

Od tedna do tedna

Vprašanje porodne kontrole

Amerika je dejansko zelo bogata dežela, potencijalno pa še veliko bolj. Ni dvoma, da bi lahko preživila mnogo več ljudi kot pa jih danes biva na njenem ozemlju, aka bi se zakladi prirode in izumi moderne tehnike rabili za ljudski blagobit. Ampak vse to ne spremeni dejstva, da je tudi v Ameriki mnogo bede in da tretjina naroda ne živi, temveč kvečjim životari.

Vričo tega je agitacija za kontrolo porodov gotovo socialno, aka ne ekonomsko potrebna, in nobena ustanova, ki nima programa, s katerim bi se to stanje odpravilo, nima moralne pravice pobijati dela, ki stremi za tem, da bi se revčina zmanjšala na ta način, da bi reveži imeli manj otrok. Ampak uradni katoliški krogi so slepi in gluhi za vse to. To je zopet pokazal slujaj, o katerem se poroča tudi iz San Francisca.

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Na svetovni razstavi, ki je v tem v omenjenem mestu, je navel prostor Birth Control Federation of America. Podpisala je kontrakt z upravo in izdala nad tisoč dolarjev za postavitev malega paviljona, tiskovine in druge potrebuščine. Tedaj pa se je nadomada oglasil škof John P. Mitty, ki je imel opraviti verski obred pri otvoritvi razstave, rekoč, da ne prestopi razstavnega prostora, dokler se ne odstrani paviljon federacije za porodno kontrolo. Uprava razstave je stala na tem, da je podpisala kontrakt, ki ga ne more prelomiti, in škof je ostal doma.

Toda pri tem ni ostalo dolgo. Kmalu se je dalo uprvi razstave jasno razumeti, da ako sporni paviljon ostane, se bo katolički pozvalo, da se držijo proč od razstave v San Franciscu. Grožnja bojkota je imela začetnji učinek. V tem par dni je bil paviljon odstranjen. Edino, kar je ostalo, je bila demonstracija takozvanega "ritmičnega sistema" porodne kontrole, katerega so katolički oblasti proglašile za sprejemljivega.

Paviljon porodne kontrole je bil prirejen v strogo znanstvenem duhu in v absolutno dostojnem tonu, ampak škof Mitty je s svojim nastopom dejansko odločil, kaj smejo in kaj ne smejo vedeti ameriški državljanji, med katerimi je osmedeset odstotkov ne-katolikov. To je poseganje v ameriško civilno življenje, in se s tega vidika ne da opravičiti.

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Ako katoliška cerkev sodeluje s totalitarnimi režimi v Italiji in Nemčiji in podpira propagando za čim večje število porodov, dasiravno dobro ve, da Hitler in Mussolini hočeta več otrok edinole zato, da bosta imela čim več krme za topove, gotovo ne stoje na trdnih tleh, ko v demokratični deželi kot je Amerika skuša zatreći gibanje, ki ga vodijo humanitarni motivi, in čigar namen je zmanjšati bodoči ljudi, ki so zajeti v pasti krivih nega socialnega reda.

Z drugimi besedami: Ali je mogoče, da je moralno nekaj, kar je očitno proti-socialno? In obratno: Ali ne nekaj, kar je socialno koriščeno in zažljivo, samo po sebi tudi moralno? Katoliška cerkev odgovarja na prvo vprašanje "da," na drugo "ne," ampak zdravemu razumu se to upira.

RELIF ZA BOGATINE

Poslanska zbornica v Washingtonu je te dni odglasovala, da se iz zveznega davčnega zakona črta določba za davek na nerazdeljeni dobiček. Vsi kongresni razen enega so glasovali za "relif" za bogatine.

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Junij-mladinski mesec SSPZ

Mesec junij je mladinski mesec Slovenske svobodomisne podporne zveze. To se pravi, da je posvečen predvsem delu in agitaciji za naše mladinsko gibanje, ki ima svoj delokrog v Vrtcih.

SSPZ je bila prva slovenska bratska organizacija ki je podvzela akcijo, da vzgoji mladino za naloge, ki jo čakajo v prihodnosti, v posebnih mladinskih društvih. Naši Vrtci služijo za vzgled tudi drugim. S tem je dala inicijativo gibanju, ki bo podaljšalo življenje in obstoj vsemu, kar je našega v tej deželi.

Ziv dokaz zanimanja in dela, ki ga vrši SSPZ za to, da naša mladina v Ameriki postane del našega skupnega življenja, je mesečna priloga "Vrtec". Junija priloga, ki tvori del današnje izdaje glasila, obsegata osem strani in tiskana je na finem papirju. In kar je bolj važno — je delo mladine same, dečkov in deklic, ki so člani naših Vrtcev.

Bratje in sestre! Vsi na delo za večjo in boljšo SSPZ! Vsi na delo za napredek in razmah našega mladinskega gibanja!

Kongres mesari po stavu za WPA

BOJ RADI TRETJEGA TERMINA

Konservativni demokratje so te dni začeli z javno kampanjo, da preprečijo ponovno nominacijo predsednika Roosevelta, aka bi se predsednik odločil za tretji termin. Senator Burke iz Nebraske je imel radijski govor, v katerem je rekel, da će Roosevelt zlomi "zgodovinsko tradicijo proti tretjemu predsedniškemu terminu, ne bo mogoče nikomur več jamčiti ameriške vladne forme," to se pravi, da bi bila demokracija v nevarnosti in da bi to pomenilo prvi korak Amerike v diktaturom.

Konservativci v obeh strankah bodo brez dvoma poskusili spraviti skozi kongres rezolucijo, ki bi ob sodila tretji termin za Roosevelt. Znano je, da reakcionalni demokrati hočejo, da bi podpredsednik Garner dobil nominacijo, dasiravno vedo, da bi to pomenilo zmago za republikance pri predsedniških volitvah, ki se vršijo prihodnjem letu. Javno kampanjo za ponovno nominacijo Roosevelt je nedavno odpril notranji tajnik Harold Ickes. Predsednik o vprašanju še vedno molči.

PREMALO ZANIMANJA ZA CIVILNE SVOBODŠČINE

Amerikanci kot narod se pre malo zanimajo za civilne svobodščine, ki so vtelešene v Bill of Rights zvezne ustawe, je rekla Florence Allen, članica zveznega okrožnega prizivnega sodišča, na konvenciji dobrodelnih organizacij v Clevelandu.

Povprečen Amerikanec ve mnogo več o zakonih, ki regulirajo

promet kot pa o ustavnih določbah, od katerih odvisi njihova

sloboda, je izjavila sodnica, ki je priporočila izobraževanje in kampanjo v tem smislu. Rekla je: "Primeroma malo ljudem je znano, da v Ameriki obstoji

zelenu luč za izražanje prepričanja ne le za večino, temveč tudi za manjšino. To nerazumevanje je glavni vzrok, zakaj se od časa do časa zgodi, da temeljne civilne svobodščine niso vasil-

burbenci zanesli v predlogu, ko

se je nahajala pred nižjo zbor-

cijonarne restrikcije, katere so nico.

Koledar prireditev SSPZ

SOBOTA, 24. junija — Kazanje filma Slovenije po br. Vrhovniku na priredbi društva št. 152, SOUTH FORK, PA.; po predstavi ples.

SOBOTA, 25. junija — Moonlight Dance društva "Victorians," CHICAGO, Ill., na Keglovem zabavilišču v Willow Springs.

NEDELJA, 25. junija — Predstava filmskih slik iz stare domovine pod pokroviteljstvom društva št. 70, KRAYN, PA., in govor br. Vrhovnika. Začetek ob dveh popoldne.

SOBOTA, 1. julija — Predstava slik iz Slovenije po br. Vrhovniku pod pokroviteljstvom društva št. 25, READING, PA.

TOREK, 4. julija — Proslava 30-letnice društva št. 27, FOREST CITY, PA.; br. Vrhovnik bo kazal film Slovenije.

SOBOTA, 15. julija — Skupna priredba društev št. 79 in 181, POWER POINT, O., na kateri bo br. Vrhovnik kazal film Slovenije: se vrši v U. M. Dvorani, v slučaju slabega vremena pa v John Čukovih storih.

NEDELJA, 16. julija — Piknik društva št. 239, NO. BRADDOCK, PA., na Church Hill Turtle Creek. Za ples igra godba Paula Dolinarja iz Library.

NEDELJA, 23. julija — Piknik društva št. 61, BARBERTON, OHIO, in predstava filmskih slik iz stare domovine na Novakovi farmi pod vodstvom br. Vrhovnika.

NEDELJA, 30. julija — Piknik federacije društev SSPZ v vzhodnem Ohiju, v ALLIANCE, O.

SOBOTA, 21. oktobra — Proslava 30-letnice društva "Lunder-Adamić," št. 20, CLEVELAND, O., v auditoriju S. N. Doma.

ROTARIJANI ZBORUJEJO

V Clevelandu se ta teden vrši konvencija Rotary organizacije, ki ima svoje postojanke širom sveta. Je to organizacija biznisnih in poklicnih ljudi, ki je bila ustanovljena pred dvajsetimi leti

v Chicagu, danes pa steje 210,

000 članov, največ seveda v Zedinjenih državah. Na konvencijo je prišlo okrog deset tisoč delegatov in članov. Organizacija služi predvsem družabnosti.

Iz Jugoslavije je prišel na konvencijo kot delegat zagrebški industrijalec Radovan Alavpolj.

Premašno je v zakon nova določba, da se pri WPA ne more zaposliti nobene osebe, ki "priporoča strmoglavljenje vlade".

Kako se ima ta določba tolmačiti, predloga ne pove, gotovo pa je, da se jo bo skušalo rabiti proti pripadnikom manjšin, "rakikalcem", itd.

V poslanski zbornici je bila

predloga sprejeta z ogromno

večino 373 glasov proti 21.

Protiv je glasovalo samo devet de-

mokratov in dvanaest republi-

kancev. Administracija se je

borila proti raznim restrikci-

jam, ampak je v večini slučajev

ostala brez uspeha. Vsota, ki jo

predvideva, je nad 800 milijonov nižja kot pa se je dovolilo

v tekočem letu.

Zdaj gre predloga pred senat,

kjer je upati, da se bo progre-

sivnim demokratom posrečilo iz-

biti vsaj nekatere najbolj reak-

cionarne restrikcije, katere so nico.

ne. Ustavne osebne svobodščine je mogoče vsiliti potom javne izobrazbe in javnega mnenja. Ustavni zakoni pravice bi morali poznati vsi javni uradniki, župani in govorci, politični načelniki in politični uradniki, in ne samo predsedniki in sodniki.

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TURA SSPZ

SOUTH FORK, PA. sobota 24. junija KRAYN, PA. nedelja 25. junija ST. MICHAEL, PA. torek 27. junija CORNWALL, PA. četrtek 29. junija READING, PA. sobota 1. julija LUZERNE, PA. nedelja 2. julija FOREST CITY, PA. torek 4. julija GOWANDA, N. Y. sobota 8. julija POWER POINT, O. sobota 15. julija BREWSTER, OHIO sobota 22. julija BARBERTON, O. nedelja 23. julija MASSILLON, O. soboto 5. avgusta GIRARD, O. nedelja, 6. avgusta

Boj radi neutralnosti in postave

V kongresu Zedinjenih držav se obeta oster boj radi revizije neutralnostne postave, kajti zakonski načrt, katerega je pred tekmo predložila administracija, v soglasju na načrtom, ki ga je podal državni tajnik Hull, je načrt na trdovrati odpored zagonovnik izolacijske politike. Ta skupina v kongresu je namreč mnenja, da se Amerika lahko izogne komplikacijam v Evropi in drugod enostavno na ta način, da posnema ptiča noja — vtakne glavo v pesek in si domislja, da nekaj kar ne vidi, se sploh zgodi.

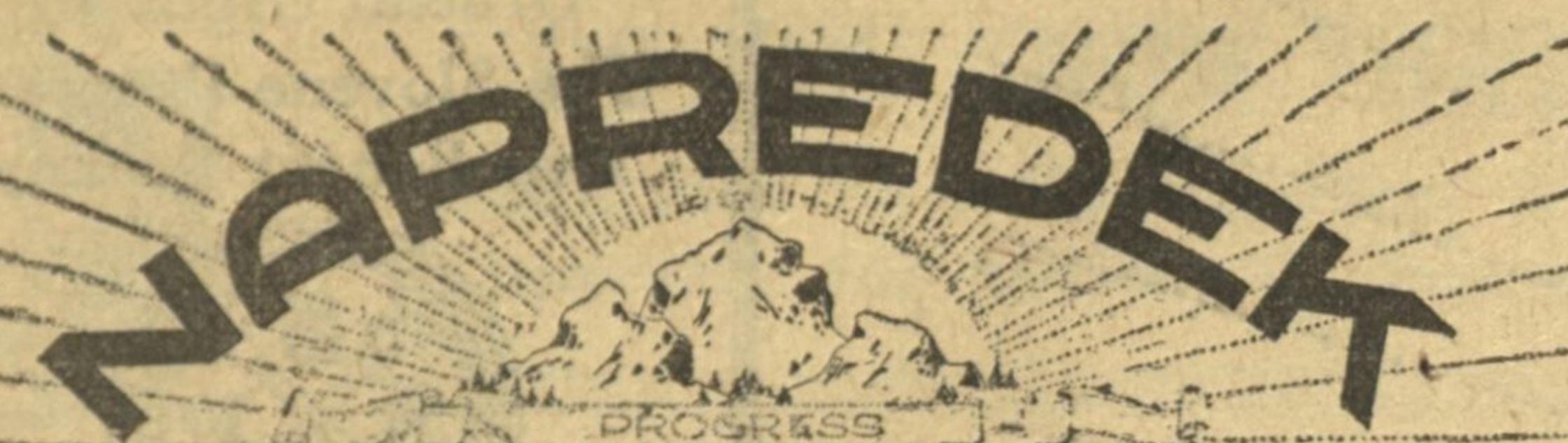
V smislu načrta, ki ga je predložila administracija, bi imel predsednik moč odločiti, kdaj obstoji vojno stanje med dvema državama ter tudi označiti, katera je napadalka, nakar bi Zedinjene države napadeni državili srečo pomagati s tem, da bi prodajale vojni material, za katerega bi se plačalo v gotovini. Na ta način amendirana neutralnostna postava bi bila v soglasju z željami predsednika Roosevelt, ki je ob otvoritvi sednjega kongresnega zasedanja opozoril, da ima obstoj neutralnosti postava često posledico, da je ameriški vojni material na razpolago agresorju, dočim se pomoč odreka narodu, ki je bil napaden.

Predsednik je te dni izjavil, da se bo administracija borila z vsemi sredstvi za amendiranje neutralnostne postave, brez oziroma na to, če se zasedanje zavleče preko 15. julija, ko imajo zakonodajci oditi na počitnice. Kot izgleda, administracija ne bo odnehalo, dokler predloga za novo neutralnostno postavo ne pride na glasovanje v obliki zbornic kongresa. Vričo tega se v kongresu pričakuje dolge in ostre debate, kakršne se že ne pomni od časa, ko se je vršila kontroverza, ali naj Zedinjene države vstopijo v Ligo narodov ali naj ostanejo izven nje.

RUSIJA NA SVETOVNI RAZSTAVI

Za to, da so tuje države tako sijajno in bogato zastopane na svetovni razstavi v New Yorku, gre v veliki meri zasluga Sovjetske Rusije. Rusija je bila prva velika sila, ki je podpisala kontrakt za postavitev velikega poslopja na razstavi ter je za zgradbo in ureditev svojih prostorov določila vsoto štirih milijonov dolarjev. Ko so o tem slišale druge velike države, so se zavezale, da se čim bolj odrežejo, o tem, da bi razstavo preuzele, pa seveda sploh ni bilo več govora. Ruska stavba na razstavi je po izjavah obiskovalcev nekaj krasnega. Tudi po uredbi in zanimivosti je med prvimi, aka ne prva. Edina velika država, ki na razstavi ni zastopana, je končno izkazala, da je odločil faktor v porazu republikanske Španije.

Ampak vse večje pomoč kot Nemčija je nudila generalu Francu fašistična Italija. Italijanska mornarica je v štirih mesecih, od decembra 1936 pa do aprila 1937, spravila v Španijo 100,000 mož vojaštva. Aktivna intervencija pa se je začela množično pred decembrom. Devet italijanskih bombnih letal je bilo poslanih v španski Morako že v juliju 1936, torej takoj ob začetku generalske revolte. Potem ko so vprizorili več napadov na špansko republikansko mornarico ter jo delno ohromili, se jih je rabilo za prevoz več kot šest tisoč Mavrov, katere se je rabilo, da se je z njimi zamašilo redke rebelne vrste. Vsega skupaj je italijanska zračna sila poslala v Španijo nad šest tisoč mož, ki so vprizorili 5,318 napadov, v katerih je bilo vrženih v s


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IZ GLAVNEGA URADA SSPZ**SPLOŠNO GLASOVANJE**

Slošno glasovanje o predlogu društva štev. 63 bo tradno zaključeno dne 28. junija, 1939, in najkasneje dne 1. julija morajo biti društvena poročila o izidu glasovanja poslana v gl. urad.

Društvene tajnike opazjam na te datume, ker je do tega dne komaj ena tretjina poročil dospela v gl. urad, a se bo vsa po 5. juliju došla poročila smatralo za Prekasno poslane, torej za neveljavna.

PROŠNJE ZA VSTOP

Veliko neprilik ima glavni urad s prošnjami za vstop v oba oddelka, ki so pomanjkljivo ali površno izpolnjene. Eden pozabi zapisati kake vrste certifikat hoče, drugi vsoto zavarovalnine, tretji zopet pravi, da je star 30 let, a po letnici rojstva bi moral biti par let več ali manj itd. — Radi te površnosti je treba pisati nazaj na društvo, ali vrniti listino-prošnjo v popravek, kar je v zvezi s delom za oba urada in tudi sprejem, oziroma izdaja certifikata se navadno za en mesec zavleče.

Še večje neprilik pa povzročajo "premisliki" pristopajočih. Ko je že certifikat pripravljen za odošiljatev, dobimo poročilo: "Član se je premisil; rad bi to in to zavarovalnino, namesto one, ki je v prošnji navedena. Morete še popraviti?" Popravi se res, ako mogoče. V takem slučaju pa je dostikrat treba popraviti vse vknjižbe, spisati nov certifikat in matično karto, kar da več dela kot izvirni sprejem. Tajniki so prošeni, da članu povedo, da naj pravočasno pomisli, kaj hoče, ker kasnejših popravkov se ne bo delalo.

Frošim tudi, da se uvažuje, da je prošnje hovopristopljiv, kot tudi prošnje za prestop iz mladinskega v članski oddelek, poslati naravnost glavnemu zdravniku, in ne v gl. urad.

V Chicagu, Illinois, 17. junija, 1939.

WILLIAM RUS, gl. tajnik.

ČEVLJAR BLAŽ

Za člane "Vrtca" napisal A. Zaitz

Prišel je naokrog navadno vsako leto, oprtan s kopiti in malo tružico, v kateri je imel spravljeno svoje orodje. Vesel dogodek je bil to za nas otroke. Pri povedovali smo po vasi že par dni prej, da bomo imeli šuštarja in kadar imajo kje v hiši, posebno v zimskih večerih, šuštarja, pridejo fantje in dekle, mladi in stari v vas, pa se poskušuje vse vprek. Šuštar pa nabija, pije iz fraklja ter se šali. Šuštar in vaški godec morata poleg svoje obrti znati pripovedovati dovtipe in šale, drugače bi ne imela tiste privlačne sile, ki pribabi skupaj sosedje. Šuštar Blaž se je na to razumel, za nasega očeta celo preveč, ker je časih tako po ovinkih namignil, da ga ne smemo preveč nadlegovati, da bo imel tudi čas šivati. Nam drugim, kateri ga nismo plačevali, pa je bilo vseeno, kako dela par škornjev tečen ali več, glavno je bilo, da je govoril ter ustregel nam, zato smo ga obsipali z vprašanji po novih storijah, še predno je končal eno.

Pri nas je imel svoj prostor tam, kjer je navadno stala miza in katero je bilo treba pomakniti v kot, da je imel šuštar dovolj prostora za svojo robo in

odzval in potegnil globok pozrek iz fraklja. Potihnilo je v hiši. Otroci smo brcali za pečjo drug drugega, češ bodite tiho, Blaž bo povedal o žandarjih. Dekleta so namignila fantom, naj molčijo za en čas, da bodo pozneje, ko bo Blaž gotov, razdaljil svojo ljubezen. In možaki so nažgali pipe in čakali na Blaža, ki bo povedal zgodbjo, o kateri so po strani že slišali ter se smehtljali že naprej.

"Da imam pištole, to veste vsi", je pričel Blaž. "Rabim jo samo emkrat na leto, to je na Sveti večer, na katerega streljam iz hiše skozi okno v zrak. Žandarji so me izvohali in namignjeno mi je bilo, da bo lanskii Sveti večer zadnji za mojo pištole in zame; da me bodo zasili na Brdu za štirinajst dni. Ne vem iz kakšnega razloga so mi bili nevoščljivi. Strejal sem na Sveti večer še ko je živel pokojni moj oče in bom, dokler bom živ, Bogu v čast, in se torej za tisti namig da me bodo dobili, nisem zmenil. Pripravil pa sem se ter sklenil, da kdor bo hotel mojo pištole in mene, bo imel polomljena rebra. In res jih je imel, pištole pa še vedno imam in bom letos zopet pokal."

"Kako pa ste naredili, Blaž?", ga je spodbudil drugi, ki se je že bal, da je povesti konec, "da si je žandar polomil rebra?" Obrnil se je najprej po hiši; hotel je biti gotov, da ni katerega med nami, ki bi stvar razblebel, kajti na sodniji še sedaj iščelo vzrok nesreče žandarja. Ko je bil gotov, da nam lahko zaupa, je nadaljeval.

"Kupil sem kakor vsako leto četrkile smodnika. Še predno sem zvečer pričel streljati, sem spodaj v veži vzel iz poda štirikratne deske. Napravil sem dovolj veliko jamo, da bi notri marširalo pet ali več žandarjev. Ko sem bil s to pastjo gotov, sem pričel pokati skozi okno. Ti pa, če se ti bo ljubilo storkljati in Moravči zaradi mene, sem misil na obljudjenega žandarja, se bož znašel v moji kleti. Strejal sem in prisluškal, kdaj se bodo vrata odprala, pa ni bilo nič, in meni je že skoraj zmanjkalo smodnika. Kar naenkrat pa sem zaslišal iz kleti obopen klic na pomoč: 'Pomagajte! Padel sem in se polomil!' Je že noter, sem si misil ter se skozi okno po lesu zgubil v noč. Žandar pa je vpil na pomoč ter s tem privabil sosede. Ker je bila tema kator v kozjem rogu, je vsak, ki je odprl vrata, padel skozi luknjo v klet na žandarja in tako se na lagal drug na drugega kator ter se lasali. Žandar je vpil, da

Med tem pripovedovanjem je oče že dvakrat prilil petrolejki in petkrat šuštarja. Možkarji so popušili vsak pet fajf in na peči smo pospali. Slišali pa smo še, ko so odhajajoči izprševali, koliko časa bomo še imeli šuštarja in ko je oče rekel, da še cel teden, so obljudibili, da še privabil sosede. Ker je bila tema kator v kozjem rogu, je vsak, ki je odprl vrata, padel skozi luknjo v klet na žandarja in tako se na lagal drug na drugega kator ter se lasali. Žandar je vpil, da

Drugi večer je bila druga stočira in tako skozi cel teden, in ko je končno zgotovil in se poslovil za eno leto, smo težko čakali drugega leta, da pride naokrog šuštar Blaž.

DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA**Prireditev v Luzerne, Pa.**

Luzerne, Pa. — Članom društva št. 142 se naznanja, da naše društvo priredi veselico dne 1. julija v Welcome Inn, 227 Kelley St. v Luzerne. Na ta dan je običe br. Michael Vrhovnik, ki bo kazal slike iz stare domovine, potem pa bo zabava s plezom. Vabljeni ste vsi člani in članice, da se vdeležite polnostilno, ker to je edina prilika, ki se vam nudi, da vidite film Slovenske Slavčke. Občudovanja vredni so res ti mlaumi umetniki. Cleveland je lahko ponosen nanje in na njih učitelja Louis Šemeta. Najlepša hvala, Slavčki, za vaš prijazni obisk. Ohranili vas bomo v prijetem spominu.

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"Povej no, Blaž", ga je preglednil sosed Ankovec, "kako si potegnil žandarje zadnji božič." "O ja, tisto pa," se je veselo

so roparji, kmetje pa so to razumeli narobe in udrihali po žandarju.

"Ne vem, kako bi se bil končal ta dirindaj, da ni eden vprasil vžigalice in posvetil. Prestrani so odskočili sosedje o orožniku. 'Za božjo voljo kako ste prišli tu noter v klet?' 'Po tisti poti, ko vi drugi,' je jezno odgovoril pobiti orožnik. 'Primite osega, kateri je strejal, njega primite.' 'Blaža mislite, orožnik?' so ga vprašali. 'Blaža, da, je potrejal orožnik, pa se je sosedom posvetilo v glavi. Blaža ne morete prijeti, ker ga ni doma; on je odšel od doma še pred mrakom.' 'Kdo pa je strejal?' je vpraševal orožnik. 'Vrag ga vedi kdo,' so se mužali sosedji. 'Na Sveti večer itak vsa strejla.'

"Zakaj pa je izpahl podnice iz poda, če ga ni bilo doma?" 'Saj prav to izpoveduje, da ga ni doma in da ni strejal on, ker ima navado radi varnosti kadar gre od doma, da ne zaupa ključem, ampak vselej izmakne tudi deske iz poda, ker se boji, da bi mu kateri oropal hišo.' 'Pomagajte mi ven iz te luknje,' je zagordnil žandar, kateremu se je že tudi pričelo svitati, da so vsi skupaj zmenjeni. Po drogu, je eden splezal na vrh ter dal roko orožniku dolni v klet ter ga potegnil ven. Otrkal si je jezno prah raz obleke, obesil puško čez ramo ter potro potrdal nazaj v Moravče."

Mesece pozneje sta se nekoč srečala z Blažom. "Oho, vi ste tisti, kateri ste mi nastavili iščelo vzrok nesreče žandarja. Ko je bil gotov, da nam lahko zaupa, je nadaljeval.

"Kupil sem kakor vsako leto četrkile smodnika. Še predno sem zvečer pričel streljati, sem spodaj v veži vzel iz poda štirikratne deske. Napravil sem dovolj veliko jamo, da bi notri marširalo pet ali več žandarjev. Ko sem bil s to pastjo gotov, sem pričel pokati skozi okno. Ti pa, če se ti bo ljubilo storkljati in Moravči zaradi mene, sem misil na obljudjenega žandarja, se bož znašel v moji kleti. Strejal sem in prisluškal, kdaj se bodo vrata odprala, pa ni bilo nič, in meni je že skoraj zmanjkalo smodnika. Kar naenkrat pa sem zaslišal iz kleti obopen klic na pomoč: 'Pomagajte! Padel sem in se polomil!' Je že noter, sem si misil ter se skozi okno po lesu zgubil v noč. Žandar pa je vpil na pomoč ter s tem privabil sosede. Ker je bila tema kator v kozjem rogu, je vsak, ki je odprl vrata, padel skozi luknjo v klet na žandarja in tako se na lagal drug na drugega kator ter se lasali. Žandar je vpil, da

Med tem pripovedovanjem je oče že dvakrat prilil petrolejki in petkrat šuštarja. Možkarji so popušili vsak pet fajf in na peči smo pospali. Slišali pa smo še, ko so odhajajoči izprševali, koliko časa bomo še imeli šuštarja in ko je oče rekel, da še cel teden, so obljudibili, da še privabil sosede. Ker je bila tema kator v kozjem rogu, je vsak, ki je odprl vrata, padel skozi luknjo v klet na žandarja in tako se na lagal drug na drugega kator ter se lasali. Žandar je vpil, da

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Slike iz Slovenije**Reading, Pa.** — Naznjam članom našega društva, da se bo prihodnja seja vršila ob dveh popoldne, to pa iz razloga, ker zvečer 1. julija bo br. Michael Vrhovnik kazal filmske slike.

Torej še enkrat — seja se bo vršila 1. julija ob dveh popoldne. Prosim članstvo, da to upošteva, obenem pa vabim člane in članice kator tudi druge rojake, da nas posetijo dotedni večer, ker vstopnina je samo 25c za odrasle osebe, otroci do 16 let 10c, otroci v naročju pa so prosto.

Torej vsi, ki se zanimajo za lepe slike iz Slovenije, nas pridite obiskati 1. julija ob 8. uri zvečer v Slovenske Slavčke. Občudovanja vredni so res ti mlaumi umetniki. Cleveland je lahko ponosen nanje in na njih učitelja Louis Šemeta. Najlepša hvala, Slavčki, za vaš prijazni obisk. Ohranili vas bomo v prijetem spominu.

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B. Vrhovnik je napravljen zelo dober vtis na poslušalce, ko je govoril o naši organizaciji SS-PZ. Želimo mu obilo uspeha na podporne organizacije k nam. V

precej oživel. Pričeli so že z vami. Pravijo, da hočejo biti tudi letos zopet zmagovalci. Bohomo videli.

Za društvo št. 89 in Vrtec št. 72, Julija Kramžar, tajnica.

Filmske slike iz Slovenije v Gowandi

Gowanda, N. Y. — Našo naselbino obiše br. Vrhovnik, ravnatelj Vrtcev Slovenske Slobodomiseline Podporne Zveze dne 8. julija in društvo 211 bo ob tej priliki priredilo veselico, ki se prične takoj po kazanju slik. Apeliram na člane, da mu gremo vsi na roko in da se polnoštevno vdeležimo tega programa. Prošenim ste, da pripeljete svoje otroke, da vidijo slike krasnih krajev, kjer nam je teka zibelka. To jim bo gotovo ostalo v trajnem spominu.

Člani imate vsi vstopinske listke, in upam, da jih bo vsak skušal po svoji najboljši, moči razprodati čim več mogoče. Vstopnina k predstavi in veselicu je samo 25c v predprodaji, za vse razem otroki pod 10. letom, kateri so prosti. Vstopnina pri vrstah je 35c, radi tega je priporočljivo, da sečete takoj po pričetku razdora v stavki. Oklicali so prvič shod v cerkveni dvorani, na drugi shod, ki se je vršil v K. P. dvorani, pa je prišlo kakih 60 mož, ki so pretepli in razpršili zborovalec ter jim za enkrat prekrizali račune po geslu: "Vsako delo je vredno svoje plačila."

Delavska tajnica Perkins v Washingtonu je slabo pohvalila governerja iz Wisconsina in Pennsylvanije, ko je izjavila, da sta največja razloge napredkov predlagati razdora v stavki.

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News from Hoosierland

By John Pesut

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — By defeating the J. S. C.'s the Hoosier Pals became sole possessors of first place in the Tuesday Night Softball League, having won their third straight game against no losses. Led by "Junior" Carver, "Bill" Gearn and "Jean" Kesterson, the Hoosier Pals made an assault on "Johnny" O'Gara, considered by many sports writers as one of the best softball pitchers in the city, which resulted in seven runs, just one more than the J. S. C.'s and that being enough to win the game. "Jean" Kesterson's defensive play in the short field was also one of the highlights of the game. Twice he threw perfect strikes from the short field to home plate getting the runners out thereby keeping the Hoosier Pals ahead. Incidentally it was the J. S. C. team that defeated the Hoosier Pals in their first game of the season by a 12 to 2 score.

In the Friday Night Commercial League the Hoosier Pals defeated the Shawnee A. C.'s by a 5 to 2 score. Mitchell was on the mound for the Hoosier Pals and gave up 7 hits but kept them scattered. Slim Todor and the writer were the batting stars for the Hoosier Pals.

The condition of Joseph "Ducky" Turk, who underwent his second operation within a week, remains serious. We hope that Joe will pull through as he is missed both in softball and in lodge affairs. Sister Dorothy Semenick is resting and is on the road to health after the appendectomy operation she underwent. It won't be long before she will be up and around.

It was good to see the many Hoosier Pals visiting the sick members at the St. Vincent's Hospital.

Before putting in the box score I forgot to mention the scores of the two latest games. Without the services of their star pitcher and three infielders the Hoosier Pals were defeated by the United Laundries by a 11 to 0 score. They were also beaten by the Shamrock Club 8 to 5. Box scores of these games will appear in the next issue of the Napredok. Box scores for the

J. S. C. and Shawnee A. C. games:

J. S. C.	AB	R	H	E
G. Handrahan, sc	4	1	1	0
Finch, cf	4	1	0	0
Christensen, ss	3	2	0	1
B. Keating, 3b	3	2	1	0
Waddel, lf	3	0	2	0
Memanus, 2b	4	0	1	0
F. Keating, c	3	0	0	0
White, rf	3	0	1	0
Krueger, 1b	3	0	0	0
O'Gara, p	3	0	1	1
Total	33	6	6	2

HOOSIER PALS

HOOSIER PALS	AB	R	H	E
Cesnik, cf	4	0	0	0
Stonich, 3b	4	0	0	1
Pesut, c	4	2	2	1
Todor, 1b	4	1	2	0
Carver, ss	4	2	3	0
Gearns, 2b	4	2	3	0
Berkopes, lf	2	0	1	0
Payton, p	3	0	0	0
Kesterson, sf	3	0	2	0
Loviscek, rf	3	0	0	1
Total	35	7	14	3

SHAWNEE A. C.

SHAWNEE A. C.	AB	R	H	E
Beldon, 3b	3	0	1	1
Von Staten, c	3	0	0	0
Ryan, ss	3	0	1	0
Judge, cf	3	0	0	0
Ends, sf	2	1	1	0
Lipstrung, 1b	2	1	2	1
Brady, p	2	0	1	0
Vonn, lf	2	0	0	0
Edsley, 2b	2	0	1	2
Foley, rf	2	0	0	0
Total	24	2	7	4

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Todor, 1b	3	2	1	0
Berkopes, lf	3	0	0	0
Madley, ss	2	0	0	0
Gearns, 2b	1	0	1	1
Payton, rf	1	0	0	1
Loviscek, 2b	2	0	1	0
Mitchell, p	2	0	1	0
Kesterson, sf	2	0	0	0
Total	24	5	8	3

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Spartans' Hit Parade

By Guess and Guess Again

"The Flat Foot Floogie" of the Spartans is none other than the friend cop Stanley Bencina.

"When They Do the Polka," or if they do the "Lambeth Walk," it makes no difference to Stanley Centa who is in seventh heaven dancing "Any Time At All."

"In the Gloaming by the Fireside" Stanley Somrak whispers "Just As Long As the World Goes Round and Round" there will never be "No Other One" to his gal friend.

"Feeling High and Happy" is Stella Zabukovec who says "I've Got a Guy."

It's like a "Louisiana Fairy Tale," declares Jennie Gorshe, "When Somebody Thinks You're Wonderful."

Frank Kalister claims "There's a Rainbow Round My Shoulder" 'cause "I Married An Angel."

At first Jean Tomasic was "All Mixed Up" concerning the Alberg twins, but now she tells us "I Have Eyes" only for Roy.

"Hooray For Love," says John

Spartan News

CLEVELAND, O. — At the last Spartan meeting which was held Sunday, June 18, many points of interest and importance were discussed. Most important was the June 25 outing which will be held again this year at Perry, Ohio, and which will again feature a rookie-veteran ball game. The old-timers and the newcomers will stage a real grudge battle, the winners getting the honor and pleasure of playing the Spartan girls' team later in the afternoon. Last year the veterans were victorious and so the rookies will be out for blood.

It was also decided at this meeting that the combined lodges of the Spartans and Utopians would play hosts to the Hoosier Pal ball team from Indianapolis over the July 4th celebration period since the Hoosier Pals have expressed their desire to come to Cleveland and meet the local teams in a double header. A committee consisting of Matt and Laddie Debevec, Rudy Lisch and Stan Zore has been elected to make arrangements to welcome and entertain the Indianapolis group during their good will visit here in Cleveland.

Spartans are now considering sending two ball teams to Indianapolis for the 1939 SSPZ Baseball Tournament in September providing that the N. A. B. approves of it. Interest shown thus far in the tournament indicates that a good number of Spartans are anxiously waiting to attend the big affair in the Hoosier state.

Matt Debevec, Spartans' affable proxy, has taken over charge of the Spartan Jrs. in order to prevent a complete collapse of the Vrtec unit.

Ann Opeka suggested that Spartans request the Indianapolis Baseball Tournament Committee to include girls' balina and horseshoe pitching events in their program.

See you Sunday at the Spartan outing.

NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET SOFTBALL RULES

(Continued from page 4)

been paid and forwarded to the Supreme Treasurer.

Contesting members, who allow themselves to become lapsed before the expiration of the fourth (4th) month following the month in which the National Athletic Meet was held without applying for re-instatement shall not be eligible to participate in the next following the month in which the National Athletic Meet was held without applying for re-instatement, shall not be eligible to participate in the next following National Athletic Meet.

Any team, using an ineligible player, shall automatically forfeit all games in which such player participated.

RULE 5.

Combining Players

Any Lodge or Vrtec Unit, not having a sufficient number of players to form a team, may unite its players with those of another Lodge or Vrtec Unit, respectively, in its district. In no event shall the Lodge or Vrtec Unit, represented by such combination of players, be permitted to participate in any game of the tourney with less than seven (7) of its own members as players.

RULE 6.

Entries and Fees

The entry fee shall be \$5.00 per team and shall be retained by the Society only in case of failure to compete in the Meet.

All entries and fees must be paid or delivered to the Secretary of the local National Athletic Meet Committee on or before August 19, 1939.

RULE 7.

Awards — Team and Individual

Team trophies shall be awarded to the champions and runners-up in each division. Individual prizes shall be awarded to members of championship teams only.

Permanent possession of the Traveling Team trophy, annually awarded to the Senior Division Champion, shall be had when a team has won it three (3) times.

RULE 8.

Miscellaneous

Official umpires and scorekeepers shall be assigned to all games by the local National Athletic Meet Committee.

All protests must be written out and filed with the Secretary of the National Athletic Board within twelve (12) hours after the game in which cause for such protests has occurred.

The schedule of games shall be published in the Official Organ not later than three (3) days before the opening date of the Meet.

It shall be compulsory for every player to wear an SSPZ athletic emblem while engaged in active competition during the games.

Players and team managers shall be provided with sleeping quarters FREE OF CHARGE. Exempt are teams residing within a radius of fifty (50) miles from the location of the National Meet.

A list of all players entered in the National Athletic Meet must be submitted to the Secretary of the N. A. B. for approval when entries are closed.

Any part of the Rules and Regulations pertaining to National Athletic Meets of the Slovene Progressive Benefit Society, previously approved and not affected by these or any other regulations, remain in full force and effect.

National Athletic Board, Michael Vrhovnik, Sec'y Rudolph Lisch, Pres. Ernest Kvartich, Vice-Pres. Norma Stampfel, Vrtec No. 33 (Age 13)

Pirates Notes

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa.—Yes, oh yes, this is one time the "Pirates" can say our dance was a success socially as well as financially. Another affair like this and then — look out Indianapolis, the "Pirates" are coming! We, want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that attended. Gosh! everyone enjoyed themselves—the famous Beer Barrel Polka we wore it out; at least we wore the vocalist Jimmy Hayes, and say can he sing — "Where Oh Where", were the Progressors, Challengers, White Valley, etc. — We didn't get much cooperation from the SSPZ lodges. What's wrong? We expected Mike Vrhovnik to honor us by his presence. Could it be that "Spring Fever" has everyone — Anyway those that attended had a grand time. Gee! thanks pal!

Those that didn't get the opportunity of attending the last dance, can make up for it by coming to the dance at the Slovenian Hall, Burgettstown. Music by the one and only "Martin Serro and orchestra" on Saturday, JUNE 24, 8 p.m. to ? EST. It is rumored this affair will be run by the gals. Claim they'll show the boys just how things should be run. The hall has just been painted in and out so be sure to come; June 24 a surprise in store for all.

Now here is a word for the benefit of the girls' baseball team. Are we good? Yes sir. Will you boys be surprised when you hear the rules we have made. You'd better be sober to live up to them. So if you want to see an exciting game be sure to come to Perry. I'm sure you will all enjoy the good times you will have with us. So come out everybody and root for the girls!

Spartanology

By "MOE"

Hi folks, here I am again with my bits of news from here and there and everywhere.

Attending the last meeting I am handing down to you some information I'm sure you'd like to read.

The main topic is our outing this coming Sunday, which will take place at Perry. All who intend to join the Spartans meet at the Slovene National Home on St. Clair Ave. at eight-thirty. Pack your own lunch. Fellows who have cars and can take any extras, please be there too. Bring your bathing suit if you want to go swimming. All you old veterans (boys, I mean) come out for the rookies are challenging you. The girls will play the winners. Veterans, rookies be sure to come. A good time is in store for all!

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Local Anesthetics



DO YOU KNOW THAT -
SSPZ Has Nine Modern Plans of Life
Insurance for Adults and Juveniles?

» FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK «

OFFICIAL SOFTBALL RULES

Preparation for the year's outstanding athletic attraction, our 7th Annual National Athletic Meet which will be held at Indianapolis next September 2-3-4, is well under control in every quarter where SSPZ softball teams have been organized. The rules, which will govern this event, have been drawn up and appear elsewhere on this page. You are urged to give them careful study and if you have any suggestions to offer for improvement in the conduct of the Society's athletic events, submit them to the membership of your Lodge for open discussion before forwarding same to the proper jurisdiction of the

Society. All rules and regulations pertaining to our athletic program deserve careful attention by not only those who actively participate in sports, but by all members, and particularly the youth of the Society. It is in this way that a better understanding and new ideas for its management can be attained, plus a more tolerant view of its aims and purpose.

There are a number of rules which demand everyone's immediate attention . . . For instance—

Members, who are admitted into the Society after June 1, 1939, will not be eligible for participation in this year's Meet at Indianapolis . . . Neither will those members be eligible who dropped their membership in the Society before January 1, 1939, if they took part in the Bridgeville National Meet last year.

The method of elimination about which there was considerable discussion at the Youth Conference has been set at *two losses and out*. This will give every team at least two chances at the title and the losing teams in the opening games a second opportunity to prove their caliber before stepping out of the picture.

An SSPZ athletic emblem must be worn by every player while engaged in competition during the Meet. There are two designs, one a large, round emblem with a flaming torch and the letters SSPZ around it, which may be sewed on the front or back of the jersey, and the other one, much smaller and irregular in shape which is intended to be placed on one of the sleeves. These are screen painted, felt emblems and may be had without charge by simply sending an order to the Home Office, requesting the number and size desired, one for each playing member.

It has been the practice during the past two or three years to send the entry blanks and fees direct to the Home Office, where the entries were checked for eligibility before being relayed to the local secretary. But this year the procedure will be reversed and all entries and fees are to be sent or delivered to the Secretary of the local National Athletic Meet Committee on or before August 19th who, after recording them, will forward them to the Home Office.

RUDOLPH LISCH TO TAKE CHARGE DURING TOUR
In order to insure speedier service in relationship to our coming National Athletic Meet at Indianapolis and the sports program of the Society in general, brother Rudolph Lisch, Supreme Vice-President and Chairman of the National Athletic Board, has kindly consented to take charge of this work during the tour I am now conducting until further notice.

Lodge Secretaries, and others, who desire information concerning athletics in the Society, are asked to write to Rudolph Lisch, whose present address is 716 E. 99th street, Cleveland, Ohio.

National Athletic Meet Softball Rules

RULE 1.

Name - Place - Time

The seventh annual National Athletic Meet of the Slovene Progressive Benefit Society shall be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 2-3-4, 1939.

RULE 2.

Official Softball Guide

All games shall be played under the "Official Softball Rules" as approved by the JOINT RULES COMMITTEE on AMATEUR SOFTBALL OF AMERICA. In any dispute, involving questions not specifically covered in the "Official Softball Rules" or in the following regulations, the decision of the Na-

tional Athletic Board of the Society shall be final.

RULE 3.

Events, Elimination, etc.

The National Softball Meet shall be divided into two separate divisions, one for Senior (Lodge) members and the other for Junior (Vrtec) members.

The Senior division shall be open to any lodge desiring to enter a team, while the Vrtec division shall be limited to district representative teams, whose participation in the National Meet shall be decided through local elimination series or league competition under the supervision of one or more members of the National Athletic Board.

The method of elimination in the National Softball Meet, for both Senior and Junior divisions, shall be TWO LOSSES AND OUT.

A team shall consist of ten (10) players and shall be allowed to carry five (5) additional players as substitutes.

The twelve (12) inch inseam ball shall be used in all games.

The type of ball to be used shall be the official ball of the city or town where the tournament is held.

Please pay your dues.

Fraternally yours,
Mary E. Novak, Sec'y

RULE 4.

Eligibility

All players must be members of the Society and in good standing.

PROGRESS

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Fraternalism in Action

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



As I See It

BY PETE ELISH



Pete Elish

basis of compensation. If this totals less than 9 dollars a week then the compensation will be the amount of your weekly salary, but 5 dollars will be the minimum.

As at present time, and for some time to come according to the present industrial trend, most of the coal-miners, the steel workers are and will be working part time. This is also true of many other industries and professions. The new law will be a blow to these workers, and according to the CIO re-

search department, the average weekly rate for coal-miners will be around 10 dollars per week, and for the steel workers around 11 dollars per week. This is a huge drop from the general 18 dollars per week which was the usual amount under the old law.

Deplorable and unfortunate as the situation may be, this is the law that we in Pennsylvania will have to live under for the next four years. So it behoves our members, especially the ones employed in mines and factories, to take out more disability insurance. Fraternal insurance, as always, is the best protection against adversity, even when government fails to adequately protect its people.

SSPZ Girls Plan to Participate in the 1939 National Athletic Meet at Indianapolis

By Ann Opeka

CLEVELAND, O. — Well folks, here we are back into circulation after a prolonged absence, but nevertheless "Guess and Guess Again," Moe and our genial sports writer Stan Zorc have been keeping Spartans in the limelight.

Our Thanks

To Mrs. Nick Spehar for doing her girl scout duty at the barn dance selling hot dogs to Frank Bohinc and Hank Zorman the "good Samaritans"—to Mrs. Frank Bohinc doing her usual chore with the banking—to Tommy Turk for lending his helping hand at the bar—to all that attended and made it a success, in spite of the fact the "rain came" but the iddy biddy fish kept on dancing—(These happened to be two-legged ones.)

Hope to see you all on July 1st. Till then I remain
As ever,

The Gal Reporter

SPARTAN GIRLS!

The following girls are asked to come for baseball practice Thursday, June 22nd at Gordon Park at 5:30 p. m. in order to have the last practice game before Sunday. They are: Myra and Ruby Matetich, Donna Homovec, Jean Tomasick, Louise Hocevar, Julia and Emily Zdesar, Helen Candon, Dot Lucia, Christine Lisch, Joyce Gorsche, Frances Moze and Anna Grill. Please come out for sure and be on time.

SPARTANS PLAY FRIDAY

The SSPZ Spartans will be trying for their fourth victory of the season Friday, June 23, when they meet the Court Baragars at Gordon park, diamond No. 4 at 6:30 p. m.

NOTICE — More English will be found on page 3.

Itty Bitty Items

Charles Koman and Matt Debevec will try their luck in reviving the Spartan Jrs., or will it be vice versa—If you hear someone yell at you, "Hey, you're supposed to park 20 feet from that sign," you'll know it's—"Please show your courtesy, new driver" Antonia Zaggar who knows all the traffic rules and regulations—It's funny how much commotion a fictitious name signed to an article can cause, as "Guess and Guess Again"—Really funny—Stanley Zajc, Spartan ace baling June 17, where he'll stay with his aunt—Helen Candon popping up with wise cracks at our meeting—Spartans will number 200 by their next meeting, we hope—Five more to go—Louis Loviseck is doing a good job reporting on the Hoosier Pals' behavior—Nuff sed—So long!

CHALLENGER JUNIORS PICNIC SUNDAY

Strabane, Pa. — The Challenger Juniors are holding their first social affair this year in the form of a picnic on Sunday, June 25, at Drenik's park beginning at five o'clock. Music for dancing will be furnished by Jacob Martinic and his orchestra.

If you're looking for a good time, come to Strabane on June 25 to the Challenger Juniors' picnic. Lillian Kosmach, Sec'y

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SSPZ Tour Schedule

SLICKVILLE, PA.	Thu., June 15
HOMER CITY, PA.	Sat., June 17
BON AIR, PA.	Sun., June 18
CONEMAUGH, PA.	Sun., June 18
SOUTH FORK, PA.	Sat., June 24
KRAYN, PA.	Sun., June 25
ST. MICHAEL, PA.	Tue., June 27
CORNWALL, PA.	Thu., June 29
READING, PA.	Sat., July 1
LUZERNE, PA.	Sun., July 2
FOREST CITY, PA.	Tues., July 4
GOWANDA, N. Y.	Sat., July 8
POWER POINT, OHIO	Sat., July 15
BREWSTER, OHIO	Sat., July 22
BARBERTON, O.	Sun., July 23
MASILLON, O.	Sat., Aug. 5
GIRARD, O.	Sun., Aug. 6

NOTE: More stops will be added as soon as official approval is received from Lodge Secretaries.

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