

Od tedna do tedna

DOBRODOŠLA SPRE- MEMBA

Ako se ne na eni strani prizna, da je Sovjetska Rusija s svojo novo politiko zdrobila solidarnost fašističnih sil ter za praktične svrhe zlomila famozno osvojilo Berlin-Tokio, je treba tudi razmatati, da je z isto potezo obseg tudi uničila ideolesko bazo mednarodnega komunizma, ki ne trajno, pa vsaj začasno. Tisti trenotek, ko sta Molotov in Ribbentrop podpisala tačnuni nenačpalni pakt, je Moska takorekoč dala svetu načinje, da smatra interese sovjetske države za svojo prvo in zaglavito brigo, in mednarodnemu komunizmu je bil tako rekoč silo odrezan od svoje ruske matice.

Komunisti izven Rusije to večenito zanikujojo in jim tem ni zameriti, ampak to ne spreminja dejstva. In ako gledamo na položaj povsem realistično, slavskemu gibanju po svetu to bo na škodo, temveč mu moreno edinole koristiti.

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Vzemimo slučaj komunistične stranke v Ameriki. Bila je od sege začetka umetna cvetka, popolnoma neprikladna za rast in razvoj v taki deželi kot so Združljene države. Da se je ni zanimalo iz tujih virov, bi sploh ne želelo dolgo ostala pri življenju. Govoriti o diktaturi proletariata v deželi s tako globoko demokratično miselnostjo kot je Amerika, je nemiselnost. Pa to še niso.

V trenotku, ko se v Ameriki meni komunizem, si povprečen amerikanec v duhu predstavlja tračno Kalvarijo, skozi katero je moraliti Rusija po prevratu v spomin si poklici silne žrtve, pregnanja in notranja revolucija, ko je mukoma začela traditi svoje industrije, in rezultat tega je zaključek, da noben, da bi tudi Amerika šla skozi takе krvave skušnje. Morda je to narivno, ampak razumljivo.

Od povprečnega človeka ni pričakovati, da bi razumel, da prehod iz enega družabnega režima v drugega je odvisen v prvi vrsti od ekonomskega in industrijskega ustroja, ki ga poseda taka dežela. Od njega ni pričakovati, da bi n. pr. razumel, da sredstva, ki so bila v napovedi Rusiji potrebna in največ neizogibna, bi v Ameriki zato zdravje razuma niti v postopev ne prisla; da bi v deželi, kjer sta cerkev in država ločeni, ne bi bilo treba uvažati "obligatnega ateizma"; da bi se v deželi z najbolj visoko razvito industrijo in tradicijo politične demokracije dalo organizirati družbo na kooperativni podlagi stopnjena in brez rabe nasilja in terora.

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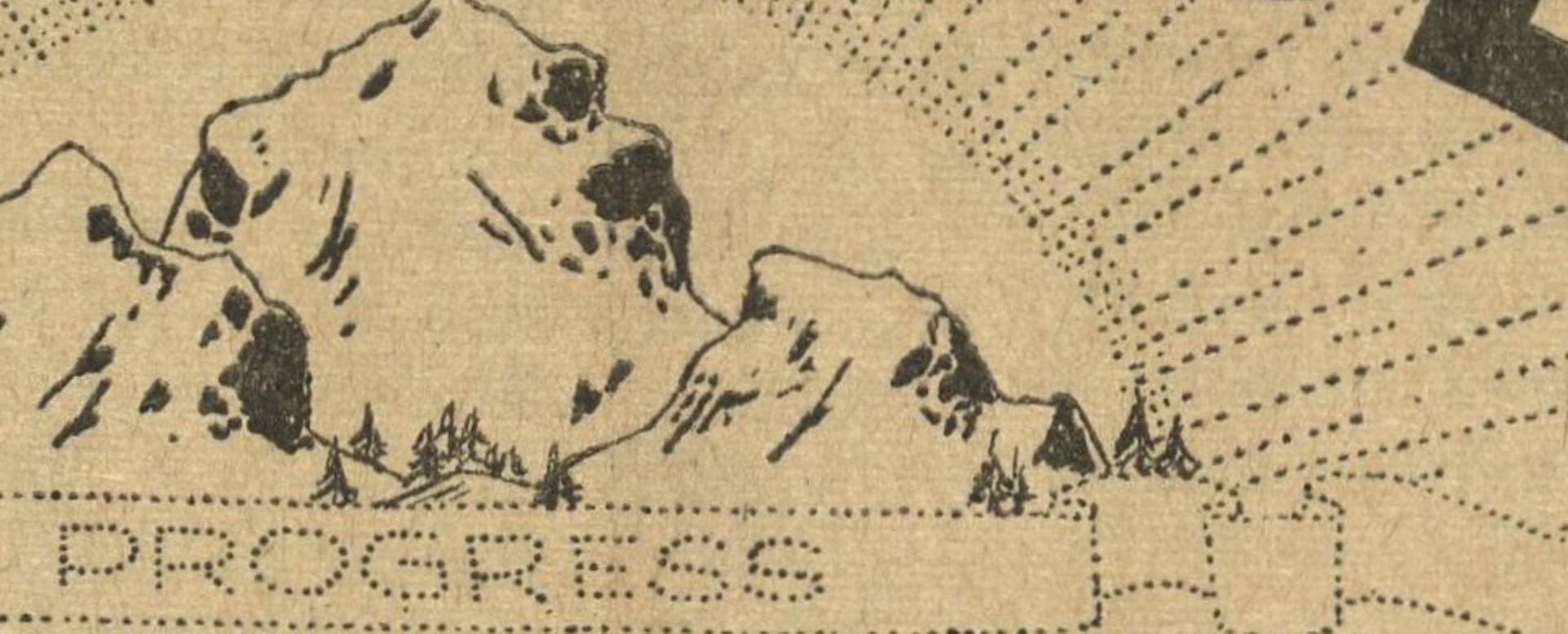
Obstoj komunistične stranke v Ameriki, ki je narivno pridigala Amerikancem o "naši sovjetski domovini," je bila od vsega začetka cokla zdravemu delavskemu političnemu razvoju. Uradni komunizem je ustvarjal zmedo v delavskih vrstah, netadelate ideoleske boje, ki niso imeli nobene stike s političnimi in ekonomskimi realnostmi te dežele ter paraliziral efektivnost delavskoga gibanja v obč. Toda aktivnost komunistične stranke ni samo škodovala delavskemu gibanju v Ameriki, temveč bila je na škodo tudi Sovjetski Rusiji sami. Ameriški komunisti namreč niso nikdar razumeli, da njihova taktika ustvarja mržjo tam, kjer bi bilo negovanje tolerantnosti najbolj potrebno.

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S tega vidika je torej preokret sovjetski politiki, dasiravno predstavlja mreži curek na komunistično gibanje izven Rusije, nenešen blagoslov za delavski hajajo v službi Moskve.

Dobrodošla spre-membra

NAPREDEK



VOLUME III.

DOPISI IN Poročila članstva

Božičnica v Chicagu

Chicago, Ill. — Rožnik Juniors, Vrtec št. 160 priredi v nedeljo dne 24. decembra svojo četrto božičnico, katera se bo vršila v dvorani br. Paula Bergera, 2653 So. Lawndale Ave. Začetek ob 3. uri popoldne. Vstopnina je prosta za vse posnetike.

Program bodo izvajali člani mladinskega oddelka ter bo jazko zanimiv. Naši mladi se predstavijo z raznovrstnimi plesi, igro, petjem drugimi točkami. Po zavrnjenem programu bo servirana večerja za vso navzočo mladino in sicer brezplačno. Potem pa bo prikobacal Miklavž in razveselil mladino z darili.

Ker je ta prireditev podana, da se pospeši aktivnost mladine na društvenem polju, je dolžnost vas, staršev, da se je vse vdeležite, posebno pa članstvo društva Rožnik, pod čigar pokroviteljstvom posluje Vrtec št. 160. Tudi je vaša dolžnost, da apelirate na svoje prijatelje in znance, da se v velikem številu vdeležete mladinske božične priredbe. S tem boste pokazali zanimanje in ljubezen do svoje mladine in do mladinskega gibanja. Velika vdeležba na tej priredbi bo navdušila mladino, da bo še z večjo zmembo delovala za našo organizacijo kot pa je do sedaj.

Z bratskim pozdravom,
Victor Zupancic, upravitelj

Proslava 30-letnice in zahvala

Indianapolis, Ind. — Dolžnost me veže, da se v imenu društva Danica št. 20 SSPZ zahvalim vsem članom in članicam, ki ste pomagali, da se je proslava 30-letnice tako dobro izvršila. Ne bom imenoval imen vseh, ker bi vzel preveč prostora, rečem le:

Sprejmite zahvalo vsi, ki ste delali na prireditvi, olepljali dvorano, prodajali listke, kuhalo in pripravile tako okusen prigrizek. Nastopili so člani Vrta št. 9, ki zaslužijo vse priznanje za delklamacije in petje. Igra "Vaška Venera" se žal ni mogla vršiti, ker je igralka, ki je imela vodilno vlogo, nenadoma zbolela. Navzliec temu pa hvala režiseru Franku Velikanu in igralcem, ki so se veliko trudili, da bi razveselili občinstvo z lepo predstavo. Javnost je prošena, da to upošteva in nam prosti. Za ples je igrал Turkov trio, ki je izbran skrbel za razvedrilo posetnikov.

Glavni govornik na proslavi je bil br. Michael Vrhovnik, ki je čestital društvo in ustanoviteljem ter slednje obdaroval z lepimi spominki, katere so z veseljem sprejeli. Hvala mu za lep govor. Hvala gl. tajniku br. Wm. Rusu za čestitko in vse drugo.

pokret vseporosod, zlasti pa v Ameriki. A ko komunistične stranke, ki so bile doslej slepotodržje kominterne, razpadajo, ne bo nobene škode. S tem bo omogočeno zopet zdravo delo za preobrazbo družbe z realističnimi sredstvi, ki so prilagodljivi razmeram vsake posamezne dežele. In ljudem, ki želijo delati za tako preobrazbo, bo mogoče zopet na delo, ne da bi se jim bilo treba batiti očitka, da se na-

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Festivalna kampanja

Prvi uspehi mladinske festivalne kampanje so takaj. Kot razvidno iz poročila, ki je objavljeno v angleški sekciji današnjega "Napredka," sta dve članiči mladinskega oddelka dosegli kvoto 25 novih članov, kar pomeni da bosta prihodnjega maja navzoči na Narodnem mladinskem festivalu kot zastopnici svojih Vrtec.

Ostali priglašeni kontestanti so slednji: Mary Klevisher, Vrtec št. 140, Pierce, W. Va. — Florence Zitko, Vrtec št. 171, Cleveland, Ohio — Helen Kastelic, Vrtec št. 103, White Valley, Pa. — Rose M. Matyckella, Vrtec št. 159, Windsor Heights, W. Va. — Louis Znidarsich, Vrtec št. 9, Indianapolis, Ind.

To čast sta dosegli JULIA KRAMŽER, tajnica Vrta št. 72 v Suganu, Pa., in pa EVAGENE CHAD, članica Vrta št. 89 v Elyetu, Minn. Obema naše iskrene čestitke! Upamo, da bo to podzgalo ostale kontestante k se večji živahnosti in da bomo imeli že prihodnji teden priliko poročati o nadaljnih kontestnih zmagah.

Stevilo priglašenih kontestantov je v prošlem tednu narastlo na osem, ko se je priglasil Robert Zaman,

član Vrta št. 11, "Outlookers," v Collinwoodu, Ohio, in sin upravitelja omenjenega Vrta, br. John Zamana.

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Do zaključka kampanje je še mesec dni. Torej dovolj časa za vsako naselbino in vsak Vrtec, da stopi v akcijo in pribori čast da bo imel vsaj enega zastopnika ali zastopnico na Narodnem mladinskem festivalu. Starši so prošeni, da sodelujejo z mladino in ji pomagajo k čim večji uspenosti v kampanji.

Koledar prireditev SSPZ

PETEK, 1. decembra — Plesna veselica (Victory Dance) društva "Spartans," CLEVELAND, O., v auditoriju S. N. Doma na St. Clair Ave.

SOBOTA, 2. decembra — Dočaka zabava in ples društva št. 126, PITTSBURGH, Pa., v dvorani Slovenskega doma, 57th & Butler Sts.

PETEK, 15. decembra — Dočaka zabava Skupnih društev SSPZ, CLEVELAND, O., v spodnji dvorani S. N. Doma na St. Clair Ave.

SOBOTA, 16. decembra — Društvo Trail Blazers, št. 197 in Vrtec št. 139, CHICAGO, Ill., priredita božično veselico z burko v treh dejanjih, "The New Teacher," v Stancikovi dvorani na 115. cesti. Po programu ples in prosta zabava.

PETEK, 22. decembra — Božičnica Vrta št. 11, COLLINWOOD, O., v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd.

SOBOTA, 23. decembra — Božičnica Vrta št. 33 "Balkan Juniors," MILWAUKEE, Wis., v Tivoli Hall, 5th in National Ave. Začetek ob 7:30 zvečer. Po programu ples in prosta zabava.

NEDELJA, 24. decembra — Božičnica Vrta št. 160 "Roznik Juniors," CHICAGO, Ill., v Bergerjevi dvorani. Začetek ob 3. uri popoldne.

NEDELJA, 31. decembra — Novoletna zabava društva "Prijatelj," SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., v Slovenskem naprednem domu, 2101 Mariposa Ave. Začetek ob 8. uri zvečer.

NEDELJA, 31. decembra — Društvo št. 162 SSPZ in društvo št. 245 SNPJ, v BON AIR, Pa., priredita božičnica za mladino.

SOBOTA, 17. februarja — Veselica društva Gorenjec št. 104, CHICAGO, Ill., v Fleinerjevi dvorani.

NAPETOST OB BALTIKU

Razmerje med Rusijo in Finsko se je zadnje dni zopet zresnilo. Moskva je zagrozila z vojno, ako Finci ne prenehajo z "izzivanjem."

"Ni pa dvoma, da bomo v tem koncu delovali z Finsko pristala na koncesije, ki jih zahteva Rusija, ako bi je Anglia, in morda tudi Nemčija, ne prigovarjali k odporu.

Nova Evropa-mirovni cilj Anglije

Angleški ministrski predsednik Chamberlain je imel prošlo nedeljo govor, v katerem je izjavil, da prvi vojni cilj Anglike je, "poraz one agresivne, ustrahovalne mentalitete, ki skuša dominirati druge narode s silo," njen končni mirovni cilj pa je, da se ustvari "nova Evropa."

Glede tega se je izrazil na slednji način:

"Kaj je namen, radi katerega stojimo danes ob strani naših francoskih in poljskih zavezников? Odgovor na to vprašanje je bil že ponovno podan od mesne, Daladierja in Lorda Halifaxa. Človek bi mislil, da o tem ne more biti nobenega dvoma več.

"Toda dobijo se še vedno ljudje, ki čutijo, da še nismo dovolj jasno definirali svojih ciljev. V mojih mislih obstoji razlika med vojnimi in mirovnimi cilji.

"Naš vojni cilj se da povečati zelo na kratko. Ta je, da porazimo našega sovražnika in s tem ne mislim samo na poraz njegovih vojaških sil; mislim na poraz one agresivne, ustrahovalne mentalitete, ki skuša dominirati druge narode s silo, ki najde brutalno zavzetje v preganjaju in mučenju mirnih državljanov, in ki v imenu interesov države upravičuje zanikanje svojih lastnih obljub, kadar se ji zdijo prikladno.

"Ako je nemški narod mogoče prepričati, da je ta duh prav tako slab zanje kot ostali svet, ga bo opustil. Ako ga moremo pripraviti, da ga bo opustil brez prelivanja krvi, toliko bolje. To da opustiti ga mora.

"To je naš vojni cilj. In vztrajali bomo v tem boju, dokler ga ne dosežemo.

"Kadar pride domo v soglasju z idejami zmagovalcev, toda Evropa z novim duhom, v kateri bodo narodi, ki prebivajo v nji, reševali svoje probleme z dobro voljo in strpnostjo. "V taki Evropi bo strah pred agresivnostjo prenehal obstojeti, spremembe meja bodo izvršene za mizo, pri kateri bodo vsi sedeli kot enaki. V taki Evropi bi bil tok trgovine svoboden in vsaka dežela bi imela pravico, da sama odloča o notranjih oblikih svoje vlade."

Prizadevanje Balkana, da bi ostal neutralen

Njegovi narodi bodo žoga tujih velesil, dokler se ne osamosvojijo ter sami postanejo velika sila

Velike evropske sile so dolgo negovale vtis, da so narodi na Balkanu mešanica neodgovornih plemen, katera po svoji naturi neprestano ogroža mir v Evropi. Ta nazor je bil izražen v frazi, da je Balkan "smodnišča Evrope." Zadnja svetovna vojna, v kateri je prva iskra padla v Sarajevu, je v mislih površnih opazovalcev ta vtis potrdila.

Objektivno razglabljanje o vztrokih, ki so dovedli do zadnje svetovne vojne, je med mislečimi ljudmi mnogo priporočilo k razčiščenju krivih pojmov. Dokazano je bilo, da za strašno klanje in uničenje ni bil odgovoren tisti streli v bosanskem mestu, ki je končal življenje avstrijskega nadvojvode Franca Ferdinanda in njegove žene, temveč da je pravi vzrok tičal v tekmovalju med Nemčijo in Anglijo za svetovna tričišča; srajevski atentat je bil le preveza, krinka, pod katero so se skrivala trenja velesil za nadzvod.

Da Balkan kot tak ni miru nič bolj nevaren kot kateri drug del Evrope in da se narodi, ki na njem bivajo, ne razlikujejo od drugih ljudstev v njih želji po življenju v miru, nudi prepričevalnik dokaz konflikt, ki sedaj razdvaja Evropo. Ni samo jasno, da Balkan ne nosi nobene odgovornosti za ta konflikt, temveč njegovih narodov se na vse načine prizadevajo, da bi ostali izven njega in da bi ohranili svojo nevtralnost.

Zanimiv članek o težavnem položaju, v katerem se nahaja Balkan, je napisal Spencer D. Irwin, urednik z inozemsko politiko pri clevelandskem Plain Dealerju. Irwin piše:

"Življenje ministrskega predsednika ali vnašnjega ministra na Balkanu je eno samo dolgo in veliko prizadevanje, kako najti varno sredino pot med neprestanim izvajanjem pritiska od zunaj. Resignacija romunskega kabineta, kateremu je načeloval premijer Constantin Argetoianu, v sporu, ki je nastal, radi zahtevalo Nemčije za večje trgovinske koncesije, je samo zadnja manifestacija politike sile, ki je na delu v južnoravnih Evropi.

"Romunija si je dolgo prizadevala, da bi se ubranila nemškega pritiska. Čustveno je dežela na strani Francije. V ekonomskem pogledu pa ima v Nemčiji

morda v soglasju z idejami zmagovalcev, toda Evropa z novim duhom, v kateri bodo narodi, ki prebivajo v nji, reševali svoje probleme z dobro voljo in strpnostjo. "V taki Evropi bo strah pred agresivnostjo prenehal obstojeti, spremembe meja bodo izvršene za mizo, pri kateri bodo vs



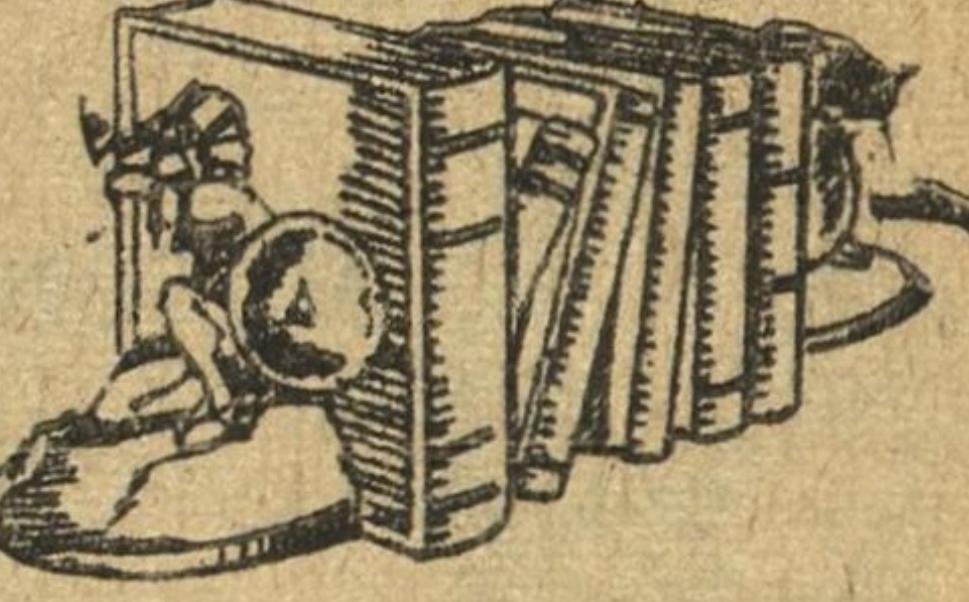
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The SSPZ paid to its members \$4,000,000 in benefits since organization.



Julia Kramzer and Evagene Chad Qualify as Festival Campaign Winners; Robert Zaman, Outlooker, Enters Contest

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK

Well, folks, here's the glad news we've waited weeks to report — news, I'm sure, all of you have been anxiously waiting to read since the opening day of the Juvenile Festival Campaign. It's the kind of news that makes the old members feel young and the young glad they are; the kind that brightens the senses and helps all of us to look forward with greater confidence and courage, for this week, we announce the names of two Festival Campaign winners and our eighth contestant.

JULIA KRAMZER, Secretary of Vrtec No. 72, Sygan, Pa., in adding 10 new members to her previous total of 18, won the honor of being the FIRST CONTESTANT to reach the campaign quota and qualify as a "Guest Representative" to the SSPZ NATIONAL JUVENILE CULTURAL FESTIVAL, which will be staged in Cleveland, Ohio, next May... A FREE TRIP to and from the Festival and \$2.00 per day for three days are additional rewards Julia will receive — And is she thrilled and excited by this success! Her letter proves as much, but who wouldn't be happy to be in her place?

Julia's mother, who is in her second year as the Administratrix of this Vrtec and who has been its chief booster and supervisor since its organization, worked right along with her daughter, soliciting from house to house for new members until the required total, plus three more for good and safe measure, were enrolled... Considering the size and population of Sygan and its nearby communities, not to mention the keen competition of other similar organizations and commercial insurance companies, we believe their successful drive for new members is an exemplary achievement and worthy of highest compliment. To sisters Kramzer, mother and daughter, and to the members and many friends who made this achievement possible, we extend heartiest thanks and congratulations!

EVAGENE CHAD, member of Vrtec No. 89, Eveleth, who was entered as a contestant last week,

Spartans' Victory Dance at the Slovene Auditorium Next Friday, December 1st

Will Celebrate The Winning of Two Trophies.

Have you ever been a champion? If you have, you know how it feels. But have you ever been a double champion? Come to the Spartan Baseball Victory Dance, Friday, December 1st and the boys will tell and show you how it feels. You can help them celebrate their National SSPZ championship which the boys won at the Baseball Tournament held Sept. 2, 3, 4 in Indianapolis, Ind., and the Inter-Lodge crown. It's the first time in the history of the Spartans that their team won both honors in the same season. The Spartans played 22 games the whole season and lost only two, one of which was the championship game.

In Indianapolis they won four games in three days. Bernie Schultz pulled the "iron arm" man stunt by pitching all four games. The Inter-Lodge championship tiff, I would like to say, we had a hard fight and won as these three of our regular players were not on the field: Eddie Tomsic, out with an appendix operation Johnny Korman, matrimony; and Lud Batis, work. We had our share of breaks and luck as all champions must have.

Honors are in order for Victor "Pinky" Prebel, who won the Inter-Lodge batting championship. Through the whole season he led the hitters and finished with an average of .498. John Korman, 3b, Frank Koncan, ss, Frank "Hockey" Hocevar, sc, Adolph Jalen, 1b, Pinky Prebel, e, and Bernie Schütz, p, all from Spartans were selected on the National SSPZ All Star team for 1939. These boys would like to have all the rest of the All Stars to attend, they are: H. Fon, cf, Hoosier Pals; C. Kiel, 2b, Pro-

is already a qualified winner... A contestant one week and qualified as a "Festival Representative" the next, all in the short space of seven days, is something of which anyone might be very proud. That's the kind of record Evagene and her co-workers have compiled and one we are ready to praise to the skies... Had my article been sent to the Editor a day earlier, there would not have been this to report... But I had a hunch the mailman would be kind to us this morning, so I decided to wait until he arrived and sure enough, he did leave several suspicious looking letters which I pounced upon and opened, quickly. Of course, I picked up the fattest one first and much to my amazement, I drew out 24 juvenile membership applications each one filled out by Administrator Rudolph Bazil of Eveleth, Minn., and enrolled to the credit of *Evagene Chad*; these, plus the one sent in last Monday, were enough to qualify her as *our second Festival Campaign winner*.

Evagene's success reads like a story for according to the letter received from Brother Bazil, the decision to enter our Festival Campaign and try for a FREE TRIP to Cleveland was entirely her own, or nearly so, anyway. She felt sure she could win. That was a week ago and today, what she thought could be done and what has been done have caught up with each other and now they are one and won. She is assured a free trip to and from Cleveland, an advantageous and comfortable seat at the Festival, an opportunity of meeting and conversing with boys and girls from widely scattered towns and cities who are members of the SSPZ, and two dollars per day from the time she leaves Eveleth to the time she returns. Her mode of travel will depend on her choice, but whether she will travel by train, bus or automobile, railroad fare will be paid by the Society to her as well as all other winning contestants who make the trip. We're mighty proud of Eveleth's Festival Representative and her scoring punch and power, for rolling up 25 new members in a few days' time is, in plain football language (although we realize football is not a girl's sport), equivalent to scoring a touchdown on the very first play of the game. We're sure it took teamwork on the part of the contestant, Administrator, members and friends to bring this about, and so we

congratulate and thank Evagene, Brother Bazil, and our SSPZ members and friends in Eveleth for this speedy and effective increase in membership; I'm sure they have done a great favor for themselves, the Lodge and Society, as well as the new members who joined... And now it is just a matter of time until Evagene Chad and I get together for a long and interesting chat about Eveleth and its progress since 1930. Perhaps, in the next or following issue of the Napredok will appear her picture and a bit of something about her sixteen year old, shall we say, improvement on life. I'll drop her a line and see if she won't honor us.

The second letter I opened contained the entry of Robert Zaman, 14 year old son of John Zaman, our amiable and capable Administrator of the Cleveland OUTLOOKERS; and it's our guess that this lad is going to be among the early qualifiers, in fact, we wouldn't be a bit surprised if all 15 applications were received during the coming week. The OUTLOOKERS, who have provided more publicity than any other Active Unit in the SSPZ over a span of three years, are certain to have at least one representative at the National Festival — and, maybe, two or three... Here's luck to you, Robert, and the same goes for your hard-working dad.

LOUIS ZNIDERSICH came through with a nice letter in which he thanks the members of Lodge Danica and Vrtec Yugoslavs for helping him reach the required quota of new members... A picture of his likeness was also enclosed, and that can mean only one thing: *the goal has or will soon be reached*... Another letter, this one from Sister Rose Tirpak of Madison, Ill., carried a lot of weight and if my guess is good, it means a curly-haired fellow of about fifteen winters and summers old will represent the Vrtec from down near the Mississippi... Great work, boys! You can still even the score with the girls if you work hard and fast. Try anything; an end around play, a line buck, a reverse, a forward pass or even the old statue of liberty play, but please lay off the sleepers... The girls are just too alert for a sleeper and it's one play that is guaranteed not to work in this contest. You have to be wide awake and ready for any emergency every minute of the contest; that's

the only way to come out a winner... And girls, if you just keep on setting the pace as you have during the first two months of the campaign, you'll find us as much your boosters as the boys, although we can't help feeling the boys are still bogged down a bit, don't you?

FESTIVAL CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS

The Supreme Office expects to handle the largest number of membership applications in more than two years during the closing weeks of 1939... This, added to special year-end and regular duties of the office force, not forgetting certain Convention details, will keep things moving at high tension for several months to come... STARLICHER'S VTEC of Bon Air, Pa., are again surprising their friends and boosters with a commendable increase in membership this month... Thus far, 8 new members have been enrolled — Got to lay heaps and heaps of credit to Sister Sylvia Skedel, their Administratrix, for she certainly knows how to sway their *mas* and *pas*... I wonder how my little girl friend, Joanne Jacoby, is faring — and, of course, her mother and dad (Alpine and Frank Jacoby) — Joan celebrated her third birthday during my ten day stay in Bon Air, Johnstown and surrounding vicinity last June... I often wonder how "Beanie" and "Gig" put up with me breaking into the house all hours of the day and night — Certainly won't ever forget their hospitality and friendship... VICTOR HRIBAR and "Smiles" of Windsor Heights, W. Va., are doing a mighty fine job of publicizing the SSPZ and building up the membership — 9 juvenile members have been added to the fold this month and one adult member... Painting the SSPZ horizon with rainbow colors is a big task, "Smiles," but a very important and necessary one, so keep it up and lots of luck to you and the "Heights" boosters... Mary Klevisher, Festival Contestant from Pierce, W. Va., is 6 members closer to the coveted goal of 25... and Helen Kastelic increased her total by two more... Incidentally, her sister, Theresa, wrote me from Washington, D. C., where she is attending school — Promised to write an article for the special Christmas Issue of the Vrtec Section — According to Theresa, Jennie Klevisher is also in D. C. — So-long.

Hoosier Pals, Take Notice!

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Our annual meeting at which officers will be elected, will be held on Dec. 4th at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

Also the award of \$25.00 will be given away. There is a fine of 50c for every member not attending the meeting. Only the sick and working will be excused. Please attend one and all and pay your dues on time, at least by the 25th of the month. October and November we got ten new members. They are: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Volker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes, Leona Luzar, Bertha Lovisek, Milo Vitas, Dolores Ivancic, Francis Turk, Dorothy L. Semenick. We still hope to reach the hundred mark.

Let all roads lead to SND on St. Clair Ave. on Friday, December 1st. The music will be furnished by Frank Yankovich and his orchestra. Frank played short stop on the opposing team in the championship series of the Inter-Lodge league.

Zora Semenick, Sec'y.

SSPZ Ladies' Bowling League

The last place Aces made an unexpected clean sweep of their series with the first place Flyers. Ann Maday with a 426 series was the only Flyer able to bowl her average. Sophie Opeka's 364 and Mary Lunder's 346 were high for the Aces.

The Flashes took two games from the Spartans. Sophie Japel was the big noise for the Flashes with 385. The Spartans by virtue of their single victory were able to go into first place. A. Zagar was high for the Spartans with 472. Rose Hocevar had a 404 series.

SCHEDULE DEC. 3
Alleys 3-4: Rollers vs Flyers.
Alleys 5-6: Spartans vs Aces.
Flashes, Bye.

E. M. Q.

LODGE 226

WINDSOR HEIGHTS, W. Va.

— Calling all members of Lodge No. 226 of Windsor Heights, W. Va., to attend our last meeting of the year on Dec. 3rd. Let's start the new year off with a bang. There are important things to be discussed and also new officers to be elected, so be sure and attend this meeting.

Our motto is: "To boast the SSPZ and increase the membership."

An idea and what an idea! There has been some talk of making our lodge English-speaking instead of Slovene. Our parents say it is time for us young folks to take our and see what they can do. The young members should raise up their spirit and surprise the old folks. Let's try to do as much as they have done.

Sorry to state that Bro. Victor Hribar is on the sick list. We all wish him a speedy recovery. I guess the rabbit hunting got him down, how about it Vic?

What happened to E. K. of Massillon? Lux and the gang from Massillon, Ohio, have promised us a visit. When shall we be seeing you from Massillon?

To Sylvia M. of Indianapolis: How is Joe?

How is the corn in Indianapolis, Molly?

It's a bit early for the love bug, but it seems as though it is very busy around a little white house down in Indianapolis and up in Massillon.

A proud member. Joy

STANDINGS

G. W. L. Pet.	
Spartans	24 15 9 .625
Utopian Flyers	21 13 8 .619
S. S. Flashes	24 14 10 .583
Utopian Rollers	21 12 9 .571
S. S. Aces	21 7 14 .333

SSPZ Men's Bowling League

SPARTAN CAVALIERS TIE UTOPIAN FALCONS FOR LEAD

The Utopian Falcons first place team ran into the Utopian Eagles who beat them in two games in last week's firing. T. Laznik was the main cause of the Falcon fall with a 524 series. For the Falcons J. Spilar had a 501 series.

The Spartan Cavaliers although they thought they had

their ten game winning streak broken went into a tie for first place with the Falcons by winning two games from the Hawks. The big push behind the Spartan two wins was F. Lekan with a 595 series which included games of 202 and 200. B. Schlarb had 546 series and S. Zagar a 534 series. The Cavaliers also had a new three game high of 2600. For the Utopian Hawks J. Karda was high with (Continued on page 3)

LODGE 25, NOTICE!

READING, Pa. — Members of Lodge 25 SSPZ are urged to attend the annual meeting to be held at the S. S. Turner Hall, on Sunday, Dec. 10, 1939, starting at 1:30 p.m. sharp. Besides the regular routine of business, election of officers will be in order and many important topics are to be discussed, such as nomination of delegates to our Tenth National Convention, the future "domača zabava", etc. Following the meeting luncheons and refreshments will be served.

Jos. Filak, Sec'y

Outlookers, Attention!

Don't forget the meeting this Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. We hope to have a large attendance, because we intend to discuss plans for a Christmas party later this month.

Valeria

"Balkan" Highlights

BOWLING ACTIVITY

According to the attendance at some of the late bowling meet dates, it seems as if the bowling enthusiasm is somewhat diminishing among our male candidates, or is your failure to attend to be attributed to some other cause? Anyway, our National Bowling Tournament date is slowly creeping up on us, and statements already being made in various articles favoring the Windy City City as the prospective tournament site for 1940, there is absolutely no reason why the Balkans cannot be represented with at least three or four teams.

Attendance at these meets (first and third Sundays), and at meetings where discussions can be brought up, is all the co-operation that is expected from those who desire to enter this tournament.

So, all you bowlers, let's attend these bowling meets, regularly, hereafter, and organize several teams of real bowlers who will represent the "Balkan" squad at the tournament!

John Maren

NOTICE — More English will be found on page 3.

CARD PARTY

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Members of Lodge "Balkan", and their friends are urged to attend a card party sponsored by the men (Champ's Team) at Spek's Tavern, 1517 So. 2nd Str., on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, 1939.

All friends are cordially invited to attend.

Committee