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AMERIKA POD DROBNOGLEDOM

BAŠ SEDAJ se po Ameriki kaže film "The Good Earth", ki je posnetek povesti istega imena, katero je napisala ameriška pisateljica Pearl S. Buck, ki je od otroka živelna na Kitajskem ter se je šele nedavno vrnila v Ameriko. S tem in z ostalimi književnimi deli, v katerih je naslikala kitajskoga človeka in njegovo miselnost s tako izrazitostjo in globoko občutljivostjo kot malo pisateljev, ki pisejo za zapadni svet, si je pridobila velik sloves po vsem angleško govorečem svetu.

Za nas, ki smo naseljenci v tej deželi, je posebno zanimiv človek, ki ga je ta pisateljica napisala za revijo "Survey Graphic" pod naslovom "On Discovering America", kajti dasi rojena Amerikanka, se je, kakor sama piše, ob povratku v rodno zemljo aktualno počutila kot imigrantka. Prostor nam ne dopušča, da bi na tem mestu zanimivi članek priobčili v celoti — one, ki čitajo angleško, opozarjam, da ga zasledujejo na angleški strani "Napredka", kjer bo priobčen v odlomkih — zdi pa se nam umestno, da ga podamo vsaj v izčrpu.

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Uvodoma omenja pisateljica, da je, kot vsi drugi naseljenci, tudi ona že pred prihodom v Ameriko imela o deželi nekako splošno sliko, katero je izoblikovala iz priovedovanja svoje matere in iz raznih drugih virov. Bila je n. pr. prepričana, da v tako bogati deželi kot je Amerika, ne more biti prave revščine, zlasti še, ker so vsi Amerikanici kristjani.

"Verjela sem," pravi, "da sem z odsodhom s Kitajskega za vselej pustila za seboj sliko gladnih ljudi, katerim mi ni bilo moč pomagati... Misila sem, da prihajam v deželo, ki je organizirala način življenja, ki baziра na gmotnom blagostanju in moralni jasnosti. Vse življenje sem slišala, da je Amerika bogata in mislila nisem o tem bogastvu kot da se ga sebično pridobiva in rabi. Saj Amerika tako velikodušno pošilja dehar za lačne na Kitajskem, za krščansko propagando in za neštete druge namene. Amerikanci so torej brez dvoma, dasi bogati, tudi velikodušni, zainteresirani v svetovno kulturno ter mednarodno orientirani. Hrepela sem po srečanju s svojimi rojaki, katerih idealizem se mi je zdel skoro enako fantastičen kot materialistična filozofija Kitajske."

Prvi dotik z Ameriko je bil za pisateljico presenečujoč. "Najprej sem iskala Amerikance," pravi. Srečavala je ljudi, govorila z njimi. Bili so prijazni, uljudni in kulтивirani. Ampak zdeli so se ji ravno taki kot Angleži in drugi Evropejci. Na vprašanje, kje da bi se dalo najti "prave Amerikance" in kakšni da so pravzaprav ljudje, ki bi se jih dalo smatrati za "tipične Amerikance", ji je vsakdo odgovarjal eno in isto — t. j., da je on pravi Amerikanec, kajti njegovi predniki so dospeli v to deželo bodisi na "Mayflowerju", pred revolucijo, pred civilno vojno, ali kaj podobnega.

Potem se je zatekla h književnosti. Prečitala je cele skladovnice knjig, ki so jih kritiki ocenili kot izrazito ameriško, upajoč, da tam najde pojasnilo zagotonjenega vprašanja, kdo da so "pravi" Amerikanici in kaj da je ameriško. Ampak odkrila je, da je razlika med knjigami celo večja kot med ljudmi; vsaka bi bila lahko napisana o popolnoma drugi deželi in drugem ljudstvu. Tu imamo ljudi, ki bivajo na severovzhodu, v takozvanem New Englandu; tam je mesto New York, polno ljudi, ki so bili rojeni drugod, ki pa se ponašajo s tem, da so New Yorkerji; del Pensylvanije n. pr. bi bil lahko košček Evrope, kajti v njem živijo skoro izključno Nemci; prebivalci južnih držav se močno razlikujejo od onih na severu, in drugačni od teh pa so zopet ljudje, živeči v prerijskih državah na Zapadu. Nobeni izmed teh ljudi niso Amerikanici, vendar po drugi strani so — vsi Amerikanici. "Spoznaš sem," pravi pisateljica, "da oni resni Amerikanici, ki sem jih iskala, ne eksistirajo, da tipičnih Amerikancev sploh ni. Stoprocentni Amerikanec n. pr. ne zastopa stoprocentno nikogar in ničesar drugega kot samega sebe. In Amerika je vsak kraj, v katerem se slučajno znajdete, kjer koli med Kanado in Rio Grande ter med oceanoma na vzhodu in zapadu. Tudi tipično ameriške hrane ni. Ponekod ljudje uživajo polenovko, drugod pečen fižol, drugod zopet madžarski gulaž, pečene kokoši, osoljeno svinjetino, vroče tomalije in kdo ve, kaj se vse; vse odvisi, kje se nahajate, oziroma kje jeste. Edino, česar je človek, ki ogleduje Ameriko, lahko go-

toval, je to, da dva dni zaporedoma ne bo jedel enake hrane, da dve nedelji zaporedoma ne bo slišal enako pridigne besede božje in da ima tudi angleščina v vsakem kraju svoj poseben naglas. Ampak povsod človeka zagotovijo, da je to, kar vam prineso na mizo, ameriška hrana, da je pridiga, ki ste jo slišali, izraz ameriške vernosti, in da je jezik, ki ga tam govorijo, pravi ameriški jezik.

Vse te razlike so pisateljico presenetile, ampak niso je vznemirjale, in še manj bolele. Kar jo je zabolelo v dnu srca, je veliko sovraštvo med raznimi skupinami Amerikancev, ki ga je odkrila — med belci in črnci, med kristjani in židi, med protestanti in katoliki, med onimi, ki so bili rojeni tukaj in onimi, ki so bili rojeni v inozemstvu. To le za silo prikrito sovraštvo, izvirajoče iz starih plemenskih in verskih predvodov, ki dominira čustvo povprečnega Amerikanca, je ni le osupnilo, temveč tudi prestrašilo. Odkod to sovraštvo. O tem piše:

"Tako preplašena in potrta sem torej začela tipati med onimi temnimi čustvi, o katerih se mi zdi, da jih je le malo Amerikancev pripravljenih priznati in jim pogledati v oči. Kajti čustvo je na dnu tem sovraštvo, ki se pojavlja v tako čudnih in odprtih nasilnih oblikah kot so lincanja, krivično postopanje s tujerodci, ali nečloveške deportacijske postave. Ker sem vse življenje prebila v Kitaju in se privadila mirno gledati na življenje, se ne morem razburiti radi kakega posameznika ali radi kakih predlogov pred Kongresom, ampak globok se lahko razburim glede kaj takega kot zakaj naj bi ljudje hoteli izvrševati linčarske umore, ali zakaj naj bi ljudje hoteli izvajati masne deportacije nad ljudmi, ki pošteno vršijo svoje dolžnosti kot človeška bitja, ako ne kot državljeni. Vzroki, vsled katerih sovraštimo drug drugega, so velevažni, in biti ne more nobenega zdravila za krivice nad posamezniki, dokler se teh vzrokov jasno ne razume."

"Odkod so vsa ta raznovrstna sovraštva prišla v našo deželo?" vprašuje pisateljica. "Vem, da ko rabim besedo 'sovraštvo', se ji bodo mnogi upirali in bodo rekli, da ne gre za sovraštvo, temveč 'nekaj drugega.' Toda na opazovalca in človeka, ki trpi vsed istega, je sovraštvo po zunanjosti in učinkih, in se mora z njim obravnavati kot s sovraštrom. Zakaj se mi Amerikanci torej takoj sovraštimo med seboj, in posebno, zakaj tako sovraštimo one, ki jih smatramo za tuje med nami? Ne bom na dolgo pisala o svoji velikanski osuplosti, ko sem odkrila, da mi, ki smo tako radodarni s tuje v njihovih lastnih deželah, ki brez pomicanja hitomo pomagat tako Belgiji kot Češkoslovaški, Kitajski in Japonski, smo tako okrutni s prebivalci istih dežel, ki se znajdejo kot tuje v naši lastni deželi. To je moralno osupniti že marsikoga drugega in ne samo mene. Za to se navaja sto različnih razlogov. Mnogi mi priovedujejo, da poglaviti vzrok je ekonomski, toda jaz ne verujem, da se ljudje sovraštajo v skupinah bistveno radi ekonomskih razmer. Revščina in stiska le poostrijeta že obstoječa sovraštva. Ker hočem vedeti, je, zakaj sovraštvo sploh obstoje, in zakaj gore s tako strahovitim plamenom v Ameriki, ki je še vedno najbogatejša dežela na svetu?"

Tedenski pomenki

A. ZAITZ

Lani nekako v tem času sem dobljeno nagrado? Vedno ni bilo tako. Starejše vam lahko povedo, ko so agitirale brez vseh nagrade; največkrat so morale zapraviti še svoj denar, ko so iskale novih članov. Najboljši čas za agitacijo je ravno v sedanjih mesecih. Poleti je bolj težko iskati ljudi, ki so navadno kdo sedaj prekosila njunega rekorda. Jaz bi želel, da bi se tudi sedaj katera ujezila ter nas presenila s kopico novih prošenj. Veste namreč, da je kolo kampanje še vedno v teku ter bi mu dober sunek od strani naših žensk mnogo pripomogel. Razen v dveh državah smo sedaj sprejemati člane v mladinski oddelki brez zdravniške preiskave, kar je velika olajšava pri agitaciji, katera naj bi se člani poslužili. Stopite torej jutri k sosedu in ako imajo kaj malih, k nam ž nini!

Iz prošenj, katere prihajajo v urad, opažam, da so sicer naše starejše mamicice precej v ospredju pred mlajšimi, tukaj rojenimi ženicami. Jaz bi želel, da bi se zbudile tudi mlajši. Kadar boste v najlepšem pogovoru, se dvignite, kajor da hočete oditi. "Moramo iti," recite, "imajo mali vloge za božnico, pa moram domov, da jih naučim za jutrišnjo skušnjo." Gotovo bodo vprašali, kaj in kdo bo imel. Takrat pa pobrate vso zmožnost, naslikajte eno najlepših zabav, ki si jo morete zamisliti. "Strašansko 'epo bodo imeli,' recite. "Za božično drevo sama ne vem, koliko bo stalo, tako lepo ga bodo okinčali. Peli bodo kot anđelki in nazadnje lep zavitek daril, katerih ne dobite nikjer obliko, katero bi si kupila z drugje. Posebej so jih naročili

končno imamo sedaj precej lepe nagrade. Ženske si navadno vedno česa novega žeze, ali bi ne bilo torej prav, če bi svojega moža presenetila z novo obliko, katero bi si kupila z drugje. Posebej so jih naročili

in nihče ne ve, koliko bodo stala."

Ko jim boste tako lepo naslikali vse dobre, katerih so deležni mali, pripomnite še: "Da, magari, ampak bi stalo par dolarjev mesečno, bi jih v takem društvu imeli in ne ko stane samo borih petnajst centov mesecno."

Dvomim, ako boste znali vse mojstersko izpeljati, da vam ne bodo skorponudili svoje otroke. Drugi večer pa drugam.

Ako recept prejšnjega večera ne bo deloval, ga zaobrite na drug način, nikar pa pričeti takoj ob vstopu ter povedati, kaj je pomen vašega obiska. Šele, ko ste se v hiši dobro udomačili, pregledali tako s strani vse kotičke in vsako malenkost, ki bi vam znala priti prav, da spravite obiskovalce v dobro voljo, tedaj še zinite pravo besedo, ki pa mora biti izrečena na kota da vam je po naključju prišla na jezik.

Sem in tja

William Candon



Otroški dobi sta dve; prvo preživi vsakdo v detinjstvu, druga pride na starost, če jo dočaka. Mladost pa je samo ena.

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"Japonska je pripravljena stopiti s Kitajci v mirovna pogajanja pod dvema pogojem," je izjavil japonski zunanj minister. "Prvič mora Kitajska napraviti konec proti-japonski propagandi. Drugič, Kitajska mora iztrebiti komunizem."

Tretji in poglavitni pogoj je japonski diplomat pozabil, to je, da Kitajci iztrebjijo Kitajce iz Kitajskega.

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Turista, ki se je vrnil iz obiskoval v Parizu, je vprašal prijatelj, kako je izhajal s svojo frankoščino.

"Jaz prav dobro," je odvrljil turist, le Francozi so me le z veliko težavo razumeli."

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Španski fašisti so te dni zopet bombardirali neko mesto in ubili 50 otrok. Da, tako je treba obračunati z umazano komunistično drhaljo!

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Ko je bilo poročano, da bosta Mr. Windsor in njegova žena žena prišla v Washington na obisk, je Mrs. Roosevelt takoj natančila, da bo žal tiste dni odstotna z doma, ker je že prej obljubila, da bo nekje obdržala predavanje. Se pač vidi, da predsednikova žena ne giblje zastonj toliko let med politiki!

Zadnji torek, ko so se v Clevelandu vrstile mestne volitve, je več ur padal dež in v teku ene ure je temperatura padla za 14 stopinj.

Nerešeno vprašanje sedaj je, ali se je to zgodilo, ker je prenehral "hot air" od kampanjskih govorov, ali se je nebo jokalo nad kandidati, katerim je bilo usojeno, da pogorijo na volišču.

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Akcija za odpoklic tujih "prostovoljev", katere so fašisti poslali v Španijo, je naletela na ovire. Sicer pa je res, da komisija, ki bi načrt hotela izvesti, stoji pred zelo težkim poslom. Vprašanje namreč je, kako bi ujela Mussolinijeve zaje južne.

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Listi poročajo, da je 30 tisoč Clevelandčanov podpisalo peticijo na papeža, da bi se Coughlinu zopet dovolilo govoriti po radiju. Ampak to ni nič v primeru s številom podpisov, ki bi se jih dobilo za peticijo, da se omenjeni goflač nikoli več ne oglasil na radiju.

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Deček, ki je stopil v vzpenjančo, je pozabil sneti klobuk. V vzpenjanju se je nahajala samo ena druga oseba, neka starejša ženska, ki je bila očvidno užaljena. Ona pokara dečka:

"Ali se ti ne odkriješ, kadar si v navzočnosti dam?"

"Samo, če so stare," je odgovoril mladi diplomat.

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Mladenič je bil že dalj časa v bolnišnici. Zgodilo se je, da se je zaljubil v mlado in brhko bolničarko, ki mu je stregla.

Nekega dne ji je razkril svoja čustva ter rekel, da bi najraje spletal z njo.

"Gledate tega si ne dejaj skrb, ker ne boš," je odvrla bolničarka. "Zdravnik je namreč tudi zaljubljen v ame in danes zjutraj je videl, ko si me je stregla."



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DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

O ZDRAŽENJU IN VESELICI

Chicago, Ill. — V dolžnost si stejem, da kot zastopnik društva "Rožnik", št. 227 SSPZ, nekoliko poročam širši javnosti o naših aktivnostih. Pred par meseци, oziroma na septemberški seji je bila po članu in predsedniku društva št. 1 sprožena pri našem društvu misel, da bi se društvo št. 1 in naše društvo št. 227 združili. Imeli smo diskuzijo o tem predmetu pri obeh društvih in ker članstvo našega društva na odločitveni seji v mesecu oktobra v splošnem ni bilo zadovoljno s pogojem, katere je prečital predsednik društva št. 1, oziroma je bilo pojasnilo gl. tajnika br. Rusa, da v smislu pravil, bi se morala združiti izvršiti na ta način, da bi mi vrnili čarter in se pridružili društvo št. 1, smo enoglasno odglasovali, da ostanemo tako kot doslej. To bode po mojih mislih tudi najbolje za obe strani in tudi za SSPZ. Splošna misel združenja je bila, da bi imeli bolje obiskane društvene seje, kar pa se vseeno lahko zgodi z boljšo agitacijo. No, mi Rožnikovec se ne pritožujemo, da naše seje niso dobro obiskane od strani članstva. Nudimo pa tudi po vsaki seji nekoliko razvedrila in to priporočamo tudi drugim. Sploh je pri društvu "rožnih" sloga v vseh ozirih.

Da pa članstvu SSPZ to do kažemo, smo sklenili prirediti domačo zabavo, na katero uljubo vabimo članstvo in prijatelje društva v Chicagu in okolici na obilen poset. Zabava se vrši v soboto dne 20. novembra v dvorani našega blagajnika br. Paula Bergerja na 2653 So. Lawndale Ave. Vstopnina za moške \$1.00, za ženske 50c. V tej svoti je vključena jed in pičača, torej ne bodo se gledalo ravno na dobiček, pač pa, da se nas čim več zbore skupaj, da se malo pozabavamo in seveda tudi malo poagitiramo za porast članstva in da kolesa napredka takoreč v zadnjem mesecu ne "zaglagajamo". V splošnem bo odbor skrbel, da bo vsak posetnik zadovoljen in nekaj bo tudi toliko srečnih, da bodo odnesli purmane ali turkeje domov, kateri bodo prišli ravno prav na zahvalni dan v tednu po zabavi. Torej pride od bližu in daleč v veselje se s nam ter obenem imejte idejo, da mogoče nazaj grede nesete prerutino za praznik. Ker sem pozabil, omeniti godbo, naj priponim, da bomo tudi tisto imeli in eden izmed odbornikov si jo izmislil, da bomo še navsezadnje še "povšter tanč" plesali in pa prav po domače prepevali.

Torej rezervirajte si 20. novembra in pridite točno ob 8. uri v Bergerjevo dvorano, 2653 S. Lawndale Ave. Tam vas bo pripravijo tudi naklado. Kot vam

so z veseljem v sredo radovala. John Potokar, zapisnik.

ZAKLJUČEK SEJE IN VABILO NA PRVO VESELICO

North Braddock, Pa. — Na zadnji seji društva št. 239, ki se je vršila 23. oktobra, je bilo zaključeno, da vsi oni člani, ki se ne vdeleže seje na 20. septembra, so podvрženi kazni 50c. Imamo važni stvari, o katerih je potrebno, da se jih zaključi. Nadalje radi veselice, ki se bo vršila 27. novembra. Glasovnica za plošno glasovanje sem tudi prejel. Pridite torej na sejo, da boste tam odglasovali in jih ne bo treba meni razpošiljati naokrog.

Kakor je bilo že prej enkrat poročano, naše društvo priredi veselico dne 27. novembra v Sokol dvorani, South St., North Braddock, Pa. Na tej veselici bomo tudi odali srečnemu živemu puranu. To bo naše prva veselica, odkar je ustanovljeno društvo, torej ste vabljena vsa društva in njih prijatelji, da nas posetite v velikem številu. Vabljen je tudi gavni predsednik J. Kvartich in vsi drugi glavni odborniki, ki se nahajate v tej okolici. Za poskočnice nam bodo igrali dobro poznani Joe Koračin in njegovi Slovenci Aces, ki se jih sliši vsak torej in četrtek ob 4.45 popoldne po vzhodnem standard času na radio postaji WHJB v Greensburghu, Pa. Ti fantje vam bodo izborno muzicirali, tako slovenske kot ameriške, tako da daje društvo v Chicagu in okolici na obilen poset. Zabava se vrši v soboto dne 20. novembra v dvorani našega blagajnika br. Paula Bergerja na 2653 So. Lawndale Ave. Vstopnina za moške \$1.00, za ženske 50c. V tej svoti je vključena jed in pičača, torej ne bodo se gledalo ravno na dobiček, pač pa, da se nas čim več zbore skupaj, da se malo pozabavamo in seveda tudi malo poagitiramo za porast članstva in da kolesa napredka takoreč v zadnjem mesecu ne "zaglagajamo". V splošnem bo odbor skrbel, da bo vsak posetnik zadovoljen in nekaj bo tudi toliko srečnih, da bodo odnesli purmane ali turkeje domov, kateri bodo prišli ravno prav na zahvalni dan v tednu po zabavi. Torej pride od bližu in daleč v veselje se s nam ter obenem imejte idejo, da mogoče nazaj grede nesete prerutino za praznik. Ker sem pozabil, omeniti godbo, naj priponim, da bomo tudi tisto imeli in eden izmed odbornikov si jo izmislil, da bomo še navsezadnje še "povšter tanč" plesali in pa prav po domače prepevali.

Z bratskim pozdravom,
M. Gosenca, tajnik.

DRUŠTVO ŠT. 126

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Članstvo društva št. 126 se pozivlja, da se gotovo vdeleži društvene seje, ki se bo vršila dne 14. novembra točno ob 2. uri popoldne. Na dnevnem redu imamo zelo važne stvari, ki jih je treba rešiti. Je to tudi zadnja seja pred društveno zabavo. Torej ste prošeni, vdeležite se seje, da ne bo potem kakega oporekanja.

Z bratskim pozdravom,
M. Gosenca, tajnik.

DRUŠTVO ŠT. 200

Tire Hill, Pa. — Društvo št. 200 SSPZ je na svoji oktoberski

seji sklenilo, da meseca novembra vsak član in članica plača 25c v društveno blagajno. Da ne bo zopet kakega izgovarjanja,

se opozarja zlasti oddaljene člane, ki pošiljajo asesment po pošti, da v novembri pošiljatvi

priložijo tudi naklado. Kot vam

Pokojni člani

Dne 20. oktobra se je smrtno ponesrečil v premogorovu pri Johnston City, Illinois, ko se je nanj vsula plast premoga in kamenja, 61-letni FRANK AUBEL, rojen na Vačah, občina Št. Lambert pri Litiji.

Pokojni je spadal v društvo št. 67 SSPZ v Johnston City, Ill. Tu zapušča soprogo in pet otrok.

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Po kratki bolezni je v Lloydellu, Pa., podlegel pljučnici dne 26. oktobra 49-letni ANTON ZALAR, oženjen in domiz Unca pri Rakeku na Notranjskem.

Pokojni je vstopil v Zvezudo 27 leti in je bil skozi včas član društva št. 65. Več let, oziroma do časa svoje smrti, je bil pri društву za tajnika.

INOZEMSKA KRONIKA

(Dalje s 1. strani)

aliance od strani Italije pretregati diplomatske odnosa z Rimom.

Konferenca v Bruslju. V belijski prestolici se je pretekelo sredot otvorila konferenca 19 narodov, da ukrepa glede položaja na Daljnem vzhodu. Predsednik konference je bil izvoljen belijski zunanj minister Paul Spaak, vtoritveni govor pa je imel ameriški zastopnik Norman H. Davis, ki je omenil obveznosti držav, ki so podpisale pakt devetih sil za protekcijo kitajske zemlje, potem pa je izrazil željo, da bi se Japonska in Kitajska na miren način pobotali. Slične brezpomembne fraze sta klatila tudi angleški in francoski zunanj minister, dočim je zastopnik Italije izjavil, da naj bi konferenca povabila Kitajce in Japonce, da se sami poravnajo, ampak pod nobenim pogojem bi konferenca ne smela priporočati rabe sile. Sovjetski zunanj komisar Litvinov je bil, kot navadno, edini, ki je govoril jasno in brez hinavščine. Svaril je, da kadar mednarodne organizacije z molkom odobravajo akte agresivnosti, to avtomatično vodi v nova slična dejanja. 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DO YOU KNOW THAT -
SSPZ HAS FIVE MODERN PLANS OF
LIFE INSURANCE?

PROGRESS

"NAPREDEK"

From The Director's Desk

By MICHAEL VRHOVNIK

EVERY MEMBER AN ORGANIZER



Sometime ago, it was proposed at one of our Supreme Board meetings to set up a system of field-organizers or field-workers, who would be employed by the Society to go out and solicit new members. When news of this proposed move reached the ears of our members, many of them, and particularly the more active ones, raised a cry that that was not necessary and that if the members themselves can't talk their friends and acquaintances into joining, neither can regularly employed field workers.

In many instances, this statement would undoubtedly hold true for there are communities where opportunities for expansion in the fraternal insurance field are practically at a standstill and no amount of high pressure membership campaigning either by experienced members permanently employed or on a part time basis, would make any difference in the results obtained... On the other hand, there are other communities, which are far in the majority, where there is not only room for greater expansion, but also, what is more important, enough prospective members to take up that room. It is in these communities that the greatest gain in membership is expected before the WHEEL OF PROGRESS campaign comes to a stop and it is to these communities that field-workers will, eventually, be directed should it be found necessary.

In using the term "field-worker" or "field-organizer", we mean it in the sense of the word as applied to one who makes a living from selling fraternal insurance. Of course, the same term may be used, and is, in other lines of business. In our own organization, every member is a potential field-organizer whose income from that source depends on the amount of insurance written-up... We have a number of members who are quite active and who might be considered as field-organizers, even in the literal sense of the term, employed on a commission basis. Their knowledge of insurance, however, is usually limited to a very narrow range. It is principally for this reason that organizations, such as ours, are finding it more and more difficult to compete with old line life insurance companies.

Our insurance portfolio is now made up of nine different plans of insurance of which five are in the adult department. To this number will soon be added the ONE DOLLAR CERTIFICATES which will be issued under all plans of insurance except Endowment at Age 70. This will place the S.S.P.Z. on a par or above any similar organization insofar as her insurance is concerned. But the point which needs to be stressed is that, regardless of how many different plans of insurance we have to offer to prospects and no matter how attractive are their features compared with those of our fraternal or commercial competitors, WE WILL NOT MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP UNLESS AND UNTIL MORE OF OUR MEMBERS BECOME FIELD-ORGANIZERS IN FACT AS WELL AS NAME!

One of our major drawbacks is and probably will continue to be that there is a woeful lack of understanding of the merits of fraternal life insurance and of the purpose of the PLUS that goes with it. Many people, a number of whom are in our ranks, today, look upon fraternal life insurance as something entirely apart from the kind you buy from commercial stock-controlled companies. But it really isn't. Aside from a difference in the premium (assessment) rates, and which are usually in the fraternals' favor, the two are very much alike; especially, is this true of ours. The PLUS quantity, mentioned previously, is what you get, in addition to your insurance, when you become a member of a fraternal organization. That PLUS refers to the social, cultural, athletic and other features which are usually connected with every Lodge and Vrtec unit. What you gain from them depends, nearly always, on the amount of interest and activity shown, individually. In other words, you will gain something when you give something. In this respect, if more of us took the attitude of Thoreau, the great philosopher, who once was heard to say, "Let me so live that I may feel that I am being used for great ends and for great purposes. Can I but feel that I am being so used, then all the irritations, all the hardships, I can bear with contentment—then life and living have philosophy, a meaning, and a reassuring sanity." Every member has a wonderful opportunity to live a happier life by contributing his share to the social and cultural well-being of the organization.

But the thing we wish to emphasize more strongly than any other, as we bring this article to a conclusion, is that the time is at hand NOW to prove beyond a question of doubt that every member is not only an organizer in name, but also, in fact. We have set as our goal for the WHEEL OF PROGRESS campaign, this to be attained by the end of the current year, 1000 new members. Nearly half that number are already in; the other half shall or shall not be enrolled during the final two months, November and December. There doesn't seem to be any reason why an organization of approximately 10,000 members cannot increase her number by 1000 members in ten months of campaigning. If every tenth member gained one member, that would give us our quota. But if every member gained a new member, that would double our membership. It has been done before and can be done again!... So, to work, then, fellow-members!... Be ORGANIZERS!

Take Your Time
He: "Darling, I can't express how much I love you. You are adorable; you are dazzling; you are simply supersucedive. Gosh, honey, your lips are just like sweet wine!"

Why Teachers Get Gray

Prof. Pilcher: "Now, Mr. Bjones, can you give the class an example of wasted energy?"

Fresh Bjones: "Yes, sir—telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man."

She: "Well, you don't have to get drunk in such a rush."

Spartans Enter I. L. Basketball

TEAMS PLAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

CLEVELAND, O.—For the past season Spartans, Lodge No. 198 SSPZ, have played an important part in Inter-Lodge League activity. The Spartans' softball team gained the finals for the I. L. crown. Spartans have, as always, been staunch Inter-Lodge boosters.

With the fall and winter season, King Basketball is in the limelight. This year, as in previous years, Spartans have a team entered. No matter how the team "stacks up" on paper, fans are assured of thrilling and exciting battles in all of Spartan games. The boys have that never die spirit which is typical of the Spartan warriors of old.

SSPZ boosters and fans attend the Inter-Lodge basketball games played every Wednesday evening at St. Clair Recreation Center. Admission to games is only the small sum of 5 cents.

The basketball league is comprised of Spartans SSPZ, CFU Pioneers, Geo. Washingtons SSCU, Serbians, SDZ Soes, Polish Falcons, SDZ (Lorain, O.) Buckeyes, Lithuanians and CFU Lodge 359. Showing of the teams in last week's games bids well to have Inter-Lodge fans on edge many a Wednesday evening. Teams showed much strength and games as are all the Inter-Lodge activities "up to Inter-Lodge standards"—thrilling, exciting and of championship caliber.

Thanksgiving Dance

Are you all set for Thanksgiving Eve? Are you prepared for the annual Inter-Lodge Thanksgiving celebration? If not, make sure you're well rested and have plenty of pep saved for the Inter-Lodge League "Battle of Music" dance. A feature such as has never been staged at the Slovenc National Home. Both halls will ring with the tantalizing tunes of Frankie Yankovich, the SSPZ orchestra and Ray's Blue Barons. These bands are easily "tops" in the entertainment field of the neighborhood. Set aside Wednesday evening, November 24th and make positive you attend the "Battle of Music." Boy, oh boy, what a battle will be staged. Don't miss it. For further details of other attractions being planned for the dance watch the "Napredek."

"Uncle" Charlie

At the Hallowe'en Party

With DROOP and DOPE

CLEVELAND, O.—Another Hallowe'en party is over and another gay, young, happy crowd has stored away with it memories of another very successful Spartan affair. Thinking over the party, we remember some of the high spots that would make interesting reading. So here's mud in your eye.

Just because our friend "Moe," writes for the Progress is no reason why we can't get something on her. Who was that young man she was so interested in? You should have been inside, Moe, we really had a swell time.

Blossom seems to think that variety is the spice of life. Well, if you can get away with it, more power to you.

Poor Joyce Gorshe, she would have had such a good time if only Pete Elish had been here.

Bill "Susie" Schlarb was a knockout in his father's daughter costume but was almost knocked out by Kid OOPS.

Stan Zagar looked pretty much himself in his costume. He was dressed as Satan.

Stan Stokel danced the polka for the first time in his life and did all right by himself. Must have been the teacher, eh Stan?

For once Stan Zorc was behind the bar instead of under it.

"Gigolo Joe" was rather disappointed because he couldn't take that sweet little girl from the West Side home. Must have been that man Koman beating Joe's time.

It was that tall, dark and handsome gent again that kept Julia Zdesar away from the party.

Why doesn't Marie Bergless get that cute girl friend of her's to join the Spartans, the fellows would appreciate that.

We'll be with you again in the near future.

Droop & Dope

! TRAIL BLAZERS !

CHICAGO, Ill.—Hear ye! Hear ye! One and all! You're all invited to the ball!

Etc., etc.—I could go on like this forever but here's the plain facts. A Fall Social will be held at Gano Farmers Hall, 116th and Eggleston Ave., on Saturday, November 27th, 1937 at 8:30 p.m. Come and glide to the rhythm of Verne's gang. Hot roast beef sandwiches etc., for refreshments and of course don't forget the beer, etc.

Admission me lads and lassies will be only 25c, a quarter of a dollar. So don't forget. I'll be seeing ya—

Lish

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LEST WE FORGET!

AMATEUR SNAPSHOT CONTEST. CLOSING DATE: NOVEMBER 15th



Pirates Notes

By LONE STAR

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa.—Now that the summer months are over and cooler weather is approaching, it is only right to slant our minds toward indoor dancing, etc. and forget those ever-merry picnics, hikes, swimming parties and such. Pirates are planning to hold several affairs in the near future and we hope that we may help other lodges by attending their affairs as often as we can.

Number one on the program is the Fall Dance to be "danced" at the Slovenc Hall, Burgettstown on Saturday, November 13. We have been fortunate in securing the wonderful music of Frankie Watt and his orchestra for this event and we hereby wish to extend a cordial invitation to all Progressors, Challengers and other surrounding lodges. I think it's about time Cleveland was coming to one of the Pirate affairs. They have been seen numerous times at other lodge affairs but the first time to attend one of our doings is yet to come. So how about it you guys and "gags."

I also wish to remind the Pirates of our meeting to be held on Sunday, November 21 at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Again I make this appeal: Won't more members take interest in coming to the meetings? The attendance lately has been very poor.

Until I see you all at the dance—I'll be going.

Spartanology

By Moe

Spartans Beaux, Belles Meet At Dance

Grayson's Orchestra Furnish Rhythm At First Winter Get-Together

CLEVELAND, O.—Take your dancing shoes out of the moth balls, all you dancing Casanovas because on December fourth in the year of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven at eight o'clock Spartans will sponsor their winter dance "Melody of 1938."

Tommy Grayson, the king of swing-op, will be giving that old baton a work-out when all the Spartan beaux and belles and of course friends and outsiders show up their best company manners.

This little swing session is going to be just exactly the first of its kind staged this year. It's going to be the starting gun of a round of merry mix-ups which are expected to be the highlights of the SSPZ social swirl.

So busy-bees, don your best bibs and tuckers and take time out for the fun because everybody who is anybody will be there.

Therefore, reserve that Saturday night December fourth, for the Spartans' "Melody of 1938" Dance which is to be held at the Slov. National Home. Admission only thirty-five cents. Be sure to be there.

Spartans' next monthly meeting will be on the afternoon of Sunday, November 21st at one o'clock sharp. Room four in the Slov. National Home. Important business matters have to be taken up. Also we have to get busy with our campaign for the time will soon be up. Six dollars will be given away that night. Who knows—you might be the recipient? And another thing there are plenty of chairs for all. So won't each and every member attend this monthly meeting. Surely one afternoon in the month you can give up for the benefit of your lodge. So let's see all you "stay at homers" at the next meeting.

If you weren't at Spartans' Hallowe'en Party you sure missed an evening of hilarity. The costumes worn by members were exotic and no words could describe the picture this comical group made. Everybody enjoyed themselves to the greatest extent. Even Satan "Stan Zagar" took a holiday. Zorc was the clown in charge of the drinks. Strangers in the garb of little girls were the Jereb sisters, Rosie Krajc and Helen Intihar. Not in costume but seeming to keep their eyes fixed on the crowd were Emil Kobal and his girl friend Alvira Turk. Wedding bells ought to chime soon. How about it Emil? Oh, who is that, now don't tell me yes sir Joe "Di Maggio" escorting Audrey and good old Bob on the other side. Rudy Lischin what happened to the rompers of a year ago? Then Val Konestabo in a Turk's ensemble while his sister Blossom appeared in a glamorous beach costume. The Opeka sisters sure enjoyed themselves immensely. What happened to the braid Myra appeared with. It must have been quite hot under that bandana for she preferred to let her hair down. Julie Zdesar preferred dancing downstairs with the boy friend. Now, look, my oh my, it's Suzy. Don't you know Suzy? Sure, you do! Why it's only Bill Schlarb.

Josephine Selan, Sec'y. Vrtec No. 110, came home under the best possible circumstances, having done a sort of work of my own which somehow made me friends. The people were wonderfully kind to me, but they seemed to me like English people, or Europeans. I kept

ON DISCOVERING AMERICA

By PEARL S. BUCK, Author of "Good Earth" etc.

thinking, "Where are the Americans?" It was very puzzling. I bored everybody by asking continually, "Where does one find the real Americans? What would you consider the typical American?" To my bewilderment everyone replied the same way—that is, he was American, his ancestors had come over in the Mayflower or before the Revolution or before the Civil War or something, and he was the typical American if there ever was one.

So after repetitions of this sort of thing, I hurried to American literature, reading every book which was praised by critics as being American, and endeavoring to find out in this way what was American. But the books varied even more than the people and each might have been written about a totally different country and people. There are the people of New England; and there is this city of New York, so full of people born elsewhere, who are the sturdiest New Yorkers; and I live in a part of Pennsylvania which might as well be a corner of Europe for all it has to do with these places, where a good Pennsylvania German neighbor said with enthusiasm of my Chinese friend Lin Yutang when he visited us that he must be a fine man because "he talked German so good"; and when I go south nothing I have learned or seen north of the Mason and Dixon line does me any good; and there are the far reaches of the West, where other kinds of people live and none of them are American—and they are all American. I came to see that these true Americans I had been looking for did not exist at all, and there are no typical Americans I have come indeed to feel that if there is a typical American it is the one least typical of anyone except himself. The one hundred per cent American, for instance, is one hundred percent nothing except himself, and represents nothing else. And America is wherever you happen to find yourself between Canada and the Rio Grande and the great oceans east and west; and American food is codfish and baked beans and Hungarian goulash or scrapple, and beaten biscuit and fried chicken, or cornpone and salt pork, or hot tamales or whatever is put on the table before you wherever you happen to be. And the American religion is to be found in little pentecostal chapels or in great Fifth Avenue churches or in Catholic cathedrals or nowhere at all. The only thing you can be sure of is that if you keep going, you'll not eat the same American food two days alike, or hear the same God preached two Sundays the same, and you will certainly hear, in English, nasal with New England winter, in English German-tinged or Italian-haunted, or dying with the fading inflections of a slave-riden past in southern swamps, the conviction that whatever is fed you or preached to you is the real American article.

And everywhere I was hurt and confounded by the amazing hatred among all these Americans for each other. I have heard such hatred for black Americans from white Americans, such venomous sullen hatred for white Americans, that in another country I would have been afraid of immediate race war. And the hatred burns like wildfire in a hundred different directions. There is the hatred of the Jew and the Christians, of the native-born and the foreign-born, of the Protestant and the Catholic, and these are only a few of the greater hatreds. It is true also that combating each separate hatred, like a leash upon a beast, is an organization of people working for peace between any two opposing groups. But it is a question whether the leash is strong enough for the beast. At least, a sensitive mind at first cannot but be frightened and oppressed by the fearful prejudices of race and creed which possess the feelings of the average American.

Thus afraid and oppressed, therefore, I began to delve into these dark feelings which few Americans, it seems to me, are willing to face and acknowledge. For feeling is the basis of these hatreds which take such strange and violent open expressions as lynching, as unjust treatment of aliens, as inhuman deportation laws. With my Chinese training, I cannot get excited over a particular individual or over a particular bill in Congress, but I can get deeply excited over why people should want to commit murder by lynching, or why people should want to deport, wholesale, persons who are hardly fulfilling their places as human beings in our country, if not as citizens. The reasons why we hate each other are very important indeed, and there is no cure for individual injustices unless those causes are clearly understood.

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Victorians

CHICAGO, Ill.—This is just a last minute reminder to put in your reservation for the Victorians' Tenth Anniversary Dinner on November 20—Saturday night—9 p.m. Reservations must be received by November 16. As you know, the tickets are \$1.50 per person and this will cover a grand turkey dinner with all the trimmings—eight courses—refreshments and dancing—plus an evening of joyful entertainment. Don't fail to reserve your place with the Victorians on this night of nights. The place is Little Jack's Restaurant, Madison St. and Kedzie Ave. Chicago and the time is 9 p.m. sharp. See you on the 20th.

For reservations write Jule Potsch, 2117 S. Lombard Ave., Cicero, Ill., or phone Cicero 2097.

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surely had an enjoyable nite. We hope so.

All in all, everybody had a grand time and you non-attendants don't know what you missed.

Well I think I'll say farewell till I get another whiff of news which I can pass onto you.

A Free Country
Lady: "I wouldn't cry like that, my little man."
Boy: "Cry as you please; this is my way."

The Last Straw
If the dean doesn't take back what he said to me this morning, I am going to leave college."

"What did he say?"
He told me to leave college."

SPARTAN JRS.

Spartan Jrs. regular meeting this coming Friday