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## MAJSKE MISLI

V deželo se je prismejal zlati maj in mlada ali pomljena živiljenjska sila je planila na dan iz tisočerih virov. Nobeno živo bitje se ne more ustaviti klicu maja, vsako živo bitje, od drobne šmarnice v gozdnem zatišju do delavca v zaduhlem uradu ali v bučni tovarni, se po svoje odzove temu klicu. V vsa srca, ki so še živa, se naseli pomladni optimizem, ki ne pozna malodušja. Vse, za kar smo se odločili, se nam zdi izvedljivo; nič ni nemogočega. To je nekak vesoljni amerikanizem. Američani, produkt mlade, dinamične Amerike, ne priznajo, da je kaj nemogočega. Vse jim je izvedljivo, česar se lotijo, brez ozira na zapreke, če ne na en, pa na drugi način, ako so prepričani, da je njihova smernica prava. In nadavno se ne motijo.

Mi smo slovenski Američani in smo ponosni na to. Živimo dvajset, trideset, petdeset in morda še več let v tej deželi in verujemo vanjo in v njen mladi, zdjavi optimizem. Postali smo njen živi, sestavni del. Ne verujemo več v zastarele sisteme starega sveta, ki so nam jih okosteneli birokrati ene ali druge vrste vstopali v glave v naših otroških letih. Mislimo z lastnimi možgani in ne pričavamo nikakih "višnjih", razen tistih, ki jih ljudstvo samo postavi na visok mesta. Zavedamo se, da vsa oblast izhaja od spodaj, iz ljudstva samega, da je volja naroda najvišja postava. Kar hoče ljudstvo po svojem mnenju in po svojih svobodno izvoljenih zastopnikih, to je postava dežele. In, kadar ljudstvo ni zadovoljno s svojimi zastopniki, jih pošle v pokoj, brez pokojnine, in si izvola druge. Taka je ideja pravice in demokracije vseh pravih Američanov in logično tudi ideja slovenskih Američanov.

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Naša republika je danes v boju s temimi silami nacifašizma in imperializma, ki so skušale iz svojih virov v Italiji, v Nemčiji in na Japonskem zaslužiti ves svet. In mi smo z našo republiko in njenima zaveznicama stoprocentno. Ne samo idejno, ampak tudi dejansko. Tisoče naših sinov, bratov, sotrdnikov in prijateljev je danes v boju s temi temnimi silami na raznih bojnih frontah, nadaljni desetfisični slovenski Američanov pa na domaćih frontah storijo vse, kar morejo, za poraz sovražnika. Mi vsi stojimo za vladu Zedinjenih držav, katero je s svobodnim glasovanjem izvolio ameriško ljudstvo, katerega del smo tudi mi. Zaveznički naše vlade so tudi naši zaveznički. Vsi, ki v tem gigantskem boju proti temnim silam nacifašizma sodelujejo z Ameriko in njenimi zaveznicami, so naši prijatelji. Vsi, ki sodelujejo s Hitlerjevi, njegovimi zaveznicami in njegovimi kvizlingi, so naši sovražniki. Glede tega ne more biti nikakega kompromisa. Zedinjene države, Velika Britanija in Rusija imajo svoje vojaške misije pri Jugoslovenski ljudski osvobodilni armadi, sodelujejo z njo in ji pomagajo. Ali more vpiči tega biti kako vprašanje, kje je mesto slovenskih Američanov?

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Pomlad je lep, toda dostikrat tudi viharen čas. In letošnja pomlad je viharna, in, kot vse kaže, bo še bolj. Iz vzhodne Evrope se vali ogromna slovanska poplava, ki preti uničiti milijone nacifašističnih podgiban. Na jugu Evrope divjajo raztresene nevihte. Na zapadu pa se privavlja nevihta, ki obeta biti takega obsega kot je še ni videl svet. Ko se te nevihte strnejo v eno samo velikanško neurje, bo v vesoljnem potopu ognja in krvi poginil nacifašizem z vsemi svojimi priveski. In vse kaže tako, da ta čas ni več daleč. Potem pride pomlad za človeštvo.

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V vseh časih, tudi v snovanju in pričakovanju velikih svetovnih razvojev, pa mora nepretrgano poslovati domača fronta, tista, ki direktno podpira bojno fronto, in ona, ki je potrebna za zdravo živiljenje civilnega prebivalstva. Ta slednja se nanaša na vse civilne aktivnosti, v katere spada tudi zdravo poslovanje naših podpornih organizacij. Te organizacije so nam potrebne zdaj in potrebne nam bodo še za dogledno bodočnost. Zato moramo skrbeti, da rastejo in se razvijajo. Razredcene vrste se morajo napolniti z novimi člani in poslovanje se mora urediti tako, da kar najbolj odgovarja obstoječim razmeram. Pri Ameriški bratski zvezzi imamo v tem in prihodnjem mesecu volitve delegatov za 17. redno konvencijo, ki bo začrta smernice zvezinega poslovanja za v bodoče. Člani in članice naj se tega zavedajo in naj izvolijo za delegate prihodnje konvencije svoje najbolj zmožne in za blagor organizacije najbolj vnete člane in članice.

## VSAK PO SVOJE

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

V Newarku, N. J., je Friedrich Kunze tožil neko tiskovno družbo za sto tisoč dolarjev odškodnine, češ, da je bil v neki publikaciji omenjene družbe po kriev obdolžen nacijskih aktivnosti. Razprava je trajala dva dni in Kunzeju je bilo prisojenih celih 6 centov odškodnine. Kako sta si Kunze in njegov odvetnik odškodnino razdelila, poročilo ne pove.

Minnie Kraemer v Minneapolisu so tato odnesli iz stanovanja dva telefona. Denarja in zlatnine se niso dotaknili. Vzrok je razumljiv. Denarja je dandaneh v deželi dovolj, nov telefon je pa skoraj nemogoče dobiti. Če bo kdaj v tej deželi primanjkovalo jesih in špinace, bodo tatoči kradli jesih in špinaco.

Država Mississippi je legalno suha. Okoliške države so legalno mokre, toda žganja tudi tam primanjkuje. Butlegarija torej bujno cvete v Mississippiju, da si se prodaja pint žganja po osem dolarjev in več. Državna legizatura je vrh tega naložila še 20% davka na nelegalno žganje. Pivski grehi so dragi v Mississippiju.

Racheli Whitehead v Rochesteru, N. Y., je bila izmaznjena denarnica, ki je vsebovala \$3.003.00 v gotovini. Ko so jo detektivi nekaj ur pozneje našli, je manjkalo samo tri dollarje. Pošten uzmovič je potreboval samo tri dollarje.

Zensko sovraštev sega celo preko groba. Mrs. Mary Gress Kubery v Trentonu, N. J., je v svoji oporoki zapustila svojemu možu \$2.00, pod pogojem, da si za en dolar kupi vrv in se obesi. Za kaj na mož porabi drugi dollar, ljubeznična ženica ni dočela. Napiti se za en dolar dandanes ni mogče.

Rusija ima mnogo odličnih letalcev, ki so strah in groza Nemcem. Tako je letalec Aleljukin zbil že 29 nemških letal na tla, Lupanski 32, Glinka 38 in Ričkalov 46. Najupečnejši v likvidiranju nemških letal pa je major Aleksander Pokriškin, ki jih je zbil že 59. Njegovo letalo krasil 59 rdečih zvezd, za vsako likvidirano nemško letalo ena. Kadar poveljnik kake nemške letalske skupine zagleda v zraku Pokriškinovo letalo z 59 zvezdami, takoj potom radija opozori svoje tovariše: "Achtung! Achtung! Pokriškin!" (Pozor! Pozor! Pokriškin!) To kaže, kako nemški kragulji rešpektirajo ruskega sokola Pokriškin.

Nemški nacijsi so vzgojeni v veri, da bi vsi ostali narodi svera moralni delati in producirati zanje, oni pa bi samo gospode igrali in uživali. To so v tej vojni dosledno izvajali in še bodo, dokler jim zmagovali zavezniki.

Spominjam se trupla mladega fanta, ki so ga Nemci ubili v Belorusiji. Mogoče bi bil fant zrastel v velikega pesnika, znamenitega kemista ali briljantnega zdravnika, ki bi rešil človeško raka. Kdo ve. Naši ljudje so talentirani. Toda prišli so fašisti in so dušili ljudi v zaprtih trukih ter napolnili jarke z mrtvimi trupli.

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## NAŠA HUMANITARNOST

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

"Ko zremo na razvaline Novgoroda in Černigova, lahko rečemo, da je izgubo teh spomenikov osiromašilo ne samo našo ljudstvo, ampak vse človeštvo. Narod raste in se spreminja, toda nekaj je, kar ga veže skupaj na dolgi in vijugasti poti. Bil je čas, ko je naše ljudstvo izražalo svoje pojme resnice, pravice in lepot v katedralah. Človek današnje dobe gleda naše drugače, toda sluti v njih žar naše zgodovine. V srcu je nekaj, kar gre preko časovnih mej.

"V Philadelphia in v Poletiersu so bili možje, ki so posvetili dolga leta svojega življenja studiranju katedrale v Neredici. Nemci so jo razstrelili. Možje so bili še znanstveniki med temi vandali. Toda, kaj je profesija v primeri s človeško naravo? In narava fašizma je uničevanje. Nemci so hoteli uničiti ne samo naše žitnico, ampak tudi našo pamet in naša srca. Ko sem videl sadna drevesa, ki so jih posekali Nemci, sem razumel, kaj je pritlikavi Hitler tulil ponoc: klical je smrt.

"Dostikrat sem videl stare može, ki so sadili mlada drevesa. Vedeli so, da ne bodo doživeli časa, ko bodo drevesa rodiča sadje, toda sadje bodo uživali otroci. V tem je notranja resnica življenja. Bila so drevesa, ki so bila prične slave naših prednikov, drevesa, pod katerimi je sanjaril mladi Puškin, drevesa, ki so senčila gomile velikih mož. Vzgojiti drevo je dolg in težak posel. Treba je dežja in sonca in znoja. Nemci so posekali drevesa v Carskoj seli in na Puškinovem domu v Mihajlovskoj. Posekali so jablane, na katerih so treptela jablka, vsa zardela ali zlata, sok in dišava zemlje.

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"Potem pa pride vsljivi, sistematični, pedantni fašist, in njegova želja je uničevanje človeške življenja. Mi vsi vemo, koliko sijajnih ljudi so pobili Nemci. Mnogi so bili uničeni v zarji življenja, ko so bili njihovi talenti in duševne zmožnosti znane samo sorodnikom in prijateljem. Oni bi se bili odlikovali v različnih ozirih, če ne bi bili prišli fašisti.

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in se posebno do otrok se mi zdi zoprn." Ne vem, če je tisti Nemec pobijal otroke ali ne, toda gotovo je bil sposoben lahko vreči otroka v vodnjak. In take pošasti so navalile na našo deželo. Napadle so tudi druge dežele. Oni so povzročili toliko trpljenja, da so se vse evropske reke, naša krasna Volga, Seina, Vltava in Donava, izpremenile v sol vsled materinskih solz.

"Kdo so potem humanitari? Tisti, ki hočejo rešiti mesurje človeštva, ali naši vojaki, kateri prisega je: "Smrt fašistom!" Jaz vem, da naši tankmani, ki uničujejo morilce otrok v Ukrajini, naši ostrostrelci, ki štejejo postreljane Nemce, naši infantiristi, ki prodrijo proti zapadu z divjo odločnostjo, branijo ne samo našo zemljo, ampak najvišje vrednote človečanstva. Oni so tisti, katere blagoslovljajo matere vsega sveta. In mislec in umetniki in ustvarjalci zrejo nanje kot pravake pravega človečanstva."

## SPOLOŠNI TEDENSKI PREGLED

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

poročilo je k Ameriki in Angliji dodalo tudi Rusijo. Poročilo o tem generalovem govoru je vzbudilo mnogo slabe volje v Ameriki in v Evropi. Ameriški vojni tajnik Henry L. Stimson je takoj izdal slednjo uradno izjavilo: "General Patton je izrazil svoje osebno mnenje in ni govoril za vojni department".

**PRVI MAJ V RUSIJI**  
Maršal Stalin je v svoji poslanci za prvi maj izjavil, da je "ranjena nemška zver na umiku in vsi zaveznički jo morajo tesno zasedovati do njenega brloga in ji tam zadati zadnji, smrtni udarec". Poudujal je velike uspehe ruskih armad in dal je tudi zavezničkom odkrito priznanje za znatno pomoč. Pozval je tudi Bolgare, Madžare, Rumunce in Fince, naj strmolagijo svoje vlade, ki nečejo videti, da je Nemčija vojno že izgubila, in naj se postavijo na stran zavezničkov, da jih bo končni obračun milejši.

**PRITISK NA NEVTRALCE**  
Ameriški državni departement zadnje čase pritiska na Turčijo in Spanijo, da prenehata pošiljanje važne rude v Nemčijo, na Švedsko pa, da prenehata pošiljanje Nemčiji neke kvinske dele za letala. Švedska je ameriško zahtevalo odklonila, Spanija se razredjuje "D" in "E" za \$250.00 zavarovalnike, \$1.50 nagrade.

**RADIO V LONDONU**  
Preteklo nedeljo je pričela v Londonu poslovati posebna ameriška radijska postaja, ki bo oddajala radijska poročila v raznih evropskih jezikih. Označba radijske postaje je ABSIE, kaj je okrajšava za "American Broadcasting Station in Europe". Ameriška radijska postaja v Londonu je velikega značaja zdaj, ko se pripravlja zaveznička invazija kontinenta.

**STEVLNE GOVORE**  
Iz Moskve uradno poroča, da so ruske armade na spodnji fronti tekmovali dva meseca trajajoče ofenzive pobile ali ujele nad 500,000 nemških in satelitskih vojakov. V tem številu ni vstekih nad 40,000 Nemcev in Rumuncov, ki so jih ujeli na Krimu. Od preteklega poletja do 15. aprila letos so rdeče armade napredovali od 500 do 688 milj, zavzele nad \$65,000 naseljenih krajev in osvobodile 310 kvadratnih milj ozemlja.

**BOLGARI DEZERTIRAJO**

Bolgarski redni vojaki v vedenju večjem številu dezertirajo in se pridružujejo gerilskim skupinam v gorah in gozdovih. Gerilcem se pridružuje tudi civilni

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## QUALIFICATIONS FOR AND DUTIES OF CONVENTION DELEGATES

This year American Fraternal Union members have a big job to do for 1944 is the AFU convention year. Although the month of August, when the convention is scheduled to take place, seems far away, it is none too soon to start discussing suggestions for the growth and progress of our Union, at the lodge meetings.

In order to understand fully just how a member may qualify to become a delegate, we quote the following from our by-laws:

"Each Subordinate Lodge having from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty members in the adult department shall be entitled to one delegate. Lodges having a membership of one hundred and fifty-one or more members in the adult department shall be entitled to two delegates and no lodge shall be entitled to more than two delegates. Lodges having less than seventy-five members shall merge with other lodges for the purpose of electing a delegate. The Executive Committee of this Union shall determine which lodges shall be merged for that purpose. In connection therewith the lodges closest to each other shall be united."

The number of members in good standing as of the 1st day of April of the Convention year shall be indicative of the number of delegates such lodge may send.

"The election of delegates for a regular Convention shall be held in the months of May and June of the Convention year."

"Delegates shall be elected by public nomination and secret ballot. Each delegate shall be voted upon separately and the absolute majority of the votes cast is necessary to elect. The substitutes to the delegates shall be elected in like manner."

"Each member of the adult department and in good standing, including the candidates and President of the lodge, shall have the right to vote for delegates."

"At the same meeting at which the delegate has been properly elected he shall be issued credentials bearing official seal and signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the lodge. A copy of such credentials executed in like manner shall be forthwith mailed to the Supreme Office."

"To qualify for the office of delegate to a regular convention, a candidate must be a member in good standing, insured in the death benefit fund, sickness and indemnity fund and the welfare fund, who is a citizen of the United States and has been a member of the Union at least one year and a member of his subordinate lodge at least six months and who has attended all six meetings of the lodge immediately preceding the election of the delegate, except if he shall have been prevented to attend such meetings by reason of work or sickness in his family. A member who, within five years prior to the election of a delegate, was convicted of a felony by the supreme judiciary committee, a state court or a federal court cannot qualify for the office of delegate."

## RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DELEGATES

"The rights of the delegates begin with the day when their credentials have been approved at the Convention and end with the final adjournment of the Convention."

"It shall be the duty of all delegates to place before the Convention the demands and desires of their lodges, to defend the same, and otherwise work for the progress of the membership of the AFU."

"In the event a delegate for some vital reason is unable to attend the Convention he shall be represented by his substitute."

## CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

### Reported by Anton Zbasnjik, Supreme Secretary

The past week has again proved that the statement, that there is no longer any field or opportunity to enroll new members, has no foundation and that there are many opportunities where there is the will to work. This was basically proved by Sister Theresa Centa of Lodge No. 15, AFU of Pueblo, Colo., who enrolled in five families, FIFTEEN juvenile members and in so doing, qualified for the convention honor badge. Another member who qualified for this honor badge was our ambitious and ever active secretary of Lodge No. 66, AFU of Joliet, Ill., Brother Peter Musich, who has ten points to his credit. Our congratulations to both and our thanks for such effective cooperation!

By acquiring the afore-mentioned 15 new juvenile members, Sister Centa not only earned the convention honor badge but also first place among all the contestants. Brother Kumse, President of the Supreme Board of Trustees, was then put into second place and Sister Predovich is now in third place.

In regard to the number of points, Lodge No. 6, AFU of Lorain, O., is in first place and Lodge No. 170, AFU of Chicago, Ill., is in second place. The former has 20 points and the latter, 24.

Fourteen Supreme Officers and 74 subordinate lodges are now active in our campaign.

## News of Lodge No. 43, AFU

East Helena, Mont. — Articles from our community are scarce. Perhaps we all wait for one another to publish news until the news is no longer new and then it isn't worth publishing. However, I think that this same thing is just as true in other communities as it is in ours. Our town is no longer as lively as it was formerly. The chief reason being that most of our older boys and young men have left to serve under Uncle Sam. Our Lodge No. 43, AFU has to date, 23 members in the armed forces and as we heard lately, this number will soon be increased.

My son, Louis J., who has been with the U. S. Navy since May, 1943, is now somewhere in Hawaii. Just recently I received a letter from him in which he states, among other things, that he met Corp. Wm. Hrella whom he had not seen for almost two years. William Hrella is a member of our lodge and son of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hrella of our town. Our boys meet their old friends and make new ones in the distant places of the world. May fortune accompany them on all their paths and after our victory may they return healthy and happy to their homes.

This article, however, was really intended to remind our lodge members about the coming lodge meeting, but I had to tell a few other things first. Now for official business: The coming meeting of our lodge, which will be held May 12th at 7 p. m., will be a very important one. The order of the day will be the election of a delegate to the AFU 17th regular convention. I already have all the necessary blanks for this purpose. It is recommendable to elect a delegate at our May meeting so he will have more time to arm himself with the necessary points before the convention. All members are invited to the meeting on May 12th. Attend and bring your good ideas and recommendations with you. Fraternal regards.

Louis Smith, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 43, AFU  
East Helena, Mont.

## Lodge 120, AFU to Meet May 11th to Elect Delegates

Ely, Minn. — All members of Lodge No 120, AFU are requested to attend our next meeting to be held Thursday, May 11th at 7 p. m. sharp. At that time we shall elect two delegates to the AFU convention.

All members whose last names begin with "H" through "M" are asked to bring a towel or apron each to this meeting. The usual fun will be held and lunch will also be served. This is one time it is your duty to attend so that we may elect delegates who will prove to be satisfactory to the majority of our members. Yours fraternally,

Rose Svetich, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 20, AFU  
Ely, Minn.

Cash from our purses Will bring Axis reverses! Buy more War Bonds!



## National Fraternal Week - May 8-13

*National Fraternal Week will be celebrated throughout the country this year on May 8th to the 13th. The slogan for this occasion this year is "WORKING FOR VICTORY—BUILDING FOR PEACE." Our American Fraternal Union and its lodges are 100 per cent behind this slogan. We are working for victory; our members on the battlefields throughout the world are fighting for the great institution—America, the land of brotherhood, freedom and democracy. Our members on the home front are backing the war front with the production of war materials for our armed forces. Our lodges donate to the Red Cross, buy their share of War Bonds and participate in the various "win-the-war" activities.*

*Every true fraternalist may well be proud of the work of our fraternal benefit societies and their contributions to the American war effort. Our fraternal slogan this year is merely a reiteration of what we have actually been doing since America has gone to war: Working for Victory, Building for Peace. With all the lodges throughout America enlisting their united efforts into a "win-the-war" effort, the day of victory can be brought that much closer.*

*Fraternity is often referred to as the "bulwark" of America. Its basic idea of giving help in time of necessity needs no oral or written commendation for actions speak louder than words. The many widows, children and physically ill members who have been aided by fraternal societies are the greatest evidence of what fraternalism signifies.*

*So this year we will celebrate fraternal week by renewing our pledge to do all we can, in every way we can, whenever we can to "work for victory" and when that great day arrives, to concentrate our efforts in winning the peace—to make it a lasting one.*

*We know all members of the American Fraternal Union will never desist in the war effort of the land of opportunity that is America!*

—Frances J. Erzen

Hirohito evidently suspects some Yankee skullduggery in the Pacific and his fleet is going to the bottom of it.

## From the Office of Lodge No. 124, AFU

La Salle, Ill. — At our last regular meeting which was held April 16th it was decided that all members be invited through the medium of the Nova Doba to attend the next meeting which will be held Sunday, May 21st. Therefore, members are asked to positively attend the meeting which will be held in the Slovenian Home on Sunday, May 21st at 1:30 p. m. sharp. This meeting will be a very important one for we will elect a candidate for delegate to the 17th regular AFU convention which will be held in August in Rock Springs, Wyo. As was reported in the Nova Doba by our Supreme Office, our lodge is grouped with Lodge No. 3, AFU of La Salle, Ill. for the purpose of electing a delegate. This month we must elect a candidate and notify the Supreme Board; the other lodge will do the same in order to elect a joint delegate. Later we will elect from among the candidates a delegate and an alternate. Therefore this meeting on May 21st is very important and it is hoped that every member attend unless very important reasons keep them from attending.

I know there will not be with us many of our members who are in the armed forces who would have made good suggestions, and good workers too, so the rest of us will have to work so much more until they come home which we all hope will be soon.

In conclusion, I hope this convention will help make this a bigger and better American Fraternal Union. Fraternally yours,

## Lodge 2, AFU To Elect Delegates at Next Meeting

Ely, Minn. — The Easter holiday season is over and we didn't get very many "pirhe" (new members). As our President, Joseph L. Champa said, let's go everyone and work, and I mean work, and let us have a post-Easter "pirhe" for our next meeting which will be held at the Jugoslav National Home on May 14, 1944, downstairs, at 7 p. m. sharp.

This will be a very important meeting as we will elect delegates and have discussions and suggestions will also be made. The old saying is "home (or place) is what you make it" so let's make this a large family and a good Union.

I know there will not be with us many of our members who are in the armed forces who would have made good suggestions, and good workers too, so the rest of us will have to work so much more until they come home which we all hope will be soon.

## Pathfinders Lodge 222, AFU Variety Show a Big Success

Gowanda, N. Y. — The variety show "Hi-Di-Hi-Jinks" and dance sponsored by the Pathfinder Lodge, No. 222, AFU Saturday night, April 22nd at the Slovenian Club, was a success from every point of view.

The crowd that gathered to witness the performance was the largest the club had accommodated for quite some time. The performers were in excellent spirits, which seemed to be contagious, because the walls soon echoed with laughter and rhythm. Those who stayed for dancing which followed the show were reluctant to leave when the final strains of music died away. Half the proceeds of the evening were turned over to the Victory Fund for the boys in the service.

The officers and members of the Pathfinder Lodge wish to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the venture. Without the untiring work of the entire cast and workers, the stage directors and managers, from the first rehearsal to the final curtain, the enjoyable evening would not have been possible.

Mary Batchen, Pres.  
Lodge No. 222, AFU  
Gowanda, N. Y.

## Attention! Members of Lodge 176, AFU

Tacoma, Wash. — Members of Lodge No. 176, AFU, it is the duty of all of you to positively attend the meeting this coming Wednesday, May 10th. The meeting will be held in the usual place at the usual time.

At this meeting we will elect a delegate to the 17th regular AFU convention which will be held in August of this year. It is understood that this meeting will be a very important one, that is why no one should miss it unless they have a very good reason for not being able to attend. Greetings to all and I'll be seeing you at the meeting on May 10th.

G. J. Porenta, Pres.  
Lodge No. 176, AFU  
Tacoma, Wash.

## BRIEFS

**The AFU Federation** of Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana will meet Sunday, May 28th in Chicago, Ill. at Golenko's, 2246 Blue Island Ave. at 9:30 a. m.

**The AFU Federation** of Lodges of Minnesota meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th at the City Hall in Eveleth, Minn. at 1 p. m.

**The AFU Federation** of Lodges of Colorado will meet Sunday, May 28th at the Slovenian Home in Pueblo, Colo. at 9 a. m.

**The State of Ohio** will hold its primary election on May 9, 1944. Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland, O. hopes to become candidate of the Democratic Party for governor of Ohio. Mayor Lausche is a native of Cleveland and is of Slovenian parentage. He is a member of many various Slovene organizations, among them our American Fraternal Union.

## News of Lodge No. 190, AFU

Butte, Mont. — The next meeting of the Western Sisters Lodge No. 190, AFU will be held May 18, 1944. The election of a delegate to the 17th regular AFU convention will be held at this time.

Congratulations to Brother John Kumse, the first Supreme Officer to qualify for the convention honor badge and to the remainder of the members who also qualified thus far. How about the rest of our neighboring lodges, Great Falls, Butte, Bear Creek, Roundup and Anaconda, Montana? I am sure they will not be behind. So let's get out and work; let's do our duty in this membership campaign.

I would like to remind the members to pay their dues on time. This is very important.

There will be a drive for the collection of used clothing here in Butte in the near future. This drive will be sponsored by the American Friends of Yugoslavia, Inc. of New York. Watch the daily papers and listen to the radio for the announcement of the opening date of the drive.

I appeal to all our members to gather such used clothing which will be sent through the Red Cross to Yugoslavia for the suffering people there.

We'll be seeing you all at the next meeting. Fraternal regards,

Mary Predovich, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 190, AFU  
Butte, Mont.

**ENLISTED WAC UNIFORM** Enlisted members of the Women's Army Corps will be issued a uniform of khaki worsted for summer wear.

The new uniform differs from the Summer uniform worn by WAC officers in the omission of khaki sleeve braid only. Enlisted women will continue to wear the khaki twill uniform while on duty, the tropical worsted being for wear at other times. The change to Summer uniform will be made at the same time as that of other Army personnel, this varying in different parts of the country depending on climatic conditions.

## News of AFU Yanks



Pvt. Frank E. Lisjak, member of the Betsy Ross Lodge No. 186, AFU, notifies us of his new address and writes: I am somewhere in England and like it here but I miss my polkas. The poplar dance here is called the "Hokie Pokie" and it's really something different. "Pa see how!" I close now, sending best regards to all my friends.

## AMERICAN FRATERNAL UNION

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## Meeting Notice of Lodge No. 106, AFU

## Napredok Notes

Hello, Napredok Lodge No. 132, AFU members. I am calling your special attention to May 12, 1944 so keep that evening open to spend a delightful time with all the Napredok lodge members.

The lodge meeting will commence at 7:30 p. m. sharp. At this meeting the important task of electing delegates to the coming AFU convention will be held. So attend and give your nominee, your vote. Two delegates will be elected to represent our lodge at the convention.

Following the meeting a social will be held and someone will be awarded a \$25.00 War Bond. Members are asked to return all books and stubs by May 12th.

I am making an appeal to our members asking them to notify me if they know of the whereabouts of the following members: Marilyn and Robert Haller, Dorothy Levar, Albert Sajovec and Mary and Stanley Sterle.

I hope to be seeing all of you on May 12, 1944! Fraternally yours,

John L. Cecelic, Sec'y  
Lodge No. 132, AFU  
Euclid, Ohio

## KID SALVAGE



## WHAT A THING TO SAY!

Camp Roberts, Cal. — A soldier on the march felt something in his shoe. His toe became painful and he was limping badly by the time he returned to camp. He took off his shoe and sock to bathe his blistered foot and found a pellet of paper lodged in the toe of the sock, on which was written: "God bless the soldier who wears these socks."

## Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:

The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$1.50 award;  
 For Plan "D" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$2.50 award;  
 For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$5.00 award;  
 For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$7.00 award;  
 For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$9.00 award;  
 For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;  
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$250 death benefit, \$2.00 award;  
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$500 death benefit, \$3.00 award;  
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$6.00 award;  
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;  
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;  
 For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$2.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

Mrs. Lukanic  
Reports On  
Minnesota News

Chisholm, Minn. — On April 26th I traveled to Ely, Minn. to visit some of my friends. I especially wanted to visit my former schoolmate, Agnes Vertnik, who has been ill for some time. I hope she will soon recover completely. I also visited her sister, Anna Bacar, where I was made to feel very welcome. Many thanks! I then visited the family of Frank Jenko to whom I also owe thanks for their welcome reception. Brother Jenko then escorted me to the Supreme Office of the AFU where the Supreme Secretary gladly showed me around. The building is very modern although it will soon be too small, for there are new members being added every day. It has one thing that other homes don't have, that is that it is built on solid rock. Many thanks to the Supreme Secretary for his kindness. I also visited the Jugoslav National Home there and was pleasantly surprised to find everything so well organized. Brothers Simon and Matt Marolt work there. Both are very pleasant.

Then Brother Joseph Champa took me to visit the hardware and home furnishings store run by Louis Champa (Supreme Treasurer of the AFU and brother of Joseph Champa) and Brother Merhar. The store is very modern and can compare favorably to any of its kind in any large town. Thanks to all the aforementioned for all their kindness.

To the members of our Union I recommend that at the meetings of lodges and Federations it would be well to discuss our by-laws for there are only four months left before our AFU convention. Now is the time to discuss the improvement of our by-laws; after the convention it will be too late. I especially recommend that the section of the by-laws be changed which states that a delegate to the convention must be a member who is insured for all benefits. In my opinion I think it would be enough if the member were insured only in the death benefit fund without considering whether he or she is insured for sick benefit and other benefits. The restriction in this respect seems wrong to me. A member who is insured only for death benefit must pay for convention expenses as well as the rest who are insured for all the benefits. So, now, here is your chance to help.

The social function will be held next Saturday evening, May 13, at the KRAIN COMMUNITY CLUB HOUSE, (formerly the Krain schoolhouse) and the starting time will be at eight o'clock. Games will be played. At the conclusion of the games, the baskets of lunch will be auctioned off. Each lady attending the party is again reminded to please bring a basket lunch. Her name must be inside the basket, so the buyer of the basket will know whom to seek out as his lunch partner.

During the evening a lovely set of dinnerware and several other valuable items will be sold at "dutch auction." Other awards will be given to some lucky persons. The arrangement committee has worked hard to prepare a full program for your enjoyment. We are appealing to you as loyal brothers and sisters to give us the pleasure of voting at the convention so this section will be abolished from our by-laws.

On Sunday, May 7th the Minnesota Federation of AFU Lodges will hold its meeting in Eveleth, Minn. at 1 p. m. It is hoped that all AFU lodges of Minnesota will be well represented. I have been told that this meeting will be attended by our Supreme Secretary.

I wish to add that here in Chisholm, we have now a new law office. It is run by our countryman, Frank Champa, in our bank building here. He served in the U. S. armed forces for 17 months and was in battle in Africa. Recently he was honorably discharged and has now opened his law office in

"G. I. Blues  
of the 91st"

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

You are cordially invited to attend the "Basket Social" sponsored by Lodge No. 162, AFU. You and your friends can help push forward our fight for recognition of the Slovene cause.

As you have probably heard, or knew, Lodge 162, is sponsoring this social affair to help boost the funds of JPO and SANC. Your concern for the liberation of Slovenes, your often-voiced anxiety for the welfare of your brothers and sisters in your war-torn homeland—your ideals and progressiveness will be measured by the success of our party!

You have read of the wonderful work of Katherine Penica of Roundup, Mont. If you have followed reports of the committees, you know of the good work being carried on by other conscientious Slovenes. So, now, here is your chance to help.

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Honestly, now, we NEED your help in putting our party over the top. We believe you are willing to encourage the efforts of organizations that have been doing so much and will do so much more for our people in the bad days ahead. Here is your chance to prove your loyalty, not with mere words, but with the financial support which is so badly needed.

If for some reason you cannot attend, may we suggest that our town. Regards to all AFU members.

Frances Lukanic, Member  
Lodge No. 150, AFU  
Chisholm, Minn.

## Juvenile Voices

ELY REVIEW  
By Margaret M. Startz

Ely, Minn. — At last after a period of undecided weather, we have a nice day. Gardening time is just around the corner, so the people will soon start working in their Victory gardens again. In fact, some have already begun.

The Ely Junior College recently presented the three-act mystery play, "Nine Girls" which was very well performed.

Joseph Milkovich, the very active secretary of Lodge No. 114, AFU, was operated upon for appendicitis. He is employed with the Oliver Engineering Staff. Mr. Milkovich, we all wish you a speedy recovery.

## More Alarm Clocks—But:

Approximately 1,200,000 alarm clocks are to be produced between now and July, according to WPB. But don't start getting in line to buy one. Most of them will be taken for military requirements.

**LOST PILOT SAFE:**  
1st Lieut. Joseph Senta, who had been reported as missing in action over Italy, wrote from a hospital that he is no longer missing and then added another eventful chapter in his book of experience. He walked unannounced into the home of his mother, Mrs. John Chernev. Only seven days prior to his sudden appearance Lt. Senta was still a casualty, insofar as relatives and friends knew. His sudden homecoming therefore left them all speechless.

## HOME ON FURLough:

Mathias Smreker would like to receive the Nova Doba. He is a member of Lodge No. 1, AFU and was home on furlough the same time as his cousin, Steve Smreker.

Sgt. Joseph M. Gornick would also like to receive the Nova Doba. Ed. note: Both names will be put on our mailing list immediately.)

Yes, it really looks like spring outdoor now; the trees are budding, the grass is getting green and birds are chirping here and there. Well, so long folks, until next week.

## Did You Know That

The largest glider ever built for the Army Air Forces was built by the Northwestern Aeronautical Corporation. The glider has a greater load capacity than the two-motored Douglas ship used commercially.

A matchless cigarette with a striking tip that ignites when rubbed against a striking surface of the type used on safety-match boxes, has been devised by Alfred D'Annunzio of Roosevelt, N. Y., to relieve smokers of the need of carrying matches. The addition of the tip does not alter the size or shape of the conventional cigarette. It is claimed that the tobacco flavor is not affected.

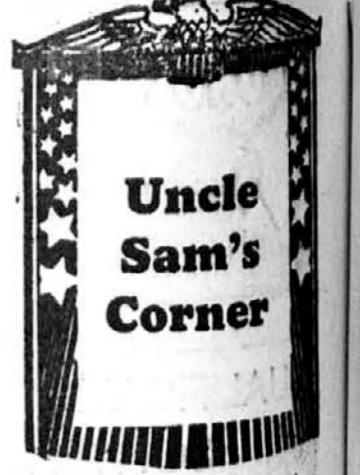
Americans call the 4,000 or 8,000 lb. bomb a "block-buster." However, the lads in the RAF never call it anything else but a "cookie."

Two infantry badges have been authorized for award to qualified officers and enlisted men of the infantry. The first badge is the "Expert Infantryman Badge" which will be given to men who qualify in the use of infantry weapons, make a good score in physical-eficiency tests and demonstrate proficiency in tactics. The other, "Combat Infantry Badge" will be earned by good conduct in battle.

Housewives should make a practice to carefully save their brown paper grocery bags and take them back to the store for carrying their next batch of groceries. WPB has just announced that allocations of pulp for the manufacture of these bags between now and July 1st is less than one-third of pre-war supplies. This means that one new bag, one new piece of wrapping paper, will have to be used at least three times if purchased home wrapped or bagged. The reason for the cut-down is increasing military needs, fibre shipping containers, terproof papers and other essential paper items made of kraft pulp.

**Brown Paper Bag Shortage:**  
Motorists Must Keep Their Inspection Records:

The OPA announced that motorists must retain their inspection records after further tire inspections will be required. The inspection records will be required for motorist applies for gas and tire rations. The records must be kept in the vehicle at all times and must be shown when the automobile is stopped.



## WASHINGTON NEWS FLASHES

By Florence D. Startz

I have been in Washington's busy Union Station many times, but one day about a month ago I was especially glad to be there; I was leaving for a two week's vacation in my home town of Ely, Minnesota! Just about five minutes before I had to be on the train I noticed three familiar heads bobbing up and down amidst the throngs of people—they "belonged" to three Government girls who were good friends of mine.

"We came to see you off," said Helene as she put an enormous package of goodies into your surprised reporter's arms. "Have a good time, and don't forget to write," said Kitty as she handed me some magazines. "Maybe, we'll never see each other again," said dramatic Betty who would be gone before I came back to Washington. (As this is Washington, by the time I returned Betty was in New Jersey, Kitty in Connecticut, and Helene off for Texas.)

I was excited, to say the least, but somehow I managed to get on the train. Comfortably seated, I looked at the little card the girls had placed in the package. "Best wishes for a safe and pleasant journey homeward" it read. And it was just that.

At last I reached home. Words can't express how good it was to see the family and friends. There was a whale of difference between my home town and our Nation's capital. When I had left Washington, cherry blossoms were blooming in all their splendor; in Ely, signs of Old Man Winter were still around. And, one thing I couldn't get accustomed to was having an entire sidewalk to myself; in Washington you share it with hundreds of other people!

I had a grand time at home; in my estimation vacations can't be beat. However, come to think of it, there is something wrong with them—they just aren't long enough. For in no time at all it seemed I was on a train headed back for Washington. Well, all good things must come to an end!

Many people can be termed Vitality Plus when they return from vacations; others need a month to recuperate from them. I belonged in the first group upon my return to Washington.

Now, I'm back in the swing of things again—catching streetcars "ala Bumstead," giving newcomers directions to the Smithsonian Institute etc., collecting picture post cards is one of my favorite hobbies. If any of you readers can send me a postcard from your hometown I would appreciate it very much. My address:

## The Battle for the Balkans

A ROUND TABLE

Louis Adamic — Louis Dolivet — Josef Hane — Sava N. Kosanovich  
Bogdan Raditsa — Gaetano Salvemini — Victor Sharenkoff  
Bustem Vambery — Basil Vlavianos — J. Alvarez Del Vayo

(Continuation)

Kosanovich—May I quote from a speech I made last January: "A democratic and progressive world must do everything to give support to the democratic and progressive forces in Europe, so that those forces are not weakened and destroyed and their place taken by the reactionary and obsolete forces which would compromise the victims of this war and bring about conditions which will inevitably generate new wars. Humanity today is going through a revolution which can be centralized and directed only if we are courageous and forward looking. Every attempt at reaction will only create bloody chaos and anarchy. Therefore, from the very beginning, we must bear in mind that we cannot create a new world with forces that have, directly or indirectly, consciously or unconsciously, helped the development of fascism."

Dolivet—Mr. del Vayo, you have had some experience with the fear of revolution. What do you think about it?

del Vayo—First I should like to comment on Mr. Adamic's suggestion that we recognize the Liberation Front as constituting the present democratic forces—and the future democratic forces—in the Balkans and that we try to deal with these forces at once. Similarly we should deal in time with the democratic forces in Italy.

Salvemini—Everywhere.

del Vayo—It is not a specific problem.

Salvemini—It is a general problem.

del Vayo—This is the only realistic policy we could submit for consideration by the great powers. We don't need to wait till the war is over to take a position on recent events in Italy. In my opinion we already

ticed hundreds of camera enthusiasts "on the loose" recently—the reason? The city is absolutely beautiful at this time of the year; come warm weather and hundreds of white caps are seen in Wash. Such is the case now—I'm referring to the spring headgear of the Sailors and Waves. This city is definitely the place to see them! The last word:

As I mentioned before in this column, friends of your reporter come from numerous states in the union; therefore, when they leave for vacations, I have an opportunity to get postcards from all parts of the country. And, collecting picture post cards is one of my favorite hobbies. If any of you readers can send me a postcard from your hometown I would appreciate it very much. My address:

Florence D. Startz  
1446 Harvard St. N. W.  
Washington 9, D. C.

### GASOLINE FROM FARM PRODUCTS

American farms have the answer to any possible shortage of natural coal and petroleum reserves says Dr. Ernest Berl, research professor at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. He has discovered a process for making these fuels from farm and sea plants.

It involves changing the carbohydrates into hydrocarbons by extracting the oxygen from the carbohydrates. Using this process, Dr. Berl says, sugar cane on 2.1% of the nation's crop lands could produce as much gasoline as USA's 32,000,000 automobiles used in the year before the war.

His process will make about 2,500 gallons of gasoline, 3,000 gallons of middle oils and 1,000 gallons of lubricating oils from 100 long tons of dry sugar cane and still leave the usual 8 tons or so of raw sugar cane.

—Pathfinder

### DOPISI

*La Salle, Ill.* — Iz urada društva Danica, št. 124 ABZ. — Na zadnji redni seji, ki se je

NOVA DOBA, MAY 3, 1944

vršila 16. aprila, je bilo sklenjeno, da se potom Nove Dobe povabi vse člane in članice na prihodnjo redno mesečno sejo, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 21. maja. Torej, tem potom so člani in članice našega društva vabljeni, da gotovo pridejo na sejo v Slovenski dom v nedeljo 21. maja. Seja se bo pričela točno ob pol dveh (1.30) popoldne. Ta seja bo važna, kajti volili bomo kandidata za delegata ali delegatino za 17. redno konvencijo ABZ, ki se bo pričela 17. avgusta 1944 v Rock Springs, Wyo. Kakor je bilo uradno poročano iz glavnega urada in objavljeno v Novi Dobi, je našo društvo združeno z društvom št. 3 ABZ v La Salle, Ill., v svrhu izvolitve skupnega delegata. Mi moramo ta mesec izvoliti kandidata in ga prijaviti glavnemu uradu in isto bo storilo društvo, ki nam je v svrhu izvolitve skupnega delegata pridruženo. Pozneje bomo izbirali med kandidatoma in izvolili delegata in namestnika. Torej, seja 21. maja bo zelo važna in je želeti, da bi jo posetili vsi člani in članice, ki jih ne zadržujejo zelo važni razlogi.

Some people among the United Nations do not seem to realize that you cannot deal simultaneously with democratic forces and with their enemy. In Italy you cannot have the Italian people and at the same time Badoglio. In the Balkans you cannot deal simultaneously with democratic forces and with a clique more interested in opposing the Partisans than the Germans. One must choose and, therefore, I am very much for the recognition of the Liberation Front everywhere—not only from the point of view of conducting the war intelligently, of waging effective political warfare.

Salvemini—Our "realists" teach us that we are interested in winning the war and not in helping revolutionary movements; we are not concerned with fascists or anti-fascists. To be sure, America's and Britain's job is winning the war and not importing anti-fascist revolutions into Continental Europe. But America and Britain must realize that by winning the war they discredit fascist regimes everywhere in the defeated countries and thus make anti-fascist revolutions inevitable. When they endeavor to avoid revolutions which they themselves are making inevitable they are sabotaging their own war effort and their own victories. They cannot eat their cake and have it too. They cannot make the omelette without breaking the eggs. They can only choose between keeping anti-fascist revolutions between democratic embankments or compelling all anti-fascist forces to join communist revolutions everywhere out of despair.

Torej, vsi na sejo v nedeljo 21. maja! Pridite z dobrimi nasceni in s kandidati za novo članstvo, pa bomo lahko računali na napredok. Priporočljivo je tudi, da imamo za prihodnjo sejo 21. maja pripravljenih nekaj kandidatov za novo članstvo. Društveni uradniki sami ne morejo vsega storiti. Dolžnost vsakega člana je, da nekoliko prispeva za rast in napredok društva.

Cital sem dopis in priporočila glede prihodnje konvencije od sobrata Paula Bartela. Je nekaj dobrega, ampak sprejeti priporočilo glavnega odbora za končanje konvencije v štirih dneh (ako bo sprejeti od včine društva), bo rodilo slabe posledice. To je mišljenje člana pri našem društvu. Samo malo pomislimo. Seje glavnega odbora, katerih se udeležuje dober ducat glavnih odbornikov, se vršijo dvakrat na leto, pa trajajo po tri dni. Ureditev vseh pravil za prihodnja štirih leta pa naj delegati in glavnih odbornikov izvršijo v štirih dneh! Ali bo mogoče delo dobro izvršiti? Ali se izplača deleževi kandidatov za delegata 17. redne konvencije. To bo važna seja, zato je potrebno, da se je udeležijo vse člani in članice, katerim je le mogoče. Na sejo meseca aprila je prišlo tako malo članov, da niti sklepna ni bila. Nekoliko bolj bi se pa vendar morali zanimati člani in članice za svoje društvo!

Margaret Brgant, zapisnikarica društva št. 129 ABZ.

*Davis, W. Va.* — Člane društva Janeza Krstnika, št. 106 ABZ, pozivam, da se kar mogoče polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo 21. maja. Na tisti seji bomo volili kandidata za delegata 17. redne konvencije. To bo važna seja, zato je potrebno, da se je udeležijo vse člani in članice, katerim je le mogoče. Na sejo meseca aprila je prišlo tako malo članov, da niti sklepna ni bila. Nekoliko bolj bi se pa vendar morali zanimati člani in članice za svoje društvo.

Dalje prosim člane, da točno plačujejo svoje asesmente. V glavnem uradu hočejo imeti asesment ob pravem času in jaz ga moram od tu poslati prvega dne v mesecu, pa naj vzemam denar kjer hočem. Vsi člani bi morali vedeti, da jaz nimam banke in ne morem na vse kraje zakladati z asesmentom. Najbolje je, da vsak član pride na redno mesečno sejo in tam plača svoj asesment. Prihodnja seja, kot že omenjeno, se bo vršila v nedeljo 21. maja. Pridite vse! Bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 106 ABZ:

John Kerčič, tajnik.

*Ely, Minn.* — Velikonočna sezona je za nami in mi nismo dobili posebno veliko pirov v obliku novih članov. Predsednik društva št. 2 ABZ, Joseph L. Champa, nas poziva, da se pripravimo za sejo 14. maja in da poskrbimo vsak po svojih močeh, da bo na tisti seji dosti "pirhov." Iz takih vzrokov imamo popolno pravico velikonočno

sezono raztegniti. Vsi člani in članice, ki le morejo, naj priđejo na sejo 14. maja 1944. Vršila se bo v spodnjih prostorih Jugoslovanskega narodnega doma in se bo pričela točno ob 7. uri zvečer. Naj, tej seji bomo volili delegata za 17. redno konvencijo in razpravljali bomo o raznih problemih v korist Ameriških bratskih zvez. Naša organizacija je tako, kakršno je članstvo, in naša pravila so tako, kakršna sprejme članstvo po svojih zastopnikih na konvenciji. Vsaka sugestija je dobrodošla. Seveda, veliko naših mlajših članov služi v vojnih silah Zedinjenih držav in te člane bomo pogrešali na seji. Zato moramo pa mi storiti vse, kar je mogoče, da ohranimo društvo in Zvezo v najboljšem stanju, da bodo organizacije veseli tudi naši fantje, ko se vrnejo iz vojaške službe. Upajmo, da se to kmalu zgodi. Do takrat pa mi, ki smo doma, skrbimo za napredek Ameriške bratske zvezze. Na svidenje na seji 14. maja in bratski pozdrav! — Za društvo št. 2 ABZ:

Anton Knapp, tajnik.

*Detroit, Mich.* — Seja podružnice št. 1 SANSA in posojanke št. 34 JPO-SS za Detroit in okolico.

V nedeljo 7. maja ob 2. uri popoldne bo seja v Slovenskem domu na 437 S. Livernois. Ker imamo važne stvari na dnevnem redu, je potrebno, da se seje udeleži vsi zastopniki društva v posamezniki, če je le mogoče. Ne strašimo se dela ne žrtve, zavedajmo se v polni meri, da smo del po številu malega, a po junaštvu in odpornosti silno velikega naroda. Nobeden ne sme manjkati v seznamu onih, ki so doprinesli svoj del k rešitvi in boljši bodočnosti naših herojskih bratov in sester. Naša naselbina je preveč raztresena, da bi bilo možno se osebno zglasiti pri vseh. Dolžnost vsakega zavednega je, da sam prinesem ali pa pošlje svoj narodni davek, da bomo v resnicah dosegli, kar nam je namen, enotno, demokratično Jugoslavijo z enakimi pravicami in dolžnostmi za vse. Vsi lahko žrtvujemo nekaj, ne bo nas bolo. Zavest, da nismo ostali nemci, ko je bila kupa gorja na vrhuncu, bo najboljše plačilo. V zgodovini bomo živel v večno, narod ne bo pozabil, kdo mu je nudil pomoč v največji sili.

Vsem dobrim prijateljem, ki ste me obiskovali za časa moje bolezni in me podrili, izrekam najprisrčnejšo zahvalo za vaše dobro delo, ki ste mi ga izkazovali, kot tudi za cvetlice in druge darove.

Prva moja naloga je, da sporočim javnosti, kdo so letošnji direktorji S. N. Domu in naše obletnice. — Po bolezni, ki me je za dobo nad štiri mesece priklenila na postelj v bolnišnici in doma, sem se končno zopet tolko pozdravil, da delam v tovarni in ob večerih po možnosti vršim posle tajništva Prosvetnega kluba SND, S. N. Muzeja in Slovenske šole.

Vse dobro del, ki ste mi ga izkazovali, kot tudi za cvetlice in druge darove.

V upravnem odseku so sledili: Janko N. Rogelj, predsednik; John Centa, podpredsednik; John Tavčar, tajnik in Leopold Kushlan, blagajnik.

Nadzorni in pritožbeni odsek: Frank Turek, predsednik; Anton Zupan, Chas. Koman, John Pollock in Louis Zorko.

Gospodarski in gradbeni odsek: Frank Česnik, predsednik; Andrej Tekavc, Chas. Vrtovnik, Vinko Klemenčič in Frank Virant.

Prosveni odsek: Joseph Skuk, predsednik, Mrs. Josephine Zakrejšek, podpredsednica; Erazem Gorske, tajnik; Vatro J. Grill, Anthony Tomš, Frank Oglar in Anthony Zakrejšek.

Seje direktorija se vršijo vsaki drugi torek v mesecu ob 8. uri zvečer v direktorski sobi, stara poslopje S. N. Domu, 6409 St. Clair Ave.

Prve dni v marcu letos je poteklo 20 let, odkar je bil S. N. Dom slovesno odprt za promet. Kdo se ne spominja velikega navdušenja, ki je kipelo v srečih ponosnih rojakov in rojakinj ob tistem času. Saj se je z velikim trudom in požrtvovalnostjo mnogoterih delavcev dogradilo in odpri največje slovensko narodno stavbo v Združenih državah, ki se jo je posvetilo izobrazbi in napredku naroda. Da se ta pomemben dogodek proslavi, kot se spodobi, predredi direktorji S. N. Domu v septembri letos slavnostno obletnico s programom in banketom. Ob istem času se bo tudi proslavilo 30-letnico obstanka družbe S. N. Domu.

Te dni letos poteče tudi 20 let, odkar se je organizirala in pričela Slovenska šola v S. N. Domu. Zrno za Slovensko šolo je bilo vsejeno še pred otvoritvijo. (Delje na strani)



YUGOSLAV REFUGEES, some of 25,000 who recently escaped from Adriatic coast via Partisan underground, arrive at Middle East camp where they are clothed by the American Red Cross. They will be resettled by British authorities.

## Slovencem v državi

Washington

Dragi bratje in sestre: Društvo Bratje svobode, št. 162 ABZ, v Enumclawu, Washington, vas tem potom prijazno vabi na poset družabne zabave (basket social), ki bo prirejena v soboto 13. maja. Vi in vaši priatelji morete pomagati svojim slovenskim bratom v boju za doseglo njihovih pravic.

Kot vam je morda že znano, društvo št. 162 ABZ priepla veselico v podporo fondov JPOSS in SANS. Vaše zanimanje za osvobajenje Slovencev, vaša večkrat izražena skrb, kako se godi vašim bratom in strastim v razkosani rodni domovini, vaši ideali in vaša naprednost, vse to se bo merilo po uspehu gor omenjene prireditve.

Cíitali ste o čudovitem samaritanskem delu, ki ga je sestra Katherine Penica s pomočjo ene svoje priateljice opravila v okrožju Roundup, Montana. Ako sledite poročilom o poslovanju obeh odpomognih organizacij, vam je znano, koliko dobre dela v tem oziru so zavedni Slovenci opravili v drugih krajih in mestih. Zdaj, bratje in sestre, imamo pa tudi mi prireditve.

Ta družabna zabava se bo vršila v soboto 13. maja v Kain Community House, in se bo pričela ob 8. uri zvečer. Zabavali se bomo z raznimi igrami, na kar bodo izražene košarice z okrepčili. Vsaka dama, ki se prireditve udeleži, naj prinese s seboj košarico z jestvinami itd. V košarici mora biti tudi listek z imenom lastnice, tako, da bo kupec košarice vedel, katero damo naj povabi k skupni župi.

Potom dražbe, tako zvane "dutch auction" bodo prodani razni predmeti, vključno krasen namizni pribor. Posetniki, katere ima sreča rada, bodo deležni raznih daril. Pripravljalni odbor se je mnogo trudil, da priredi program v največje zadovoljstvo posetnikov, in apelira na lojalne brate in sestre, da pridejo in postanejo deležni zabave in užitka.

Ne pozabite, bratje in sestre, da je potrebna pomoč vseh, če hočemo, da bo prireditve uspešna. Soglašali ste z naporji organizacij, ki so skušale in se skušajo toliko storiti za one naše rojake, ki si sami ne morejo za enkrat pomagati, ki pa dvigajo bakljo boja za svobodo tako visoko, da jo vidi ves svet. Organizacije, ki tem našim ljudem v starem kraju pomagajo ali jim bodo pomagale, potrebujejo seveda v to svrhu finančne. In tukaj je naša prilika, da pokažemo našo lojalnost, ne samo z besedami, ampak tudi s finančno podporo.

Ako se eden ali drugi iz kakršnega koli vzroka prireditve ne bi mogel udeležiti, lahko pošlje svoj prispevek. Vsak darbo hvaležno sprejet; saj se gre za dobro in humanitarno akcijo.

Na zabavnih prireditvah se navadno odloži formalnost, in prilika je, da se dokaže resničnost starega reka, da "moža v resnicu ne poznaš, dokler nista jedla in pila skupaj."

Poslužimo se te prilike, da obnovimo staro prijateljstva, da se seznamimo z novimi prijatelji in istočasno pomagamo plemeniti stvari. Na svidenje v soboto 13. maja ob 8. uri zvezde!

Mary Balint,  
tajnica društva št. 162 ABZ.

## Važno naznanilo iz urada Zdrženega odbora Južnoslovenskih Amerikanov

Naporno delo, v katerega je bil g. Louis Adamič vprežen zadnjih osem mesecov kot predsednik Zdrženega odbora južnoslovenskih Amerikanov,

je dovedlo do izčrpanosti, ki resno ogroža njegovo zdravje. Stvar bi lahko postala resna, ako ne bi bil nemudoma vzel daljšega odmora. Sedaj je pod zdravnikovim nadzorstvom in, ako bo poslušal njegove nasvete, ni vzroka za zaskrbljenost.

Zdravnikovih nasvetov pa se more držati samo, ako se polnoma otrese vsega dela in odgovornosti, in zato mu je treba dati prilike, da se odpocije in za to mu je treba dveh ali več mesecev dopusta.

V interesu Zdrženega odbora in Mr. Adamiča samega je bila njegova dolžnost, da vzaime dopust.

Izvršni odbor Zednjenega odbora je priznal nujnost takojšnjega dopusta Mr. Adamiču in je z ozirom na to podvzel potrebne korake, da je na svoji seji 25. aprila izbral soglasno g. Zlatko Balokoviča kot delujočega predsednika.

Skozi osem mesecev, kolikor časa je bil Mr. Adamič njegov predsednik, je bil Zdrženi odbor glavni faktor pri širjenju resnice o stanju v Jugoslaviji in drugih balkanskih deželah. Zmeda, ki je nastala vsled lažne propagande "Jugoslovanske vlade" v begunstvu in njenih agentov, postaja prozornejsa.

Mr. Adamič upa, da se bo mogel po svojem ozdravljenju zopet posvetiti delovnosti Zdrženega odbora. Med tem časom pa bo Zdrženi odbor nadaljeval s svojim delom, katerega dosedanjih rezultatov so edinstveni doprinos zadevam Zednjene držav, demokratski bodočnosti jugoslovenskih narodov in Zdrženim narodom kot celoti.

Do sedaj je mnogo pisem in brzjavov, ki so se nanašali na zadeve Zdrženega odbora, prihajalo na naslov Mr. Adamiča. Prosimo, da odslej dalje pošljate vsa pisma in brzjavove na: Zednjeni odbor jugoslovenskih Amerikanov, 1010 Park Ave., New York, 28, N. Y. Mr. Adamič prosi, da se samo njegova posebna pošta pošlja na njegovo hišno adreso: R.F.D. 1, Milford, New Jersey.

Zdrženi odbor končuje svoje poročilo globoko obžaluoč, da je moral Mr. Adamič prenehati s svojim delom kot predsednik, in iskreno želeč mu hitrega in polnega ozdravljenja.

## POMOČNIKI DOMAČIH VRTNARJEV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

tirajo iz smrekovih gozdov severne Kalifornije in Oregonia in jih spuste po zelenjadnih potih. Zanimivo je, da te drobne živalice ne marajo prezimeti na svojih poletnih "pašnikih," ampak prezimujejo najraje pod odpadlim igličevjem jelovih gozdov. Po srednjem zapadu in vzhodu prezimujejo pod odpadlim lubjem ali listjem drevja in grmičja po gozdih, pašnikih, sadovnjakih in v živih mehjah. Ko narava ozeleni, so spet točno na delu in čistijo sočeno zelenje listnih uši. Večina hroščev, ki jih poznamo, je škodljiva, toda ta mali, rdeči, černopikasti hrošček je prav korenstven božji volek.

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## DOPISI

(Nadaljevanje s 5. strani)

vijo S. N. Doma s tem, ko sta John Steblaj in Julia Močnik zbrala in naučila otroke gotove točke za nastop na odru ob otvoritvi Doma. Nastop mladih vse ob otvoriti je vsem navzdim zelo ugajal.

Ob prihodu v Cleveland

Mdme. Avguste Danilove, kot

režiserke dramskega društva

Ivan Cankar, je ona nadaljeva-

la s poukom slovenščine isto-

skupino, ki so nastopili ob otvori-

ti na odru in še veliko novih

se je vpisalo v solo, katero je

pričelo v vodilo društvo Ivan

Cankar z Danilovo, kot učiteljico.

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V teh 20 letih je mnogo slovenskih otrok obiskovalo razrede Slovenske šole SND in podalo se je v tem času na oder krasne igre z učencij šole. Programi teh številnih priredb imamo shranjene in bodo na ogled javnosti ob slavnostni predstavi Doma v jeseni. Znanje slovenskega jezika prav gotovo zelo pride sedaj marsikateremu fantu, ki je pri vojakih fantov in mladih mož odšlo v službo Strica Sama. Našo društvo št. 43 ABZ ima dosedaj 23 članov pri vojakih, in, kot se sliši, bo to število v kratkem naraslo.

Erazem Gorshe.

Waukegan - North Chicago, Ill.

— Poročilo o poslovanju podružnice št. 9 JPOSS do 1. januarja 1944. — Prejemki do 10. maja 1942, \$594.00; raznizaplačila, \$64.81. Na rokah blagajnika, \$629.19; poslano na glavnem mestu Jakutsku široka 16 milj. Proti Severnemu ledenemu morju se širi prostrana tundra z večnim mrazom. Prebivalstvo se peča z lovom, ribištvom, deloma z živinorejo in ponekod s poljedelstvom. Jakutija je tudi bogata na zlatu.

Bivša carska Rusija je v te kraje pošljala politične kaznjenje iz evropske Rusije. Domace prebivalstvo je bilo polnoma nepismeno. Sovjetska vlada je Jakutom najprej pre-skrela pismeni jezik, ki ga prej niso imeli, ter jim omogočila šolski pouk v lastnem jeziku. Danes je jakutska literatura že precej razvita.

Ogromna Rusija nam je bila vse do zadnjih časov skoraj tako malo znana kot pravljena deveta dežela. Toda v teh časih stopa Rusija bolj in bolj na sestovno pozornico in polagoma bomo izvedeli o njej več in več zanimivega.

## PREGLED SLOVANSKIH KRAJEV

(Nadaljevanje s 1. strani)

osvobodilno gibanje vojaško in politično mnogo večjega pomena, kot se sodi v inozemstvu. Jugoslovanska ljudska osvobodilna armada, pod briljantnim vodstvom maršala Tita, se je razvila v veliko disciplinirano silo, sestojecu iz številnih korov in divizij, ki jih vodijo izkušeni komandanti. Orožje in opremo odvzemajo sovražniku. Politični toki v tem gibanju so tudi značilni.

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Erazem Gorshe.

East Helena, Mont.

— Dopisi iz naše naselbine so redki. Meni vse čakamo drug na druga s poročanjem kakih novic toliko časa, da se novice zastarojo in potem jih ni vredno posiljati v javnost. Sicer pa mislim, da to, kar velja v tem oziaru za nas, velja tudi za večino drugih naselbin po delželi. Naselite mestece ni več tako živahnih kot je bilo nekdaj. Glavni vzrok za to je, ker je večina odraslih fantov in mladih mož odšlo v službo Strica Sama. Našo društvo št. 43 ABZ ima dosedaj 23 članov pri vojakih, in, kot se sliši, bo to število v kratkem naraslo.

G. J. Porenta, predsednik.

Chisholm, Minn.

— Dne 26. aprila sem se bila odpeljala na Ely, da obiščem nekatere tamkajšnje prijateljice in sobrate. Posebno sem hotela obiskati mojo bivošo sošolko Agnes Vertnik, ki je že več časa bolna. Upam, da se kmalu popolnoma popravi. Obiskala sem tudi učni ročnik, ki je bila videla že skoro dve leti.

William Hrella, s katerim se nista bila videla že skoro dve leti. William Hrella je član našega društva in sin ugledne tamkajšnje družine Mr. in Mrs. Peter Hrella. Tako se naši fanti srečujejo z znanci in neznanci in raznimi prijatelji. Sicer pa je večina prijateljev, ki so bili v Jugoslaviji, že otišla.

Moj sin Louis J., ki služi v vojni mornarici že od meseca maj 1943, je zdaj nekje na Havaju. Pravkar sem dobil pismo

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Bivša carska Rusija je v te kraje pošljala politične kaznjenje iz evropske Rusije. Domace prebivalstvo je bilo polnoma nepismeno. Sovjetska vlada je Jakutom najprej pre-skrela pismeni jezik, ki ga prej niso imeli, ter jim omogočila šolski pouk v lastnem jeziku. Danes je jakutska literatura že precej razvita.

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