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Six Slovenians Honored for Work at Twist Drill

by Joe Delchin

Six workers retired at the end of June from Cleveland Twist Drill at E. 49th and Lakeside Avenue and were honored at Marie's Restaurant with a dinner party that was truly beautiful. Saluted were Frank Somrack, Frank Vodopivec, Adolph Macerol, Louis Bajc, John Novak and Ilija Dalic.

Frank Somrack worked at CTD the longest. His mother was born near Ljubljana and his father, who came from Novo Mesto in 1906, was employed in our shop as a blacksmith when they were still paying in gold.

Frank Somrack started in 1942, served a machinist's apprenticeship, and put in a total of 47 years of which 23 years were served as our union president. He negotiated some difficult contracts, the latest when the company moved parts of its operation south, and then back to Cleveland. He is also a pilot and flies on weekends for the Civil Air Patrol. Somrack was baptized at St. Mary's in Collinwood and Adolph Macerol at St. Vitus when both neighborhoods were at their peak.

Adolph graduated from St. Vitus in 1939 together with Bishop Pevec. Adolph was our boilerman, making sure we were comfortable on cold days. He is also a volunteer worker at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Road.

John Novak came to Cleveland in 1951, Vodopivec, Bajc and Dalic in 1956. After the Second World War more Slovenians and other Europeans found work at CTD than any other shop in Cleveland. They are an asset to our town. In the early eighties, part of the company moved south, found it hard to establish itself, and came back to Cleveland. One supervisor said, "Give me back my immigrants."

John Novak worked nights. Friendly and good-natured, he never argued, not even when accused of things he did not do. In Slovenian we call a person like him "Dobričina." Frank Vodopivec loves to sing. He sings at work, at home - everywhere. He sang tenor with Glasbena Matica when they still had operas on St. Clair. But when you get to know him well, you sense in him the scars of war. The days in the concentration camp at Dachau. His stories are appalling. He would kneel and make the sign of the cross to stress to us he was telling the truth about the horrors of war he witnessed. He easily tells of the mysteries and the power of prayer as his number for the gas chamber would somehow not be called day after day.

And Frank was no dead

wood. Almost all of us agree, "Vodopivec was the hardest worker at CTD even if he never did piece work."

And then Louis Bajc. His story also makes you ponder. After the war in Europe, he returned to Slovenia from Italy. Instead of being welcomed, he was arrested. They told him he was on the wrong side. His life was in danger. In the end, they sent him to hard labor in prison where he endured great suffering. When finally released, he fled the country.

Strapped under the Orient Express train, he arrived in Paris which was the end of the line. He applied for political asylum and was granted an immigration visit to the USA.

Everybody in the Slovenian community knows Lojze. He supports every event and occasionally writes poetry for the *Ameriška Domovina*. Unknown to most people, he does good deeds for the elderly who are lonely.

Ilija Dalic is a Bosnian Croatian. He's a Slovenian at heart. Married to a Stajerka, he frequents many Slovenian events. One day I ran into him on a beach in Florida. He told me he spent every December the last 12 years on the same beach. Unfortunately, his health was failing and he retired on a medical disability. We pray for his health to return.

In the end, for myself, it seems that praise is flowing everywhere and each of us has had suffering. And I cannot find any fault with my friends in my 32 years at CTD.

At one time the party at Marie's grew louder. The excellent food and some drinking put people in a jovial mood. As I mingled, I found it amazing. There were people here who never go to parties. They came to show great respect for the retirees.

We reminisced about the old days. Cleveland Twist Drill was an excellent place to work. There is great pay, especially for those on piece work. But not for everyone. CTD gave a lot, and also took a lot. Many times workers or management would discriminate and take advantage.

Many jokes were exchanged. One said, "I was never patted on the back for anything." An old timer replied, "You are right, Tony, you were never patted on the back, but you were stabbed in the back many times." Everybody laughed.

All in all, the blessings were far greater than disappointments. We remembered the good times, too. The Christmas parties at the Cleveland Auditorium, the bonuses, the making of acquaintances with great people of different cultures and backgrounds.



Newly retired from Cleveland Twist Drill are, Lojze Bajc, Frank Somrack, Ilija Dalic and Adolph Macerol.

We Slovenians are considered to be okay. Like other nationalities, there are jokes about us. Our national anthem is supposed to be, "To the bank, to the bank, to the bank, bank, bank." Or our patron saint is "St. Clair Savings." But in general, people like us and every year we have union meetings in the Slovenian National Home and we hold our picnics at SNPJ or

AMLA. We all wish our retirees a happy new beginning and adjustment. Frank Somrack and Louis Bajc are already planning. This summer Louis will visit his hometown for the first time. Frank goes, for the first time ever, to see his parents' birthplace in Slovenia and to visit his many cousins there. Wishing you many happy discoveries. *Bon Voyage*.

St. Vitus Festival With Entertainment July 14-16

July 14, 15, and 16 has finally arrived. For the parish of St. Vitus (Cleveland) these three days signal the annual Summer Festival held on the parish grounds located off E. 61 st Street and St. Clair Avenue.

Daily dinners and entertainment will be available.

SNPJ Arts and Craft Show, Picnic

On Sunday, July 23 SNPJ Lodge 147 Vodnikov Venec will sponsor its 9th Annual Art and Crafts Show and Picnic at the SNPJ Farm on Heath Road starting at 1 p.m. and continuing until 8:00 p.m.

Delicious dinners will be served from 1 to 3 p.m. for a nominal cost of \$6.00 (Gate Admission is \$2.50 for adults). Sandwiches, krofe and refreshments will also be available.

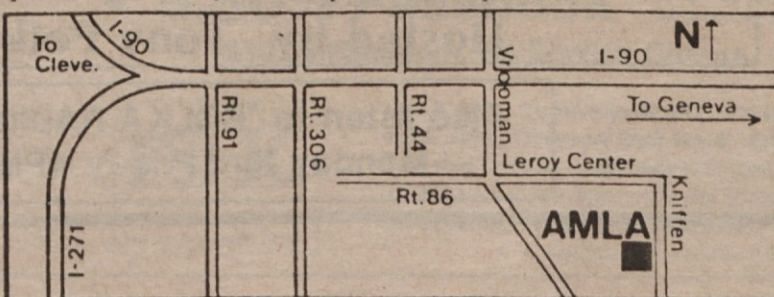
Mariborski Octet to Appear

At AMLA Newburgh Day Picnic

Each year the lodges comprising the Newburgh area district of AMLA have a picnic at the AMLA Recreation Center in Leroy, Ohio. This year the picnic will be on **Saturday, July 22**. The gates will open at 1 p.m. and admission is \$1.00 per person. At 2 p.m. the Buttons & Bows Ensemble will play, to be followed at 3:30 by the Mariborski Octet from Maribor, Slovenia, which will be making its only appearance in the Greater Cleveland area after a tour in Canada at the invitation of the Canadian government. The Octet is fairly new, but has a fine reputation. At their July 22 appearance they will sing well known traditional Slovene national and folk songs, and some religious selections as well. Their appearance in the Cleveland area is sponsored by the Slovenian American Heritage Foundation, with the Newburgh lodges of AMLA making their facilities available for the concert.

After the Mariborski Octet, there will be a Polka Mass given by Bishop A. Edward Pevec. The Mass will begin at 4:30. Musical accompaniment will be by the Vadnal Orchestra, which will then play for dancing until 9:30 p.m.

The kitchen and bar will be open throughout the afternoon and evening, except during the Polka Mass. Roast beef and sausage sandwiches will be available, and a full range of liquid refreshments, all at very reasonable prices.



Events

Wednesday, July 19

Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid Annual Picnic at SNPJ Grounds, Heath Rd. Pork & Chicken dinner served 1 to 3 p.m. Music by Krivec Orchestra 2 to 6. Donation \$7.00. For tickets call 486-5311.

Saturday, July 22

Newburgh Day at AMLA Recreation Center with Polka Mass at 4:30. Music by Johnny Vadnal.

Sunday, July 23

Slovenian Sports Club Superteams Competition at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, August 3

Pensioners Day at Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Aug. 13

St. Mary Church (Coll.) Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava featuring music by the Alpine Sextet. Mass at 12:30 followed by roast pork, sausage or chicken dinner for \$7.00 adults, \$3.50 children. Those wishing to travel by bus which leaves St. Marys at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. are requested to make reservations. Cost is \$5.00 round trip. Bus leaves Pristava at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 13

PSWA Circle 1 Dinner/Picnic, SNPJ Farm, Kirtland, O. Music by Ray Polantz. Serving 1 to 3, dancing 3:30 to 7:30.

Saturday, August 19

70th Anniversary of Collinwood Slovenian Home with dinner-dance, music by Jeff Pecon.

Saturday, Aug. 19

Bockhold Hall, 902 N. Holmes, Indianapolis, Ind., is site of dinner/concert featuring United Slovenian Society Band of Cleveland. Reception following at the Slovenian National Home, 2717 W. 10th. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for children. Event is sponsored by Slovenian Cultural Society of Indianapolis (Slomšek Kulturno Društvo).

Sunday, August 20

Collinwood Slovenian Home Annual Homecoming. Parade and music all day.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Kres folklore celebrates 35th anniversary with dinner and concert at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Fantje na Vasi Concert at St. Clair Slovenian National Home.

Sunday, Oct. 22

Slomšek Krožek "Circle" dinner in St. Vitus Auditorium.

Sunday, Oct. 22

Annual Clambake and Steak dinner sponsored by Slovenian Home, E. 80th St. from 2 to 5 p.m. Music by Eddie Rodic.

Saturday, Nov. 11

Jadran Singing Society Fall Concert, Dinner, Dance, SWH on Waterloo Rd., featuring Fred Kuhar Orch.

Walkersize

Activities in the Cleveland Metroparks Sanctuary Marsh Nature Center off Rt. 91 in Mayfield Village:

Sunday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m. Join the Walkersize Walking Club as the group starts the morning with a warm-up, proper stretching and invigorating walk and a cool-down stretch. All walks are led by certified Walkersize instructors. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot.

For more information call 883-3737. Everyone welcome.

On Monday, July 17 at 7:30 a.m. — "Wake-up Magic." Begin your week with a more walk/less talk hike with a naturalist. Meet at Strawberry Picnic area parking lot.

Tuesday, July 18 at 8:30 p.m. "May the Forest Be with You." — Join Naturalist Earl "Moonwalker" Steinbrink for a two-hour hike through the deep forest (some hills involved) in search of the full moon rising over the ridge tops. Meet at the Wilson Mills Road entrance parking lot.

Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. "Concert in the Park." — Mary de Haas returns for her annual summer concert featuring many old-time favorites. Bring family, friends and something to sit on to enjoy beautiful music in the park.

Thursday, July 20 at 8:30 p.m. — "Beaver Walk." — As our day draws to an end the industrious beaver's day is just beginning. Join Naturalists Maureen McGinty and Barb Burko at the Rogers Road Field parking lot for a 1 1/2 hour walk to discover more about these incredible animals.

Hospital Van Again Visits St. Clair Area

The St. Vincent Charity Hospital and Health Center Eye Van will be coming Again to the St. Clair Health Center on Friday, July 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Center is located at 6407 St. Clair.

The Eye Van is a free service to the elderly 55 years and older.

What is offered is screening for Glaucoma, Diabetic Eye Disease, Cataracts, Retinal Diseases, and External Diseases of the Eye and Lids.

The Eye Van will Recommend new glasses if it is found that the prescription has changed.

Patients will be Informed if an eye disorder exists that requires further medical examination.

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Pre-registration is Highly recommended, so please call the St. Clair Health Center at 431-1500 to sign up.

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Tony Petkovsek and Joey Tomsick co-host Sunday Slovenian show at noon following the news on public radio WCPN FM 90.3.

Latest News and Musical Notes

by Tony Petkovsek
SNPJ Farm Has Record Crowds for 50th Anniversary. It was like old times at greater Cleveland's "Polka Playground," the famous SNPJ Farm on Heath Road, off Route 6 in Kirtland. This haven for polka dancers for the past 50 years is now the oldest established location for same. On the 4th of July weekend at three major picnic events, over 2,000 persons jammed the rustic grounds sponsored by the Slovenian National Benefit Society and its affiliated branch lodges in greater Cleveland. Sunday dances continue with popular polka bands each week through October.

Frank Yankovic who appeared at SNPJ for the grand opening in 1939, returned to practically a non-stop four hour performance on the Independence Day holiday. Yankovic who resides in Euclid with his wife, Ida, but is seldom home, will appear for the Wednesday night dance, July 19, at the Aragon Ballroom and then as opening night attraction at the E. 185th Festival on August 2. The indefatigable national entertainer turns 74 this month and has found time to cut a couple of new albums in Nashville.

Hall of Fame Nominations Now in Order. The over 600 regular members of the American Slovenian Polka Foundation were mailed nomination forms for the Polka Hall of Fame in Euclid. The completed forms are due back by August 1 and include nominations for the "Lifetime Achievement" and "Annual" awards.

The summer hours of the Hall of Fame in Euclid Shore Civic Center are Thursday evenings from 7 until 9 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Speaking of Halls of Fame, the International Polka

Association in Chicago will induct musicians Verne Meisner of Wisconsin and the late Kenny Bass of Cleveland at its ceremonies August 5. This writer has been requested to be a presenter for the Bass honors.

New Releases. The multiple recordings of Walter Ostanek and the Penn-Ohio Polka Pals are the leading current releases. Ostanek's Canadian production brings us a 4-album or tape set and a double CD-compact disc. It's called, "50 Fabulous Tunes - Music Music Music." The Penn-Ohio Polka Pals for greater Youngstown is a 27 band double album or cassette called "Souvenir Edition."

While in Nashville recently Joey Miskulin presented us with his "Hooked on Polkas" cassette or compact disc. It's a non-stop medley of 40 classic songs including polka standards and Miskulin originals by his one-man "International Festival Orchestra."

All of these albums are available at Tony's Polka Village on E. 185 St.

New Business. Musician George Staiduhar who appears with the Harry Faint Revue is owner-manager of the "Inn of the Barristers" downtown on West 3rd across from the Justice Center. This nice restaurant with a very "legal" atmosphere is open daily for lunch and dinner.

A new restaurant with a very nautical atmosphere is Captain John's in the new Cleveland Harbor on East 9th Street which is actually aboard a restored ship that seats about 200 persons. Proprietor is Slovenian businessman John Letnik of Toronto.

Stereo Radio. Listen Sundays at noon to our Slovenian Polka Show co-hosted by Joey Tomsick on Cleveland Public Radio-WCPN 90.3 FM featuring music and community news.

Kuhar speaks to St. Clair Retirees

by Stanley Frank

At our meeting in June, Mr. Stan Kuhar, representing the Ameritrust Bank, addressed our members and spoke on "Your responsibilities in planning your financial affairs." He stressed the importance of having a will made.

At the conclusion of his talk, Stan announced Ameritrust Bank was presenting a \$50.00 bond as a door prize. The lucky winner was Mary Zupan. In addition, a treat of "flancate," courtesy of Ameritrust, was awaiting the members after the meeting. We thank Mr. Stan Kuhar for his presentation. It was food for thought, especially for those of us in our senior years.

Because July is a rather hectic month, with vacations, St. Vitus Festival, etc., no tour is planned for July. But... we are making preparations for the Annual Picnic and Dinner sponsored by the Federation of Slovenian Pensioners. The date is Wednesday, Aug. 16, and will be held at the SNPJ Grounds. As in the past three years we again plan to charter a bus for the residents of the St. Clair area. **Note:** This is not limited to members only. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Anyone wishing to go by bus, call me at 391-9761 as soon as possible. The charge will be minimal.

Also, as in the past, **DELICIOUS DINNERS**, prepared by Julia Zalar and her staff, will be available, **BUT** tickets for that must be purchased in advance. I will have tickets at our July meeting or you can call 391-9761. Dinner tickets are only \$7.00 which also includes your admission to the grounds. Try not to miss this event. Enjoy the day. What a wonderful way to meet with friends from Barberton, Maple Hts., Euclid, Collinwood, St. Clair and other places, far and near. Chuck Krivec will supply the music for dancing.

It was at our meeting in June that we learned that member Agnes Oster was hospitalized and scheduled for surgery. Then upon returning home from our June 20th tour, we heard the sad news of her death on that same day. How quickly death can strike. All who knew Aggie were shocked and saddened by the loss of

this endearing lady. Our deepest sympathy to her devoted husband, John, and family members.

Reported sick were Frances Novak and Frances Laurich. Both spent some time in the hospital, and are now back at home. We hope their recovery is complete and hope to see them at our July meeting.

We miss seeing the pleasant and cheery Betty Kucec in our area. She is now a resident of the Gateway Family House. I know that a visit, a call, or a card will be greatly appreciated by her. Betty was always very much involved in our activities, and I wouldn't be surprised to see her at our meetings.

Chris Glavan is at home recovering from surgery and is still receiving therapy. We do expect to see her about soon. How about it, Chris?

A report of our June 20th bus tour will be coming in another issue.

As is customary, I want to remind you of our coming meeting date. It will be held in the usual place, the Annex of the SNH on St. Clair. The date is Thursday, July 20 at 1:30 p.m. See you there.

Stanley J. Frank
Secretary

p.s. — I have just been informed by the St. Clair Health Center that on Thursday, July 20 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., cholesterol screening will be offered at the Clinic at 6407 St. Clair (in the SNH building). Cost for this is \$5.00.

Also — for the SENIORS. On Friday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free Vision Screening will be offered. Your eyes will be examined for glaucoma, cataracts, and other diseases of the eyes. To register for this offer, call 431-1500.

We are fortunate to have this Medical Health Center affiliated with St. Vincent Charity Hospital, located in our community, and staffed with qualified doctors. They are a welcome addition to our area. Should you need medical services, give them consideration.

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A trip to the USSR is interesting adventure

by John Prince

Last month I had the opportunity to be part of a group of American attorneys (mostly from California) going to the USSR to meet Soviet attorneys. I wondered whether the atmosphere would be the same as that in the other communist countries I had visited on previous trips, namely Poland, Hungary and East Germany.

A few things we saw early on suggested we were going to see a strictly controlled society. The passport control guards were uniformly very young and very stern-faced. They examined our visas as if we were a group of spies and we were kept under their scrutiny for several unnecessary minutes even though it was 2 a.m. at Moscow airport.

I had the satisfaction, however, of getting a smile out of one guard as I continued to smile cheerfully and made a sign-language joke about my disheveled appearance in the middle of the night after 10 hours on planes. It was the first hint that even Soviet officialdom has a human side.

Next morning we met Alla, a short forty-some-year-old English speaking Moscow lady who was to be our guide everywhere in the USSR. Alla quickly let us know in various ways that she was in charge and, not completely unreasonably, that she didn't tolerate others talking when she was talking.

One of the things she pointed out as our bleary eyed group was given its first bus tour was a large "statue of Dzerzhin-

sky" in a Moscow park. It was a shock to think that a commemoration of the founder of the Cheka, the predecessor of the K.G.B., would still be prominently displayed and I asked Alla only a veiled question to confirm that it was indeed the Felix Dzerzhinsky. Alla apparently guessed that I knew who he was and showed displeasure with my purposely innocuous question, as she did occasionally with some of the questions from others.

With that type of start one might expect the worst. But the contrary proved to be the case.

In Leningrad we met with a group of five Leningrad attorneys. I talked at length with one of them.

We developed rapport rapidly and when it was time to leave he asked whether I would like to visit his home and talk with his family. The evening with his family became the high point of the trip for one who had come to try to discover a bit of the soul of the people in an all too brief visit.

Their apartment was quite small by our standards, but the warmth and kindness of the family made size unimportant. They talked freely and sincerely of their admiration for President Gorbachev and for his *glasnost*. But they clearly contrasted that with the many years of repression that had gone before, at one point saying that the USSR had been a "prison camp" previously. They praised the goals in *perestroika*, but without blinking, pointed out what a huge

job of reform of the economy was required for consumer goods to become reasonably available. When I added my admiration for Mr. Gorbachev — and it wasn't long ago that I thought I'd never feel that way about any Soviet leader — and suggested that at least they were better off relative to consumer goods than they were ten years ago, they informed me that, as lacking in free speech as conditions were then, there were noticeably more consumer goods available ten years before.

Our discussion went on into the early morning and picked up again the next day at a restaurant. Never did I notice my friends looking over their shoulders as they mixed critical comments with positive comments. And reading their eyes and seeing their children, I saw sincere talk indicating, "we definitely want autonomy, and maybe or maybe not sovereignty, too."

The conversation was a bit more guarded there than in the Russian republic, but even then it had a comparative freeness that was unthinkable until recently. There was even an occasional reference to the provisions of the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop pact whose provisions had been totally denied for almost 50 years.

The English language version of the Moscow News one Sunday summarized evidence that Stalin's USSR was responsible for the 1940 massacre of thousands of Polish officers (also long denied) and had other amazing articles such as one about a man convicted by the K.G.B. "for the courage of his convictions."

Perhaps the Chinese leaders would do well to look at what President Gorbachev has done with *glasnost*. His policy

seems to have averted the type of situation existing today in China.

As our tour came to a close, another insightful conversation occurred. We sat in an unusually small group with Alla, our guide, who was obviously a rather orthodox communist. After much coaxing she decided to level with us and give us her feelings about Americans as a result of 22 years of guiding.

Alla confided that she found Americans rather arrogant. They looked down on the Soviet Union and did not respect its achievements. Many came with little real interest and only wished to confirm how backward the country was according to their thinking. And she charged that Soviets know much more about America than Americans know or care to know about the USSR. Americans don't even know the difference between Russia and the USSR, she added, quite correctly, incidentally.

One of the three Americans present agreed with her completely, adding that when he decided to visit the USSR his friends all wanted to know why he would want to go there. I felt that that was not very fair to Americans so I pointed out that my friends envied my trip and, among other things, I told Alla that I knew much more about Soviet composers (I am ecstatic over Rachmaninoff's music in particular, in sharp contrast to the *Plain Dealer's* music critic) than she knew about American composers. In a nasty bit of *glasnost* Alla shot back, "What is there to know?" (I had to rely heavily on the fact that the greatest living composer is an American, Aaron Copeland, because she was correct in a

comparative sense.)

But as one thinks more about it, Alla wasn't all wrong. We do need to learn more about the USSR and some of our attitudes may not be appropriate under current circumstances. We met many Soviets with a warm attitude toward Americans.

One of our group, Los Angeles attorney Larry Schnabel, met a Russian Michael J. Fox look-alike at GUM department store. The lad was a friendly, English-speaking engineering student at Moscow University. After they sat down to talk, "Michael" pointed to a small button that, in a show of friendship for America, he had pinned on his shirt. It read, "Cleveland, On The North Coast."

Mr. Prince is an attorney and a former Cleveland Councilman.

St. Mary Parish Summer Picnic at Slovenska Pristava

St. Mary Church, Holmes Ave., will hold their annual Summer Picnic this year at Slovenska Pristava in Harpersfield, O on Sunday, Aug. 13. The Alpine Sextet will play for dancing.

Mass at 12:30 p.m., followed by a roast pork, sausage or chicken dinner for \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Also available will be hot dogs, hamburgers and cevapici.

There will be a balinca tournament at the courts and games for the children. All parishioners and friends are urged to come.

St. Mary parishioners who cannot drive have the opportunity for bus transportation. Round trip fare is only \$5.00 per person leaving St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and leaving Pristava at 7:30 p.m. Reservations must be made for the bus.

Fr. John Kumse

Thanks

Special thanks to Marie Mocilnikar of Mentor, Ohio who donated \$50.00 to the American Home newspaper. Thanks a million.

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Deaths

EDWARD V. STRNAD

Edward V. Strnad, 79, a resident of Euclid, passed away in Meridia Euclid Hospital Emergency Room on Thursday, July 6th, after a brief illness.

Edward was born in Cleveland. He retired in 1971 after 28 years as an assembler at Eaton Axle. Mr. Strnad was a member of SDZ No. 12.

He was the husband of Julia (nee Gorse), father of Judith and Linda (Mrs. Tom) Hayes, grandfather of Renee and Rachael Hayes, brother of Joseph, Rudy, Theresa and Louis and Josephine Trunk (both deceased).

Visitation was at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Mass was Monday, July 10 at St. Christine Church. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

JOSEPHINE SKERL

Josephine Skerl (nee Strazisar), 80, wife of the late Frank, mother of Maryann Corpora, Richard Skerl and Patricia Corpora. She was the sister of Helen Swegel, Mary Sterk, Pauline Intihar (Yugo.), and Frances Jakopin and Tony Strazisar (both dec.). She was grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 2.

Family received friends at the Zak Funeral Home, 6016 St. Clair Ave. Funeral Mass at St. Vitus Church. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. Donations requested to the Hospice Program of Lutheran Medical Center.

LOUISE GLATCH

Louise Glatch passed away on July 2.

She was the wife of the late John, mother of John, Louise Hamar, Mary Bucce, Helen Schneider (dec.), Dorothy Poulos and Lillian O'Bryan. She was grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother of 32.

Gone from our lives, but forever in our hearts.

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Phillip and Eugene — sons
Dolores and Gene Marie — daughters-in-law
Monica, Karen, Cathy, Chrissy and Nancy — grandchildren

Slomsek Pilgrimage brings congregation close to God

by Joseph Zelle

Once again the pilgrimage of the Slomsek Circle of Cleveland was a complete and fulfilling success. One Cleveland Southeastern Trails bus left St. Mary's on Holmes Ave. promptly at 6:30 in the morning and arrived at St. Mary's Slovenian Franciscan Monastery in Lemont by 2:30 p.m.

There followed an evening procession, a very awesome and inspiring sight with pilgrims carrying lighted candles and saying the rosary. The pathway to the grotto marked by red flares in the quiet evening was breathtaking. There was not an evil thought in the congregation; we were so close to God.

Early Sunday morning the day began with the holy sacrifice of the Mass. At ten, the pilgrims wended their way to the cemetery where the Franciscans are buried and a special service was held at the grave of our beloved Bishop Gregory Rozman. Father Fortunat, O.F.M., reminded us of the victims of the war and revolution in Slovenian. Mr. Joseph Likozar delivered the eulogy. This was followed by Mass at the grotto.

We were very pleasantly surprised to learn that the Rev. Karel Ceglar, S.D.B., of St. Gregory's Church in Hamilton, Ontario, was celebrating with us his golden anniversary Mass and 60 years in the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco. Our congratulations to Father Ceglar. The happy occasion was repeated in Hamilton on July 9th.

In the afternoon, the litany of Our Lady was sung in the chapel. This brought to a close the pilgrimage. As we boarded the bus bound for Cleveland, everyone bade farewell to a very touching and satisfying visit to the holy grounds of St. Mary's Monastery.

A second bus that had arrived loaded with pilgrims from the Slovenska Pristava, also departed but those people

headed for Milwaukee to renew their acquaintances from the times of the Slovenian holocaust.

"I am surprised at all the activity that has been packed into this brief sojourn," said Stanley Vidmar, a veteran of pilgrimages. It was very gratifying to see some of the younger Slovenian Americans on this trip. Mr. and Mrs.

Free Blood Testing

Sheliga Drug, 6025 St. Clair Ave., in conjunction with the St. Clair Health Center, will be sponsoring free blood pressure testing and cholesterol screening at the St. Vitus Summerfest.

Testing will take place on Saturday, July 15 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost for the cholesterol screening will be \$5.00.

Stop by the health booth.

Meeting

AMLA Lodge Ribnica No. 12 will hold its summer membership meeting on Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m., at the home of President Louis Silc, 30417 Oakdale Rd., Willowick, Ohio.

Please note the change in date to accommodate the members participating in the Star of Nautica Cruise Outing. Regular business matters will be discussed in addition to the financial report following the audit. Members and their families are welcome to share an afternoon on the patio following the meeting. Do come and join us. Happy Summer.

Fraternally,
Carole Czeck, Sec'y.

In Memory

Sirs:
Enclosed please find check in payment for my subscription and an additional \$25.00 in memory of my husband Stanley's 25th Anniversary.

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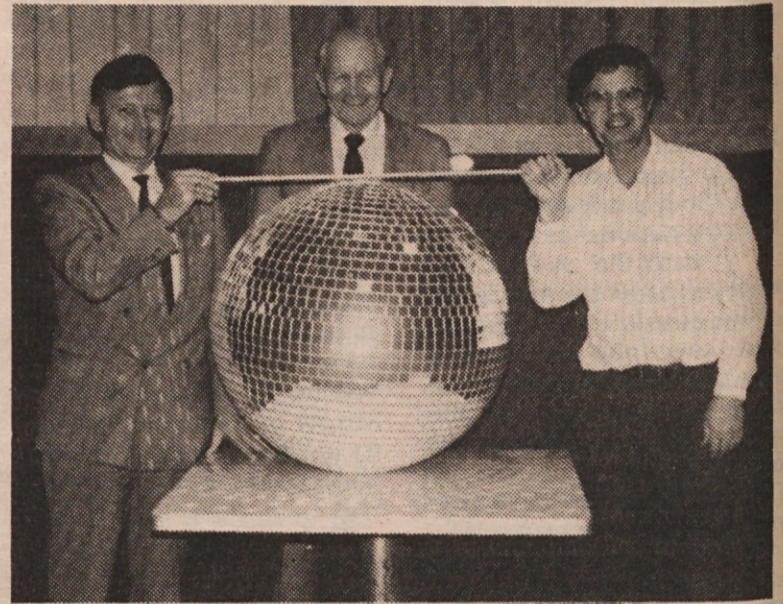
Frank Zernic, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zgonc, Frank Branisel, Joseph Brodnik, Stanley Vidmar, and the brothers John and Joseph Hocevar, all expressing their satisfaction with the pilgrimage. They plan to attend next year's pilgrimage. But where were all the girls?

Our bus driver, Bill Benchoff, brought our bus home smoothly and uneventually. The last of the passengers were unloaded in front of St. Mary's Church about a quarter to 12 Sunday night.

The weekend of July 1st and 2nd was now a pleasant memory.

Our grateful thanks to Vinko Rozman, Frank Urankar, Julia Smole, John Petric, and all of the others who helped to organize and make the Slomsek pilgrimage such a success.

Thanks also to Franciscan Brother Robert Hocevar, Bro. Igor, and Bro. Metod, as well as Rev. M. Žerdin for participating in our Slomsek pilgrimage services in Lemont.



Croatian Lodge Gets Crystal Ball

George Knaus of George Knaus Real Estate, Inc., located at 819 East 185th Street in Cleveland, Ohio is shown here presenting a crystal ball to the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake, Ohio. Prior donations of crystal balls by Knaus were made to the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue and Slovenian Society Home on Recher Avenue in Euclid. Accepting George's donation are President Pero Novack and Manager Walter Fagus of the Croatian Lodge.

Thanks

To all our friends who helped us celebrate our 80th birthday, thank you.

Thanks also to Father John Kumse for having such a beautiful Mass and to the singer for a job well done.

Thanks to all who attended and made our day such a special one. We will never forget you. God Bless you all.

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Slovenci, ne uničujmo sami sebe

(I. nadaljevanje)

Članek, ki sledi, je izšel v novi reviji »Srce in oko« (prej »Obzornik«) izpod peresa spoštovanega znanstvenika dr. Antona Trstenjaka. Vsebina je sicer zahtevna, vendar tudi bogata za vsakega bralca, ki mu je pri srcu bodočnost slovenskega naroda. Trstenjak piše sicer o Slovencih v Sloveniji, marsikaj pa se zdi veljavno za dogajanja znotraj naših skupnosti v ZDA in Kanadi in najbrž drugod. Članek bo izhajal na tem mestu v nadaljevanjih. Ur.

Gre za preživetje slovenskega naroda. Velikim narodom te skrbi ni treba. Nobena še tako nerodna poteza ali »udarec usode« jih zlepa ne ograža v njihovi samobitnosti. Maloštevilmu narodu, kakor je slovenski, pa lahko kakšna »zgodovinska napaka« ali zgrešeno ravnanje skozi daljši čas že kar usodno nevarno ograža njegov narodni obstoj.

Zato ne samo ni odveč, marveč je celo potrebno, da imamo pred očmi dejavnike, ki so ogražali preživetje našega naroda že v preteklosti, ga ogražajo še danes in ga utegnejo ogražati še v prihodnosti.

Predvsem velja ugotoviti, da smo Slovenci skregan narod. Ne poznamo prave notranje slovenske vzajemnosti, ki bi jo ob vseh siceršnjih razlikah in pluralizmu nazorov imeli prvenstveno pred očmi.

Pred desetletji mi je univerzitetni profesor, astronom dr. Fran Dominko, ki je bil prej dolga leta v Beogradu, ob prihodu v Ljubljano razočarano pripovedoval: »Slovenci smo čuden narod. Srb je najprej Srb, potem dolgo nič, na koncu pa še malo komunist, če mu to kaže; Slovenec pa je najprej liberalec, klerikalec, komunist itn., potem dolgo nič več, na koncu šele tudi malo Slovenec; mi nismo narod, vse smo prej kakor Slovenci.«

Tako razočarano pripoveduje Slovenec, ki je bil rojen na Primorskem, dolgo živel v Italiji, nazadnje prišel v Slovenijo, v svojo »obljubljeno deželo«, in tu zaman iskal skupno slovensko narodno zavest.

Pravijo, da je vzrok razklanosti slovenske zavesti značilna slovenska načelnost ali zvestoba principom. Slovenec misli, da je najvišja vrednota, če je zvest svojemu »prepričanju«. Res, krepost, ki ji je težko ugovarjati. Zvestoba načelom je resnična krepost. Imenujemo jo tudi poštenost. Slovenec je pošten; v poštenosti vidi vso svojo čast. Poštenost je povrh izraz, ki mu enakovrednega težko najdemo v kakšnem drugem jeziku. Torej v poštenosti je slovenska skupna posebnost, po kateri smo se do nedavnega razločevali in odlikovali sredi sosednjih narodov. Italijanski pregovor: »Če v Ljubljani zgubiš uro, dobiš na policiji vrnjeni dve.« Pošten (odgovoren) delavec, obrtnik, (vesten) železničar, uradnik (brez podkupnine), služabnik (ki ni kradel), to so bile znane oznake slovenskega človeka. Zavedal se jih



Rev. Jože Božnar, župnik sv. Vida, moli med žalno komemoracijo za vrnjene domobrnce iz Vetrinja. Komemoracija je sovpadala s tisto na ljubljanskih.

V DUHU ZDRUŽENI

CLEVELAND, O. - V Ameriški Domovini smo že na kratko poročali o žalni proslavi na Žalah pri Ljubljani za vrnjene domobrnce iz Vetrinja na Koroškem v maju 1945, ki je bila napovedana za torek, 27. junija, ob 5. uri popoldne po tamkajšnjem času.

Časovno preračunano so se žalni komemoraciji na Žalah pridružili tudi Slovenci po svetu, posebno v Argentini in Ameriki.

Ljubljanska Družina od 2. julija je o žalni komemoraciji na Žalah obširno poročala, tu pa povzamemo samo nekaj glavnih sporočil:

»Bila je podoba, da v torek, 27. junija, ne bo odziva na oglase po raznih časopisih, ki so vabili k žalnemu shodu ob Lipi sprave, ki je bila vsajena v ljubljanskih Žalah v letošnjem maju. Kljub napovedujoči se nevihti se je zbralo na Žalah k spominu na vetrinjske žrtve vsaj 2500 ljudi. Ob lipi so ljud-

je prižigali sveče, polagali k vencem nageljčke, šopke rož, zelenja, predvsem pa jih je z duhom spomina povezovala ista misel: Bog daj vsem žrtvam naših zmot, vsem krivim in nekrivim, vsem, ki počivajo v nezaznamovanih grobovih in in grobiščih po slovenski zemlji, tisočem naših sonarodnjakov, domobrncem, njihovim svojcem, somišljenikom, vsem, ki so v maju konec zadnje vojne v Vetrinju na Koroškem bili izročeni našim oblastem ter na svoji — naši in njihovi — zemlji mučeni in pobiti — Bog daj vsem večni mir in pokoj... Dvatisočglava množica — med njimi veliko število naših rojakov iz zamejstva — je na koncu v čudovitem sozvočju zapela pesem Lipa zelena je ...«

Časovno istočasno, to je v torek, 27. junija, ob 11. uri dopoldne, sta bili dve dostojno izvedeni žalni komemoraciji v cerkvi sv. Vida in cerkvi

je: hudo mu je, ko spoznava, da danes te kreposti hirajo; menda le vse preveč pod vplivom ljudi, ki vidijo »nadmordrost« v tem, da drugega prevarijo.

Toda ob vsem tem se človek vpraša: ali ni tudi zvestoba svojemu narodu krepost? Ali ni tudi skupna slovenska narodna zavest krepost, zlasti ko gre za zvestobo tej kreposti? In, ali naj bo zvestoba temu prepričanju kakorkoli enaka nezvestobi še kakšni drugi kreposti in njeni zvestobi? Ali more sploh krepost kreposti nasprotovati? Dobrota ne more nasprotovati dobroti. Dobrote in kreposti sploh človek nima nikoli dovolj. Gre samo za to, da ju pravilno uskladi: boljši, čim boljši in zvestejši sem obenem vsem drugim resničnim človečanskim krepostim.

To velja tudi za narodno samobitnost in blaginjo. Nobeno »prepričanje« jima ne more nasprotovati. Vsak pravi komunistični nazor in prepričanje ju morata obenem pospeševati. Tako pa sodi sem predvsem tudi narodna sloga.

Toda med Slovenci vlada že dobrih sto let geslo: ločitev duhov. Tudi to geslo so naši predniki povzeli po Avstrijcih. Presadili so ga zelo neustrezno, toda učinkovito. Vse do danes je pri nas slogaštvo na slabem glasu. Še zmeraj jašemo na načelih in se obmetavamo, kakor da zvestoba narodu in skupna narodna, kulturna zavest nista načelo.

Sprava je med nami tudi danes za nekatere kar protinarodna. Vsekakor jo še vselej skupi, kdor svetuje spravo. Pa se, žal, na odločilnih mestih ne zavedamo, da je to za majhen narod pogubno. Majhen narod ni kakor morski ježek, ki ga lahko razdelite na polovici, pa nobena ne shira, marveč še vsaka razvije zopet v celega ježka; ubili smo enega, pa imamo kar dva. Narod pač ni fizično telo majhne živali, temveč je moralno telo. Tu pa je ta zakonitost nasprotna: razcepljenost in nesložnost sta lahko smrt za majhen narod; velikemu pa to ne škoduje zelo. Nemčijo so 1945 razdelili celo na tri države z nasprotnimi političnimi sistemi, a nemški narod zato ne hira, dviga se s kar neverjetno obnovljeno močjo.

(dalje prihodnji torek)

Marije Vnebovzete v Clevelandu. Prav za to priložnost so bile pripravljene posebne molitve »Za spravo in odpuščanje, za mir živim, za večni mir vsem mrtvim za blagor domovine«. Molitve so bile razdeljene med navzoče vernike, da je vsa cerkev sodelovala in skupno molila.

Župnik sv. Vida, č.g. Jože Božnar, je v kratki pridigi nakazal namen in pomen te žalne komemoracije:

»Danes, ob tej uri, je na ljubljanskih Žalah, kar se neverjetno sliši, prva javna komemoracija v Sloveniji za vse po vojni vrnjene in pomorjene domobrnce in za vse druge žrtve komunističnega terorja. Ob tej priliki ne bomo podrobno razmišljali, kar pisec v ljubljanski Družini imenuje: 'Spomin na najbolj tragične dni v vsej naši zgodovini', temveč kot ljudje in kristjani sklenili roke z onimi dobre volje na Žalah, z drugimi po Sloveniji in po svetu ter se tako duhovno povezali z živimi in mrtvimi v molitvi k Bogu, za odpuščanje in spravo ter za mir med živimi in mrtvimi za blagor naše skupne domovine Slovenije.«

Človek si kar ne more razlagati čudovitega slučaja duhovne povezanosti, da je brez dogovora ali celo znanja o sporodu komemoracije na Žalah, da so skoraj pri minuti istočasno pevci na Žalah pri Ljubljani in pevci v cerkvi sv. Vida v Clevelandu zaključevali to žalno komemoracijo z otožno žalostinko, a upanja polno pesmijo:

Spavaj, draga lipica, večno ne boš spala.

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WICKLIFFE, O. - V soboto, 1. julija, se nas je odpeljala skupina upokojencev Slovenske pristave na božjo pot v Lemont in na obisk Triglava v Wisconsin. Odhod je bil izpred Slovenskega doma na Holmes Ave., iz parkirišča cerkve sv. Kristine, in izpred Slovenskega narodnega doma na St. Clair Avenue. Bilo nas je 44 popotnikov in smo odšli brez vsake zamude. Med vožnjo smo najprej malo molili, potem peli in se prijetno zabavali. Po zvočniku v avtobusu pa smo poslušali lepe sloven-

ske melodije, za katero je poskrbel g. Franc Šega. Imeli smo mladega šoferja, ki je odlično vozil in nam šel celo pot zelo na roko.

Peljali smo se preko mesta Chicaga in se ustavili v cerkvi sv. Štefana. Tam nas je prijazno sprejel p. Kalist Langerholz in nam na kratko razložil zgodovino te slovenske cerkve. Kmalu smo odšli v motel, kjer smo se malo osvežili in nato odšli k naši Mariji Pomagaj v Lemont. Po večerji smo šli k sv. maši v cerkev, nato pa v procesiji z lučkami k Mariji v

votlini.

Moram še to povedati, da smo videli našega šoferja najprej pri sv. maši, nato pa še v procesiji s svečko v rokah. To se nam je zdelo zelo lepo, posebno, ko ni razumel niti besedice našega slovenskega jezika. Ostal je tudi pri petih litanijah in rekel, da se mu je zelo dopadlo, posebno še naše lepe slovenske pesmi. Po litanijah je bil kres, izgorele so stare klopi izpred votline. Sedaj so namreč postavljene nove, katere je darovalo društvo KSKJ iz Joliet, Ill.

Naslednje jutro smo šli na zajtrk v Lemont. Ob pol 11. uri je bil sprevid na pokopališče. Že prejšnji dan so bile položene rože na grob Aleksandra Urankarja in na grob prevz. škofa Rožmana. Tam je imel pridigo p. Fortunat. Od tam smo se vsi zbrali pred Votlino, kjer smo skupno praznovali sv. mašo, ki jo je vodil zlatomašnik Karel Ceglar. Somaševal je tudi mariborski dekan rev. Žerdin. Pri sv. maši je tudi sodeloval naš novoposvečeni diakon dr. Janez Vidmar.

Po svečanostih je bilo kosilo in ob 2. uri popoldne pete litanije v Marijini cerkvi. S tem je bil nekako končan uradni del našega romanja. Vendar se cerkev še ni spraznila. Posamezniki smo hodili nazaj k Mariji, se zahvaljevali za naše uslišane prošnje in se ji še naprej priporočali za njeno usmiljenje. Prehitro je minulo popoldne in že smo se morali posloviti od Marije in naših prijateljev.

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*Pet let Te že črna zemlja krije,
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v miru božjem počivaj mama,
spomin na Tebe bo ostal,
dokler ne snidemo se
za vekomaj.*

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Sin Karl z družino
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z družinami
Svak Martin z družino
in ostalo sorodstvo v
Ameriki in Sloveniji.

Cleveland, 14. julija 1989.

Mariborski oktet gostuje 22. julija na Nevburškem pikniku ADZ

V soboto, 22. julija, na letovišču ADZ v Leroyju, Ohio, prirejajo društva ADZ iz okolice Newburgha (fara sv. Lovrenca) svoj letni »Nevburški dan« piknik. Posebna privlačnost letos bo koncert Mariborskega okteta, ki poje v Kanadi na povabilo kanadske vlade, pevci so pa izrazili željo priti tudi v ZDA in sicer v Cleveland in okolico. Ker ni bilo dovolj časa za organiziranje samostojnega koncerta v katerem Slovenskem narodnem domu, se je Slovensko ameriški kulturni svet obrnil na ADZ oziroma na nevburška društva, če bi sprejela oktet za krajši koncert ob priliki Nevburškega dneva piknika. Rečeno, storjeno. Tako bo Mariborski oktet pel slovenske narodne in verske pesmi v soboto, 22. julija, ob 3.30 pop. na letovišču ADZ.

Piknik se bo sicer pričel že ob 1. popoldne. Vstopnina na letovišču je običajen dolar na osebo, kuhinja in bara bosta odprti ves popoldan in večer, razen med polko mašo, ki jo bo letos začel ob 4.30 pop. daroval škof A. Edward Pevc. Od dveh dalje bo igral Buttons & Bows harmonikarski ansambel, glasbeno spremljavo za mašo bo nudil Vadnjalov orkester, ki bo igral za ples po maši in to vse do 9.30 zvečer.

Torej obeta se vam bogat popoldan in večer in to za enodolarsko vstopnino. Javnost vabljen, če pa pridete za koncert in mašo, svetujemo, da prinesete stole oz. »lawn chairs«.

Rudolph M. Susel

odpravili na zajtrk v Denny's restavracijo. Postregli so nam še kar hitro in dobro. Naložili smo se na avtobus, ki je kmalu potegnil naprej. Nismo šli še daleč, ko je nekdo zagledal go. K., ki je mahala z rokami in letela za avtobusom. Ta se je seveda takoj ustavil in jo pobral. Njen mož je namreč kar mirno sedel zraven praznega sedeža in ni nič rekel, da žene manjka. Smo mislili, da bi jo pač morda rad zamenjal. V resnici povedano, je mož mislil, da se je žena vsedla na drugi sedež na pogovor, kar smo vsi delali več ali manj celo pot.

Malo pred Triglavskim parkom nas je počakal g. Mejač in nam pokazal pravo pot do Parka, da ga nam ni bilo treba iskati. Tam nas je sprejela cela skupina naših prijateljev in znancev. Kar kmalu smo bili vsi raztreseni po celem parku. Vsi so bili tako prijazni in veseli in sami niso vedeli, kako bi nam bolje postregli. Nekaj naših je bilo prvič v Triglavskem parku in vsi smo gledali, kako imajo lepo urejeno. Čas nam je zopet prehitro minil in tu je bilo prvič, da se je naš odhod zavlekel. Nihče se ni mogel posloviti in tako se je »nasvidenje« kar zavleklo.

Srečno smo pripotovali domov v Cleveland in prispeli okrog 6. ure zjutraj. Mislim, da tega romanja ne bo nikoli pozabil nihče od udeležencev. Da je vse potekalo tako odlič-

no, je le po veliki zaslugi našega prijatelja in voditelja, g. Franka Urankarja. Poskrbel je za avtobus, prenočišče, hrano, čas prihoda in odhoda in vse ostalo. Gotovo je to vzelo veliko časa in skrbi, telefonskih pogovorov in naročil. To je vse zelo nevhvaležno delo.

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Sprejaj na sliki je p. Zorman, zadaj so z leve diakon Janez Vidmar, zlatomašnik Karel Ceglar iz Hamiltona, Kanada, in mariborski dekan dr. Žerdin.



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