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The new Slovenian flag being planted on top of Triglav mountain in Slovenia.

Recognition causes US - West rift

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's promise to recognize the independence of Slovenia and Croatia before Christmas has provoked a split among Western allies and has led Bonn into an unusual conflict with Washington.

The presidents of the two breakaway Yugoslav republics visited Germany this week and Mr. Kohl told both of them of his decision to recognize their republics as sovereign nations.

Several other countries, including Sweden, Italy, Austria and Hungary, are likely to follow Germany's lead.

Mr. Kohl had previously maintained that his Government would recognize Slovenia and Croatia only if the entire European Community (EC) did so. He changed his position when it became clear that some members of the community opposed quick recognition.

French officials have criticized Germany for its willingness to recognize the two republics without further discussions about borders, human rights and other matters.

The French position, which is largely shared by Britain and the United States, is that recognition of Croatia and Slovenia should

come only as part of an overall peace agreement.

American officials have said they oppose quick recognition because they fear that it would encourage other Yugoslav republics to press for independence, and perhaps also set an example for secession-minded provinces in other parts of Europe.

The United States has imposed economic sanctions against all six Yugoslav republics, hoping to force all of them to make concessions, while German sanctions apply only to Serbia and its ally Montenegro.

President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, who was in Bonn on Friday, said he was amazed by the American position. "Taken objectively, that equals support for the aggression against Croatia, support for this barbaric war that is unparalleled in the world today."

At the heart of the dispute are two opposing perceptions of the Yugoslav conflict. American, French and British officials view it as a civil war between rival ethnic factions, while Germans and those who support their view see it as an attack by Serbian Communists on peaceful people whose only crime has been to vote democratically in favor of independence.

Why is US ignoring Slovenia, Croatia?

by Patrick Buchanan

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main," the poet Donne observed almost four centuries ago.

For three months, since Slovenia broke free of Milosevic's gang in Belgrade, Croatia has been under assault. Disguised at first as an insurgency by volunteers to guarantee the rights of a Serb minority (12 percent), the war against Croatia has been exposed for what it always was: a war of annexation and terror to murder freedom, liberty and democracy.

Croatia is a Western nation that is being pillaged and sacked, her cathedrals and churches, monuments and

museums, destroyed by communist barbarians, for wishing to be free.

Milosevic's henchmen are transparent frauds when they claim to support ethnic self-determination. These same thugs are denying majority rule to the 90 percent Albanian population of Kosovo. Air attacks on cities where no Serbs live give the lie to Belgrade's claim to be defending minority rights. Croats are all fighting on their own soil.

Watching the Europeans pull down the shades, to avert the sight of the rape of Croatia, one is reminded of the neighbors of Kitty Genovese. What kind of people did we defend all those years?

For two generations we put our own cities at risk to pro-

tect Berlin, Paris and Rome. Yet, they're willing to risk nothing, to do nothing, to prevent a neighbor from being butchered on their own back steps. Can't break up the big board meeting in Brussels.

Croatia is not some faraway desert emirate. It is a "piece of the continent, a part of the main," a Western republic that belonged to the Hapsburg Empire and was for centuries first line of defense of Christian Europe.

For their ceaseless resistance to the Ottoman Turks, Croatia was proclaimed by Pope Leo X to be the "Antemurale Christianitatis," the bulwark of Christianity. But the New Europe is about money not faith, and she has turned her

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Why punish the victim?

by James V. Debevec

December 7, 1991 was a day of infirmity for the United States. That is the day the US said it will impose sanctions against all six republics of Yugoslavia - including Slovenia.

That is like locking up the bank teller along with the bank robber. It is like throwing the victim of a mugging in jail because a stick-up occurred and they were present.

Similarly, the US policy in this case doesn't make sense. It's illogical.

Last week, the European Community (EC) lifted its sanctions against the four Yugoslav republics including Slovenia and left them in place against Serbia and its lone ally Montenegro. This week, US imposed sanctions against ALL SIX republics in Yugoslavia. It seems like there's a snake in the tower which must be ferreted out.

Remember last July when Slovenia was forced to defend its very sacred soil against foreign invasion? The US should have welcomed the Slovenians with open arms for renouncing communism.

Instead it is imposing sanctions against Slovenia. This has stunned and saddened and outraged every freedom-loving citizen of the United States and the free world.

Slovenia should be recognized by the US as an emerging, striving democratic nation with free elections, dedicated to democracy. Slovenia has staunchly kept its borders in tact and *no country* is disputing its boundaries. Slovenia is respectful of its few minorities; and only wishes to take its place with dignity among the nations of the free world and join in the European market economy.

Remember Slovenia did not pull a sneak attack on Pearl Harbor or any other harbor. It is the Yugoslav army which is attacking and bombarding Dubrovnik — NOT the Slovenian army. Slovenia is attacking *nobody!* Slovenia has faithfully kept its part of the *Baroni moratorium* which ended on October 7. They have held free elections and voted to become a democratic nation. The United States should *not* sanction them, but rather, *salute* them.

The US should take the bold initiative and be one of the first countries to recognize their triumphant emergence from communism. There are hundreds of thousands of people in the United States who can trace their roots to Slovenia. These people pay their taxes, stay out of trouble, work hard, study hard, respect and uphold the family, buy homes, go to church, don't overspend, and can genuinely be called ideal American citizens. So why punish their beautiful, but struggling homeland? Slovenia will have a difficult enough time trying to figure their way through a free-market economy as it is. It doesn't make any sense whatsoever to punish people who want freedom.

God bless a free Slovenia. The United States could do no worse than do the same thing!

Slovenia has human rights, too; we should respect them and welcome the good *people* of Slovenia. They shucked communism. They want to be free. They want their children to be born free. Ah, freedom. We spend billions on defending our own freedom, and the freedom of other countries, but to a nation which wants to be free — we impose sanctions. God have mercy on us and forgive us for what we do. We have made a terrible mistake; we are crushing the victim instead of the culprit.

It's time for the US to recognize Slovenia — before it's too late! — and Europe's only communist nation (Yugoslavia) wins, and democracy in Slovenia and Croatia is stabbed in the heart.

Without US recognition of Slovenia and Croatia there can be no "Peace on earth."



Jim's Journal

AMERIŠKA DOMOVINA, DECEMBER 12, 1991

Last night I had a dream; it was full of bewilderment and awe, with all good things and the earth became a wonderful place to live. In the dream I presented my Christmas wish-list which is as follows. For:

Stan Zihelr, president of AMLA: a two week Caribbean vacation (so he doesn't burn out).

Edmund Turk, chairman of the United Americans for Slovenia; **Lojze Peterle**, Prime Minister of Slovenia; and **Matej Roesmann**, president of the Slovenian American Council: Universal recognition for Slovenia.

Joe Petric, designer of AMLA's annual children's Christmas party: an academy award for set decoration.

Joe Hocevar, **Mary Lunder**, and **Mary Ann Domanko**: a 300 bowling game (each).

John Urbancich, managing editor of Sun newspapers: a part-time job as writer-consultant for all MGM movies made at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Rev. John Kumse and all Slovenian officials: an electric shaver.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kovacic: a gold star - for raising Edward Kovacic, the best police chief Cleveland has ever had.

Ron Suster, state representative: to be appointed a federal judge by governor Voinovich.

George V. Voinovich, governor of Ohio: to be elected President of the United States - God knows we desperately need his wisdom and fiscal responsibility (and besides that, Janet will be a perfect first lady as she is in the statehouse.)

Paul Kosir, president of Pako Industries: to be appointed Secretary of State (instead of James Baker III) by President Voinovich. (He'll get things done.)

Dorothy Urbancich: a letter from her doctor giving her a clean bill of health for the next 20 years.

Eleanor Pavey: a lifetime travel pass by Euclid Travel so she can write more exciting travel stories every year.

Helen Levstick: a gold star from her former pupils for teaching them the values of life so well and a gold star cluster from the Euclid Pensioners for her excellent reporting.

Stanley Frank: The John Urbancich journalism award for outstanding reporting of the St. Clair Pensioners Club.

Gus Petelinkar: Harpo Marx's battered top hat to wear in his mock weddings.

Fran Mauric and her fellow Waterloo auxiliary ladies: the Julia Childs award for culinary expertise in baking krofe.

Robert M. Debevec: his personal Lear-jet.

Ed Kaifesh and Edward M. Debevec: A glass of beer and a good book.

Vince Gostilna: a ticket for him and his brother Henry to personally meet Zigmund and Roy, magicians in Las Vegas.

Mary Sinkovic and Mollie Postotnik: Each one of the two winning Florida lottery tickets.

Dan Postotnik, Jr.: Exclusive contract to sell his prize-winning pottery to the New York Metropolitan Museum for \$26 million (if they can pay a baseball player that, they should be able to fork over the sum for someone with real artistic talent).

Mike Polensek: to be appointed governor of Ohio after Voinovich becomes President.

August Pust: to be appointed ambassador from the United States to the country of Slovenia.

Sally Furlich: to be in charge of protocol at the White House.

Gene Drobnic: become president of the "How to Win Friends and Influence People" school.

Bishop Edward Pevec: a movie of his life to be distributed to the TV evangelists so they can see what a *real* role model looks like.

Joseph S. Baskovic: be appointed toastmaster of the City Club.

Eugene Kogovsek: a part-time job by the State Department to go with Tauck Tours explaining the story of the Civil War to all interested parties.

John Mercina: two "Dave's deluxes" from Wendy's to help fill his plates.

Andy Cashen: a "Slovenian of the Year" award for his helping (financially) good Slovenian causes.

Dennis Eckart: a "Smart move" award for his decision to step down from politics.

John Pestotnik: Good health to keep up the good work.

Tony Grdina: the "photographer of the year" citation.

John Nemeč: a calendar watch with alarm.

Tony Nemeč and Felix Gaser: a contract to write the next Steve Martin movie.

Rev. Victor Tomc and Joseph Zelle: Bishop Baraga's highest blessings for their work for his beatification.

Corinne Leskovar and Regis Walling: Editors of the Year prizes.

Joey Tomsick: A lifetime contract with Pepsodent toothpaste to show the perfect results with his "Pepsodent smile."

Rich Zele, of Zele Funeral Homes,: two week vacation (he hasn't had a vacation for years).

Sophie Opeka, and the **Orazem sisters**: a statue of

themselves in the front lawn of Cleveland city hall and Euclid's city hall for their untiring work on behalf of others.

John Habat: a polka promoter of the decade honor.

John Hocevar: An academy award for Best Movie for producing films on the right to life cause.

President Bush (again): new eyeglasses so he'll notice the Red Star on the flags of the country which invaded Slovenia this June and which is destroying historic Croatia and its people.

Pauline Burja: a starring narrator role on a travel TV show explaining the ins and outs of Paris.

Bob Dolgan the job of Sports Editor at the PD so we can understand what is going on in the sports world.

Ruth and Fritz Hribar: Clevelanders of the Year proclamation for their humanitarian works.

Al and Veronica Pestotnik: the Fred Astair and Ginger Rogers award for their dancing prowess.

President George Bush: a Rand McNally map (so he can see there *really* is a place called Slovenia (and Croatia)).

Joe Valencic: Our thanks (for all your work on behalf of those working for a recognized Slovenia).

Madeline D. Debevec: more free time, to be able to volunteer using her skills as a Medical Technologist in cancer research.

James V. Debevec: Slovenians working together to build a cultural center in northern Ohio to honor civic, fraternal, professional, cultural and business leaders of Slovenian background so they can be permanently honored for their contributions to make America the wonderful place it is.

To anyone who doesn't like this column: A 100-watt lightbulb (to lighten up).

These dreams can come true, Virginia, because there really is a Saint Nicholas; he was at St. Mary's and St. Vitus Slovenian schools' plays the last two weekends.

To all subscribers who have read this far we sincerely wish you all the *very best* of good health. May the good Lord watch over you and shower you with the best of good things.

—James V. Debevec

Christmas Vacation

There will be no Ameriška Domovina printed on Thursday, December 26. We are taking only one week vacation this year - and it is for the Christmas holidays.

Have a *great* Christmas holiday.

Family-oriented Las Vegas

Long known as the gaming capital of the USA, Las Vegas is now looking to become a more family-oriented destination by offering a variety of activities for the whole family.

A building boom is under way to add family attractions such as the planned MGM Grand theme park which will feature a Wizard of Oz motif. Circul Circus features acrobats and circus attraction. Excalibur, billed as the largest hotel in the world with 4032 rooms, is built on a medieval theme. An entire floor is filled with arcade games and other entertainment for children.

While he may not be as famous as the Wizard, Gib Shanley, anchor and sports director for the Ten O'clock News on Channel 43, is a well-known personality in his own right. Travelers can join Gib and Euclid Travel on a special tour to Las Vegas March 3-7, 1992 for \$410 a person. Call Euclid Travel 261-1050 for further information.

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A big thank you to Anton Gregorc of Richmond Heights, Ohio who donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

In Memory

A special thank you to Josephine Trunk and family of Cleveland, Ohio who donated \$25.00 to the American Home in memory of Emil Trunk.

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Thanks to Dorothy Tushar of Willoughby Hills who donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of mother and father, **Mary and Joseph Trebec**.

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Recent Deaths

JOSEPHINE KNIFIC

Josephine Knific, 86, (nee Debevec) died in the Emergency Room of Meridia Euclid Hospital on Friday, December 6th.

Josephine was born in Begunje, Slovenia. She came to the US in 1922, and was a resident of Neff Rd. for almost 50 years. She was a member of Euclid Pensioners and AMLA.

She was the widow of John Sr. and the mother of John Jr. (dec.) Rudolph of Madison township, and Gloria Prasek of Sanford, North Carolina. Josephine was the grandmother of nine and the great-grandmother of 21.

She was preceded in death by brother Frank and sister Antoinette Skapin.

Visitation was at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152nd Street with funeral services at St. Mary Church on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

ANTHONY J. GAINAR

Anthony J. Gainar, 80, of Willoughby Hills, died Saturday, December 7, at Lake Hospital in Willoughby.

Mr. Gainar was born on Addison Road and had lived there for over 35 years before moving out to Willoughby Hills.

Anthony was a member of AMLA Lodge No. 6, and the Euclid Pensioners.

He was the husband of Jean (nee Turk); father of Lois Peterlin of Willoughby Hills, Kenneth of Mentor and Richard of Pittsburgh; grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of one; and brother of Mary Novinc of Cleveland and Molly Nagode of Mentor.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home on Tuesday, Dec. 10, where services were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

MARIAN ROLIH

Marian Rolih (nee Morel), 90, a resident of Marcella Road, for 63 years died on Wednesday, December 4th at Gateway Nursing Center.

Marian was born in Narin, Yugoslavia. She came to Cleveland in 1921. She was a member of SWU No. 10, the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Mary Church. She was an avid gardener until last year.

Marian was the wife of the late Silvester who died in 1965; beloved mother of Mary (Mrs. Armand) Iannicca, and William (wife Joan) Raleigh; grandmother of Linda, Sharma, Pamela Egeland, Susan Savage, Deborah Hinkle, Marian Iannicca, Richard,

Carl and David (dec.), Iannicca, and Jeffery Raleigh; great-grandmother of nine.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary Church on Saturday, December 7. Burial was in All Souls.

ZeLe Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN NESTOR

John Nestor, 76, died at his home in Euclid on Friday, December 6 after a long illness.

A 45 year resident of Euclid, John was born in Cleveland. He was a member of AMLA Lodge No. 5, past president and member of SNPJ No. 576 Spartans, active in Euclid Elks Lodge No. 18, past president of St. Christine Church Seniors, and a member of St. Robert Church Seniors. He was a member of No. 1440 of AARP in Euclid, and former delegate to the advisory committee for the National Board of AARP. He retired in 1980 after 10 years at Bailey Controls as a purchasing agent. Formerly he was an employee at National Casting for 27 years.

John was the husband of Christine (nee Erzen); the father of Gregory of Wilmington, OH; grandfather of four; great-grandfather of one. He was preceded in death by his three brothers: Ted, George and Pete.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Christine church on Monday, Dec. 9. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery. Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOHN F. LEKAN

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1 John F. Lekan died in Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital after a short illness. He was 74 years old.

He was a member of Dr. Mir No. 10 of the AMLA and St. Joseph Lodge No. 146 of KSKJ and the Holy Name Society of St. Francis De Sales Church in Parma, and he was a veteran of World War II.

He was retired from the grocery-industry where he was employed as a clerk and stock expeditor for various food chains.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Lekan and Frances (roj. Perko), and he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Fr. Joseph Lekan S.M., Matt and Cyril.

He is survived by his wife Ann (roj. Jesenko) and two sons Regis and Jack.

He is father-in-law to Sandy and Diane and he is grandfather of Michael, Matthew, Katie, John, Danny, and Kelly.

He is also survived by three



Save labels for St. Marys

St. Marys school, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland is participating in a national program from Scott Paper Company called "Learning Tools for Schools," which enables the school to obtain free audio-visual equipment, reference books, and more.

To help, please save "apple seals" from the following products for the school: Scott Towels, Cottenelle, Viva Towels, Viva napkins, Baby Fresh, Softkins, Family Scott, Scott Tissue, Wash-a-bye Baby.

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brothers, Frank, Louis and Tony and five sisters, Fanny Mlinec, Marie Viskocil, Rosalie p.d. Sally, Sister Miriam O.P., and Pat Sammons. He was uncle and great-uncle to several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 5 from the Hopko Funeral Home, 6020 Broadview Rd., at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Francis DeSales Church at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Arrangements were made under the auspices of the Fortuna Funeral Home.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Marianist Missions.

JOSEPH S. LUNDER

Services for Joseph S. Lunder of Richmond Heights, a retired machine shop foreman for Cleveland Hollow Boring Co., were on Monday, Dec. 9 at St. Felicitas Catholic Church in Richmond Heights.

Mr. Lunder died Friday, Dec. 6 at Richmond Heights General Hospital.

Survivors are his wife, Anne (Preseren); daughter, Lorelei Cudnik of Chester Township; son, Phillip Lunder of Mentor; sister, Dorothy Howard of Mentor; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His sister, Angela Schwartz, and brother, Victor Lunder, are deceased.

Burial was in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

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1 beaten egg
1 Tbsp. water
1 tsp. country-style Dijon mustard
or prepared mustard
3/4 cup shredded Swiss cheese (3 oz.)
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
2 tsp. snipped parsley
1-1/2 tsp. caraway seed
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 of a 17-1/4 oz. pkg. frozen puff pastry (1 sheet), thawed

In a small bowl combine egg, water, and mustard; set aside. In a medium bowl stir together cheese, onion, parsley, caraway seed, and garlic salt. Unfold pastry sheet. Brush generously with the egg mixture. Sprinkle cheese mixture lengthwise over half of the rectangle. Fold plain half over cheese, lining up edges and pressing to seal.

Brush top of pastry with egg mixture. With a sharp knife, cut pastry crosswise into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Twist each strip several times and place 1 inch apart on a greased baking sheet, pressing ends down. Bake in a 350° oven for 18 to 20 minutes or until light brown. Serve warm. Makes about 18 appetizers.

VEGGIE CASSEROLE

1 (10-ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
1 (10-ounce) package frozen cauliflower florets
1 cup crushed saltine crackers
1/2 cup (4 ounces) sour cream
1/2 cup condensed cream of mushroom soup
3 tablespoons minced onion (optional)
1/3 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (about 1-1/2 ounces)

1. Take the frozen broccoli and cauliflower out of their boxes, place in separate microwavable bowls, and microwave on high for 15 minutes. When cool enough to handle, chop the cauliflower into small pieces.

2. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Coat the inside surfaces of an 8- or 9-inch round or square cake pan with nonstick baking spray.

3. In a large bowl, mix the crushed saltines, sour cream, cottage cheese, mushroom soup, and onion, if using.

4. Put broccoli and cauliflower into bottom of prepared cake pan; cover with sour-cream mixture. Top with grated cheese and bake for 30 minutes, until cheese is melted and bubbly. Serve when cool enough to eat.



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December! Here we are in the 12th moon of the year, on the last page of the calendar and in the last fleeting days of the year 1991.

December is usually filled with much activity; preparations for the holiday festivities of Christmas, partying, hustle to accomplish some of the things or projects in our plans for 1991, and setting up programs and plans for the coming year.

Due to our Christmas dinner held in December, we began some of our 1992 planning already last month. November was the month for our election of officers for 1992. Elected were: Rose Godic, president; Irene Toth, 1st vice-president; Angela Bolha, 2nd vice-president; Frances Nemanich, recording secretary; Stanley Frank, financial secretary. Auditors are Frances Kotnik, Mary Turk, and Anthony Brodnik. Edward Karnak will continue as planning chairman, and Frances Karnak will again be our tour coordinator.

I believe that all of our members who had undergone surgery recently, are back home and making good to excellent recovery. We hope to see them back in our midst soon. So, Mary Cizel, Anthony Urbas, Angela Kovach, and Caroline Rozic, follow your doctor's orders, and when you will be ready to come back again to our meetings, remember a welcome will be waiting for you.

It sure was nice to welcome Jennie Strumbel back last month. Anne Filipic had been house-bound for a number of weeks, but on December 2nd, she ventured forth to attend the Federation of Pensioners meeting, and was warmly welcomed.

Other regulars missed are Josephine Mohorcic, Anne Miklaucic, Fred Gregorich, and Hattie Gorgan. Unfortunately, recovery sometimes is slow, and to the patient it is, without question, extremely slow. But some things just

can't be rushed. Have faith. Without a doubt, there are other members who are ailing to some degree, particularly this year with our see-saw weather. Sometimes we are not informed of an ailing member. Nevertheless each of you are important to us, and we certainly wish "Good Health" to all.

Since my last report death grasped member John Lube from our midst. John's wife, Jane, has been confined to a nursing home for five years, and it was a very rare occasion that John failed to visit Jane and spend hours with her. Now John is gone and a deep void is left in Jane's life. Our prayers and sympathy go out to her. Do keep her in your prayers.

Monday, December 2nd, was the scheduled date for the meeting of the Federation of Slovenian Pensioners Clubs. The St. Clair Club was the host club, and the meeting was held at our St. Clair meeting area. Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable weather conditions, the Barberton representatives did not attend. Election of officers for 1992 was the main topic. By unanimous vote, the current staff was reelected for another term.

After the meeting, a delicious luncheon was served. It is so pleasing and delightful to report that the luncheon was *super* as expressed by our guests. Our thanks to Antonia Zagar, Cristine Uycich, and Frances Piletic for a real treat.

There will be **no meeting** for the St. Clair Pensioners in December. But... on Thursday, December 12th, we will celebrate with a Christmas Dinner. Members only. With Milka Krulc in charge of the food preparation, you can be sure that it will be yummy. Hope you all remember to get your tickets. See you on that day.

As we come to the end of 1991 I wish to express my thanks to James Debevec, publisher of American Home

newspaper for his support by granting us space each month. I also wish to say thank you to the readers for your words of encouragement in my effort of reporting the news to you.

To all readers of American Home: a merry and holy Christmas from the officers of the St. Clair Pensioners Club. God bless you all!

—Stanley J. Frank

In Memory of Frances Kramer

The following persons donated to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of **Frances Kramer**.

Julia Larson, Santa Rose, Calif. — \$100.00

Marie Mocilnikar, Mentor, Ohio and Florida — \$10.00

In memory of **Frances Kramer and Richard and Louis Medved**: Antonia Lausche, Richmond Hts., Ohio — \$100.00

Spiritual Renewal


Slovenian language spiritual renewal in preparation for the Christmas season will be conducted by Father Drago Oc-virk, from Ljubljana Theological faculty from Monday, Dec. 16 through Wednesday, Dec. 18 each morning at 7:45 in St. Mary's church, 15519 Holmes Avenue, Colinwood.

Evening services begin at 7 p.m. On Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. there will be a Mass, talk, and a social gathering in the school cafeteria with coffee and pastry.

Krofe Sale

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Musical storm hits Indy

Indianapolis — It was quite a weekend... one that members of the Slovenian Cultural Society in Indianapolis won't soon forget. Our concert and dance with Fantje na Vasi and the Alpine Sextet was in the planning stages for most of the year and was going to be the Slovenian Cultural Society's biggest event in its five year history.

We thought we would be prepared... We were hoping everyone would be satisfied... No one, however, could have anticipated what a phenomenal weekend it would be. When it was over, our group in Indianapolis was left begging for more.

Over 250 members and friends of the Slovenian Cultural Society crowded Holy Trinity's Bockhold Hall on November 23rd for four and one-half hours of great Slovenian music, courtesy of two of Cleveland's (if not America's) finest Slovenian-American groups. The weekend celebration marked 100 years of the Slovenian presence in Indianapolis. The neighborhood in Indianapolis, like many inner city communities, has changed, leaving our community here fragmented.

We are a community that likes to celebrate our Slovenian spirit and heritage, and that spirit lives on after being transplanted to Indianapolis 100 years ago.

Holy Trinity's gymnasium was transformed into a concert hall replete with white, blue and red colors. Red carnations, the new Slovenian flag, and a large sign reading *Živio Slovenci* graced the stage. Some people drove well over an hour from the distant

communities of Clinton, Eminence, Martinsville and Lafayette, Indiana to be a part of this all-too-infrequent gathering. We even found some new Croatian friends in attendance, as this event was well publicized in the Indianapolis newspapers.

Dressed in narodne noše, fifteen members of Fantje na Vasi entertained an enthusiastic crowd with a variety of Slovenian songs including a salute to Slovenian mothers and to the newly (almost) independent Slovenian nation. The concert lasted nearly an hour with unofficial mini-concerts spontaneously starting up throughout the evening in the bar room with every break in the music.

Slovenian Cultural Society members were delighted with the excellent harmonizing, beautiful melodies, and professional presentation by the gentlemen of Fantje. If our organization could name living Slovenian American national treasures, Fantje na Vasi would be one of them.

Following the concert, the Alpine Sextet stole the show by playing a wide spectrum of music featuring their Avsenik-style polkas to a packed dance floor. Everyone enjoyed dancing to the lively polkas with their distinct European flavor.

The dancing continued until midnight, but the memories of the evening will last for years. As the evening unfolded, it was unclear who was having a better time, the group from Cleveland or our own crowd.

Our guests from Cleveland joined us the following morning for 9 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church. Father Kenny Taylor, pastor of Holy Trinity and S.C.S. supporter, began

Mass by saying the sign of the cross in Slovenian as a special way to honor our visitors.

Though the identity of Father Taylor's tutor remains undisclosed, he or she should receive some recognition for a job well done. Fr. Taylor has a special knack for quickly endearing himself to all guests at Holy Trinity, and is very supportive of the work of the Slovenian Cultural Society.

The liturgical feast of Christ the King was celebrated in a splendid manner with Fantje na Vasi providing moving and terrific renditions of Slovenian hymns. It was a fitting end to a wonderful weekend.

As everyone knows, hosting an event with out-of-town entertainment takes a lot of time, commitment and collaborative talents of many people. When the happiness is readily apparent on people's faces and praises of the event are constantly heard, one realizes that all the effort was truly worthwhile.

The Alpine Sextet and Fantje na Vasi left behind a remarkable harvest of a good time, good music, and goodwill. Hvala lepa štokrat Fantje na Vasi and Alpine Sextet!

Special thanks to Tom Srsen who worked from Cleveland on the details and arrangements for the group. Many thanks also to Margaret Switzer, Joe Luzar, Norma Stefanciosa, Joanne Butorac, Larry Cesnik, Clara Heddon, Clara Trauner and Mike Milharic for all their help.

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Kraljs honored in Milwaukee

On Oct. 28, the Slovenian Arts Program of Merit was presented to Isabella and Vladislav Kralj of Milwaukee for their many years of support to the Slovenian community through the Slovenian Cultural Radio Hour which they coordinate.

The beautifully etched glass award with inscription was presented by Karl Dovnik, Jr., with appropriate words by Rev. Dr. Joze Gole in Slovenian and President Dovnik in English.

The Gallus Ensemble, under the direction of Prof. Leo Muskatevc, blended their voices and sang a few beautiful Slovenian melodies. A slide presentatin prepared by Isabelle Kralj and Father Peter Jakopec accompanying the poem *Zdravice* by France Preseren, narrated by the Kraljs' daughter, Isabella, completed the festivities.

A reception was held after the program.
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Readers are urged to contact their U.S. Senators and Representatives and urgently request them to support the following bills and resolutions pending in Congress.

H Con Res 224 Introduced by Congressman Gallegly (R-21st CA). This resolution calls for immediate U.S. recognition of Croatia and Slovenia and is presently in the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East chaired by Congressman Hamilton.

Also contact Representatives Lee Hamilton (D-9th IN) at (202) 225-5315 and Dante Fascell (D-19th-FL) at (202) 225-4506 until they co-sponsor this resolution.

S R-216 — introduced by Senator D'Amata (R-NY). This resolution calls for immediate U.S. recognition of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosova, Slovenia, and Macedonia. This resolution has only one co-sponsor.

H R-292 — Introduced by Congressman Gallegly (R-21st-CA). This resolution is a pretext for recognition because it asks the U.S. to consult "with the United Nations on the question of recognizing, upon request, those Republics such as Slovenia and Croatia, that have declared their sovereignty and independence." This resolution is presently in the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East. Keep calling your Representative until he/she co-sponsors this resolution.

S Res-213 — Introduced by Senator Gore (D-TN). This resolution is a pretext for recognition because it asks the U.S. to consult "with the United Nations on the question of recognizing, upon request, those Republics such as Slovenia and Croatia, that have declared their sovereignty and independence." This resolution has presently passed the Senate as an Amendment to the Banking Bill. Keep calling your Representative until he/she co-sponsors this resolution because it needs more support before it goes into Senate Committee.

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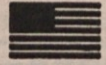
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Mr. Krizan is currently serving as music director of St. Vitus church in Cleveland. He previously was associate organist and director of the children's choirs at both St. Robert Bellarmine and St. Paul's churches in Euclid.

He is also a freelance organist and composer, with a number of sacred pieces to his credit. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati's college conservatory of music.

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**D'Amato statement
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U.S. Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato made the following statement on November 7 on the floor of the Senate when he and Senator Pressler introduced Senate Resolution 216:

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today along with Senator Pressler to introduce a resolution urging the President to recognize the independence of the Yugoslav Republics of Croatia, Kosova, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Bosnia and Hercegovina.

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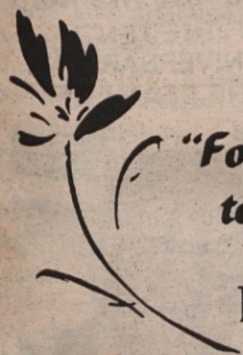
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for 7 to 10 minutes or until
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pepper, onion, and seasoned
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1. Rub chicken breasts with
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3. Spoon off all but 2
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heat, cook green onion until
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stir in catchup, rosemary,
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salt; cook, stirring, until
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Croatians demonstrate thruout US

All day Saturday, Dec. 7th various Croatian groups throughout the U.S. and Canada held protest meetings. In Philadelphia the protesters assembled in front of Independence Hall that afternoon. In Houston the demonstration was scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Houston City Hall.

Noon Mass in Chicago was followed by a protest assembly in Grand Park, downtown Chicago. Similarly in Milwaukee the scene was Cathedral Square from 1 to 4 p.m.

Other localities which were mentioned by Radio Free Croatia included Cleveland, St. Louis, San Pedro, New York, Washington, DC, and Louisville, KY. Croatian Agency Krona reported similar activities planned for Toronto and Ottawa.

The purpose of these protests was to demonstrate to the US in particular and to the whole world in general, the plight of the invaded Croatian territory.

It is to emphasize the refugees, the suffering and destruction as the result of this so-called civil war. It is desired to make graphically aware the ruin of Vukovar, the utter destruction of the historic city of Dubrovnik, and the largest target, Osijek.

Radio Free Croatia, out of Chicago, has been broadcasting appeals and news on Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays from 8 to 8:30 p.m. E.S.T. (Cleveland time). The signal is broadcast over WHRI in Noblesville, Indiana on 7,135 kHz in the 41-meter shortwave band.

It sounds like a local broadcast station with hardly any fading.

A massive conference is being scheduled for New York at the end of this month.

—Joseph Zelle

Coming Events...

Sunday, Dec. 15

St. Vitus KSKJ Lodge No. 25 annual meeting and Christmas party at 1:30 p.m. in St. Vitus auditorium.

Sunday, December 15

Christmas Party for KSKJ Youth members of lodges St. Lawrence No. 63, St. Joseph No. 146 and St. Anne's No. 150 at Slovenian Hall on E. 80th St., 3 p.m.

Thanks

The singing group Fantje na Vasi wishes to publicly thank Mr. and Mrs. Fujs of Frangie's Fashions for their donation of a large size Slovenian flag to the Fantje na Vasi. The flag will be proudly displayed at our performances.

—Tom Srsen

Donation

Special thanks to the St. Vitus Altar Society who donated \$50.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

Thanks

A big thank you to Alice Opalich of Cape Coral, Florida who donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

Bake Sale

St. Mary's Altar Society is sponsoring a bake sale on Saturday, December 21 beginning at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium. Krofe, potica and a variety of pastries for Christmas will be available.

All proceeds will benefit St. Mary's church.

Father Lebar moves

Father Ivan Lebar is now in West Virginia. He is a member of the Franciscans of the 3rd Order. He was ordained a priest in 1958 from St. Paul's Church, East 40th St., Cleveland.

Father Lebar's relatives live in the greater Cleveland area. His sister Martha Bukovec who is the widow of Joseph Bukovec, my deceased brother's friend and subscriber to the Ameriška Domovina.

Especially during this Christmas season friends may wish to send Mass donations to him at the following address: Rev. Ivan M. Lebar, Assumption Church, 34 James St., Keyser, West Virginia, 26726. Many thanks and happy holidays to all.

Frances Weyant
Cleveland, Ohio

In Memory

I am enclosing a check for \$50.00. First of all, \$25.00 to renew my annual subscription. I enjoy reading American and Slovenian section and also Madeline's column and the coming and going events. I look forward to my "little" paper of the week.

The other \$25.00 is towards the paper in memory of my husband, **Joseph Lonchar**. He enjoyed it very much. "Happy Holidays!"

Mildred Lonchar
Euclid, Ohio

Thanks

Editor:

I would like to thank my friends in the Slovenian community for their support in my recent, successful bid for re-election to the Euclid City Council. I truly appreciate the vote of confidence and I will do my best over the next two years to serve the interests of the community to the best of my ability.

Ed Jerse
Euclid Council-at-Large

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DEATH NOTICES

EDMUND STRANSKY

Funeral services were held for Edmund Stransky, 84, of Euclid, OH on Monday, December 9 with a Mass of Christian burial officiated by Fr. Joseph Boznar, followed by the interment at All Souls Cemetery.

Mr. Stransky was survived by his wife Eva (nee Kozelj), daughter Edith Lukez, sons Edmund, Norbert, and Eric; daughter-in-law Mitzi, sons-in-law Rudy; grandchildren; Rudy, Andre, John, Jennifer and Kristin. He was the brother of Elfridea Tratnik (of Slovenia).

He was a retired machinist of Skrl Tool & Die. Before coming to America he was a superintendent for a textile works company in Tržič, Slovenia.

Mr. Stransky was a skier and a mountain climber. He climbed most of the major peaks in Slovenia, Switzerland, Austria and Italy. He was instrumental in establishing a ski club for young people in Tržič.

He skied until he was 72 years old. He was also a motorcyclist and did some BMW racing.

He came to America in 1949 and lived in the Cleveland St. Vitus area for many years.

Funeral arrangements were conducted by the Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, Ohio 944-7976.

STANLEY STEFANCIC

Stanley Stefancic, 78, died Monday, Dec. 9 in Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Cleveland.

He was born in Cleveland but became a resident of Euclid. He was a carpenter for 40 years and worked out of Local 105, retiring in 1976.

Mr. Stefancic was a member of Euclid Pensioners, AMLA Modern Crusaders No. 45, Briardale Golden Age Center, Meridian Masonic Lodge 610, Grotto, Shriners bowling league.

He was the husband of Mary

(nee Skorvanik); the father of Stanley (San Raphael, Calif.), and Richard of Willoughby. He was the grandfather of Benjamin; brother of Aloysius, Anton, Frances, and William (all dec.).

Friends called at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. on Wednesday. Funeral services were private.

Fantje Festival

Anyone who needs tickets for Saturday's performance of the nationality groups (including the Fantje na Vasi) at the Palace Theater in downtown Cleveland, may obtain discount tickets by calling Tom Srsen at (w) 431-1035 or (h) 352-7455 by Friday evening Dec. 13.

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and grandchildren.

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MOTHER, AND MOTHER-IN-LAW



Anna Papesh

died December 18, 1983

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Slovenia - the rationale for independence

by Anton M. Pechaver

Rancho Cordova, Calif. — I would like to express gratitude to the editors for printing exhaustive and varied reports on conditions in Slovenia, formerly submerged in Yugoslavism. It is obvious that the shotgun marriage of the South Slavic nations didn't, cannot and will not work. A time has come for a good old-fashioned political divorce. There is no appreciable advantage to be stuck with the complicated balkanized politics, selfishly pursuing their own goal. The future of Slovenia (and the past) is tied to the West, for better or for worse, which is unlikely in the enlightened attitude of the European community today.

Mr. Baker was given poor advice which resulted in statements playing into the hands of Marxist Serbian nationalists and militarists who took advantage and used bullets to squash democratically elected leadership in Slovenia and Croatia. They prefer to rule with a big bully attitude using bullets rather than ballots to settle a dispute. Its marvelous how a forgotten, ignored and trampled-upon nation can find its identity in the world, albeit the hard way. The whole thing is a tragi-comedy: people living in that part of the world have to endure the consequences of bad political com-misars.

It is unfortunate also for good rank and file Serbian people to be misled with jingoistic nationalistic, religious and imperialistic policies of a two-bit Balkan Mussolini, Slobodan Milosevic. His chauvinistic, double-cross dealing poisoned the relationship already five years ago, between then Communist socialist republics. *New York Times* wrote then "Kucan takes on Serbia" - how far-sighted assessment of the situation.

The generals feeding on this artificial turmoil have been dreaming in Belgrade cafes about the 'solution' which comes from the barrel of the

gun. An unfortunate old Balkan custom, apparently they have been drinking too much plum brandy, known in the export world as Slivovitz and Turkish coffee.

Slovenians realized that it is hopeless to dilly-dally with such politicians with an army up their sleeves, decided to seek their destiny in another direction.

Southern leaders and generals are actually shocked that the former docile 'subjects' dared to think otherwise. Slovenia helped to create the first Yugoslavia but the Serbian kings never thought to return a favor, expecting unquestioned obedience. Communist Party of Yugoslavia held people together with their well-known cruel methods during the

postwar years. Tito broke with Russia only because he thought he was the genuine, proper Leninist, Marxist, etc. It's strange how he was able to extort from the West and the East millions of dollars, intimidating that he is going to sell out to one or the other if he doesn't get to play the Third World games.

Since Tito's death... Yugoslavia in present world politics doesn't matter that much, therefore it can rearrange itself politically, but it may continue normal commercial interrelationships on a 'pay as you go' basis.

May the rule of reason and the common sense of an old fashioned American compromise guide them in shaping a better future.

White House answers Joseph Zelle

Dear Mr. Zelle:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your message about the situation in Yugoslavia. The President appreciates the concern that prompted you to write.

The United States is continuing to utilize all possible means to protest violent confrontation and to promote peaceful dialogue toward a new and democratic basis for Yugoslavia's future, in which the aspirations of all the Yugoslav peoples can be realized. While these political matters are ultimately for the Yugoslav peoples to decide, the Administration believes that the Yugoslav crisis must be resolved through dialogue and consensus among all the peoples of Yugoslavia, not by force or by unilateral actions. Respect for the rights of all nationalities is essential to any stable and just settlement.

The United States has spoken out strongly against Serbian attempts to occupy or to annex portions of the Republic of Croatia. Secretary of State James Baker recently told members of the United Nations Security Council that the United States holds the Government of Serbia and the Yugoslav Federal military

primarily responsible for supporting and encouraging violence and the use of force in Croatia that has resulted in deaths of innocent civilians. The Administration is also working closely with the European Community and strongly supports its ongoing efforts to help bring about a peaceful resolution of the Yugoslav crisis.

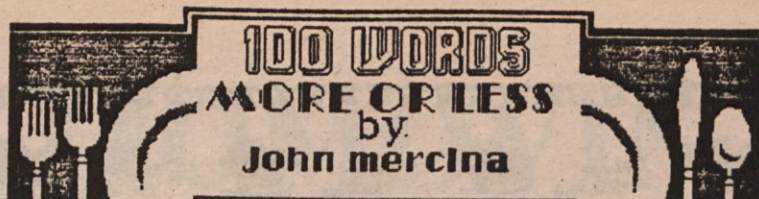
The President appreciates your comments and suggestions on this matter, and he sends his best wishes.

Shirley M. Green

Special Assistant to the President for Presidential Messages and Correspondence

Thanks

A big thanks to Lodge Martha Washington No. 38 of AMLA which donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.



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PERSEVERANCE !

Webster's Dictionary defines above noun as "strife despite difficulties or obstacles". To my little self, above word defines TIM, a neighbor of mine. Tim is presently being rehabilitated in a Cleveland hospital, following a stroke-caused brain damage. During a recent visit by a friend, a calendar with Tim's name inscribed on the cover was given to him. With every last ounce of strength in his body, Tim was able to remove the calendar from its cardboard case and open to the calendar's first page. This was a new beginning for Tim, a new page in his life. Friends and family standing around his wheel chair at that moment learned firsthand the meaning of perseverance. If you have a small problem and want to give up, think about Tim, who at age of 43 is starting a new life, with

"perseverance".

Every dog deserves a pat on head

How does one really thank you for all the good you do unto others? Am not usually at a loss for words, but the article on page 2 last week "Recognize Slovenians" is just super. As the old saying

goes, "Every dog likes a pat on the head if he does the right thing."

May the Christ Child reward you both abundantly in all ways.

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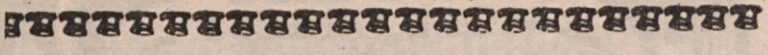
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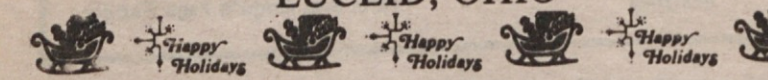
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Patrick Buchanan

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back on the pope's plea to come to the aid of her persecuted brethren.

Where are the Germans? Are they so paralyzed by guilt over Hitler's crimes they cannot order up a couple of divisions to chase Milosevic's army back to Belgrade? Would it not be a triumph for the West and freedom if a German army were seen driving to the rescue and liberation of a beleaguered Balkan people, as French and Italian warships broke the Dubrovnik blockade?

After decades of tutelage and probation, it is time Germany assued the duties that come with being the greatest free nation in Europe.

And the Americans?

Was it only a year ago that our "democratists" were crying that the liberation of Kuwait, neither Western nor democratic, called for a U.S. army to be sent halfway around the world? Why is the liberation of autocratic Kuwait more important to the West than the liberation of democratic Croatia from Stalinism?

Was it just all about oil?

What are we still in Europe for? To defend the Europeans for all time from impoverished Rusians so they can sit on their duffs in Maastricht and do currency reform?

Is no one considering the message that callous indifference to this butchery is sending the revanchists in Moscow? They now know that when the time comes to settle accounts with the Balts they can rely on their Europeans to not even glance up from their stock market tapes.

This is first and foremost a crisis of Europe. But, if no one else will, America should take the diplomatic lead.

First, recognize Slovenia and Croatia, now and don't wait to be 37th in line as we were with Lithuania.

Continued U.S. refusal to recognize their independence is a de facto American tilt toward Belgrade.

Second, lift the arms embargo on Croatia, so her patriots can at least go down fighting.

Third, call in Belgrade's loans, cut off her credit, and put the regime in default.

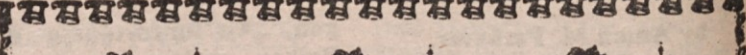
Fourth, demand access to Croatia's towns for human rights groups to investigate reports of atrocities and massacres.

Fifth, warn Belgrade that, if necessary, the United States will break relations and support a German or German-French army of liberation.

Sixth, invite the French and Italian fleets — to join the Sixth Fleet — in breaking the siege of Dubrovnik.

When the 13 colonies first declared their independence, the first republic that proved brave enough to extend diplomatic recognition to the men who had stood up to the mighty British Empire was the tiny Croatian city-state of Raguso — now known as Dubrovnik. Why not have the Sixth Fleet return the favor and show Old Glory in the harbor?

All the Croats and Slovenians want is what we once wanted — to be free.



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Ali bo prihodnja sreda prinesla Sloveniji določeno mednarodno priznanje? Odločno nasprotovanje ZDA lahko učinkuje

Toliko je že bilo zagotovljeno in obljubljeno glede priznanja Republike Slovenije s strani nekaterih ključnih držav, med njimi v prvi vrsti Nemčija in Italija, da je mnogim opazovalcem razmer v Evropski skupnosti treba biti zelo previdni v napovedovanju datuma, ko naj bi do tega priznanja prišlo. Trenutno govorijo nekateri, da bo dan X za vsaj nekatere države ES ravno prihodnja sreda, torej 18. decembra.

Tokrat se je s konkretno »obljubo« začelo z italijanskim zunanjim ministrom Gianniom de Michelisom, ki je 29. novembra izjavil v italijanskem parlamentu, kot poročila Delo, »da bo Evropska skupnost najbrž 18. decembra priznala Slovenijo in Hrvaško«. Nadaljevalo se je z obiskom pri nemškem kanclerju Helmutu Kohlu predsednika slovenskega predsedstva Milana Kučana in hrvaškega predsednika dr. Franja Tuđmana 3. decembra, ko jima je dal Kohl vedeti, da se je odločil obe državi priznati.

Poročilo v *New York Timesu* preteklo nedeljo meni, da je bil Kohl pripravljen čakati na trenutek, ko bi se celotna ES odločila za priznanje, spremenil je pa svoje gledanje, ko je ugotovil, da so nekatere članice ES proti priznanju. V prvi vrsti tu gre za Francijo, nato pa še za Veliko Britanijo in ZDA. Francosko stališče, ki je isto kot ameriško in angleško, predpostavlja potrebo za celovito rešitev jugoslovanske krize. Šele nato bi bilo mogoče priznati neodvisnost Slovenije in Hrvaške. Francoski zunanji minister Roland Dumas je dejal pretekli petek na primer, da bi celo škodovalo Evropski skupnosti, če bi posamezne njene članice na lastno odgovornost priznale obe republiki.

V želji, da bi Nemčijo odvrnile od priznanja, so ZDA napovedale gospodarske sankcije zoper vse republike nekdanje Jugoslavije, torej tudi zoper Slovenijo. Ameriški cilj v tem dejanju, pravi *NYT*, je prisiliti vse republike h koncesijam. Nemške sankcije pa veljajo le proti Srbiji in Črni gori. Hrvaški

predsednik Tuđman je dejal, da je začuden nad ameriško odločitvijo glede uvedbe sankcij. To dejansko pomeni ameriško podporo za agresijo zoper Hrvaško, je rekel.

Po omenjenem poročilu, se bodo glede priznanja odločili zunanji ministri ES držav članic na sestanku 16. decembra. Če bi se izrekli za priznanje, bi le-to kmalu sledilo, morda že prihodnji teden. Sestanek zunanjih ministrov bo v Bruslju, novinar *NYT* Stephen Kinzer pa pravi, da je malo verjetno, da bodo udeleženci dosegli soglasje. To bo vodilo, nadaljuje, do enostranske nemške odločitve, kateri bodo sledile druge države, med njimi so pa omenjene Italija, Avstrija, Švedska in Madžarska.

V Bonnu se že pripravljajo za odprtje veleposlaništev v Ljubljani in Zagrebu, piše Kinzer, pripravljajo tudi program gospodarske pomoči za obe novi državi, vendar pri tem ne bo nobenega orožja. Če pa bodo imeli tako Slovenija kot Hrvaška določeno mednarodno priznanje, bosta lažje mogli sklepati pogodbe za nakup orožja pri drugih državah. Nemško javno mnenje je baje zelo na strani tako Slovenije kot Hrvaške in so bile zelo uspešne denarne nabirke za pomoč obeh državama po Nemčiji. Ravno navdušenost tako preprostih Nemcev kakor njih vlada za Slovenijo in Hrvaško pa zbuja zaskrbljenost v drugih evropskih državah, ki se boje, da išče Nemčija povrnitev njenega nekdanjega velikega vpliva v vzhodni Evropi in to od baltskih držav do Jadranskega morja. Nemci s kanclerjem Kohlom vred se te bojazni pri zahodnoevropskih zaveznikih v ES in Natu zavedajo, zato so se doslej obnašali veliko previdnejše do Slovenije in Hrvaške kot bi bili sicer. Izgleda pa, da temu obdobju odlašanja gre zdaj h koncu.

V Hrvaški sami pa si prizadevajo Srbi v krajih Hrvaške, predvsem Slavoniji, kjer so premagali hrvaške sile, vseljovati čimveč Srbov, da bi tako mogli te kraje obdržati tudi po mirovni pogodbi. Dvoma ni, da so najbolj agresivni Srbi, ki so živeli v Hrvaški, z njimi sodeluje vojska, v sami Srbiji pa baje ni toliko navdušenja za vojno, ki je že tudi Srbom prinesla veliko žrtev.

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Poroka—

To soboto, 14. decembra, ob 12. uri se bosta v cerkvi sv. Vida poročila gdč. Marjanca Rihtar, hčerka ge. Cvetke in g. Franceta Rihtar, in g. Marko Zakrajšek, sin ge. Zdenke in g. Ivana Zakrajšek. Stari starši g. Konrad Peklar, ga. Kristina Rihtar, ga. Julka in g. Jakob Mejač in ga. Mihaela Zakrajšek jima iz vsega srca čestitajo ter želijo sreče in božjega blagoslova na skupni življenjski poti.

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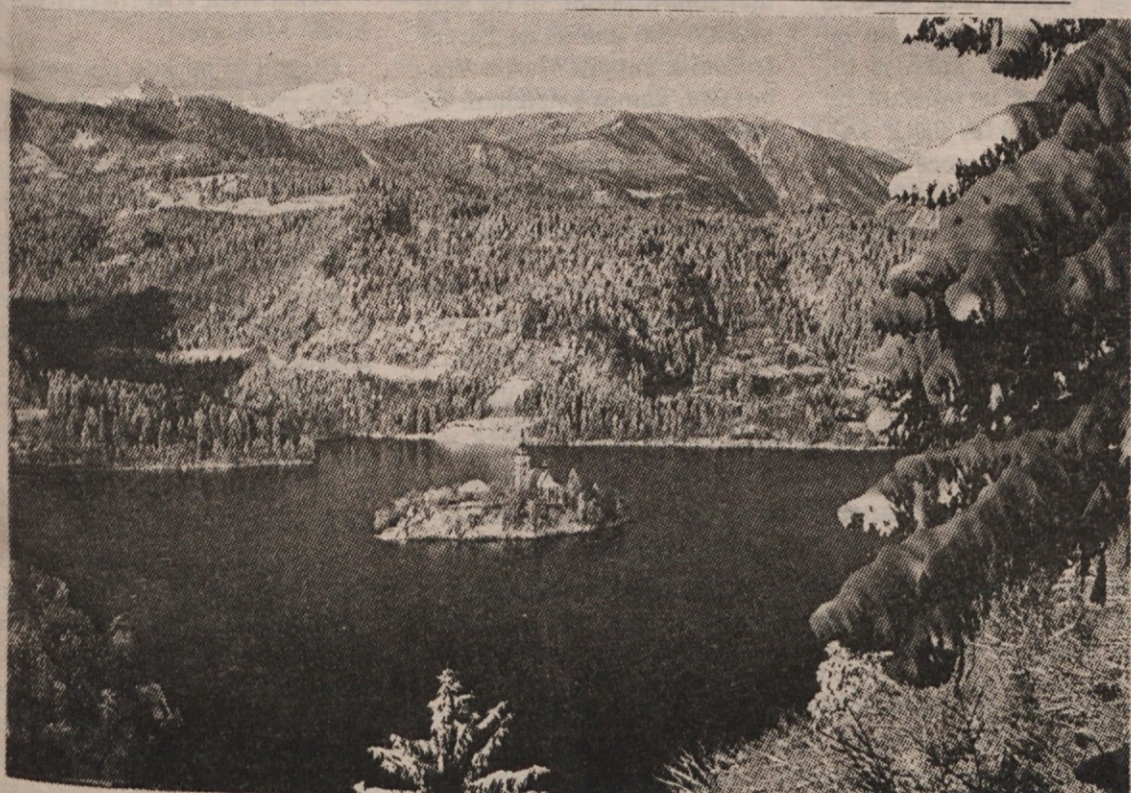
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Pretekli teden je ameriška vlada z nenavadno ostrimi besedami kritizirala in s to kritiko hkrati skušala preprečiti, da bi v prihajajočih tednih vsaj nekatere evropske države formalno priznale Slovenijo in Hrvaško. Posebna tarča ameriških besed je bila Nemčija, katere kancler Helmut Kohl naj bi prejšnji teden povedal Milanu Kučanu in dr. Franju Tuđmanu, da bosta njuni republiki od Bonna kmalu priznani. Če bi to Nemčija storila, bi ji kaj kmalu sledile druge države, med njimi po vsej verjetnosti Italija, Avstrija, Švedska in Madžarska. Priznanje Slovenije je veliko več kot samo formalna gesta, pomeni tudi, da je priznana država kot taka upravičena do tistega mednarodnega statusa, ki ga uživajo vse druge mednarodno priznane države, vsaj seveda, pri tistih državah, ki so jih priznale.

Tega se dobro zavedajo v pristojnih uradih ameriške vlade, predvsem v Beli hiši in State Departmentu. Nobena tajnost ni, da je Nemčija pripravljena od nje priznani Sloveniji pomagati z morda znatnim deležem gospodarske pomoči, če že ne z oborožitvijo, kar bi bilo za Nemce daleč preveč tvegano početje. Ameriško stališče je, med drugimi zadržki, da bi mednarodno priznanje Slovenije in Hrvaške potrdilo drugim narodom, da se spleča »enostransko« proglasiti neodvisnost. Takih narodov je veliko, in ne samo v bivši Jugoslaviji in Sovjetski zvezi. V sami Evropi lahko med drugimi državami omenjamo Španijo, Belgijo, celo Francijo in Italijo. Kje je konec vsega tega, kdaj rečeš temu da, onemu ne?

V ameriških krogih je morda še drugi razlog za uradno odklonilno stališče do razpada Jugoslavije in Sovjetske zveze, razlog, ki je zelo občutljiv in zato tudi javno malo obravnavan. Gre za družbeni proces, ki traja sicer dolgo, a se zadnja leta močno intenzivizira. V bistvu je to koncept multikulturalizma, ki poudarja, da mora ameriška družba skrbeti za ohranjanje ne-evropskih kultur in da so te pravno enakovredne z »ameriško«. V šolah, od osnovnih do visokih, gre za sistematično poudarjanje prispevkov kulturnih dediščin, ki izvirajo izven evropskega prostora, jezikovno gre za zahteve po umetnem ohranjanju drugih jezikov poleg angleščine itd.

Gibanje za multikulturalizacijo ameriške družbe je rodilo odpor, kar je bilo pričakovati. Tako se razširja gibanje, ki zahteva spremembo ustave, po kateri bi bila angleščina proglašena za uradni ameriški jezik, kar sedaj ni. Vrstijo se napadi na princip za multikulturalizacijo družbe. Kritiki poudarjajo izrecno, da so ZDA kot družba na poti k tisti narodni

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Kako bomo preživeli advent
in praznovali božič in novo leto

Morda se zdi za kristjana vprašanje odveč, saj vemo, kaj nam pomeni advent in kakšna praznika sta za nas božič in novo leto. Vendar vedno bolj doživljamo, da v tem času vse bolj prodira med nas porabništvo v najrazličnejših oblikah. Vedno več je vsiljivih ponudb in tudi vedno več ljudi, ki so jim ponudbe dobrodošle, ne samo izseljencem in tujcem, ki za praznike prihajajo k nam, ampak tudi domačim ljudem.

Kakor koli se bodo razvijali dogodki v vojni na Hrvaškem in v gospodarski in socialni stiski in revščini v Sloveniji, že danes je po vseh teh žalostnih dogodkih mogoče reči, da nikakor ne smemo doživljati adventa, božičnih in novoletnih praznikov, kakor da se ne bi bilo nič zgodilo. Pri nas in posebno še na Hrvaškem in v drugih delih nekdanje Jugoslavije je preveč trpljenja, pomanjkanja, revščine in stiske, preveč porušenih domov in razbitih družin in ljudi v obupnem položaju, da bi mogli iti mimo tega brez čuta globoke solidarnosti, krščanske ljubezni in pripravljenosti za pomoč.

V imenu slovenskih škofov naročam dušnim pastirjem, da na primeren način opozorijo vernike in vse ljudi dobre volje, kaj prav v adventu in ob božičnih praznikih zahteva od nas krščanska ljubezen do bližnjega. Vernike in druge plemenite ljudi prosim, naj se odpovedo porabništvu ter sebičnosti in pomagajo ljudem v revščini in v stiski blizu ali daleč. Na tak način bomo mogli najlepše doživeti krščansko sporočilo adventa in božičnih praznikov in z božjim blagoslovom stopiti v novo leto.

ALOJZIJ ŠUŠTAR,
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DROBTINICE, SLADKE IN ŽALTAVE

CLEVELAND, O. - Še sem živ in nasmeh še držim, če le zopet vmes kaj ne pride, da postanem čmerikavega obraza.

V zadnjem mojem dopisu 14. februarja t.l. sem pisanje nekam čudno zaključil. Menda mi je spodletelo ali kaj, da sem napisal: nadaljevanje drugič, težko pišem, ker me noga boli.

Pri cerkvi me prijazna ga. B. povpraša: »Zakaj drobtinic ni več? Imaš še vedno težave z nogo? Nisem vedela, da z nogo pišeš. Jaz sem imela rada drobtinice. Včasih, ko nisem mogla zaspati, sem sredi noči drobtinice brala.«

Da je bilo kdaj obratno, to vem, da bi pa moje pisanje komu pripomoglo do boljšega spanja, kot dober uspavalni 'prašek', tega do sedaj še nisem slišal.

Tekom letošnjega gnilega poletja, vročina taka, da se je na Janezu špeh topil, sem bil večkrat vprašan, kako je to, da se v AD več ne oglašam. Še to sem vsaj trikrat slišal: »Ali je res, da urednik noče več objavljati tvojih dopisov?« Na taka vprašanja sem odgovar-

jal: »To pa ni res, duše krščanske. G. urednik je moje dopise vedno, razmeroma hitro objavil — par dopisov (menda se je zmotil, kdo se ne) je celo pohvalil.« Sedaj sedim in pišem.

Kdor se zanima, ali če se ne, samo od sebe v oči pade, da je tačas nežnemu spolu predpisana kratka moda. Vse se krči — živo srebro v toplomeru je padlo dol, 'jankice' so se skrčile navzgor (ravno o pravem letnem času, kaj), dneva pa je komaj za eno pest. Bom gledal, da tudi moje pisanje ne bo predolgo.

Zahvalni dan je mimo. Tukaj v Clevelandu in še nekaj vasi naokoli smo ga v miru, siti in napiti, preživeli.

Miza je bila tudi pri nas lepo pregrnjena — ni bila prazna — ni se pa običaju predpisan na njej šopiril puran, in od mize ni teklo. Saj sem šel na Turkey festival k župniji Marije Vnebovzete, kamor pripadam. Če sem prav slišal, tam se je ponujalo 10 opitanih puranov. Kupil sem nekaj srečk, a puran je vedno mimo mene odrčal

ali etnični »balkanizaciji«, ki jo sedaj opazujemo v vzhodni Evropi in še posebej v Jugoslaviji in Sovjetski zvezi. Odgovor, da ti kritiki primerjajo jabolko s pomarančo, ne bo daleč prodril. Tudi krajši obisk v takšna mesta, kot so Miami, Phoenix in Los Angeles, potrjuje prodiranje špansko govorečega prebivalstva. Ni povsem izključiti možnosti, da bi v nekaterih teh krajih špansko govoreči zahtevali poseben pravni status in celo »ločitev« od ostalih ZDA. Naj bo to še tako malo verjetno, posebej tistim, ki živijo v mestih in krajih, kjer to ni pereč problem, snovalci ameriške politike niso o teh pojavih in razvoju neobveščeni in mnogi gotovo niso brezbrizni do možne destabilizacijske vloge, ki jo ta razvoj lahko pomeni za ameriško družbo. Razumljivo je, da take skrbi vplivajo na njih reagiranje na dogajanja v bivši Jugoslaviji in Sovjetski zvezi, naj so to pripravljene priznati ali ne.

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel

VABILO

na duhovno obnovo
pri Mariji Vnebovzeti

CLEVELAND, O. - Ko se pripravljamo na obhajanje božičnega praznika, hodimo po trgovinah in nakupujemo vse mogoče reči v želji, da bo praznik zares lepo potekel.

V ta praznik pa spada tudi duhovna obnova, da bo našim dušam pomagala najti pravo pot, da jih bo potešila z dobro spovedjo.

V fari Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu bo taka duhovna obnova v ponedeljek do srede, 16. do 18. decembra. Duhovno obnovo bo vodil lazarist in profesor na teološki fakulteti v Ljubljani dr. Drago Ocvirk. Zjutraj bo imel pridigo pri sv. maši ob 7.45 in zvečer ob 7. uri. Zaključek bo v sredo zvečer, po zaključku pa smo vabljeni v šolsko dvorano na pomenek z misijonarjem. Možnost sv. spovedi bo vsako jutro pred sv. mašo in zvečer po pobožnosti.

Naš g. župnik John Kumše nas iskreno vabi, naj se udeležimo te duhovne obnove, da bomo lepše praznovali rojstvo Jezusovo.

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komu drugemu v roke. Dva rojaka s puranom v roki sem lepo poprosil za puranov rep in stopali, da bi imel za ješ-prenj. Oba rojaka sta se mi samo nasmehnila in nič rekla. Tako sem videl, da je darežljivost pri mnogih 'naših' zamr-la.

Kako ti kaj gre? — so pogosto vprašanja, ko se srečujemo. Kar gre, hvala Bogu, da bi le še naprej tako bilo, si odgovarjamo. Lepi sta besedi: hvala Bogu, če lepima besedama sledijo vsaj kdaj tudi lepa dejanja, sicer pa izvenita v prazno, so kakor lepo pobarvan, napihnjen balon — z iglo ga prebodi in ostane ti v roki le sluzasta krpica.

Nekaj vrstic o Koroški in celovški Mohorjevi.

Utegnil bi mi kdo oponesti, da to vem samo jaz, ki da sem preveč zateleban v Korošce in preveč zagnan za Mohorjevo — zato povzamem razveseljive besede iz Nedelje, tednika, cerkvenega lista krške škofije.

Znano je, da je Avstrija, tudi vlada sama, velikodušno priskočila na pomoč, potem pa še Koroška sama je doprinesla presenetljivo lep delež usmiljanja že v času poplave, še več sedaj v vojni vihri na Slovenskem in Hrvaškem.

Mohorjeva, ki je sama vedno v finančnih škripcih zaradi vzdrževanja študentov v svojih domovih, je vse svoje zastopnike doma in po svetu usmerila na delo, naj zbirajo darove za prizadeto matično domovino Slovenijo.

Pred proslavo 140-letnice Mohorjeve, vršila se je 28. oktobra 1991, so Mohorjani doma na Koroškem in po svetu zbrali do 10 milijonov šilingov in jih ob priliki proslave izročili

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V Združenih državah je velik pritisk k asimilaciji v tok ameriškega življenja. Posebno med mladimi ljudmi zanimanje za slovenski jezik ni tako močno. Zato bo slovenski jezik žal tisto, kar bodo Slovenci najprej izgubili. Medtem ko se bo lahko jezik izgubil ali oslabil, pa mislim, da bo slovenska zavest ostala močna. Številni Američani slovenskega porekla ne govorijo več slovenščine, toda še vedno pojejo pesmi o Sloveniji in se zanimajo za dogajanja v Sloveniji.

Kar se je zgodilo v zadnjem letu, je dober primer za to. Ko smo prejeli novice o poplavih v Sloveniji na lanske vse svete, so se ameriški Slovenci, posebno župnije in kulturne organizacije, povezali v zbiranju sredstev za Karitas. Slovenski-ameriški svet je učinkovito pomagal dvigati zavest ob političnih dogajanjih v Sloveniji.

Vsi smo zavzeto spremljali razglasitev neodvisnosti 25. junija in vojno, ki ji je sledila. Kadarkoli in kjerkoli smo se srečevali, smo spraševali drug drugega: Ste slišali kaj novega?, Ali ste lahko telefonirali domov?, Ste videli včeraj zvečer, kaj je pokazala TV o vojni?... Ameriški Slovenci smo zasuli našo vlado s peticijami za pomoč Sloveniji in pokazali veliko solidarnost s Slovenijo. Presenetljivo je, koliko slovenskih zastav zdaj vihra po Clevelandu — tudi na pročelju našega župnijskega doma.

Ko se je začela vojna v Sloveniji, je slovenska katoliška skupnost organizirala mašo za mir in pravičnost v Sloveniji. V treh dneh smo napravili program za to mašo v stolnici in razposlali obvestila. V ponedeljek, 3. julija, je stolnico napolnilo več kot 1300 ljudi, številni so prišli v narodnih nošah. Rektor katedrale je pripomnil, da še nikoli ni videl stolnice tako polne kot pri tej maši za Slovenijo.

Ali se bo slovenska zavest nadaljevala? Upam, da bo tako. Veliko je seveda odvisno od naših mladih družin, če bodo ponosne na svoje poreklo in če se bodo zavedale, da biti Američan še ne pomeni pozabiti svojih korenin, porekla in kulturne dediščine. To je tudi razlog, zakaj je delo slovenskih župnij še vedno tako pomembno. Nismo samo središča katoliške vere, ampak tudi središča slovenske kulture.

• Sami prihajate iz družine, kjer je oče Slovenec, mati pa Slovakinja. Nam lahko poveste nekaj o svojem življenju?

V družini je pet otrok. Imam brata in tri sestre. Ko smo rasli, smo obiskovali slovensko župnijo v Barbertonu (Ohio) in župnijsko šolo, kjer so nas poučevale šolske sestre iz Le-

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(nadaljevanje s str. 7)

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kvenem zboru.

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in iz Bresta pri Tomišlju, a so
umrli, ko je bil še mlad. Ma-
mini starši pa so bili iz severne
Slovaške. Vedno sem se zani-
mal za zgodovino, zato sem
hotel čim več vedeti o prete-
klosti naše družine. Bolj in
bolj me je zanimala Slovenija,
njena zgodovina, kultura in je-
zik. S starejšo sestro sva pred
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prihajam iz take družine, je,
da si ponosen na svoje poreklo
ter prav zato enako spoštuješ
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nov, ki sicer niso vsakonedelj-
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katere profesor je tudi on,
spremenili duh predavanja. Od-
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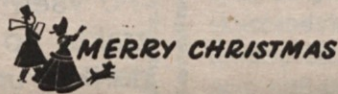
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mo se znajti v zagati, na pol
poti. Sram nas bo odstopiti in
zapraviti dosežke, a naprej ne
bo šlo, ker je radodarnih do-
mačinov premalo. Res je, nu-
dili bodo oni svoje pesti in mi-
šice, vsi brez izjeme, vendar bo
preveč manjkalo podlage, nuj-
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se je čutila preč tem shodom,
saj je bilo pričakovati morebit-
no kritiko ob neizpoljenih pre-
rokbah. Ne vem, če je šlo za
»obljube«, saj so bile zamrle
obljube mnogih »darovalcev«,
a od njih je bila odvisna napo-
vedana zidava.

Vendar so se razšle vse me-
gle, ko so se zvrstila posame-
zna poročila o dosedanjih u-
krepkih. Potolaženi smo slišali,
da je končno odobrena lokaci-
ja bodočega Doma, kar nas je
plašilo več mesecev, in da pri-
spevki nezadržno prihajajo v
našo blagajno — dasi ne prehito.
Nekaterim je seglo v srce
naše opozorilo, da hitra dostava
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nje tisti, ki niso Bog ve koliko
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odšteti še tisto, saj so vendar
prav blizu in vidijo naše teža-
ve. Tem bolj smo, seveda, pono-
sni na tiste, ki globoko seza-
jo v žep, čeprav so oddaljeni,
morda že v visokih letih in jim
že sama misel na Slovenijo neti
vnemo za sodelovanje. Kako
lepo je slišati o 90-letni gospe
iz Clevelanda, ki se menda ni-
kdar ne bo sprehajala po ro-
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pričani smo, da ji ne manjka
dedičev — ki pa se ne bodo ču-
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