food Service and Sales. In addition, we have a resident support staff such as our CATERED Life Department and our Activities Department which help us reach our goal of assisting the residents in maintaining their freedom and independence.

I have greatly enjoyed my two years here at Hilltop Village. I am particularly proud of the name change and the new brochures and signs which we have designed. We feel the new name and logo are more indicative of our location and ambiance.

I particularly enjoy interacting with the residents and their families. I have learned quite a bit about what the seniors like and dislike and try to apply it into the day to day operation of our Village. It is very rewarding and gratifying work.

I would like to invite any of the readers of American Home in to see the Village and meet some of our residents. Also, try a bag of our freshly popped popcorn!

Kathy Murray  
Administrator

## Kathy Murray - Hilltop Village Administrator

We asked Kathy Murray, the Hilltop Village Retirement Community Administrator to introduce herself to American Home readers. Hilltop Village is located at 25900 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio phone (216) 261-8383. Here is what she has to say.

I was born in Canton, OH. My father was with Standard Oil which resulted in many moves until we returned to Cleveland in 1975. I graduated in 1975 from Bay High School. I went to Miami University in Oxford where I majored in Consumer Service and graduated in 1979.

After school, I started a 13-year career in the hotel business. My first position was as a management trainee at the Sheraton Rocky River. I left that hotel four years later as the General Manager.

I then spent time at the Westlake Holiday Inn and the Canton Hilton as the General Manager. After 13 years, I decided to try another industry. The retirement business is very much like running a hotel with such departments as Housekeeping,

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**FRANK L. ERZEN**

Frank L. Erzen, 77, died Friday, March 18 at Nathan Adelson Hospice, Las Vegas, Nevada. He was an 8-year resident of Las Vegas.

Mr. Erzen was born Sept. 25, 1916 in Cleveland. He was a retired Die Casting Quality Control Manager.

He is survived by wife, Vera; daughters, Kathy Marinko of Mentor and Fran Byers of Las Vegas; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were on Tuesday, March 22 in Palm Red Rock Mortuary in Las Vegas. Family wishes donations be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve.

**NETTIE MIHELICH**

Nettie Mihelich (nee Bajt), 94, passed away in Meridia Euclid Hospital on Friday, March 25.

Nettie was born in Slovenia and came to the U.S. in 1914. She was a member of American Slovene Club, Euclid Pensioners, AMLA No. 38, and the Ladies Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Nettie was the widow of John Mihelich, and Louis Modic and Louis Prince. She was the mother of Rosemarie Hogan and Veronica Geister; grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of eight; and sister of Margaret Capuder, Frances Kotnik and Mary Skodlar - all deceased.

Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Monday, March 28 with Nettie's grandson Rev. Robert Hogan, S.M., of University of Dayton officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Contributions to a charity of your choice, in her memory, would be appreciated.

Zeke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**STEPHEN GUSTIE**

Stephen Gustie, 91, passed away in St. Vincent Charity Hospital on Tuesday, March 29.

Mr. Gustie was a long-time resident of Addison Road. He was born in Bloomfield, West Virginia.

He was a charter member of the Pipefitter's Local 120.

He was the husband of the late Ann (nee Jelenic); the father of Lawrence (wife, Angela); and grandfather of Steven and Mary Ann Murray; great-grandfather of Lauren; brother of Theresa Cunningham and the following deceased: Joseph, Andrew, John, Mary Hanobik, Rose Gregos, Elizabeth Evans.

Visitation Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., where services will be Friday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

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A big Thank You to Dr. Edward Gobetz of the Slovenian Research Center in Willoughby Hills, Ohio who donated \$100.00 to the American Home newspaper.

# Enthronement of a Slovenian Duke in Carinthia

That day, when the Duke was to be enthroned, a free peasant sat on the Prince's stone. He was surrounded by a large crowd of people, waiting for a newly elected Duke.

The Duke approached with his glamorous entourage. He wore noble attire, but before he came to the Prince's stone he was obliged to take off the noble costume and to put on the peasant's clothes: pants, hard peasant's shoes, jacket, gray coat made out of wool tweed. On his head he put the gray peasant's hat, a symbol of freedom.

In his left hand he held a staff and with his right, he led with a rope, two domestic animals: a spotted ox and a spotted mare. These animals had never worked before.

Thusly attired, he approached the prince's stone. When the peasant saw the approaching Duke, he shouted in the Slovenian language: "Who is he that approaches?!"

The crowd answers: "He is the new Duke of the Duchy of Carantania." Furthermore, the peasant asks: "Is he a just judge? - Is he concerned about the well-being of the homeland? Is he a free man?"

The people answered him: "He is and he will be forever!" Once again the peasant questioned: "With what right can he expel me from this seat?" The people answer: "The Duke will buy the seat with 60 silver denari, with his two spotted animals and with the clothes which he is wearing and your house will be free of all the taxes."

Then the peasant lightly tapped the Duke on his cheeks, took the ox and the mare and moved off the Prince's stone.

The Duke then sat on the Prince's stone and swung with his sword in all four directions

of the horizon. With this gesture he promised to his people to be a just ruler and just judge for them. Then he drank out of the peasant's hat a gulp of water, a sign of soberness and symbol of the satisfaction of native fruits of the land.

Later when the Slovenians were already Christians, the Duke went with his entourage over the field to the Gosposvetska church to the Slovenian Mass. Only after these church ceremonies did the Duke take off the peasant's clothing and put on the Prince's garb and he sat to dine.

In the afternoon the Duke went out in the field where even today stands the Duke's throne which is made out of Pre-Roman tombstones with two seats. The Duke sat on the seat which is facing north and accepted homages of nobles and the countrymen.

He gave clemency to the needed and maintained the old rights and freedom. He listened to the complaints, and judged the quarrels. During this celebration two peasants, Patovscan and Gradekar, were allowed to cut the grass and harvest, and they were even allowed to burn down and to destroy wherever they pleased. In this way they wanted to show to the people - how it would be if they had no ruler who protected their freedom, lives and their property.

—Jacob

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**Coming Events**

**Saturday, April 9**

"A Salute to Eddie Kenik Day" at St. Clair Slovenian National Home. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets \$6. For tickets call 361-5115 or 261-3263.

**Sunday, April 10**

Super Button Box Bash 12 from 1 to 9 p.m. at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio. Admission is \$5.00.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

Sunday Afternoon Dance at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 West 130 St., Cleveland from 4 to 8 p.m. Music by Occades. Admission \$6.

**Sunday, April 17**

St. Clair Pensioners Annual Chicken and Pork Dinner at St. Clair Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Serving from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Social to follow. For tickets call 391-9761.

**Sunday, April 17**

Slovenian Genealogy Day sponsored by Slovenian American National Art Guild at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, O.

**Saturday, April 23**

"Where But In America" concert by Jadran at Slovenian Workmen's Home, Waterloo Rd., Dinner by Steffie Smolic, music by Mike Wojtila & Entertainers.

**Sunday, April 24**

Holmes Avenue Pensioners Club Dinner Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. Music by Lenny Andexler Orchestra. Donation \$12.00. For tickets call 943-3784 or 531-2088.

**Saturday, April 30**

Spring Dinner Dance honoring "Holmes Hall Buttonaires" at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Avenue. Music by Tony Fortuna Orchestra. Dinner served 7 p.m. Music at 8 p.m. Donation \$13. For tickets call 944-3697, 486-7551, or 531-6649.

**Saturday, April 30**

Singing Society Zarja "A Midsummer Night's Dream" concert, dinner and dance with John Vadnal's Orchestra at Euclid Society Hall. For tickets at \$16, call 1-257-2540, or 531-8402, or 531-5542.

**Sunday, May 8**

Sunday Afternoon Dance from 4 to 8 p.m. at West Park Slovene Home, 4583 W. 130 St. Music by Eddie Rodick.

**Sunday, May 15**

Fifth Annual St. Vitus Alumni Reunion Day.

**Tuesday, May 24**

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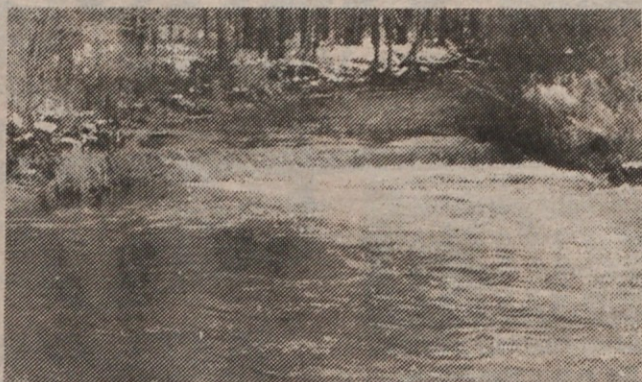
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By Rudolph M. Susel

Last Tuesday afternoon Milan Kučan, Slovenia's president flew home after a meeting with Vice President Al Gore. Kučan had arrived in the United States last Friday, travelling to Pittsburgh, Pa., where on Saturday and Sunday he attended a number of events in connection with the opening of the new headquarters building of the SNPJ. On Sunday afternoon he came to Cleveland, where he remained until Monday afternoon. His last stop was Washington, D.C. and his last appointment with Vice President Gore.

The organizations involved with the various aspects of President Kučan's visit will no doubt have their own reports and emphases. What follows is a brief account of most of the various meetings and events in which Mr. Kučan participated.

Upon arriving at the Pittsburgh airport, which is only a few minutes from the new SNPJ headquarters, Mr. Kučan was met by representatives of that Slovene American fraternal, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. It was the SNPJ which invited Mr. Kučan to attend the ceremonies opening the new headquarters, located in Imperial, Pa., just outside Pittsburgh. Mr. Joseph Evanish, president of the SNPJ, was Mr. Kučan's principal host during the events in Imperial.

Between Friday evening and Sunday afternoon, Mr. Kučan attended a variety of SNPJ-sponsored events. Among these was his visit to the new headquarters building on Saturday afternoon, where he toured the impressive facility along with Ambassador Ernest Petrič. That evening he was guest of honor and principal speaker at a banquet commemorating the SNPJ's 90th anniversary. On Sunday, he participated in additional events prior to departing for Cleveland. Full details of these

activities will appear in the *Prosveta*, the SNPJ official newspaper.

The banquet Saturday evening was an impressive event. A large number of persons affiliated with SNPJ came from around the country, and present were the presidents of a number of Slovene American fraternals, including Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kogovsek of the KSKJ, Stanley G. Zihelr of AMLA, Mr. and Mrs. Kress of the AFU, and Florence Unetich, president of the PSWA.

President Kučan arrived in Cleveland on Sunday afternoon by private jet. He was accompanied throughout his visit by Ambassador Petrič. First on the agenda was a meeting with Governor George V. Voinovich in the governor's office in the Frank J. Lausche State Office Building in downtown Cleveland. This aspect of Mr. Kučan's visit was reported by local media.

Mr. Kučan's party stayed in the presidential suite in the Marriott Hotel, also in downtown Cleveland.

On Sunday evening Mr. Kučan attended a reception in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue. Some 250 invited guests attended. Among those taking a prominent role were Joseph Valencic, president of the Ohio Federation of SNPJ Lodges, Edmund J. Turk, chairman of the United American for Slovenia, and Stanley G. Zihelr of AMLA, where nearly all the meetings of the UAS were held. A long account of the reception by reporter William Miller was in Monday's *Plain Dealer*.

After the reception, Mr. Kučan attended a dinner at the home of Robert Tomsich, a Cleveland industrialist who is involved in investments in Slovenia. A number of local Cleveland political and business establishment figures were also present, as was Cleveland Bishop Anthony

Pilla (Bishop A. Edward Pevce came to the reception at the St. Clair National Home).

On Monday morning, Mr. Kučan had a series of quick visits to a number of Slovene American locations, beginning with a breakfast meeting at the Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, where he was the guest of the Federation of Slovenian National Homes. From there he visited the Home Office of AMLA, where he was greeted by the members of the Supreme Board and the staff.

From AMLA, President Kučan and his party travelled to the Slovene Home for the Aged. Both in Imperial, Pa., and again in Cleveland, it was fascinating to watch the work of the U.S. Secret Service, which had a full team of its agents assigned to protect Mr. Kučan. Buildings were checked and re-checked, rooms in which Mr. Kučan would be were cleared in advance. In short, the kind of treatment any visiting head of state receives from the U.S. government.

From the Slovene Home for the Aged, Mr. Kučan visited the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road. Here he encountered a large group of women busy making poticas for the upcoming Easter holiday. He made it a point to visit the kitchen and, as was his custom at every meeting, he greeted each person present individually. Incidentally, before leaving Cleveland, he was presented one of the poticas to take along on the plane.



SLOVENIAN FRATERNALISTS meet on Saturday, March 26 at the new SNPJ headquarters in Imperial, Pennsylvania to help them celebrate their 90th anniversary. From left to right are Betty Rotar on the National Board of SNPJ, Joseph Evanish, President of SNPJ, Eugene Kogovsek, National President of KSKJ and his wife Barbara, and Stanley Zihelr, President of AMLA. Slovenian President Milan Kučan was also present at the invitation of SNPJ as their guest of honor. (Photo by Dr. Rudolph M. Susel)

From the Waterloo facility, Mr. Kučan visited St. Vitus Church, where he was met by Asst. Pastor Richard Evans, then the Honorary Slovene Consulate on Chester Avenue.

From the Consulate, Mr. Kučan came to the Marriott Hotel, where he hosted a dinner for some twenty guests. This was a very enjoyable session, which lasted a while after Mr. Kučan left to meet with Mayor Michael White at City Hall.

Mr. Kučan and his party then travelled to Washington, D.C., again by private jet, where the president attended a dinner at which a number of Washington figures were pre-

sent. Among those present were well-known political commentator and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Jeanne Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Ronald Sega, the first Slovene American astronaut.

Also present at the dinner (and at all the other events in the Cleveland portion of Mr. Kučan's visit) was Honorary Consul Dr. Karl B. Bonutti. In fact, Dr. Bonutti was instrumental in arranging several aspects of the visit to Cleveland.

On Tuesday, after meeting with Vice President Gore, as noted, Mr. Kučan flew home to Slovenia, where there is a major political crisis under way.



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Whereas, President Kucan is held in high esteem as evidenced by the fact that the people of Slovenia elected him to the office of the Presidency by very large majorities, the second term by 64% of the vote; and

Whereas, President Kucan is dedicated to a multi-party political system with true religious freedom, in recognition of which Pope John Paul II proclaimed him a Knight with the Medal of the Order of Pius;

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The Slovene Home for the Aged Auxiliary meeting was held in the newly painted Laurich Room in the SHA on Monday, March 28. No official business was conducted as there was not a quorum present due to the fact the funeral for our member Nettie Mihelich was taking place that morning and many of our members attended Mass and went to the cemetery. Also several of our members had registered to accompany the residents on a bus tour that afternoon. We ended up with a very small group for luncheon and then proceeded to the Laurich Room where Dr. Anthony Rotolo, Administrator for the SHA, gave us a short summary of the future plans for the expansion of the Home.

Just to set the rumors straight — the present facilities will remain; however, half of the residents would be located in the present facilities occupying single instead of double rooms. Having learned from experience, the other half will have single rooms in the planned new facility thereby eliminating the aggravation of having to put up with a roommate with whom they are not compatible.

Another false rumor — no

property has been contracted for as yet and the present facilities will not be sold.

The State requires that the building be near a bus line, have city water and roads, adequate parking, and must be near a hospital. The board is looking for approximately 100 acres of land. Long-length planning includes assisted living quarters, long-term resident care, day care services, etc. Because of the cost factor, only a portion of the long-term facilities will be done — a little at a time depending on finances. No definite plans for the location have yet been made. Maybe someone reading this article may have knowledge of a specific site that might be suitable. It would be appreciated if you would notify the Administrator, Dr. Anthony Rotolo, (216) 486-0268 or any board member.

We concluded the meeting with a video by Peter Jennings "While America Watched: The Bosnia Tragedy." The group thought the video was so entertaining and moving that we requested the Activities Department to again show it at our next meeting on April 27. Reservations for luncheon must be made to Bertha Walden, Corresponding

Secretary (531-4445) by April 18 in order to allow the Dietary Department sufficient time to plan and order the week's groceries.

We had asked the Activities Department to give us a listing of the items they would like to have for the use of residents from which we can make a decision at our next meeting which item to make our priority. We noticed a new convection oven in the Laurich Room which had been recently purchased. The residents make cookies about three times a week; however, they have difficulty in mixing the ingredients and a Sunbeam Mix Master would be greatly appreciated.

Also needed is a Rewinder for the VCR tapes, baking items such as cookie sheets, cake pans, pizza tray, Rubbermaid containers. Today the President of Slovenia, Dr. Kucan, presented four discs in Slovenian to the Home — but they need a CD disc player.

Also very much needed is a larger TV and video equipment for the dining room. When the Laurich Room is in use by a particular group, the other residents would be able to be occupied by watching videos in the dining room. The

present TV is too small to be seen by the people in the back of the room. SO ARE THERE ANY DONORS? Any monetary donations should be made to the Slovene Home for the Aged Auxiliary in care of our Treasurer, Emilee Jenko, 331 East 266 Street, Cleveland, OH 44132-1502, phone: (216) 261-3427.

**Meeting**

St. Vitus Alumni will be holding their quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Social Room. The new officers will be installed and other important items on the agenda will be discussed. Refreshments will follow.

**U.S. Presidents**

**Harry S. Truman**

(Continued From Last Week)

Truman won election to a full four-year term in 1948 despite predictions by many that Republican Thomas E. Dewey would sweep the nation.

Truman was born on a farm in Lamar, Missouri on May 8, 1884. At age 8 he began wearing glasses. "I was so carefully cautioned by the eye doctor about breaking my glasses and injuring my eyes," Truman later wrote, "that I was afraid to join in the rough-and-tumble games in the schoolyard and back lot. My time was spent in reading, and by the time I was 13 or 14 I had read all the books in the Independence Public Library and our old Bible three times through." His poor eyesight kept him out of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Thirteen days after taking office, the first United Nations conference met in San Francisco. Then on May 7, Germany surrendered. Truman proudly proclaimed May 8 as V-E Day (Victory in Europe). It was his 61st birthday.

The first atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. The war ended on August 14.

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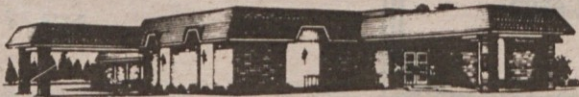


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**Friday, April 22**  
At 7 p.m. Slovene National Theater presents: "Dearly Departed, Dear Husbands" with Polona Vetrih, actress and Alenka Naber, pianist. The event will take place in St. Cyril Church Auditorium, 62 St. Marks Place, New York, NY. Admission \$20. Children, free.

**Saturday, April 23**  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. — Discussion of the Programs and Plans of the American Slovene Congress." It will be held in Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, Room 1512 420 West 118th St., New York, NY. For further information call Dr. Silvester Lango (914) 636-3368 evenings.

At 7:00 p.m. — A Cultural program / Dance will be held at Our Lady of Hope

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Special to The Christian Science Monitor

LIUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

THE Slovenian government's latest economic figures leave little doubt that this northernmost former Yugoslav republic is in recovery. The Slovene economy closed 1993 with more jobs, reduced foreign debt, and a surge in industrial production. Inflation is low, foreign reserves are growing, and forecasters expect even better performance this year.

"There's certainly an upswing now and it's clear that we've already reached the bottom of the transitional depression," says former economics minister Jozef Mencinger, who teaches at the University of Ljubljana. "It's hard to say if this will be a lasting thing, but we won't see a major drop [in the economy] in the foreseeable future."

Despite more pessimistic predictions, official estimates indicate that in 1993 the Slovene economy held to zero growth in

Officials expect many foreign companies to settle in Slovenia and take advantage of new trade agreements signed with the Czech Republic and Slovakia. These agreements remove most barriers to Slovene industrial exports over the next two years. Similar agreements are being negotiated with Hungary and Poland.

"This is a much faster time-frame than the [European Union] agreements with these countries,"

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**— Jozef Mencinger, former economics minister**

Mr. Drofenik says. "So if somebody invests in manufacturing in Slovenia, they'll have free access to other eastern markets." Manufacturers are able to take advantage of the relatively short road, sea, and rail links with Western Europe, as well as a highly skilled work force.

Slovenia is the richest econ-

"For most people we're literally not even on the map yet."

Slovenia's four traditional Western partners — Austria, Germany, France, and Italy — now account for 60 percent of its foreign trade, and nearly 90 percent of direct foreign investment in the republic since 1985.

United States companies compose a mere 1 percent share, in stark contrast to other parts of East-Central Europe in which they constitute a significant proportion of total investment.

"Part of the reason is our small market, a population of 2 million," Mr. Mencinger says. "But many foreigners don't seem to realize that we're no longer part of Yugoslavia and the war.... Others simply confuse us with Slovakia."

In the meantime, the government is embarking on a large-scale privatization program that has been delayed for almost three years by a parliamentary stalemate.

Other delays are the result of the former Yugoslav economic system. Instead of the state owning (and thus selling) enterprises, most were "socially-owned." This has made a coordinated privatization strategy difficult. "In effect there are no owners," says Mrs. Brzin at the Privatization Agency. "This used to be an advantage because the companies had a lot of freedom in decisionmaking and an incentive for profit. That's why they are so competitive."

"But now this is proving a real disadvantage," she says, "because [the Privatization Agency] can only advise and oversee the process. The rest is up to the company directors."

Still, by the end of the year the agency hopes to have about 2,500 companies in private hands. Foreign investors are expected to play only a minor role as most small, labor-intensive companies are likely to be purchased by employees and management with privatization vouchers.

"I don't think this will result in any change in efficiency or management either way. Efficient companies will remain efficient. Others will continue to be inefficient," says former finance minister Mencinger.

"It's a natural, gradualist way of getting from social-property to capital ownership, so I'm not concerned.... At least it provides an owner."



DAVE HERRING - STAFF

gross domestic product (GDP), mostly due to a 3.9 percent surge in industrial production in the final quarter of last year. Leading financial organizations had expected GDP to fall by at least 1 percent as the economy recovered from the collapse of the Yugoslav market.

"We expect the recovery to deepen as foreign investors and trading partners take advantage of the increased stabilization of our economy," says Jozef Drofenik, head of the Ministry of Economic Relations.

omy in the region and has the highest standard of living of all the former socialist countries. Per capita GDP stands at \$6,100, almost double that of neighboring Hungary (\$3,100) or the Czech Republic (\$2,800), while its wages remain significantly lower than in the West.

In fact, Slovenia's biggest obstacle when seeking new economic partners is that many foreigners do not know it exists.

"We're a small country with smaller profile," admits Privatization Agency adviser Senja Brzin.

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## Paying for long term care

For many Americans, the fear of going to a nursing home and seeing all of their assets used to pay for their care is a very frightening thought. Many of us have heard "horror stories" about people who saw significant sums of wealth consumed in their final years in a nursing home.

Clearly, most people want to receive quality care, and yet still leave the bulk of their wealth to loved ones. Fortunately, there are some steps that can be taken to help achieve this goal.

Although this is a very complicated topic, and the exact rules vary from state to state, some general rules apply.

### Government Assistance

Obviously, if an individual has enough wealth to pay for his or her own care, the government will not pay. Similarly, if his or her spouse has substantial wealth, the government will not pay either.

Under the federal medicare guidelines, an individual may have only \$2,000 and his or her spouse may have only approximately \$71,000 of non-exempt assets in order to qualify for government assistance.

One way to qualify for governmental assistance, without first consuming all of your wealth, is to convert some of the excess wealth (over the \$2,000/\$71,000 figures) into an annuity. Under some very complicated rules that cannot be adequately covered here, it's possible to shift excess wealth into an annuity that will not be counted toward the available resources. Such a shift can provide an income stream and

can preserve wealth while still qualifying for government assistance.

Furthermore, a person with substantial wealth can't give it away and immediately apply for and receive government assistance. Current law provides for a 30 month "lookback," which has the effect of counting wealth that was given away in those past 30 months as still available — thereby disqualifying the donor from assistance, at least to some extent.

There are ways to transfer wealth to special trusts, but again, this is a very technical area that cannot be discussed in detail here. A qualified expert's advice in this area is invaluable.

### Long-Term Care Insurance

Long-term care insurance is privately purchased insurance which is intended to pay for the extended care needs of a person. When such insurance is in force, it often eliminates, or greatly reduces, the need for governmental assistance.

Long-term care insurance policies are widely varied. As with any insurance policy, the decision to select a particular policy should be based on a thorough and careful review by a knowledgeable adviser. The exact policy that is right for you depends on a myriad of issues such as the level of care desired, the personal desires of the insured, the desire to leave wealth to other beneficiaries, the degree of independence desired and other factors.

### Combination Plans

One possible way to attack the above problem is to use a combination of long-term care insurance followed by the period of governmental

assistance. In such a plan, the individual might make the following conscious decisions:

- Purchase a long-term care insurance policy that will only provide benefits for a fixed-period such as five years.

- Then, establish an irrevocable trust that will only be funded if long term care is needed. Family members will have legal authority to fund the trust with your assets, should the long-term care benefits be needed.

If the above combination plan works as expected, it will provide the best of both worlds. If the long-term care is never needed, the premiums will be paid each year, but the trust will never be funded. This leaves complete control of the assets in your hands.

On the other hand, if the policy benefits are needed, family members could then transfer the balance of your wealth into the irrevocable trust. The trust will pay you and your spouse all income for life.

*Thanks to John R. Telich, Sr., CLU, ChFC, phone: (216) 289-7729 for submitting this timely information. Call him for further thoughts on this important subject.*

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# The United States, Russia and "Post-Communism"

Karl W. Ryavec  
February, 1994

The United States and Russia are now in a new stage of their limited and artificial relationship. The big vote for Zhirinovsky and his party, the exit of most real reformers from the Russian government and its change to a "preserve our Soviet-type economy" policy makes this clear. The U.S.-Russian connection has never been fully developed and often it has been troubled, confused and conflictful. Despite the end of the Cold War and the lack of a military and ideological struggle between the U.S. and Russia certain continuities are apparent. "Deja vu all over again." Both parties are in some disagreement and are asserting their own views on certain essentials.

The Russians are saying that they are going to proceed in their own way, at their own pace, and will protect the main existing institutions and practices of their economy and that economy's relationship with society. Russia has always been a place where authority, whether just or not, is enjoyed by custom to support the population materially — at least at a minimum level of subsistence.

The United States too is being true to its culture heritage in its Russian policy. The U.S. government insists, in order for Russia to receive the aid designated for it, that it stop printing rubles of ever-decreasing value to support its state-owned and often over-staffed, technologically backward and non-competitive industrial plants. Americans can, so far, downsize and make companies profitable through large-scale firings and other actions against employee preferences. But we have a culture and a power structure that allows this. Most of us grow up learning, and even expecting, to find another job when ours disappear. Russians, and also millions of other inhabitants of once-communist countries, have no such experience or skill. There, mass unemployment can only redound to the advantage of people who favor strong, highly bureaucratized government with either a communist or a fascist orientation. The "old guard" of the communist period, minus its former top leaders, is making a comeback in Russia, Belarus and Ukraine. After all, they can "network" best and know how to run one thing — a command, full-employment economy. Some of these party-state bureaucrats have become businessmen and will resist recomunization out of their new self-interest, but most others have not changed.

There are various reasons for this. No new "class of change" emerged numerous and powerful enough to sweep the old guard off the scene. Indeed, in Russia the "democrats" have worked

against each other as much as against the communist elites. A deep-seated resistance to political organization derived from the communist experience made them psychologically incapable of creating one large democratic and reformist party. Yeltsin's de Gaullian stance of splendid isolation above the hue and cry of day-to-day politics did not help democracy either. And unlike Germany and Japan after the end of World War Two, no conquering army of democratic capitalism was in occupation to change the rules of the game or the players, or at least some of them. The "losers" have not been made to feel they have lost. No wonder the analogy of Weimar Germany, a defective democracy with a great nostalgia for authoritarianism, can seem appropriate. It is even possible the Soviet Union ended prematurely, forced to an artificially early end by Gorbachev in his naive search for a beautiful and beneficent socialism, and by Yeltsin out of resentment at his mistreatment, and accordingly parts of the Soviet system still have the vitality to act and strive for domination once again.

It should therefore be no surprise that Russia surprises us. What else can we expect? That is the way it always was during the Cold War. Every time the U.S.-Soviet (Russian) relationship improved, something happened to make it worse. Americans then tended to blame the Soviet Communist Party. Now we will blame Russian "fascists." Maybe we, or at least the previous and the present administrations, bear just a bit of blame for the apparent results of the recent Russian election.

The Russians were encouraged, without sufficient material support, into economic policies that could not bring feelings of hope or satisfaction to the Russian people. True, the Russian leaders were inept, but the U.S. government did not try to lessen their ineptness. A market economy requires new governmental rules, procedures and institutions that facilitate the creation and maintenance of private enterprise. Too much of the old economy was let go too fast and too little new and useful actually built. Probably only part of the economy should have been affected in this first stage. American aid has been minimal, and heavily tied to American-centered ends such as the reduction of Russian nuclear weapons. Russians can see what we are up to. We are not helping Russia, only ourselves or our conception of what would be good for Russia if Russia were Belgium or Sweden. It is not and probably can not be an ordinary European country for decades, if then.

American political and business elites just refuse to believe that other industrial

countries can be very different from the United States. President Clinton spoke of the big vote for Zhirinovsky as an understandable "protest vote." This is a "political scientist's answer" that may work for the Communist vote in France but it neglects the fact that in addition to getting such a protest vote Zhirinovsky also gained the votes of thousands of normal, ordinary Russians who think naturally in authoritarian and imperial terms. Russia is not yet like West European former imperial states in which anti-imperialist democratic forces have come to outnumber or outmaneuver the authoritarians and the imperialists after a long period of democratic politics. Have we forgotten what German society was like prior to 1945? Anyone who has talked to a number of Afrikaners comes to realize that the nineteenth century personality still exists. Zhirinovsky is an authentic Russian of a certain type, not an aberration. There's more where that came from. Some Russian intellectuals believe that he has a lot of additional support among those who didn't vote this time.

This leads to the Russian-centeredness of American policy. Yes, Russia is the biggest piece of the ex-communist world and it deserves considerable attention from us but so do the other ex-communist states. Supposedly, the Cold War was fought to liberate Eastern Europe from the Soviet Union. But it seems Americans, from a big country themselves, cannot avoid overemphasizing other big countries. In addition, it seems the Cold War established some sort of lasting bond between Russia and the United States, just as World War Two did between us and the Germans and the Japanese. However, we were able to force the Germans and the Japanese to adopt democratic forms; we will have to work with the Russians as they are and as they develop fundamentally in their own way.

A "window of opportunity" for one approach is now behind us and a new approach for new circumstances must be found. We ought to devote a great deal more attention to the ex-communist countries that are truly post-communist in significant ways — countries such as Poland (despite the repackaged communists in its government), the Czech Republic, Hungary and even tiny Slovenia, the place the British magazine, *The Economist*, says has the best chance for successful, thorough, change. Real NATO membership that gives some actual protection and deserved recognition, as well as more economic assistance, could be granted a few of these countries. We have to recognize that change in Russia will take longer than in, say, western-oriented Poland, where a great deal of

democratization-modernization has already occurred. But a realistic American policy requires the U.S. Government to get off its Russian-centered hobby horse. We could be more understanding of Ukraine's reluctance to give up its nuclear weapons. Living next to Russia may entitle a people to special consideration. American pressuring of the Ukrainians is just doing Russia's work and encouraging Russia to engage again in power politics. Is that the way we want history to remember us? In any case, Ukraine, even with nukes, is not a nuclear power.

Neither the Russian nor the American government has faced up to reality. We have pretended to help Russia and Russia has pretended to change — and also threatened, in effect, that it will have some sort of imperial status or role in order to keep its right wing under control. Well, the right wing is not under control and the American vision of the post-communist world is at risk. Let's face up to the fact that the democratization of Russia is a gargantuan task that will take an entire historical period but that it is worth working toward, but

only realistically and as part of a plan for transforming the entire ex-communist world, in which there are countries ahead of Russia who deserve real American aid and attention because there significant results are possible in less time than in Russia.

It's time to realize that the ex-communist world is one big package that must be dealt with in one big, but differentiated, policy. Russia deserves help, but in a way that does not denigrate other countries or let us be frightened into special concessions which we will later regret. Just because a place is big does not make it better. Let's be realistic and true to our values and interests. The entire "communist" problem was first developed in Russia. It is particularly hard for a people to discard what is theirs until they can see coming into being something better that is also theirs.

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Bernie Sajovec is one of the many ladies who make krofe for the St. Vitus Altar Society fund-raisers held throughout the year. The money is generously donated to St. Vitus church. Whenever a krofe sale is announced the pastry is quickly purchased by connoisseurs of great-tasting Slovenian doughnuts.

(Photo by Stefan Veseli)



Marija Cugelj and Pepca Tominc prepare the dough for one of the St. Vitus Altar Society krofe sales.

(Photo by Stefan Veseli)

# Zokol to help design golf courses

by Don Harrison

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Richard Zokol is his own man, always has been, even since his pre-golf days as a teen rebel. Since his conversion to the ways of golf in his mid-teens he has always had the courage of his convictions. The behind-the-pack sneers of peers, the gossip of golf shops and the moanings of the media have never kept him from charting his own course on the course, and off it. For him, a spade is never an instrument with which to transplant glacially deposited material, it's just a shovel.

On Tuesday in Kelowna, the Kitimat (Canada) native stepped officially into the corporate world when he was named director of golf for the huge property firm Intrawest Corporation of Vancouver. The location of the announcement was the to-be-built Tower Ranch course and housing complex in Kelowna, a championship layout for Zokol's first assignment that he will co-design with Toronto architect Tom McBroom.

"I'll be involved in course design," said Zokol, who is the first Canadian to fit into the architect/player mode of a Jack Nicklaus or a Ben Crenshaw, "critiquing courses, hiring maintenance people, hiring head pros and taking advantage of my travel experience which has let me see which resorts succeed and which don't."

At 35, with a wife and three young children, the timing was right.

"What I believe is if I am to move to the next level," said the Richmond resident, "I need to get my securities in order... I need to get my ducks in order so I can go ahead and play from a real competitive point of view."

"I am looking after the needs of my family. A lot of people think that because I am Richard Zokol I must be well off, but I am not."

"The two good years (1992-1993) that I've had don't mean anything. I have to put my nose to the grindstone."

Zokol's first large-scale commercial tie-in is with the biggest recreational property and ski resort owner-operator in Canada. Besides the 446-acre Tower Ranch site just a few long drives from the Gallagher's Canyon course, Intrawest is the majority owner in Blackcomb Mountain, Panorama near Invermere and Mount Tremblant in Quebec, the latter to receive a \$400-million infusion in the next five years.

So, what will his involvement with a developer do to Zokol's own game?

"By no means is this going to supercede my golf," he stated flatly. "That is still my No. 1 task."

"In order to get to the next (playing) level, I need to get beyond financial need, where I'm playing a shot to win



Richard Zokol

(Photo by Tony Grdina)

rather than how much money I'll make."

What kind of architect Zokol will be is clear. Just look at McBroom's imprint in this area — his thoughtful reworking of Vancouver public course Langara and Zokol's pointed remarks to the Province at the Xerox B.C. Open about what he feels is the sorry state of modern course design.

"We (in Western Canada) are dinosaurs in the game of golf," he said in June at Vernon's Predator Ridge. "I haven't seen a great course yet (in Western Canada). The more I play, the more I realize (modern) golf course architects don't know anything about design. It's the sign of a bad designer when they have to substitute a difficult hole for a good one."

It's clear, then, what he doesn't like. So how will he proceed?

"For the last 20 years... I'm generalizing, most golf course design has been following Pete Dye," Zokol said of the American architect known for difficult, expensive courses featuring gigantic earth mov-

ing, inflated scores and streams of blue language. "We'll arrive at better playability, first and foremost, and it won't be expensive."

"I want a design similar to those early in the century, like those built by Stanley Thompson (Capilano), Donald Ross (Pinehurst No. 2), A. W. Tillinghast (Winged Foot). The esthetics, as well as the playability... that's my mandate. I'm willing to put my head on the chopping block, then, we'll let the public decide."

Like the ball he strikes for a living, Zokol's life will come full circle as part of his Intrawest ties. It was golf, after all, that helped pull Zokol away from a potentially self-destructive youth.

"What I'm also excited about is representing the charity Rainbows of Opportunity," he said. "I want to get in with a charity that can have an impact. It will be for non-privileged kids, to build a golf program for kids from the 'Other side of the tracks.' All I want to see is their hunger (to play), not their skill level."

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# Recipes

## COUNTRY FRENCH LAMB LEG WITH HERBS

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Cooking time: 2 hours 20 minutes to 4 hours 5 minutes.

- 5 to 7-pound lamb leg
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary leaves, crushed
- 1 teaspoon each dried thyme leaves and rubbed sage
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper

Combine garlic, rosemary, thyme, sage and pepper; rub over surface of lamb leg. Place lamb, fat side up, on rack in open roasting pan.

Insert meat thermometer so bulb is centered in the thickest part but not resting in fat or bone. Do not add water. Do not cover.

Roast in 325°F. (slow) oven to desired degree of doneness. Allow 20 to 25 minutes per pound for rare; 25 to 30 minutes for medium; and 30 to 35 minutes for well done.

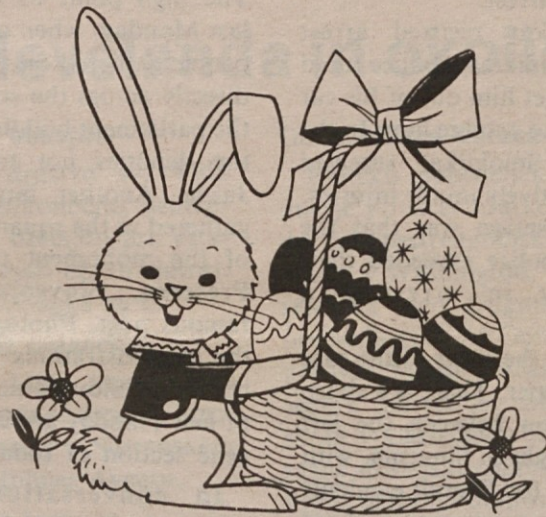
Remove roast when the meat thermometer registers 135°F for well done.

Allow roast to "stand" 15 to 20 minutes in a warm place before carving. Roasts continue to rise about 5°F in temperature to reach 140°F. for rare; 160° for medium and 170° for well done.

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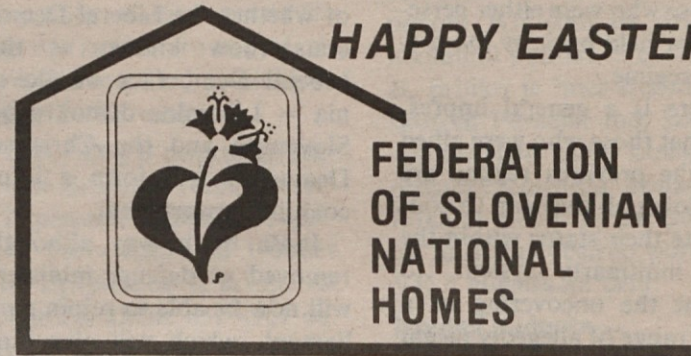
- 3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup flour
- 3/4 cup 2% lowfat cottage cheese
- 3 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon salt
- powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350°F. Over very low heat, melt chocolate, cool slightly. In food processor, puree all ingredients, except chocolate and powdered sugar until smooth. Add melted chocolate. Blend well. Pour into lightly buttered, 8-inch square pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until just set. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cut into squares. Makes 16 squares.



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12 **Political Crisis Shakes Slovenia;  
Defense Minister Janša Ousted**

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, MARCH 31, 1994

Early Tuesday morning, Slovenia's parliament voted to remove the country's defense minister, Janez Janša, from his position. The vote in the 90 member parliament was 49 to 39. Immediately thereafter the parliament elected Jelko Kacin as Janša's replacement, this time by a 48 to 39 vote.

Janša, who had served as defense minister since the formation of Slovenia's first postwar democratic government in April 1990 under then Prime Minister Lojze Peterle, was removed upon the recommendation of current prime minister Dr. Janez Drnovšek.

Drnovšek acted after an incident that occurred on March 20, when a former employee of the defense ministry, Milan Smolnikar, was arrested by military police near Domžale. The defense ministry alleges that Smolnikar was engaged in espionage in behalf of certain as yet unnamed individuals in Slovenia. Documents from the defense ministry marked secret were found in Smolnikar's car after his arrest.

Smolnikar resisted arrest and the military police used force to get him out of his car and then to subdue him. In the process, Smolnikar received some relatively minor injuries. The accusation was that the military police exceeded their authority in arresting a civilian.

In fact, the roots of the case go far deeper. There is a sharp polarization between the left and the right in Slovenia, with the leftist (or liberal) elements essentially representing those in Slovenia who benefitted from the previous Communist regime. The right, on the other hand, is composed primarily of those who were either persecuted or held back by the previous regime.

There is a general impression that those who were allied with the previous regime are now doing all they can to consolidate their status within the new, multiparty system, to prevent the uncovering of a whole range of allegedly illegal economic activities, and to weaken as much as possible those who are opposed to them.

In the last four years, Janez Janša has emerged as the single most outspoken and effective opponent of those who want to break the power of the previous ruling elite. Janša won enormous personal popularity for his leadership of Slovenia's armed forces during the war for independence in 1991, and his uncompromising stand in favor of rooting out corruption and the vestiges of the previous system has only enhanced his status among a great many Slovenes, in Slovenia and abroad.

After the parliamentary elections in December 1992, a coalition government was formed under the leadership of Dr. Janez Drnovšek, whose Liberal Democratic party won a plurality. Drnovšek formed

a coalition with the more conservative Christian Democrats (whose president is Lojze Peterle, the current foreign minister of Slovenia), and, bizarrely, the ex-communists and Janša's Social Democrats.

Earlier this month, Drnovšek's Liberal Democrats united with three smaller left-of-center parties, giving Drnovšek a stronger hand vis-à-vis his coalition partners. One result of this seems to have been the removal of Janša and his party from the coalition.

Now the ex-communists appear to be next, as the Christian Democrat leader Peterle has proposed to Drnovšek that their two parties together form the government coalition. In other words, the ex-communists also would leave the government. This proposal is still pending.

Once it became clear that Drnovšek was going to ask for Janša's removal, these in Slovenia who were Janša's supporters sought to mobilize popular support in his behalf. The high point of this came last Monday, when over 8,000 people gathered on the square directly across the street from the parliament building to urge the deputies not to remove Janša. Another large crowd gathered in the square in front of the monument to France Prešeren, Slovenia's most famous poet. Photographs of the demonstrations and also text from Slovene newspapers of last Tuesday are in the Slovene section of today's issue.

In conversations with sources in Slovenia yesterday, it was emphasized things are quiet for the moment. This is Easter week in Slovenia, too, and the question remains open of whether the Liberal Democrats (now known as the Liberal Democracy of Slovenia = Liberalna demokracija Slovenije) and the Christian Democrats will form a joint coalition government.

Janša, by the way, although removed as defense minister, will now be able to rejoin parliament, which will give him an ongoing forum. He concluded his own statement during the parliamentary debate prior to his removal with the words: "It is today, and there will be tomorrow."

**Rudolph M. Susel**

## Siesta Is a Good Idea

Legend has it that Thomas Edison was a champion napper. A couple of times every day, he would sit peacefully in a chair with a solid iron ball in each hand. As he moved from light sleeping to deep slumber, the balls would drop and wake him up, thus preventing him from falling into a deep sleep.

Edison knew what he was doing. Says Dr. Claudio Stampi, a sleeping disorders expert at the Institute for Circadian Physiology in Cambridge, Mass.: "The most restful nap with the least amount of sleep-hangover is between 15 and 30 minutes."

Many historical figures have enhanced their productive powers, and probably increased their life spans, by napping. Among them: Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and basketball's Wilt Chamberlain.

Yet when asked, nearly half of all adult Americans stoutly deny that they ever nap. Stampi, who is one of the few scientists to focus on the subject of napping, thinks most people equate the practice with indolence or old age.

Stampi is bent on making napping respectable. Some intriguing new research supports his cause. Historically, American society has been geared to what biologists call a "monophasic" sleep/awake pattern, in which the day is rigidly divided into one period of wakefulness, followed by one period of sleep. Under the monophasic model, napping has been considered culturally inappropriate and, according to some experts in the field of sleep research, even unhealthy, in that it cuts into nighttime sleeping.

But new data suggest that human beings may in fact be "biphasic" creatures whose days are broken up into two periods of sleep, nocturnal and midafternoon.

Lunch is commonly blamed as the cause of midafternoon drowsiness, but it turns out that food intake has little or nothing to do with the urge to nod off. Much more important, according to recent research at the Circadian Institute and the University of Pennsylvania, is simply the time of day.

Circadian's Claudio Stampi is convinced that Americans will be better rested, healthier and more productive if they give in to that urge to take a siesta.

Like many sleep disorder researchers, he believes that Americans' "sleep deficit" has been steadily grown as people experience more stress in managing the competing needs of careers and families. Far from being a sign of laziness, napping, he says, is really a biological imperative that allows people to whittle away at the deficit.

—Forbes Magazine

### Vacation

There will be no Ameriška Domovina published the last week in June due to vacation.

When young we are faithful to individuals, when older we grow more loyal to situations and to types.

—Cyril Connolly

### Managing Money into Maturity

"Managing Your Money into Maturity" will be the topic presented by the Wickliffe Country Place "Issues on Aging" series on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

Gloria Walas and Jim Roseman of Merrill Lynch will present the program, which will include information about managing finances, providing and preserving income, and planning an estate.

The program will take place at Wickliffe Country Place, 1919 Bishop Rd. in Wickliffe. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Christine Franks, director of social services, at 944-9400.

## Morton's Neuroma

Sudden agonizing pain in the toes may be caused by nerve inflammation. It usually strikes between third and fourth metatarsal bones in the ball of the foot.

**CAUSE:** Compression of a small toe nerve between two metatarsal bones. Neglected, it leads to CHRONIC inflammation and overgrowth of the nerve. The head of the bone presses against another and catches the sensitive nerve between them. Each step rubs and irritates the nerve, making it painful to walk.

For immediate relief, message and bend toes where pain seems to be located. A cold sensation may ease the pain. Lasting relief is possible by proper podiatric care. Do not neglect this irritation. If untreated, the nerve may become enlarged with sheath of scar tissue that may require surgery.

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### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who have birthdays in April:

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- 4-04, Augustina Cicigoi, 96
- 4-04, Sophia Posch, 88
- 4-06, Mary Marria, 97
- 4-06, Anna Tekavec, 81
- 4-13, Rose Kristan, 82
- 4-15, Joseph Zalar, 84
- 4-17, Anna Vidmar, 97
- 4-19, Elmer Straka, 88
- 4-20, Louise Waterwash, 67
- 4-21, Cecilia Wolf, 86
- 4-23, Katherine Chuck, 97
- 4-23, Stella Kazen, 95
- 4-24, Jennie Fonda, 88
- 4-26, Veronica Vulich, 99
- 4-30, Fanny Kaltenbach, 85



### 50th Anniversary of EOG Explosion

This year will mark the 50th anniversary of the East Ohio Gas Explosion. Later this year we will be printing a special edition commemorating the event. Pictures and articles are welcome as soon as possible.

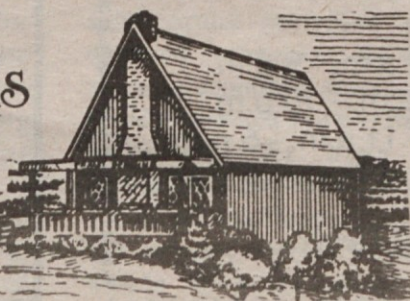
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## VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

**Slovenski parlament razrešil obrambnega ministra Janeza Janšo — Jelko Kacin Janšev naslednik — Krščanski demokrati predlagali novo koalicijo, tokrat le LDS-SKD**

Pretekli torek zjutraj je slovenski parlament po dolgi, burni razpravi s tajnim glasovanjem sprejel predlog predsednika vlade dr. Janeza Drnovška, naj bo obrambni minister Janez Janša razrešen. Glasovanje je bilo 49 za zamenjavo in 39 proti, torej glasovalo je 88 od vseh skupaj 90 poslancev. Kmalu nato so poslanci sprejeli predlog (48:39) naj bo novi obrambni minister Jelko Kacin, član Drnovškove Liberalne demokracije Slovenije in za časa prve Peterletove vlade in vojne junija-julija 1991 minister za informiranje.

Pred in med parlamentarno razpravo so se na Prešernovem trgu in na Trgu republike (pred parlamentarno palačo) se je zbralo več tisoč demonstrantov, ki so podpirali Janšo. O parlamentarni razpravi in teh demonstracijah so poročila v notranjih straneh.

Dr. Janez Drnovšek se je odločil za zamenjavo Janeza Janše po incidentu, ki se je bilo pripetilo 20. marca v Depali vasi, ko so pripadniki vojaške policije aretirali bivšega uslužbenca ministrstva za obrambo Milana Smolnikarja in ga obtožili vohunjenja. Smolnikar naj bi se bil aretaciji uprl in je bila uporabljena sila zoper njega, pri tem je bil lažje poškodovan. Kazenska ovadba zoper Smolnikarja, ki ga je bilo vložilo ministrstvo za obrambo, trdi, da je Smolnikar posedoval nezakonito tajne vojaške dokumente. Sporno pri incidentu naj bi bilo, ali je vojaška policija, odgovornost za njeno delovanje naj bi sicer nosil kot obrambni minister Janez Janša, prekoračila pooblastil.

Drnovšek je imenoval posebno komisijo, ki naj bi primer raziskala. V komisiji so bili vladni ministri Lojze Peterle, Lojze Jančič, Miha Kozinc in dr. Božidar Voljč. Po prejšnji sredo je ta komisija Drnovšku poročala, da je res šlo za prekoračitev pooblastil, dalje je zahtevala od obrambnega in tudi notranjega ministrstva podrobnejše poročilo o dogodku pri Depali vasi pred Domžalami.

Isti dan, 23. marca, je v Ljubljani imel tiskovno konferenco notranji minister Ivo Bizjak, sicer član Slovenskih krščanskih demokratov in predsedniški kandidat stranke na volitvah 1992. leta. Bizjak je zanikal nekatere trditve, ki jih je bil izrekel v zvezi s potekom incidenta s Smolnikarjem Janša oziroma obrambno ministrstvo.

Na podlagi poročila komisije, ki jo je bil imenoval, se je Drnovšek odločil za zamenjavo Janše. Tej odločitvi je sledila parlamentarna razprava v ponedeljek in nato glasovanje parlamenta. Tisti, ki Janšo podpirajo tako v Sloveniji kot v tujini, vidijo v celi zadevi zaroto elementov v Sloveniji, ki zagovarjajo interese prejšnjega režima v državi, z Milanom Kučanom, predsednikom Slovenije, na čelu. Lestvica tistih, ki izražajo zaskrbljenost, gre od politične sredine (dr. France Bučar npr.) do skrajne desnice.

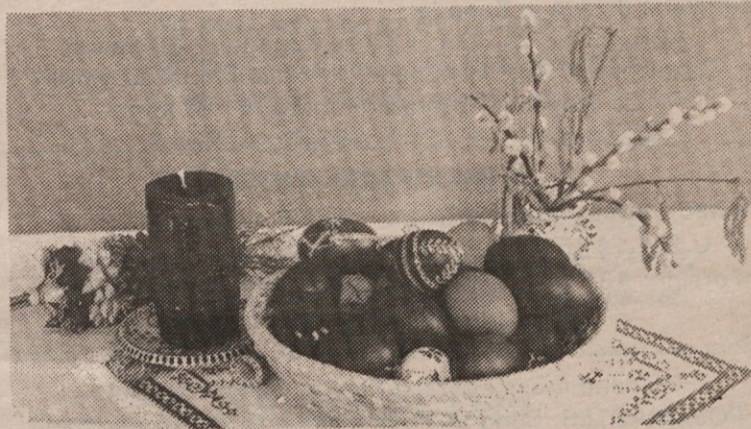
Tisti, ki so bili za razrešitev Janše, menijo, da gre navsezadnje za normalno zamenjavo po parlamentarni poti. Med Janševimi nasprotniki so nekateri izrazili zaskrbljenost zaradi možnosti ustvarjanja države v državi. Značilno za takšno gledanje je bilo mnenje dr. Dimitrija Rupla: »Kadar se določene družbene skupine povezujejo z vojaškimi strukturami in za svoje voditelje izbirajo obrambne ministre, morajo zbuditi pomisleke in celo strah.«

Slovenski krščanski demokrati so sicer izrazili podporo za Janšo, vendar so ostali v koalicijski vladi, ki jo sedaj sestavljajo tri stranke po odhodu Janševih socialdemokratov. Gre za Drnovškovo LDS, komunistično Združeno listo in SKD. Lojze Peterle je predlagal Drnovšku, naj bi prišlo do nove koalicije, v kateri bi sodelovali le njuni stranki, se pravi LDS in SKD. Na ta način bi izpadli komunisti. Na to pobudo Drnovšek uradno še ni odgovoril. Če bi SKD tudi zapustili vlado, bi le-ta postala manjšinska.

Včeraj sta bila Drnovšek in Peterle v Bruslju, kjer sta podpisala listino o sodelovanju Slovenije v programu Nata »Partnerstvo za mir«.



## Veselo Veliko noč



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Oltarno društvo sv. Vida ima na Velikonočno nedeljo skupno sv. obhajilo pri Vstajenjski sv. maši ob 7h zjutraj. Popoldan sestanka ne bo.

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Društvo Lilija ima članski sestanek v ponedeljek, 4. aprila, ob 8. zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Avenue.

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Tabor DSPB pripravlja vsakoletni družabni večer z večerjo in plesom, v soboto, 9. aprila, v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave. Pričetek ob 7. uri zv. Za vstopnice, kličite 851-4961 oz. 731-0195. Dopis na str. 14.

### Primorski večer—

Primorski klub vabi na svoj tradicionalni Primorski večer, ki bo v soboto, 16. aprila, v SND na St. Clairju. Prišel se bo ob 7h zvečer, za ples in zabavo bo igral Stan Mejač orkester. Za vstopnice in več informacije, pokličite 732-7527 oz. 481-7432.

## Novi grobovi

### Kenneth J. Majcen

Umrli je Kenneth J. Majcen, mož Judith, roj. Oldham, oče Katie Majcen-Sergent in Michaela, sin Josepha in že pok. Kathryn Rose, roj. Hughes. Pogrebni obred bo jutri, v petek, pop. ob 2. uri, v Nite and Day, 22771 Shore Center Dr. v Euclidu. Ure kropljenja so danes pop. od 3. do 5. in zv. od 7. do 9. v zavodu Brown-Forward, 17022 Chagrin Blvd. (Druge osmrtnice na str. 17)

### Obisk Milana Kučana—

Pretekli ponedeljek popoldne je po sicer kratkem, vendar zelo pestrem obisku Clevelanda, v Washington, D.C. na sestanek med drugim s podpredsednikom Al Goreom odpotoval Milan Kučan, predsednik Slovenije. Med obiskom v Clevelandu je obiskal razne slovenske ustanove, med njimi narodne domove na St. Clairju, v Euclidu in na Waterloo Rd., cerkev sv. Vida, glavni urad ADZ, Slovenski dom za ostarele, se srečal z guvernerjem Voinovichem, županom Whiteom ter drugimi lokalnimi politikami in poslovniki, prilikoma je imel srečati se s škofom Pevcem, tudi škofom Anthonyjem Pilla, obiskal je prostore častnega konzulata. Lokalni mediji so kar pozitivno in dokaj obširno poročali. Več v angleškem delu.

### Izredna podpora—

G. John in ga. Barbara Kamin, Middle Village, N.Y., sta poklonila \$200 v podporo našemu listu, v zahvalo za vse poročanje o nedavnem smučarskem izletu v Vermontu ter prihajajočem festivalu pri cerkvi sv. Cirila v New Yorku (22. in 23. aprila). Najlepše se za podporo zahvalimo, vedno smo pa veseli, ko lahko poročamo o prireditvah v raznih slovensko ameriških naselbinah! Dopisi o takih prireditvah imajo vedno prednost.

### V podporo listu—

Dr. Edward Gobetz, Slovenian Research Center na Willoughby Hillsu, O., je daroval \$100 v podporo listu. Iskrena hvala!

### Spominski dar—

Bogomir Kuhar, Ingomar, Pa., je daroval \$15 v pomoč Ameriški Domovini, v spomin staršev Luke in Jožefe Kuhar. Hvala lepa!



Pretekli ponedeljek, ko je slovenski parlament razpravljal o razrešitvi obrambnega ministra Janeza Janša, se je na Prešernovem trgu v Ljubljani zbralo več tisoč ljudi, ki so izražali podporo Janši. Na tem zborovanju je Slovenska ljudska stranka sporočila ustanovitev protikorupcijske lige za Slovenijo. »Njen namen je zaščititi slovensko premož-

nje, preprečiti načrtno uničenje slovenskega gospodarstva, vdor umazanega kapitala v Slovenijo ter vse oblike korupcije in gospodarskega kriminala. Liga bo delovala javno, z legitimnim pritiskom javnosti in za dosego svojih ciljev bo uporabljala vse legalne poti, ki jih nudi parlamentarna demokracija,« poroča ljubljanski Dnevnik pretekli torek.

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## VSTAL JE KRISTUS — UPANJE MOJE

*V stajenje Kristusa radost oznanja,  
S aj upanje najdražje nam poklanja,  
T ako po križu vstaja nova zarja.  
A leluja! Življenje večno utriplje,  
L epot stvarjenja, zlato sonce siplje;  
J e to ljubezen božja brez primere,  
E nkratna, da minljivo stvar izbere.  
K ako zavržene nas Jezus ljubi —  
R ešenje svoje vsem ljudem ponudi;  
I n v pot do cilja nas popelje Zvesti,  
S rce navdaja na tej dolgi cesti.  
T ako ljubeče vsem nam govori —  
U mirja val morja, ki nam grozi.  
S svobodo sužnjem greha nam poklanja,  
U smerja dušo v novi svet spoznanja.  
P rijatelj to dobrotni je ljudem,  
A Ti — imaš za Njega svoj sprejem?  
N ekoč, le On Te pelje na gostijo,  
J e to obljuba, vere izročilo;  
E n božji je smehljaj za vse ljudi —  
M inljivost k soncu dviga iz noči.  
O bjem je to neskončnega Boga —  
J e to ljubezen za ljudi sveta,  
E nkratna, ki presega čut srca.*

Lojze Bajc

## Vstajenje in današnji človek

Prazen grob — oddaljena resničnost; vstajenje od mrtvih — nemogoča stvar, je zapisal mladi »kristjan« pri uri mladinskega verouka. Danes je med mnogimi kristjani prisotno prepričanje, da je zgodovinski Kristus vzor in navdihujoča moč le za ta svet in to življenje, zato ne sprejemajo nadnaravnega vstajenjskega dogodka.

Toda sv. Pavel je drugačnega mnenja in pribija: »Če imamo samo v tem življenju upanje v Kristusa, smo od vseh ljudi najsrečnejši.« Krščansko upanje, ki temelji le na zgodovinskem Jezusu, izključuje pa Jezusovo vstajenje in njegovo moč, po apostolu Pavlu, nič ne pomeni.

Če imamo Kristusa samo za vzor človeka, navdihovalca svobode ali začetnika politične spremembe sveta - »smo od vseh ljudi najsrečnejši«. Kristus ima pomen za ta svet le, če je zares vstal in živi. Kajti v vstalem Kristusu so navzoče temeljne prvine naše vere: odpuščanje grehov in sploh odrešenje, upanje v nadzgodovinsko prihodnost posameznika in vsega stvarstva pa tudi napredek tega sveta.

Za današnjega človeka je značilna velika odprtost za vrednote sveta Tudi je opaziti veliko zaskrbljenost za prihodnost tega sveta in planeta Zemlje. Prisotno je veliko prizadevanje za odpravo vojn in nasilja...

## Plemenito darilo: »Deseti brat«

CHICAGO, Ill. - Slovenski Dom (SKC) v Lemontu se dviga iz tal. Ogrodje že vidimo dalj časa, notranjost pa se še ne dodeluje. Pomlad je na pragu, vendar SKC-u ne manjka sonca, kolikor beličev, da bi se mu organi vselili in prevzeli svoja bremena. Denar odloča o tem, kdaj bo zagotovljena celota.

Obrnili smo se že do vseh družin, ki od SKC pričakujejo domovanje in družabna, kulturna ter pastoralna počivila, kar pomeni združenje naših želja in potreb. Prispevali so že mnogi — nismo se jim utegnili prav zahvaliti. Bog vidi njihove korake v našo smer; Njegov migljaj je odprl mnoga srca. Od blizu in dalec so pristopale žrtve, ki bodo vidna desetletja in stoletja, za blagor našega rodu in njegovega obstanka.

### Kanadčani pristopajo

Naši rojaki v Kanadi že dalj časa motrijo naša prizadevanja in si trgajo od ust v prid SKC. Občutimo njihovo sosledstvo in bratsko privrženost; s podvojenim upanjem jih prištevamo k najzvestejšim sodelavcem bodočega Centra.

Najnovejša poročila podpirajo takšna pričakovanja. Kar smo zvedeli te dni, nas je čez mero navdušilo. Delili bomo spet dragoceno zadoščenje in se prepričali, da je slovensko kri čutiti kot zanesljivega varuha naše skupne dediščine — slovenstva.

Opišimo na kratko to najnovejšo kanadsko daritev. Prišli bodo v Chicago dne 16. aprila, v poznejših urah, pri naših družinah prespali in z nami preživeli še vso nedeljo, 17. aprila. Pri maši bodo v cerkvi Sv. Štefana (morda se bodo vzpeli v kor v pomoč pevcem), a po maši bodo naši gostje pri skupnem kosilu v dvorani.

### Umetniška daritev

Po kosilu bodo gostje stopili na oder in se razvrstili po svojih vlogah. Igrali bodo »Desetega brata«, predelanega po prvem slovenskem romanu. Kot je Josip Jurčič pred 130 leti presenetil slovensko javnost s tem svojim romanom (saj še nismo takrat mogli pričakovati kaj takega), tako bo nam mnogim segla v srce ta prva predstava na našem odru.

Kanadčani naj vedo, da jim ne pozabimo truda in skrbi, ki so jih terjale priprave za to po-

častitev. Hvaležni jim ostanemo za neštete korake, brez katerih se takšna zamisel ne bi mogla postaviti na oder. Žrtvovan je čas, igralski napor, prizadevanje za dramsko kvaliteto, prevoz, in še marsikaj. Rezultat bo viden morda v pičlih dveh urah. Kar bo vloženo, se ne more poplačati.

Skušali bomo zasesti vse seže in jih vsaj simbolično nagraditi ob vsakem premoru. Predvidenih je več dejanj, z različnimi kulisami, torej tudi potrpljenje ob teh menjavah.

**V dopisu o predstavi »Desetega brata« v Chicagu, objavljenem pretekli teden, je v dopisu iz Chicaga manjkal podatek, da stane predstava brez kosila \$15. Predstava bo 17. aprila. Odločitev o tem je prišla potem, ko je bil dopis že odposlan v objavo. Ur.**

Občinstvo v ljudo prosimo že vnaprej za potrebno tišino v dvorani med predvajanjem; sicer nam uide veliko lepih besed — in bo prikrajšana vsa skupnost. Nemir tudi hudo moti igralce na odru, žali igralsko vnetje, uničuje umetniške odtene in podira ves uspeh. Tega si ne smemo dovoliti ob toliki požrtvovalnosti ljubeznivih gostov.

Vstopnina bo 30 dolarjev po osebi — z vključenim kosilom pred predstavo. Ves izkupiček gre SKC v gradbeno pomoč!

### Prenočišča

Še eno prošnjo imamo: gostje bodo potrebni prenočišča. To jim nedvomno lahko nudimo sami. Pri naših družinah se bodo bolje počutili; kramljanje jih bo približalo, večerja okreplila. Spoznali se bomo in se čislali še bolj. Vrata odpirajo prijateljstva in privlačijo duševnosti. Oboje je nuja in potreba, a navadno tudi prav prijeten občutek, senzacija in razvedrilo za domačina.

Zato naprošamo vse čikaške rojake, da prijavi svoje možnosti v tej zadevi g. Andreju Remcu, tel. 708/968-6093, ali pismeno na njegov naslov: Andrej Remec, 314 S. Oak Ave., Westmont, IL 60559, in sicer čimprej: koliko oseb lahko kdo prenoči?

### Napolnimo dvorano

»Desetega brata« priporočamo vsem Slovencem Chicaga (dalje na str. 15)

Rešitev je vstali Kristus. On je naš mir in vzrok velikega in vedno novega upanja za današnji svet.

Kristusovo vstajenje je božji dogodek, tako božji, da ga ni mogoče videti, s čuti zaznati, z razumom spoznati in z znanostjo dokazati. Zanj je možno le pričati. Zato sveto pismo ne navaja očitih vstajenja, ampak priče, ki so videli prazen grob, odvaljen grob, raztrgane pečate..., pričevalci, ki so se srečale z vstalim Zveličarjem, ga videli, slišale, otipale - a njegovega vstajenja niso mogle videti.

Velikonočno sporočilo more izpolniti najgloblja pričevanja slehernega človeka. Kakor apostol Pavel moramo tudi mi v veri izkusiti in spoznati, kaj pomeni Vstali za nas, ki vsak dan svoje čelo zaznamujemo s križem, ki živimo v svetu, vendar ne od tega sveta.

Za nas Kristusov grob pomeni zmago nad smrtjo — Jezusovo vstajenje od mrtvih — veselje in upanje večnega življenja.

Š.J.

Katoliški glas (8. aprila 1993)

## O žužemberški cerkvi

### Pismo Janeza Povirka

EUCLID, O. - Spoštovani g. urednik, ko obnavljam naročnino za A.D. vas zopet prosim, če bo toliko prostora, da bi v slovenskem delu spet objavili moj krajši dopis. Kajti nedavni članek o nabirki za Žužemberk mi je povzročil prijetno dolžnost. Seznama dobrotnikov še ne bom objavil, ker je nabirka še v teku in obenem dobim več ljubkih, krajših pisem. Med temi dobrotniki se je oglašil tudi g. Ivan Vrhovec, živeči s svojo družino v Oxfordu, Conn. Prosil je, da naj še kaj napišem o Žužemberku, v katerem še stoji njegova rojstna hiša, po domače »pri Krznarjevih«.

Kot mnogi, je tudi on šel od doma z žalostjo v srcu, pa vendar se spominja tudi na lepe dneve iz svoje mladosti. Pripominja, kako lepo sta se razumela s pokojnim župnikom Gnidovcem, in da naj potem sam približno uganem, koliko je star. Po njegovi drobnosti, a lepi pisavi ne bi mislil, da je v takih častitljivih letih.

Da je bil Žužemberk kar pol stoletja cinično zapostavljen kraj in z njim tudi vsi dobri in izobraženi ljudje, nam je že kar mnogim znano. A vseeno, dragi rojaki, bodite ponosni na svoj dragi Žužemberk, kjer koli vas je po svetu zanesla krivuljasta usoda.

Vaša poštenost in dobrosrčnost je mnogo pripomogla, da so domačini začeli z delom. Na hrib je prihrumel velik buldožer in nakladalec za odpadni material. S tem so pregnali vse škorpjone. Ta zalega se je množila iz leta v leto. Obenem pa so duhovniki kot tudi mnogo poštenih ljudi trpeli psihološko kot tudi fizično trpinčenje. Vse to bo zapisano v kroniki Žužemberka. Mnogo je bilo že napisanega, a mnogo bi se še dalo napisati.

Rad bi požaltnil ta članek ob tem času, ko pomladni veterček raznaša češnjevo cvetje po slovenskih vrtovih in bregovih. Tako naj A.D. raznese to čustveno pesmico po vaših domovih širom Amerike in Kanade. Pesem je pred 60 leti napisal žužemberški rojak Gregor Mali:

### Žužemberk, ti vrt duhteči!

*O žužemberška zemlja sveta,  
skrivnostnih biserov si žar,  
najlepše cvetje - mlada leta  
položil sem na tvoj oltar.*

*Ti pila si ljubezen moja,  
bridkosti, radost in gorje;  
ko gledal sem krasoto tvojo,  
podaril ti sem srce.*

*Ko zarja zadnja v noči tihi  
ugaša tebi za goro,  
molitve vroče, srčni vzdih  
iz duše zate vro v nebo:*

*Žužemberk, ti vrt dehteči,  
Vrtnar naj večni čuva te,  
napaja v neminljivi sreči,  
nezgod, bridkosti varuje!*

Lepo vas vse dobrotnike pozdravlja in vošči vesele velikonočne praznike in toplo pomlad,

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**Č. gospod Jože Božnar**

## je »videl« Abrahama

CLEVELAND, O. — Na praznik sv. Jožefa, v soboto 19. marca, se je pri Sv. Vidu zbralo nad tisto faranov, da pozdravijo svojega župnika, ki je, kot vsi drugi Jožeti in Jožice, praznoval svoj god in obenem prav na ta praznik tudi svoj petdeseti rojstni dan.

Navdušeno so ga pozdravili vsi navzoči, ko je ob pol šestih zvečer prišel v svetovidsko dvorano, ki je bila okusno okrašena za njegov slavnostni banket.

Pri slavnostni mizi so gospoda župnika sprejeli prijatelji sodelavniki, častiti gospodje duhovniki: g. Cimperman, g. Gallagher, g. Godic, g. Kosem, g. Krajnik, g. Kumse, g. Tomc in svetoviški kaplan g. Evans.

Po pozdravu in molitvi je bilo vsem postreženo z večerjo, nato pa je bil podan sledeči program:

Pevski zbor Korotan ..... Pozdrav petdesetletniku  
Ga. Jeanette R. Polomsky ..... Farna šola sv. Vida  
Ga. Marija Burgar ..... slovenska Sobotna šola  
Prof. Vinko Lipovec ..... Slavnostni govor (slovenski)  
G. Stane Kuhar ..... Slavnostni govor (angleški)  
Stanko Vidmar ..... Baragov Dom in Liga  
G. Frank Šega ..... Vročitev

Iz programa navajamo slovenski slavnostni nagovor prof. Vinka Lipovca in besedilo pesmi, ki jo je za to priložnost sestavil g. Lojze Bajc. Natis pesmi je dekoriral in uokviril g. Janez Povirk. V tej obliki jo je ob koncu programa g. župniku izročil g. Frank Šega.

Sledi nagovor prof. Vinka Lipovca:

»Častita duhovščina, spoštovane rojakinje, spoštovani rojaki!

Danes obhajamo god sv. Jožefa, varuha Svete družine, pa tudi varuha kranjske dežele. V naši rojstni domovini je bil sv. Jožef zelo spoštovan in priljubljen. Ni čudno, da je bilo v Sloveniji in še vedno je toliko Jožefov in Jožic, Pepetov in Pepc!

V času, ko sem hodil v ljudsko šolo, smo se učili, da se s sv. Jožefom začnemo pomlad.

**DROBTINICE**

(nadaljevanje s str. 16)

ga in okolice. Apeliramo tudi na Milwaukee in na Joliet, da se organizirajo in pošljejo vsaj po enega člana vsake družine na to predstavo. Videli bodo prvi uspešni roman naših prednikov, ki so ga naši očetje s slašitjo prebirali in s ponosom o njem razpravljali.

Komur gre za lepoto jezika, za zanimivost umetnine in za napetost vsebine, naj ne izgubi te izredne priložnosti, ki se znabit čisto bo ponovila. To so redki življenjski utrinki, ki nam gredo v počastitev in užitek. Nedvomno bodo mnogi gledalci pozneje poiskali to Jurčičevo knjigo in ob njej uživali, od vrstice do vrstice, kajti ta Jurčičeva pripovedniška mikavnost je neprekosljiva.

Združimo torej v nedeljo, 17. aprila te-le visoke zadetke: nepozabnega Jurčiča, zavedne in zmogljive Kanadčane našega rodu, pretresljivo vsebino zagonetnega Desetega brata, in nemajhen korak v pospešitvi gradnje Slovenskega doma, našega skupnega žarišča. Le ta naj ne izžari svojega pomena še za mnoga potomstva. To bo redki trenutek mnogoterega zmagoslavja.

M.M.

Sv. Jožef je bil torej tedaj in je še vedno znanilec novega življenja, oživljanja prirode, pomladi, veselja za mlade in stare.

Vsem Jožetom in Jožicam čestitke z najboljšimi željami, č.g. Jožetu Božnarju pa še posebej čestitke k srečanju z Abrahamom, ko je stopil v drugo polovico stoletja svojega življenja.

Le kdo bi mu prisodil 50 let, ko ga srečujemo živahnega, polnega delavne vneme, idej in zamisli za bodočnost fare Sv. Vida, pa tudi za celotno slovensko skupnost v našem mestu in v vsej naši deželi. Ljubezen do slovenstva se je navzel kot otrok v Polhovem Gradcu, svojem rojstnem kraju. Ta kot slovenska domovina mu je ostal posebno drag, ker ga je moral kot desetletni otrok zapustiti in oditi z materjo, bratom in sestrama v tuji svet, v daljno Kanado, kjer je v Timinsu, daleč na severu našel zatočišče in nov dom njegov oče. Ta je moral pred komunističnim nasiljem zapustiti svoj rodni dom in svojo družino, da si je rešil golo življenje.

Po končani višji šoli je naš slavljencec stopil v Torontu v semenišče, pa se po treh letih na vabilo tedanjega župnika pri Sv. Vidu, monsignorja Baznika, preselil v Cleveland. Tu je končal bogoslovne študije in bil 30. maja 1970 posvečen v duhovnika. Po dveh letih duhovnega dela pri fari Sv. Felicite na Richmond Hts., je č. gospod Božnar prišel k nam, k Sv. Vidu kot pomočnik tedanjemu župniku č.g. Rudolfu Prazniku in ostal to tudi pri njegovem nasledniku č.g. A. Edvardu Pevcu.

Po odhodu č.g. Pevca od Sv. Vida smo bili v skrbeh za bodočnost te najpomembnejše slovenske fare v Ameriki. Po razgovorih in razmišljanjih je prevladalo med nami prepričanje, da bi bilo za to našo faro najboljše, če bi škof imenoval za njenega novega župnika dotedanega njenega kaplana, ki se je tekom let dobro seznanil z razmerami v fari, se v te vžil, si pridobil v njej splošno spoštovanje in ugled.

Ko se je škof Hickey na po-

budo faranov razgovarjal z našim nocošnjim slavljencom o njegovem imenovanju za novega župnika pri Sv. Vidu, ga je menda vprašal, če je kaj pomislil, kaj bo s to faro čez 20 in 30 let. Naš Jože se je odločil prevzeti odgovornost za faro Sv. Vida kljub svarilu, da utegne ta biti čez 20 ali 30 let v hudih težavah...

Z vnemo in preudarnostjo se je naš današnji slavljencec lotil dela. Posebno pozornost je posvetil mirnemu sožitju farne skupnosti, njeni trdnejši notranji povezavi, boljšemu razumevanju med starimi in novimi, med slovensko in angleško govorečimi. Ni manjkalo težav in zaprek, vendar mu je z vztrajnim naporom, s potrpežljivostjo in uvidevnostjo uspelo pritegniti vse k sodelovanju.

Pomiritev sporov in trenj je omogočila izvedbo prenove cerkve Sv. Vida, zlasti njene notranjščine, ki je danes v ponos vsej fari, pa tudi širši slovenski skupnosti v našem mestu.

Ko danes čestitamo našemu g. župniku k njegovi 50-letnici življenja, se mu tudi zahvaljujemo za njegovo skoraj četrstoletno požrtvovalno delo med nami, za vse žrtve in bridkosti, za vse težave, ki jih je moral prestajati pri upravljanju in vodenju naše fare skozi zadnjih petnajst let.

Ne pozabimo, da bo mogoče faro Sv. Vida ohraniti za bodoči slovenski rod le s skupnimi naporom in žrtvami nas vseh, našega župnika in nas faranov, tistih, ki živijo okoli cerkve Sv. Vida in vseh drugih raztresenih v širši in daljni okolici cerkve.

Dragi gospod župnik, še enkrat prisrčne čestitke k vašemu godu in rojstnemu dnevu, k vaši 50-letnici! Naj vas dobri Bog ohrani zdravega, veselega in — potrpežljivega v naši sredi še mnogo let!« •

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*Kot šopek rož duhovnih naše želje  
naj bodo Vam v vezilo in veselje,  
saj danes čast posebna Vam je dana —  
ob srečanju očaka Abrahama.*

*Ostati steber močne nam opore —  
le dobri svetoviški župnik zmora,  
po njem prihaja božja nam svetloba,  
ki spremlja nas od žibelke do groba.*

*Na poti tej srce se ne vznemirja,  
saj varnost daje čredi moč pastirja,  
ki ve, da jo oživlja močna paša,  
življenja milost, biser — sveta maša.*

*Zato molitev danes se ponavlja,  
ko sveti Jožef z Vami se proslavlja,  
naj v Bogu srečnih dni bo brez števila.  
To vseh prijateljev — so Vam voščila.*

**Slovenski Dan**

TORONTO, Ont. — Slovensko-Kanadski Svet pripravlja tradicionalen Slovenski Dan v nedeljo, 26. junija 1994, na slovenskem cerkvenem letovišču pri Boltonu, kakih 40 km severozahodno od Toronta. To bo že 35. Slovenski Dan in bo posvečen družini. Slavje se bo začelo s sv. mašo ob 11h dopoldne, ki jo bo daroval torontski nadškof dr. Alojzij Ambrožič, rojen v Gaberjah blizu Dobrave pri Ljubljani.

Glavni govornik bo univerzitetni profesor in minister za kmetijstvo in gozdarstvo v slovenski vladi dr. Jože Osterc.

Že sedaj vabimo vse Slovence v Kanadi in Združenih državah ter vse slovenske popotnike iz Slovenije ali kjerkoli drugod, ki se bodo mudili ob tem času v bližini Toronta, da se udeleže tega praznika.

Slavje ali prošenje je edinstven dogodek, ki se vam bo utisnil za vedno v spomin.

P. Klopčič

**DROBTINICE, SLADKE IN ŽALTAVE**

CLEVELAND, O. - Velik ljubitelj cvetja sem, še daleč pa nisem kakšen poklicni vrtnar, zato mi naj bo oproščeno, če se komu zdim, da se važnega delam.

Naše kmečke žene vedo, da so doma krizanteme veljale za zadnjo jesensko cvetje. Bile so v polnem pomenu nagrobne rože. So polno cvetele v oktobru in novembru, zato smo jih imenovali novembrce, ponekod pa oktobrce. Kar tekmovali smo, kateri grob bo s temi rožami bolj okrašen za praznik Vseh svetnikov in za Vernih duš dan. Še je ostala ta navada. Danes, v rastlinjaku vzgojene krizanteme dobimo vsak čas.

Zvončki (ali soldatki), ki prav ta čas cveto, pa so vekov znanilci pomladi, četudi jih kdaj še sneg obsipava ali jih stiska zmrznjena zemlja; ne klonejo, morda so zato tudi dobili ime soldatki. Jaz — morda so temu kriva leta — se jih kar ne morem nagledati. Zdi se mi, da rahlo pozvanjajo: prebudi se, Janez, pomlad je tu! To ljubko, nežno belo cvetje pa tako žilavo mi stavi vprašanje: odkod njih moč? Ali ni to čudo božje narave?

V naši lepi cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete so že na cvetno nedeljo pod taktirko Jožeta Cererja šušljali zvonovi kot počastitev Njemu, ki je na osličku prihajal v Jeruzalem, množica pa je vzklikala: hozana. Če le niso isti ljudje na veliki petek vpili: križan naj bo! Ali ni danes v mnogih primerih prav tako? Danes: pozdravljen! ju-

tri pa: dol z njim!

Pisano je, da so bile Jezusove poslednje besede: »Dopolnjeno je«, nato je nagnil glavo in umrl, tretji dan pa je zmagovito vstal od mrtvih. Kakor smo Njegove trpljenje liturgično spremljevali, se bomo Njegovega vstajenja to nedeljo veselili. To nedeljo zjutraj bodo zvonovi vriskali, cerkveni zbor pod vodstvom g. Rudija Kneza pa bo prepeval aleluja.

Kakor sem slišal, tako bom zapisal.

Pobožna žena se je pri spovedi spovedala grehov in nazadnje še pravi: »Med sv. mašo sem se smejala.«

»Zakaj pa?« vpraša spovednik.

S težavo spravi žena iz sebe: »Zato, ker je mašnik tako čudno, smešno vižal.«

Duhovnik: »V kateri cerkvi pa je bilo to?«

»Prav v tili cerkvi in Vi ste bili tisti,« spravi žena iz sebe.

»Koliko pa ste Vi dala tisto nedeljo vbogame?«

»I, deset centov.«

»Draga žena,« pravi duhovni gospod, »za deset centov ne bo nikjer kaj dosti lepega petja.«

Bom zaključil. Kdor rad posluša pritrkovanje zvonov in ima rad lepo petje, naj pride Veliko nedeljo v našo cerkev k vstajenski sv. maši zjutraj ob 6.30, ali ob 10h. Obe sv. maši bosta v slovenščini.

Nič ne bomo gledali pod roko, koliko ste ofrali — 10

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Zgodaj zjutraj so na izredni seji državnega zbora sprejeli Drnovškov predlog

# Obrambni minister Janez Janša razrešen

Poslanci so se z glasovanjem 49 za in 39 proti odločili za odstop obrambnega ministra

LJUBLJANA, 29. — Po sklepnem »navzkrižnem zaslišanju« o tajnih obveščevalnih in varnostnih službah, ko je pozno zvečer odgovarjal predsednik vlade dr. Janez Drnovšek, so poslanci tajno glasovali. Za razrešitev obrambnega ministra Janeza Janše se je odločilo 49 poslancev (oddanih glasovnic je bilo 88) in predsednik državnega zbora Herman Rigelnik je nekaj pred eno uro zjutraj hkrati z zahvalo za Janšev prispevek k neodvisnosti Slovenije objavil, da je državni zbor Janeza Janšo razrešil s položaja obrambnega ministra.

Nekaj sto privrženecv Janeza Janša, ki so vztrajali pred zgradbo parlamenta, je odločitev sprejelo z žvižgi in petardami. Po razglasitvi rezultatov tajnih volitev so poslanci začeli z razpravo o imenovanju novega obrambnega ministra, Jelka Kacina.

Dr. Janez Drnovšek je v širši obrazložitvi predloga za razrešitev Janše večkrat poudaril, da je razlog za razrešitev primer Smolnikar, in opozoril, da bi ga morali obravnavati zunaj političnih kontekstov.



Pred parlamentom se je zbralo okrog osem tisoč ljudi. (Foto: Nace Bizilj)



O primeru Smolnikar in delovanju varnostnih služb je včeraj spregovorila komisija državnega zbora za nadzor nad delom teh služb. Člani komisije so z glasovanjem sprejeli mnenje, da je vojaška obveščevalna služba prekr-



šila pooblastila. Na sliki: soočenje notranjega ministra Iva Bizjaka in direktorja kriminalistične službe Mitje Klavara (levo) ter obrambnega ministra Janeza Janše (desno). (Foto: Tomaž Skale)

Kar sledi je tekst poročila o razrešitvi Janeza Janše kot obrambnega ministra, ki je izšlo v torkovem ljubljanskem »Dnevniku«. Poročilo imamo tudi iz torkovega »Dela«, a je »Dnevnikov« malce bolj svež. Poročilo iz torkovega »Slovenca« nimamo na razpolago. Oba omenjena izvoda nam je posredoval naš naročnik g. Rot, ki se je bil pravkar vrnil iz obiska v Sloveniji. Za uslugo se mu najlepše zahvalimo, kajti bi morali v drugačnem primeru čakati do naslednjega tedna za podatke, ki jih moremo le dva dni stare posredovati v tej številki. Ur.

LJUBLJANA, 29. — Predlog za razrešitev obrambnega ministra je predsednik vlade Janez Drnovšek, ko je uvodoma povedal v svojem govoru na včerajšnji izredni seji državnega zbora, utemeljil oziroma povezal s »primerom Smolnikar«, odločitev pa je naslonil tudi na mnenje vladne ministrske komisije, da je šlo za poseg vojaških oseb proti civilistu. Dejanje je bilo izpeljano na spektakularen način, pred očmi javnosti, njegov pomen pa je postal simboličen. Na ta primer je mogoče odgovoriti samo na dva načina: zaostri pravila igre ali to tolerirati. Predsednik vlade se je odločil

za prvo možnost in predlagal razrešitev Janše.

Odločitev o tem je bila izjemno težka, ker so ta dogodek spremljale številne politične okoliščine. Drnovšek se je odločil, da se primer Smolnikar obravnava ločeno od drugega dogajanja, saj v demokratičnih ureditvah ne obstaja noben »kontekst« oziroma ozadje, ki bi opravičevalo poseg v človekove pravice, še posebno ne, če to storijo vojaški organi. Za dogodek je objektivno odgovoren Janša kot minister, ki je odgovoren za delovanje celotnega obrambnega resorja.

V obrazložitvi je Drnovšek tudi zanimal očitke, da gre pri njegovem predlogu za politično motivirano dejanje in da želi z njim zaustaviti širše razčiščevanje primera Smolnikar. Ministrski komisiji je naložil, da razišče okoliščine, k sodelovanju je pozval tudi poslance.

To, da bo marsikdo njegovo odločitev povezoval z interesi ene politične usmeritve, mu je pri odločitvi povzročalo največ težav. Drnovšek je povedal, da so bili že pred imenovanjem Janše za obrambnega ministra veliki pritiski, da tega ne naredi, v zadnjem letu pa pritiski, da Janšo razreši. Njemu samemu politično v tem trenutku ne ustrežata zamenjava obrambnega ministra in odhod Social-

demokratske stranke Slovenije iz koalicije. Toda Drnovšek se je za ta korak odločil zaradi nadaljnega razvoja pravne države.

Razmišljal je tudi o zamenjavi ministra za notranje zadeve Iva Bizjaka, vendar je med njim in Janšem razlika prav v primeru Smolnikar. Po njegovih besedah mora vojska delovati v svojih okvirih, pod civilnim nadzorom, ne more biti država v državi, prav tako ni mogoče sprejeti, da bi se identificirala z eno samo osebo.

Po tej obširni obrazložitvi dr. Drnovška se je med poslanci, kot je bilo seveda pričakovati, vnela vroča razprava. Začel jo je Jože Pučnik, ki je v imenu Socialdemokratske stranke Slovenije ogorčeno dejal, da trditve o prekoračitvi pooblastil niso dokazane, da se Drnovšek ni poglobil v ozadje, kjer pa se skrivajo povsem ekonomski interesi nekdanje vodilne garniture. Dejal je, da Drnovšek ni bil dosleden, da je list v vetru političnih in še zlasti ekonomskih interesov, ki bodo obračunali tudi z njim.

Nace Polajnar, Slovenski krščanski demokrat, je zahteval, da se najprej razišče vse okoliščine, tudi vloga predsednika Kučana, in poudaril, da SKD ne bo sodelovala pri razrešitvi Janše.

Pri tem ne bo sodelovala tudi Slovenska ljudska stranka, saj gre po besedah Franca Zagožna v tem primeru za politični linč, ki je lahko usoden za slovensko demokracijo. Pozval je Drnovška, da umakne predlog za razrešitev, še bolje bi bilo, da ponudi svoj odstop. Poslance je Zagožen pozval k nesklepčnosti.

Irena Oman je v imenu Samostojne poslanske skupine dejala, da Drnovškov predlog grobo žali njihovo poslansko skupino in predstavlja nasilje nad slovenskim narodom. S tem naj bi se prikriji udobomafijski posli. Janša je po njenih besedah narodni junak, razmerje sil v parlamentu pa ne ustreza volji ljudstva, zato bo SPS podprla predčasne volitve, ki bodo vrgle nedemokratsko vlado.

Predlog razrešitve so na drugi strani podprli poslanci Združene liste in Liberalne demokracije. LDS ga podpira zato, kot je dejal Jožef Školč, ker so delavci ministrstva za obrambo prestopili ustavni okvir pristojnosti, odnos med vojsko in družbo pa je še posebno občutljivo področje.

Tone Peršak je dejal, da bodo poslanci nove Demokratske stranke glasovali šele, ko bodo dobili odgovore na vrsto vprašanj v zvezi s prime-

rom Smolnikar. Marijan Poljšak (SPS) je ogorčeno zatrdil, da parlament ne predstavlja volje ljudstva in da v tem primeru ne gre za spopad med desnico in levico, temveč med poštenimi (med katerimi so tudi komunisti) in nepoštenimi vseh barv, saj se v ozadju skrivata udobomafija in kraja družbenega premoženja. V primerjavi s tem je primer Smolnikar povsem nepomemben.

Tudi po mnenju Iva Hvalice (SDSS) gre v ozadju za javni dolg, sanacijo bank, poudaril pa je tudi, da bo v kratkem seznanil javnost z dosjeji nekaterih ljudi, v katerih so velike »packarije«. Zatrdil je tudi, da ni nobeno naključje, da je Smolnikarjev odvetnik tudi odvetnik Danila Kovačiča. Da bi resnično raziskali vse okoliščine, je Vitodrag Pukl (SDSS) predlagal ustanovitev posebne parlamentarne preiskovalne komisije.

Ker se je iz opozicijskih klopi večkrat omenjalo, da gre v tem primeru za politični linč, je Tone Partljič (LDS) opozoril, da ni mogoče kar tako uporabljati teh besed, Dimitrij Rupel (LDS) pa je vprašal, ali je politični linč, če mora nekdo iz vlade. Na vprašanje Marijana Poljšaka, kdo bo slovenski narod branil pred malverzacijami, če bo Janša razrešen, je Rupel odgovoril, da je obrambni minister pooblaščen za druge stvari in ne za nadzor malverzacij, za slednje je pristojen parlament.

Zoran Thaler (LDS) je poudaril, da ima Janša velike zadolžbe za osamosvojitve Slovenije, vendar nihče ne sme biti nedotakljiv zaradi minulih izkušenj. Predlagal je, da se ministri represivnih resorjev (obrambnega in notranjega) menjajo na dve oziroma tri leta.

## JANEZ JANŠA GOVORIL

Po omenjenih številnih razpravah se je oglašil obrambni minister Janez Janša, ki je zbranim poslancem govoril skoraj eno uro. Najprej se je ustavil pri nekaterih izjavah o jogurtni revoluciji. Po Janševem mnenju poslanci lahko tako govorijo o ljudeh, ki se zbirajo ob sotočju Save in Donave, govoriti tako o lastnih državljanih, ki plačujejo davke od bistveno manjših plač, kot jih imajo poslanci, pa presega meje. Ob tem je opozoril, da so v četrtek zvečer, ko je Drnovšek poslal predlog o Janševi razrešitvi, stavili v poslanski skupini LDS, ZL in Beogradu.

Janša je tudi ponovil, kakšno je njegovo mnenje in mnenje pravnih strokovnjakov ministrstva glede 80. člena zakona o obrambi, nato pa je poudaril, kako je skeptičen do obljub, da se bo ozadje zadeve Smolnikar razjasnilo. Ta država namreč nima nevtralne institucije, ki bi ugotavljala stvari, če pride do nezakonitosti bodisi v notranjem bodisi v obrambnem ministrstvu.

Če drži Drnovškova trditve, da ni imel druge možnosti, kot da predlaga Janševo razrešitev, kje bo dobil politično (dalje na str. 17)



## Ravnotežje strahu

*V svojem dolgem komentarju v torkovem »Delu« po sveča Vinko Vasle precej prostora vlogi v zvezi z razrešitvijo Janeza Janše in sploh prestrukturiranjem slovenske politične scene Slovenskih krščanskih demokratov in njih predsednika. Čeprav malce izven konteksta vsaj na začetku, citiramo ta del Vasletovega komentarja:*

Ob vsem tem sproščanju vladnih foteljev (ki seveda še ni končano) pa je dr. Janez Drnovšek precenjeval vlogo vrha krščanskih demokratov, ki so bili seveda vseskozi jeziki na tehtnici njegovih odločitev. Popolnoma jasno je, da se hitra eksekucija obrambnega ministra ne bi bila zgodila brez privoljenja Lojzeta Peterle. Slednji je sicer po odzivih v svoji strankarski bazi skušal malo popraviti usmeritev, a to nikakor ne zmanjšuje vloge krščanskih demokratov in njihove odgovornosti za zaostrovanje politično-varnostnih razmer v Sloveniji.

Peterle očitno nikoli ni in ne bo odpustil Janši, da je bolj

### DROBTINICE

(nadaljevanje s str. 15)

centov ali 10 dolarjev. Dobrodošli boste vseeno, tudi če prežete, ko gre mož s peharjem mimo. Samo pridite in počastimo od mrtvih vstalega Zveščarja.

Vsem čitateljem vesela Velika noč, božjega žegna, lepih pirhov in sladkih potic želi

J. P.

priljubljen od njega celo v njegovih lastnih stranki in kriv za opredelitev članov krščanske demokracije, ki jim je Janša pomembnejši od krščansko-demokratskega notranjega ministra Iva Bizjaka.

Z nadaljnjim vztrajanjem v veliki (zgodovinski) koaliciji krščanski demokrati ne samo, da še naprej dajejo legitimnost vladni in parlamentarni večini, ki temelji na podmeni o uravnoteženju slovenskega političnega prostora (pa za to seveda ne gre), ampak prispevajo k še večji nerazpoznavnosti političnega prostora. Poleg tega svojim volivcem in članstvu neprepričljivo pripovedujejo zgodbo, da je njihova prisotnost na oblasti zaradi delitve »privatizacijskega kolača« več kot nujna.

Pri tem vrh SKD ne pove, kaj je iztržil in kako dolgo lahko to trženje v sedanjih razmerah traja. Lojze Peterle pa kot zunanji minister malo hitro pozablja, da je že nekaj časa v primežu parlamentarnega nezadovoljstva leve in sredine in od tod namig, da njegov položaj ni ravno najbolj trden. Zagotovo pa je odvisen od njegovega ravnanja v primeru Janša. Peterletov predlog glasovanja o zaupnici vladi je seveda ciničen, saj je izid morebitnega glasovanja že vnaprej znan. Peterle torej ravna emocionalno, ne politično.

*V svojem komentarju je sicer Vasle zelo kritičen tudi do ravnanja Drnovška in predsednika države Milana Kučana.*  
Ur. A.D.

## Novi grobovi

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Dne 25. marca je v Meridia Euclid bolnišnici umrla 94 let stara Nettie Mihelich, rojena Bajt v Sloveniji, od koder je prišla v ZDA l. 1914, trikratna vdova, po Johnu Mihelich, Louisu Modic in Louisu Prince, mati Rosemarie Hogan in Veronice Geister, 8-krat stara mati, sestra Margaret Capuder, Frances Kotnik in Mary Skodlar (vse že pok.), članica ADZ št. 38, American Slovene Club in Kluba upokojencev v Euclidu. Pogreb je bil 28. marca iz Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Our Lady of Perpetual Help in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

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### JANŠA RAZREŠEN

(nadaljevanje s str. 16)

moč, podporo, da bo razčistil stvari? Te obljube predsednika vlade torej Janez Janša ne jemlje resno in meni, da bo šla po njegovi razrešitvi vsa stvar v smeri iskanja krivcev izključno na ministrstvu za obrambo.

Na koncu se je obrambni minister ustavil še pri vprašanju, kdo je nagovoril Iva Bizjaka, da je sklical sredino tiskovno konferenco in zadeve spravil na raven spora med notranjim in obrambnim ministrstvom ter med SDSS in SKD. Pred tem je namreč Bizjak — kot je dejal Janša — prišel iz točno določene pisarne. Rezultat vsega tega bo, da bo zgodba padla na rame dveh demokratičnih strank, tisti, ki so bili zadaj, pa si bodo oprali roke, je dejal Janez Janša. Svoj nastop je končal z besedami: »Je danes in bo jutri.«

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## IZJAVA

CLEVELAND, O. — V nedeljo smo se podpisani odločili, da ob priliki obiska predsednika Slovenije, gospoda Kučana, in še posebno ob njegovem prihodu v slovensko soseščino mesta Cleveland, pokažemo svojo solidarnost z demonstranti v Sloveniji, ki v tem času podpirajo obrambnega ministra Janeza Janšo, katerega ta teden člani prejšnjega diktatorskega režima obtožujejo diktatorskih namer, pred nekaj tedni pa mu je sam predsednik Kučan menda hotel naprtiti namen državnega udara.

Četudi je v Sloveniji v zadnjih dveh oziroma treh letih vlada demokratično izvoljena in imajo množične stranke preko svojih volilcev pravni vstop v državni zbor in državni svet, je v najvišjih mestih že od vsega začetka nešteto podtalnih trenj in osebnih polarizacij prinesenih iz nekdanjih struktur, ki se v tem času kažejo z raznimi obtoževanji, podtikavanji, skrivanji za demokracijo in vrednostno razklanostjo. Te so v veliki meri vzrok nemoči tako zbora samega, kjer poslanci z odsotnostjo postavljajo svoja delovanja v nesklepčnost in kjer z odstopanjem od principov, zaradi katerih so bili izvoljeni, ne morejo ustaviti korupcije v vladi in v ekonomiji, kakor tudi v delovanju vlade pri odločanju in ukrepih, potrebnih za pravno državo.

Janez Janša je postal leta 1988, ko so ga tedanje komunistične oblasti obtožile nepravne dejanja, eden najbolj priljubljenih osebnosti v Sloveniji in nosilec tistih prvenstvenih čutov slovenske zavednosti, ki so v poznejših letih premaknile dolgoletno zaveso komunističnega enoumja tako v Sloveniji kot tudi v Jugoslaviji. Njegova osebnost se je naknadno uveljavila med desetdnevno vojno za samostojnost slovenskega naroda, ko je kot obrambni minister poveljeval prvi slovenski vojski. Ta priljubljenost pa je postala nekdanjim komunistom, ki se prizadevajo zasesti čim več položajev v vladi in obdržati največ mest v vodstvu slovenske ekonomije, odvečna in za nekatere mogoče tudi ogrožajoča.

Podpisani smo prepričani, da so sedanje obtožbe, naperjene na obrambnega ministra Janeza Janšo, le »zelo premišljene akcije in igrice iz zakladnice tiste ideologije, ki v poskusu cepitve političnega prostora vidi možnost za svoj (vnovični) vzpon«. (Vinko Vasle, Delo, 5. marca 1994).

Zato smo podpisani v nedeljo popoldan pred Slovenskim narodnim domom razdelili udeležencem sprejema predsednika Kučana nekaj literature, ki bi jim omogočila vpogled dogajanj v Sloveniji v tem kritičnem času in jim pokazali tudi drugo stran politične scene, kakor jo predstavlja nekdanji komunist Milan Kučan. Obenem smo vsaj moralno podprli demonstrante, ki so se danes, 28. marca, zbrali na Prešerovem trgu — in še v večjem številu pred parlamentom — da so pokazali svojo podporo Janezu Janši.

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## Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

### 1027. »Naj ponovim: veselite se!« (Fil. 4:4).

Vladimir Kos, DJ, Tokio, Jap.

Komu se zdi važno, da ponovi vabilo k veselju? Sv. Pavlu, ki piše te vrstice iz rimske ječe svojim kristjanom v mestu Filippi, sicer v Makedoniji, a povečini naselbine rimskih vojakov. Pred tem ponovnim vabilom stojijo še močnejše besede: »Zmeraj se veselite v Gospodu!« Če človek prisluhne tej ali oni pridigi, ki skuša osvetliti krščansko življenje v luči teh Pavlovih besed, se včasih lahko spotakne ob nepričljivih poskusih, ki tolmačijo 'v Gospodu' kot splošno krščansko življenje, o katerem pa vemo, da ga včasih pretresajo žalostni in tragični dogodki, ki utrjejo besede »zmeraj se veselite« skoraj za zmeraj...

In vendar ima sv. Pavel prav, ko nam je — ne le Filipljanom, pišoč po navdihu Sv. Duha — prigovarja, da se zmeraj veselimo. V trenutku namreč, ko razumemo »v Gospodu« kot kratico za »od mrtvih vstalega Gospoda« ali, popolneje, za »od mrtvih vstalega in vnebovzetega Gospoda«, v čigar oblasti sta nebo in zemlja (prim. Apd. 17:24; Fil. 2:9-11; Kol. 1:16-20).

Pomislimo za hip, kaj pomeni, da je naš Gospod od mrtvih vstal! Sam je bil - več kot enkrat; Matej pravi, da od Petrove izpovedi v Cassarea Philippi naprej (Mat. 16:21) — napovedal, da bo po svoji nasilni smrti »vstal od mrtvih« (Mk. 9:3); tu in tam je isto dejstvo izraženo tudi z besedami »bo obujen od mrtvih«; vse Svoje življenje je postavil na kocko - vrnitev iz groba. Če bi se ne mogel vrniti iz groba - ali če bi o tej vrnitvi ne mogli imeti prijemljivih dokazov - bi morali sklepati vsaj to, da se je temeljito motil. Kdo ve, ali se ni bil motil — čeprav v vsej iskrenosti — tudi kje drugje? Toda naš Gospod je v Svoji ljubeznivosti in umevanju naše uboge, k dvomu nagnjene narave, preskrbel za neizpodbitne dokaze Svoje vrnitve iz dežele smrti. Apostoli postanejo Njegove priče, in težišče in središče njihovega oznanjevanja od vsega početka v Jeruzalemu je prav dejstvo, da je Kristus Jezus res od mrtvih vstal. (prim. Apd. 4:2).

#### V prvem pismu cerkvi v

Korintu zagotavlja sv. Pavel: »Če pa Kristus ni bil obujen od smrti, je naše oznanjevanje nesmiselno, nesmiselna tudi vaša vera« (15:14). Kolikor poznamo človeške ustanovitve ali početnike ver po širnem svetu, vemo, da so umrli, iz groba pa se niso vrnili; kljub vsemu, ker jih je odlikovalo, so bili v svojem bistvu ljudje. Naš Gospod pa ni le pravi človek, ampak — kar je skušal tolikrat na razne načine razložiti, čeprav v vsej ponižnosti — tudi pravi Sin samega Boga Očeta; in tudi s tega vidika je sv. Peter na prve Binkošti v Jeruzalemu zatrdil množici, pravzaprav mednarodni množici: »Smrt ni bila močna dovolj, da bi ga imela za jetni-

ka. Kot je bil napovedal David...« (Apd 2:24-25).

Pomislimo še za en trenutek (četudi bo morda malce dolg), kaj pomeni Jezusov vnebohod, ki so mu tudi apostoli očitvidci, ne le kristjanom, ampak celotni človeški zgodovini. Pisec pisma judovskim kristjanom — tkim. pisma Hebrejcem — pravi, da imamo v Jezusu, »Ki je zasedel desno stran samega prestola božjega veličanstva,« »večnega /velikega / duhovnika, ki je zmogel zveličati vsakogar v vsaki dobi, kdorkoli pride k Bogu po njem, saj je zmeraj prisoten s Svojim posredovanjem.« (7:24-25). (Bo še)

#### Misijonarju Jankotu Kosmaču,

ki deluje v Meagui, Slonokošena obala, smo poslali ček za \$1000 pomoči MZA za leti 1992 in 1993. Deluje z misijonarjem Ivanom Bajcem in nam je nedavno pisal, da smo ga pri delitvi pomoči ti dve leti spregledali. Res smo bili v dvomu, če je še na terenu in njegovo zadnje pismo začetku februarja, ko se zahvaljuje za AD in prejšnjo pomoč, nam je pomagalo, da smo ga spet vnesli na listo vseh naših misijonarjev.

Ga. Francka Hočevar iz Clevelanda je poslala \$300 za vzdrževalnino njenega bogoslovca v Afriki, \$50 njemu v dar, z lepim pismom za Veliko noč, kjer lepo popisuje, kako v fari Sv. Vida obiskuje razne stalne pobožnosti.

Župnik Sv. Vida g. Jože Božnar je 50-letnico življenja praznoval. Čestitkam MZA se pridružujejo naše molitve. Še se spominjam, kako mi je ministriral v Timminsu, ko je iz Slovenije k očetu s svojo mammo prišel in sem dvakrat letno med rojake prihajal za kratka duhovna srečanja in spovedovanje. Hvaležni smo mu tudi za dar lepih knjig, ki jih je za zadnje misijonsko kosilo daroval za misijone in za usluge vsa leta, kar župnikuje v tej fari, kadar MZA potrebuje njegovo pomoč in dovoljenje.

Mariji in Janezu Prosenu čestitamo za 80-letnico življenja. Kako bo lepo, ko bo Bog nagradil oba za vso večnost, saj sta vsa leta med rojaki kot svetla luč opazna in nihče jima do živega ne more, kadar načnemo zadevo svetlic na Orlovem vrhu na Slovenski pristavi ali v njenem vrtu. V Krki bi danes rabili takih Janezov za rast dobrote med našim narodom po letih ideološke zmede in množtvu hudobnih početij.

#### Pionir Frank Staniša iz Geneve

je poslal za Škofove zavode v Šentvidu \$500, kar bomo takoj odposlali nadškofu dr. Šuštarju v Ljubljano. Bog povrni in pošlji veliko novih dobrotnikov. Za vpis v septembru se je v gimnaziji v Št. Vidu priglasilo skoraj 400 novih fantov in deklet. Sprejeti jih bodo mogli morda polovico in ravnokar prosijo za pomoč,

ko pripravljajo in zidajo sobe v Dijaškem domu, kjer bodo stanovali tisti, ki bi radi v zavodu živeli. Menda je med novimi priglašeni 90 takih. Mnogi se vozijo v šolo od zunaj, kot smo se mi 'vagonarji' v starih časih. Polde Grum, Milan Pavlovič, Janez Remskar in moja malenkost. Z raznimi vlaki smo dnevno prihajali in odhajali, v isto klasično gimnazijo v šolo hiteli in se pri ljubljanskih frančiškanih v cerkvi dnevno ustavili, da smo moč za rast dobivali iz presvete Evharistije.

M.P. iz Chicaga je darovala \$50 za vse naše misijonarje (-ke). Iz San Francisca je poslala misijonsko pomoč za vsega. Antonija Gregorin. Prosi molitve, da ne bi zaprli slovensko cerkev, kjer se leta zbirajo in duhovno ohranjajo in krepijo naši rojaki iz tega mesta.

#### Župnik Silvester Cibej,

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Predsednica Marica Lavriša iz Clevelanda je poslala poročilo o sestanku MZA po Misijonskem kosilu, dodala \$310 za sv. maše in priporočila v molitev slavljeno Marijo Prosen. Tudi moža Antona, ki bo imel operacijo na očesu, v molitev priporoča.

Predsednica Marija Jeretina iz Jolietta je poslala več pisem misijonark, iz Slonokošene obale. Z lepimi pismi sta se oglasila g. Likar iz Ljubljane,

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Pogreb je bil 7. februarja 1994 iz pogrebnega zavoda Zele na E. 152. cesti v cerkev sv. Jeroma; od tam je bilo truplo prepeljano na Vernih duš pokopališče na Chardonu, in tam položeno k večnemu počitku. Globoko se zahvaljujemo č.g. Anthonyju Cassesse za darovano pogrebno mašo, za molitve v pogrebnem zavodu ter molitve na pokopališču. Ravno tako se zahvaljujemo č.g. Johnu Kumše za molitve v pogrebnem zavodu, za somaševanje pri pogrebnih maši, in za ganljiv nagovor.

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Razposlali smo zahvalne kartice vsem, ki so se nas in našega ljubljenega posebno spomnili, in za katere smo imeli naslove. Ako kdo take kartice ni prejel, naj nam oprusti in naj s to javno zahvalo sprejme našo globoko hvaležnost.

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Zato se mi zdi smiselno ustaviti ob nekom, ki ni preklinjal križa in še manj tistega, ki naj bi ga poslal - ob Jezusu. Če je bil božji izvoljenec, zakaj je trpel, zakaj je moral iti skozi smrt?

Jezusova smrt ni presenečenje. Umrl je, ker se je rodil; ker je bil umrljiv človek. Toda on ni umrl zaradi česar koli. Umrl je, ker je s svojim načinom življenja in govorjenja oporekal splošno sprejetim silam in vrednotam, ki so takrat delovale. Umrl je nag, brez možnosti delovanja, s prilitimi rokami in nogami. In v tej popolni odvisnosti je razkril svojo popolno svobodo. Umrl je, ker je sam privolil v to. Večkrat bi ga že lahko umorili, pa se je umaknil. Zakaj se ni tudi takrat?

Umrl je zato, da bi izpolnil Očetovo voljo. Kakšna volja je bila to? Volja Boga, ki se odloči, da umori svojega Sina, da se izpolni vsa pravica. Zateva žalitev neskončne ljubezni neskončno povračilo? Božja volja je stvarjenje človeka in spoštovanje njegove svobode, pa naj je slaba ali trpeča. Božja volja je stvarjenje človeka in spoštovanje njegove svobode, pa naj je slaba ali trpeča. Božja volja pomeni dopustitvi stvarjenje Jezusa, ki sprejme, kar ga doleti, čeprav je to neskončno žalostno. Sprejme tako, da ljubi do konca. To je volja Stvarnika, ki tvega, da se avantura njegovega stvarstva konča slabo. Vendar Stvarnik

ve, da more ljubezen iz tega zla potegniti absolutno dobro. To je Bog, ki ljubi; ki je skrivnostni Bog, ki ni brezbrizen do tega, kar se dogaja na Kalvariji.

»Božji Sin me je vzljubil in daroval zame sam sebe« (Gal 2, 20). »Kristus je umrl za naše grehe« (1 Kor 15, 3). Jezusova smrt je dejanje proti grehu; grehu preprečuje, da bi imel zadnjo besedo. Če bi odgovarjal tako, kot se je njegova okolica obnašala do njega (Juda, Peter, Kajfa, Pilat, Herod, vojaki, množica), bi pokazal, da se s takim obnašanjem strinja,

celo širil bi ga. Hoče prekiniti s takim človeškim bontonom! Tudi danes se lahko vsako vpraša, kam naj se postavi, ko ga tragične okoliščine vabijo, da zavzame svoje mesto.

Jezusova smrt je zmaga nad zlom. Zlo je nalezljivo. Raste tudi takrat, ko človek misli, da dela dobro. Kdor prenaša zlo drugih, išče priložnost, da bi vzpostavil pravičnost in dodelil zaslužen kazni; da naredi slabo tistemu, ki mu je storil zlo. Kdor more prenašati trpljenje, za katerega ne ve, od kod je prišlo, zanj obtožuje Boga; preklinja ali se upira. Kdor prenaša zlo, misleč da je zanj odgovoren, se čuti krivega; je malodušen, preklinja sebe, se uničuje.

Jezus prenaša zlo. Ne maščuje se ljudem, ki mu povzročajo trpljenje. Ne upira se Bogu, ki ga zapušča. Ko se znajde pred hudobijo (neumnostjo) ljudi in Božjim molkom, odkrije novo pot. Umre brez greha, kakor se spodobi

za Boga. Grehu se izogiba tako, da ne greši, sprejme pa greh ljudi. Ko tako prevzame zadnje mesto in ga živi, postane Jezus uresničevalec sprave, obnavlja vez:

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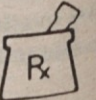
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