

Od tedna do tedna

DOBRO POVEDANO

Amerikanci, ki sprejemajo odklonjanje iz rok brutalnih fašističnih diktatorjev, se s tem avtomatično odpovedujejo svoemu rodnemu pravu kot Amerikanci, je rekel notranji tajnik Zedinjenih držav Harold Ickes prošlo nedeljo v govoru, ki ga je imel v Clevelandu. Potem je imenovan imenoval Henry Ford in polk. Lindbergha, ki sta nedavno sprejela odklonjanje od nacističnega režima, ter vprašal: "Kako more Amerikanec, ki imenuje kristjana ali ki pravi, da veruje v prosvitljene principe, ki tvorijo temelj našega življenja, sprejeti odklonjanje od roke brutalnega diktatorja, ki isto roko ropa in mori tisoče ljubeških sobotij?"

VLADNA TOŽBA PROTI ZVEZI ZDRAVNIKOV

Velika zvezna porota v Washingtonu je pred par dnevi namerila kriminalno obtožbo proti American Medical Association, nezakonitemu trustu zdravnikov, proti trem podrejenim organizacijam in 21 posameznikom. Obtožba bazira na protitrustnem zakonu. Med obtoženimi je dr. Chicažanov, med njimi dr. Morris Fishbein, ki je urednik glasila zdravniške zveze. Domneva ostalih se nahaja v Washingtonu.

Glavni povod preiskavi, katere se je končala s kriminalnimi obtožbami, je dala strupena opozicija zdravniške organizacije, katero kontrolirajo konservativci, proti zdravniški in bolniški postrežbi, ki je bila organizirana v Washingtonu na združni podlagi. Zdravniška zveza je proti zdravnikom, ki so sodelovali s akcijo, ki naj bi olajšala breme zdravniške postrežbe ljudem s malimi sredstvi, nastopila z disciplinarno akcijo.

ZIVLJENSKO ZAVAROVANJE

Zivljensko zavarovanje, v veljavi v Zedinjenih državah znaša ogromno vsoto 110 milijard in 300 milijonov dolarjev. Za življenje je zavarovanih skupno 64 milijonov oseb in povprečna zavarovalnina znaša \$1,725. Nič manj kot 64% življenske zavarovalnine na svetu je v veljavi v Zedinjenih državah. Umrljivost v Ameriki še vedno pada. Kot razvidno iz statistike, bo letošnja umrljivost za okrog 73,000 manjša od lanske, ako pa se upošteva rast prebivalstva, pa celo za okrog 85,000.

MALO RAZLIKE

Da je razlika med mentaliteto kriminalcev in velebizniških milijakov zelo majhna, izvrstno prikazuje slučaj Coster-Musica, o katerem je zadnje dni vse časopise polno. Človek, ki je v mladih letih ponovno jedel ričet radi raznih zločinov, se je "izgubil" in pod drugim imenom v teku dobrega desetletja postal eden najbolj uglednih bizniških svetov v deželi.

Sicer pa se sorodnosti med kraki in bizniški geniji ni čuditi. Oboji so raketirji, ki skušajo živeti na tuj račun, le da je prvovrsten "bizniški genij" bolj prekanjen ter svoje parasitske operacije tako vodi, da ne pride v konflikt s pisanimi postavami.

FAŠIZEM HOČE VELIKO OTROK

Benito Mussolini je pred par dnevi med 95 mater, ki so v teku zadnjih desetih let rodile 887 otrok, razdelil \$26,000 v nagradah. Duče je matere, same kmetice, osebno sprejel v Beneški palači v Rimu in jim čestital na "njihovem patrijotizmu," njihovo pa je popolnoma ignoriral.

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Umetnik, ki je napravil film Slovenije za SSPZ



BOZIDAR JAKAC

Clevelandu, saj je na prelomu zadnjega desetletja prebil par let v naši sredi, poleg tega, da je prepotoval skoro vso Ameriko in se ustavil tudi v mnogih drugih naših naselbinah. V Clevelandu je priredil uspešno razstavo svojih del v S. N. Domu in razstavil je tudi v Clevelandskem umetniškem muzeju.

Mi v Clevelandu, ki smo imeli priliko Jakca spoznati — ne le kot umetnika, temveč tudi kot človeka — saj smo ga srečevali na skoro vseh naših kulturnih prireditvah, si postali dobri prijatelji in ga sploh smatrali za enega izmed nas — nismo prav nič presenečeni, da so filmi, katere je njegova večja roka oblikovala, tako preselljivo čarobni. On ljubi slovensko zemljo kot je more ljubiti le umetnik, in lahko si predstavljamo, s kako ljubeznijo in navdušenjem je delal na filmih, da bi bratom in sestram v Ameriki — besede, ki jih je on rad često rabil — pomagal videti in spoznati lepoto naše rodne grude.

Pazite torej, kdaj pride ta odlični film Slovenije v vašo naselbino in gotovo ga idite gledat. Imeli boste užitek, ki vam ostane v nepozabnem spominu.

Pan-ameriška konferenca v Peru je naletela na zavire

Stricu Samu se prošli teden ni posrečilo pregovoriti zastopnikov na Pan-ameriški konferenci v Limi, Peru, da bi sprejeli idejo za sklep pogodbe med 21 ameriški republikami, s katero bi se zavezali skupno braniti se, ako bi bila katera od njih ogrožena od kake zunanje sile. Glavno opozicijo proti ideji za tak pakt je vodila Argentina, ki očitno ni prepričana, da je politika "dobrega sosedstva," ki jo propagira predsednik Roosevelt, stalna.

Nacijski izgredi proti Zed. državam v Argentini

Značilno v tej zvezi je poročilo iz Buenos Airesa, glavnega mesta Argentine, ki pripoveduje o bučnih izgredih, katere so koncem prošlega tedna tam vprizorili proti Zedinjenim državam z nacijsko propagando nakrmljeni nacijski študentje. Študentje, več sto po številu so z vikom in krikom svarili 12-milijonsko prebivalstvo Argentine, da naj nekar ne nasede vabam "Yankee imperijalizma" in nalepili na uličnih vogalih letake, v katerih se napada predsednika Roosevelta ter njegovo politiko dobrega sosedstva nazivljali "farso" in "krinko."

Trdi se, da demonstranti zastopajo le majhen del argentinskega dijaštva, toda trenirani so v metodah nacizma v Nemčiji in fašizmu v Italiji ter uživajo podporo "visjih fašističnih glav."

Nacijska dijaška organizacija, katere člani nosijo rjave srajce pa v zvezi s hitlerjevcev v Nemčiji, je ostanek režima generala Jose Feliksa Uriburua, ki je vladal deželi kot vojaški diktator od 1930 do 1932.

Konferenca osvoji kompromisen sporazum

Ko je delegacija Zedinjenih držav spoznala, da ni misliti, da bi konferenca sprejela njen program, ki je naperjen predvsem proti Nemčiji, Italiji in Japoniji, se je podala ter izjavila, da bi bila zadovoljna s sporazumom, ki bi vezal 21 pan-ameriških republik, da nastopijo v enotni fronti proti napadu, pa bodisi, da bi istega vprizoril kak ameriški ali ne-ameriški narod.

Koliko je Zedinjenim državam na tem, da pridobijo dobro voljo svojih latinskih sester, je razvidno iz dela, ki se ga je te dni lotil zakladniški departmet v Washingtonu, da bi se povečalo trgovino z Južno Ameriko potom javnih in privatnih posojil. V tem pogledu je tudi tajniku Hullu uspelo, da je konferenca soglasno odobrila njegovo resolucijo za odstranitev mednarodnih trgovinskih zavir.

Niti čevljev ameriške zemlje za tužje

Zanimivo je tudi dejstvo, da je dan po izgredih proti Zed. državam v Buenos Airesu bil v Limi oddajan radio govor, katerega se je razposiljal po vsem svetu. (Dalej na 2. str.)

Koledar prireditev SSPZ

NEDELJA, 25. decembra. — Božičnica Vrta "Rožnik Juniors," CHICAGO, ILL., v dvorani br. Paula Bergerja na So. Laundale Ave.

PONDELJEK, 26. decembra. — Božičnica Vrta št. 103, WHITE VALLEY, PA., v Slovenski dvorani.

SILVESTROV VEČER, 31. decembra — Obhajanje 30-letnice SSPZ od društva št. 140, DONORA, PA., z banketom. Začetek ob šesti uri. Govori glavni predsednik John Kvartich, v angleškem jeziku pa Ernest Kvartich.

SILVESTROV VEČER, 31. decembra — Društvo št. 174, PURSGLOVE, W. VA., priredi Silvestrovo zabavo v običajnih prostorih.

SOBOTA, 31. decembra. — Silvestrova zabava društva Prijatelj, št. 46, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., v prostorih Slovenian Progressive Home, 2101 Meriposa St.

SOBOTA, 31. decembra. — Silvestrova zabava društva št. 239, NORTH BRADDOCK, PA., v Union Social Hall, 206 Electric Ave., East Pittsburgh.

SOBOTA, 31. decembra. — Silvestrova veselica društva št. 181, POWER POINT, O., v Kapalinovi dvorani.

NEDELJA, 1. januarja — Plesna veselica društva št. 202, PLEASANT VALLEY, PA., v lokalni dvorani.

NEDELJA, 15. januarja — Plesna zabava Vrta "Kingsters," WHITE VALLEY, PA., v proslavo tretje obletnice obstoja, v Slovenski dvorani.

PETEK, 20. januarja — Zabava in "fish fry" društva "Slovene sestre," št. 120, CLEVELAND, O., v prizidku S. N. Doma v pomoč kegljaskemu klubu.

SOBOTA, 4. februarja — Veselica društva št. 100, PULLMAN, ILL., v Stancikovi dvorani na 115. cesti.

SOBOTA, 4. februarja. — Društvo "Balkan," št. 24, MILWAUKEE, WIS., priredi domačo zabavo v So. Side Turn dvorani (v spodnjem prostoru).

OSTER MRAZ V EVROPI

Evropo je zadnje dni objel silen val mraza, v katerem je več sto ljudi izgubilo življenje. Na Poljskem je zmrznilo 70 oseb, 25 v Angliji, 11 v Romuniji in o desetih slučajih smrti se poročajo med židovskimi begunci na poljsko-nemški meji. V Londonu že 47 let ne pomnijo takega mraza, v Berlinu pa 80 let.

Film Slovenije pride v Cleveland

Br. William Candon nam poroča, da je iz gl. urada v Chicagu prejel poročilo, da film Slovenije, ki je bil vzlet preteklo poletje, pride v Cleveland koncem meseca januarja 1939. Kazal se bo dvakrat in sicer pod pokroviteljstvom Skupnih društev. Prvo kazanje bo 27. januarja v S. N. Domu na St. Clair Ave., drugo pa 3. februarja v Slov. Del. Domu na Waterloo Rd. Noben član SSPZ naj ne zamudi videti ta film in opozorite nanj tudi druge rojake, kajti to je najlepši film iz Slovenije, ki je bil še kdaj kazan v Ameriki.

Starši za napredne metode v šolah

Med učitelstvom v Ameriki se često izraža strah, da so starši, katerih otroci pohajajo jovne šole, sovražni progresivnim učnim metodam, na katerih se danes mnogo dela. Pravkar zaključena preiskava pa je odkrila, da je bil ta strah po večini brez podlage. Preiskavo so vodili dr. Paul R. Mort in dr. Francis G. Cornell iz učiteljskega kolegija Columbia univerze ter prof. Norman H. Hinton iz Dartmouth kolegija. Staršem, učiteljem in šolskim upraviteljem se je poslalo listo 100 vprašanj, tikajočih se izobraževalnih problemov. Odgovori na ta vprašanja izpodbijajo domnevo, da so starši "nazadnjaški".

Poglavitno odkritje preiskave, o kateri se sodi, da se jo more smatrati merodajnim za vso deželo — je bilo, da je 64 odstotkov staršev zavzelo liberalno stališče napram 76 odstotkom med učitelji ter 79 odstotki med upravitelji. Najbolj razveseljevalo za učitelje je bilo odkritje, da 87 odstotkov staršev odobrava eksperimentiranje v učnih metodah. Poleg tega je večina staršev priznala, da je potrebno, da se učencem v šoli pojasni napake v zunanji politiki Zedinjenih držav ter delovanje komunizma v Sovjetski Rusiji; da naj se med socialne študije vključi take predmete kot odprava slumov in preprečenje zločinov, ter da bi učenci morali biti prosti, da v spornih vprašanjih proučujejo in razmotrivajo vse fakte, ki se nanašajo na taka vprašanja.

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MUNDELEIN PROTI COUGHLINU

Kardinal Mundelein, ki pastiruje v Chicagu, je dal po radiju razglasiti, da detroitski župnik Coughlin ni pooblaščen, da bi govoril v imenu katoliške cerkve. Coughlin je isti dan v govoru po radiju rekel, da "strpnost postane hijensko zlo, kardar trpi komunizem", in da židje ne morejo dopustiti, "da bi bili identificirani s komunizmom." — Revija "Nation" je objavila članek, v katerem so podani jasni dokazi, da Coughlin snov za napade na žide črpa iz nacijskih virov.

ZDAJ JE AMERIŠKA CIVILIZACIJA VARNA

Lani je izšla knjiga "Man's Physical Universe," katero je napisal californijski univerzitetni profesor Arthur T. Bawden. Na strani 25 se je nahajal stavek: "Znanstvenik je edini pravi komunist." V novi izdaji iste knjige, ki je pravkar izšla, se isti stavek glasi: "Znanstveniki dajejo svoje znanje vsemu svetu."

AMERIKA PROTI ZMAGI FRANKA

Ko se je bivši angleški zunanji minister Eden mudil v Washingtonu, se mu je dalo jasno razumeti, da Rooseveltova administracija smatra, da bi bila zmaga generala Franca v španiji nasprotna interesom Zed. države, ker s tem bi Mussolini in Hitler dobila trdno bazo za svoje operacije tudi to stran Atlantskega oceana.

Hitler spletkari za podjarmljenje Ukrajine

Neodvisna Ukrajina, ki bi bila seveda le otrodije v rokah Nemčije, je prihodnji cilj nacijskega režima

Adolf Hitler ni nikoli skrival, da eden izmed poglavitnih ciljev njegove osvajevalne politike je Ukrajina, žitnica Rusije in ena najbogatejših pokrajin Sovjetske unije. Zdej, ko je Českoslovaška s poti, je začel z velikopotezno propagando, o kateri upa, da prinese uresničenje njegove ambicije.

Prijateljski sporazumi z Anglijo in Francijo so bili uvod za ta njegov program, kajti treba si je predvsem zavarovati hrbet. Razen tega Hitler očitno ni pozabil, kar so vojaški strategji koncem zadnje svetovne vojne v splošnem priznavali, da je Nemčija vojno dobila na vzhodni fronti ter jo izgubila na zapadu. Hitler smatra, da je dalekovidnejši od kajzerja Viljema in njegovih generalov, zato skrbno ustvarja položaj, ki bi Nemčiji jamčil mir na zapadu, medtem ko bi prodirala proti vzhodu. Pozneje bi lahko obračunal še s Francijo in Anglijo ter postal diktator nad vso Evropo.

Propaganda za neodvisno Ukrajino

Prvi korak nacijskega podiranja proti vzhodu je že storjen. V teku je mogoča kampanja za ustanovitev neodvisne Ukrajine, ki je dirigirana in financirana iz Berlina. Ako bi se Hitlerjev program uresničil, bi Rusija, Poljska, Českoslovaška in Romunije izgubile oblast nad ozemljem s skupno površino držav Texas in Kansas in prebivalstvom, ki šteje toliko kot prebivalstvo cele Francije.

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Kolišna je moč sovjetske armade?

Zadeva bi bila prilično enostavna, če bi Hitler poznal moč sovjetske armade, tako pa vse kaže, da se nikakor ne namerava spustiti v direkten spopad z Rusijo. Da imajo sovjeti danes številčno največjo oboroženo silo na svetu, je splošno znano, ampak bila ni še nikdar preizkušena v vojni, zato se jo smatra za eno izmed misterij povojne dobe. V zadnjih par letih je bilo odstavljenih in postreljenih mnogo njenih voditeljev in mnogo jih trdijo, da je njene morala danes vsled tega na jako nizki stopnji. Toda nihče ne ve, koliko resnice je na tem.

Kot se poroča, se Hitler v prihodnjih dneh poda v alpsko zavetje v Berchtesgadenu, kjer je prebil več dni v razmišljanju še vselej, kadar se je pripravil za kako važnejšo potezo. Kadar se vrne, utegne biti razjasnjeno

Karpatska Rusija kot baza za napad

Nacijski program je začetek svojega manevriranja vzel gibanje za ukrajinsko neodvisnost, ki je takoj po zaključku svetovne vojne ustvarilo neodvisno Ukrajino, ki pa ni dolgo živela. Kot baza za napad na Ukrajino bi Nemcem služila Karpatska Rusija, ki nominalno pripada Českoslovaški. Ukrajinski boj za neodvisnost bi bil odvisen na pomoč nacijev za vojaški uspeh. Radijske postaje na nemški zemlji so že začele bruhati propagando med Ukrajinci. Govori se tudi, da je po Evropi raztresenih milijon ruskih beguncev iz caristične Rusije, ki so pripravljene podpreti gibanje za neodvisno Ukrajino, ampak koliko bi taka pomoč zalegla in če se Hitler zanaša nanjo, je dvomljivo.

Trši oreh kot Avstrija in Češka

Ampak z izjemo tehnike, ki se je naciji poslužujejo do sedaj, predstavlja ukrajinsko vprašanje za Hitlerja mnogo trši problem kot pa sta bili Avstrija in Češka. Avstriji so bili brez moči, Čehi pa so bili vsled izdajstva svojih prijateljev nespodobni rabiti moč, katero so posedali. Mnogo večje so težave pri Ukrajini z nacijskega stališča.

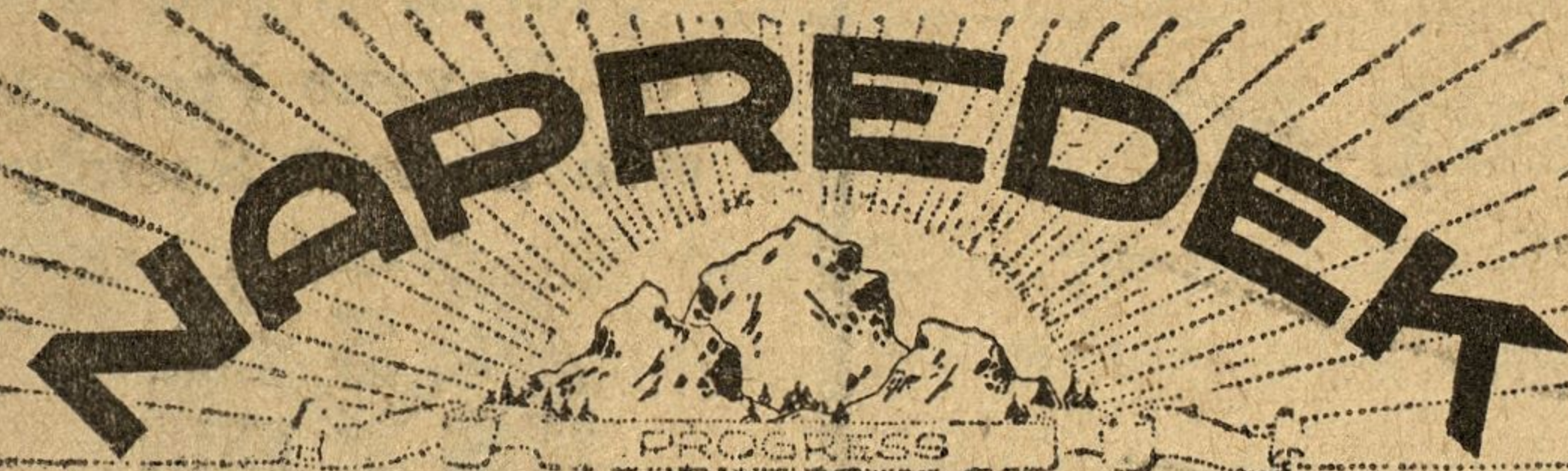
Kot je bilo poročano pred par dnevi, so sovjetska Rusija, Poljska in Romunija naznanile, da so pripravljene iti v boj za ukrajinsko ozemlje, ki se nahaja v njih mejah. Poljska, ki je šele pred par meseci kazala Nemčiji prijazen lice, je pred kratkim sklenila pakt zavezništva z Rusijo, in njene oborožene moči, ki šteje nad poldrug milijon mož, ne gre podcenjevati. Romunski Kralj Karol se utegne sicer premisliti, vendar gotovega ni nič.

Rusija se ne more izogniti konfliktu

Ako Hitler ne odneha—in za tako možnost, je jako malo povoda—bo Rusija prisiljena zapustiti se Hitlerju ali pa v vselej obrniti svoj obraz od Evrope. V skoro istem položaju se nahaja Poljska, kot je razvidno iz naslednjih zahtev, ki jih od nacijev podprto gibanje za ukrajinsko neodvisnost stavi na štiri narode, ki so direktno prizadeti: Od Rusije zahteva ozemlje, v katerem biva 35 milijonov prebivalcev, od Poljske 6 milijonov, od Romunije en milijon, od Českoslovaške pa pol milijona. Površina ukrajinske države, ki si jo je zamislil Hitler, bi znašala 356.800 kvadratnih milj.

MISJA NADLOGA

V nekem šolskem posloplju v Bostonu je toliko miši in podgan, da so učenci morali nositi mačke od doma za svojo protekcijo. Vsaj tako so trdili ogorčeni starši pred odborom šolskega vodstva. Odbor je obljubil, da se bo zgradila nova šola.



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PRAZNIK MIRU IN VERE

BOŽIČ, najlepši in najpomembnejši izmed vseh praznikov, je zopet z nami. Vsi ga pozdravljamo, vsi se ga veselimo, ne glede na to, kako ga razlagamo ali obhajamo. Tudi svobodomislec. In zakaj ne? Saj misel, simbolično izražena v božiču, je stara kot človeštvo samo, in spremljala in navdihovala ga bo, dokler bo človek živel na zemlji. Mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje... Ali je kako bitje, ki ne bi koprnelo po miru, sreči? Ali si je sploh mogoče predstavljati človeka, ki ima zdrav razum in pošteno srce, da bi zavračal ta večno zaželjeni cilj človeškega rodu? Vemo, da do popolnosti ne bo nikoli uresničen, pa je ravno vsled tega tem svetlejši, bolj življenjski.

Kdor misli, da svobodomislec ne more ali ne sme proslavljati božiča, se nahaja v usodni zmoti. Tisti, ki verujemo v svobodno misel, smo še posebno poklicani, da ga slavimo, in še posebno pravico imamo, da poudarjamo njegovo misel in poslanstvo, kajti naše delo in stremljenje gre za tem, da bi ideal božične blagovesti ne bil le običaj za par dni, temveč da bi v meri, ki je sploh mogoča, postal stalna last vseh ljudi. Saj so bili možje svobodomiselnega prepričanja tisti, ki so slej ko prej učili človeštvo, kadar se je zgubilo v temi, ga bodrili in mu vlivali pogum v srce, kadar so ga dušili dvomi in mu je strah polnil dušo; ki mu kazali pot naprej in navzgor. Saj so bili svobodni duhovi tisti, ki so od nekdanj povzdigovali vladno razuma in duha nad vlado pesti; ki so tvegali vse ter žrtvovali celo svoja življenja, da bi vlada moralnega reda zavzela mesto surove fizične sile ter postala najvišji zakon človeške družbe. V tem smislu je Kristus naš, kot so naši vsi veliki moralni učitelji in voditelji pred njim in za njim — mnogo bolj naš kot pa tistih, ki ga sicer nosijo na jeziku, v njegovih srcih pa ni prostora za njem in za njegovo poslanstvo.

Mi, ki verujemo v svobodno misel, nismo in ne moremo biti kristjani v običajnem smislu besede, kajti morali smo najprej zavreči kristjanstvo fraz, predno smo mogli postati borci za kristjanstvo dejanj, ampak ravno zavoljo tega smo pravi dediči in nositelji njegovega duha. Sprejeli smo jedro in bistvo kristjanstva, odklenili smo se njegovih večno veljavnih vrednot, brezpogojno pa odklanjamo vse ponarede in malice. Mi zahtevamo čelo kristjanstva, očiščeno navlake njegovih samopostavljenih varuhov — tistih, ki so vero v Boga spremenili v praktično kupčijsko zadevo. Mi vemo in trdimo, da je samo ena pravica in samo ena resnica, in da križevka, ki se sklicuje na Boga, je najbolj v nebo vpijoča, in da laž, ki se na enak način skuša opravičiti, je najbolj ostudna laž.

Polno dozdevnih protislovij, zagonetnosti in ironije je življenje. Svobodomislec mora braniti kristjanstvo! In vendar ne more biti drugače. Mar ni bil Kristus, ki je svetu prinesel blagovest miru, sojen in obsojen, bičan in na križ pribit kot učitelj krive vere in upornik proti oblasti tistih, ki so takrat vladali in imeli moč v rokah? In se je pretresljiva drama od tistega časa odigrala že tisoč in tisočkrat, odigrava se danes, in odigravala se bo vse do tedaj, dokler človek ne podjarmi zverine v sebi, dokler ne postane pravi brat svojemu bližnjemu — dokler svojega življenja tako ne uredi, da bo z vsem svojim dejanjem in nehanjem poveljeval Stvarniku svojega. Bila je po lepoti koprneča duša poeta v Ivanu Cankarju, neutrudljivem iskalcu resnice in romarju po skrivnostnih hramih srca, ki se je zgrozila ob pogledu na ljudi, ki so pozabili, da so ljudje, ter je v užaljenem ogorčenju obsojila človeka, "ki se vsede za mizo, zataji Boga in pravi, da je srečen..." Kajti tak človek ne samo, da sam ne more biti srečen, temveč tudi nikomur drugemu ne more dati sreče; človek, ki taji najglobljo resnico, more svetu prinašati le nesrečo, gorje in pogin. Mussolini in Hitler sta lahko velika v očeh svojih zaslepljenih pristašev, oni, ki opravičujejo barbarstvo, s katerim napolnjujeta svet, ju lahko proglašajo za državnika, ampak v povestnici človeštva sta in ostaneta razbojnika — satanovo seme.

Teško in žalostno je danes na svetu za one, ki imajo vero v človeka in njegovo dostojanstvo. Že dolgo ni bila namreč ta vera dana na tako ognjeno preizkušnjo kot ravno v naših dneh, ki so veliki le po grozodejstvih civiliziranih barbarov in izdajstvu tistih, katere je blesk zlatega teleta tako oslepil, da ne vidijo, da pot, po kateri hodijo, vodi naravnost v brezdnost. Zdi se kot da se je zloba in pokvarjenost vseh vekov zbrala kot en sam ogromen tur, iz katerega brizga gnoj, čigar smrad grozi

okužiti ves svet, zadušiti in ugonobiti sleherni nagon in stremljenje, ki človeka loči od zverine v džungli. Organiziran, prekanjeno zamišljen upor proti civilizaciji, to je, čemur se zdi, da smo danes priča. Človek bi v gnjevu in obupu zakričal: Ni resnice, ni pravice! Samo laž je! Civilizacija, kultura, krščanstvo — ni jih, nikoli jih bilo ni! Samo laži so bile — bajke, v katero smo verjeli, ker smo bili bebeli... Ne: slava Bogu na višavah; ne: mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje. Novi pozdrav se glasi: slava Hitlerju in Mussoliniju, Chamberlainu in Daladierju, generalu Franku in njegovemu zavezniku v Vatikanu, in krogo v glavo tistim, ki so dobre volje, da bo varno zlato tele!... Tako bi zakričal človek, ki je še človek.

Pa ne smemo — ne moremo; Ni kriv Bog, ako ga oblastniki tajijo in gazijo po človeštvu. Tudi ni kriv, ako ljudje, ki pravijo, da govorijo v njegovem imenu, odobravajo zločine človeka nad človekom. Božični pozdrav je še vedno resničen, še vedno veljaven kakor je bil, in le ljudje, ki so dobre volje, ga morejo biti deležni. Ostati moramo zvesti samim sebi, poslušati glas srca. Ne samo misliti, temveč tudi čutiti in verovati je treba. Predvsem danes! Moder je bil mož, ki je zapisal:

"Dam pa tudi nekaj na izvirni naravni nagon človeka in verujem, da nobena stvar ne more biti resnična, ne da bi bilo tudi dobro, da vanjo verujemo... Res da tudi glede tega, kar se smatra za dobro, se je mogoče motiti, ampak enkrat pride človek vendar do točke, KO MORA SAMEMU SEBI VERJETI."

V trdni veri in neomajnem prepričanju, da trpečim in zatiranim, užaljenim in ponižanim po vsem svetu skoro zasijejo jasnejši dnevi, kličemo celi družini Slovenske svobodomiselnice podporne zveze in vsem, ki so dobre volje: Vesele božične praznike!

Tedenski pomenki

A. ZAITZ
KLOBUK

Popravljali smo telefonsko in telegrafično napeljavo ob cesti in nazaj grede ob železnici od Ljubljane do Rakeka. Na Vrhnikih imajo poleg državne ceste nasajene velike in košate kostanje. Ti kostanji so segali s svojimi vejami v žice in treba jih je bilo vsako leto pristriči. Ob koncu mesta sem leta 1919 splezal na veliki kostanj, kjer sem imel porazne mladike, katere so rastle v žico. Lep dan je bil, in jaz sem se vrhu kostanja pomudil kot je bilo treba. Na cesti pod menoj se mi nudil prizor, kateri mi je ostal v spominu in katerega bom omenil radi značilnega klobuka, kateri je bil na Vrhnikih s klobukom. Vsaj tako bi sodil, ker je bil dosedaj odgovor ravno tako nič kakor je bil na Vrhnikih s klobukom. Prihajam torej z prošnjo, da bi se tega, vsaj kar se terjatve tiče za Zvezo, ne prakticalo. Drugače se bomo morali tudi v glavnem uradu ravnati tako in vračati, kadar boste kaj vprašali in rabili. Upam, da bodo prizadeji razumeli in koncem tega meseca, kateri je ob enem tudi konec leta, poravnali vse, kar so zaostali čez leto.

Sedaj pa pride za vse v splošnem, tudi za tiste, katerih se zgornje ne tiče. Ker smo radi državnih zakonov morali podaljšati rok plačitve asesmenta do zadnjega v mesecu, in ker sedaj prejemo mesečni asesment pozno, bi vas prosil vsaj za ta mesec, ker imamo zaključiti račune in urediti za revezijo glavnega odbora, da ta mesec POSLJETE ASESMENT MALO PREJ KOT NAVADNO. S tem boste naredili veliko uslugo obsoju v glavnem uradu, za katero vam bomo hvaležni. V glavnem uradu bo prihodnji mesec največ dela ter se bo vaša kooperacija mnogo poznala. V delu imamo tudi nova mesečna poročila, katere vam bodo poslana pozneje in raztolmačila. Novih mesečnih poročil se vam ni treba strašiti, ker v glavnem ne bo druge spremembe, kakor da boste imeli vse na eni strani, namesto na dveh straneh.

Zdaj pa pridni bodite in se za praznike veselite. Posetite naše priredbe; v Napredu najdete navedbe.

Imam gotov vzrok, da sem pričel danes z doživljanjem klobuka. Če bi bil pričel kar narav-

nost, bi se bilo zgodilo najbrž kakor z dopisom, v katerem sem vabil na letne seje. Tako pa saj sodim, da nekateri čitajo in čem med temi čitatelji čitajo tudi nekateri, katerim je prav za prav namenjen ta dopis, bom morda delno dosegel svoj namen. Ta mesec sem namreč poslal na vsa društva, katere dolgujete naš asesmentu društvenih potrebščinah uljuden opomin, da je treba plačati cesarju, kar je cesarjevega. Med temi opomini je nekaj takih, na katere so mi že večkrat letos privzdignili klobuk. Vsaj tako bi sodil, ker je bil dosedaj odgovor ravno tako nič kakor je bil na Vrhnikih s klobukom. Prihajam torej z prošnjo, da bi se tega, vsaj kar se terjatve tiče za Zvezo, ne prakticalo. Drugače se bomo morali tudi v glavnem uradu ravnati tako in vračati, kadar boste kaj vprašali in rabili. Upam, da bodo prizadeji razumeli in koncem tega meseca, kateri je ob enem tudi konec leta, poravnali vse, kar so zaostali čez leto.

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DOPISI IN POROČILA ČLANSTVA

BOŽIČNICA VRTCA ROZNIK JUNIORS

Chicago, Ill. — Roznik Juniors, Vrtec št. 160 priredi svojo tretjo božičnico v nedeljo dne 25. decembra v dvorani br. Paula Bergerja. Začetek ob treh popoldne. Vstopnina je prosta za mlade člane, kakor tudi za odrasle.

Program bodo izvajali člani mladinskega oddelka ter bo vseboval vsakovrstne točke: igro, ples in petje. Potem pa bo upravitelj mladinskega oddelka br. Michael Vrhovnik kazal premične slike. Program bo torej zanimiv, glavna privlačnost za mladino pa bo seveda Miklavž. Potem ko Miklavž opravi svojo dolžnost, bo sledila večerja za mladino, potem pa se prične prosta zabava in ples. Za plesalce bo igrala godba mladinskega oddelka.

Ker bo ta prireditev v pobudo aktivnosti naše mladine na društvenem polju, je vas staršev dolžnost, da se vsi vdeležite te priredbe, posebno pa še članstvo društva Roznik, št. 227, pod čigar okriljem Vrtec št. 160 posluje. Je tudi slehernega člana dolžnost, da apelira na svoje prijatelje in znance, da se vdeležijo v velikem številu te mladinske božične priredbe. S tem boste pokazali svoje zanimanje, ljubezen in spoštovanje do mladine in našega gibanja.

Delujmo na to, da se vsi vdeležimo te priredbe, kajti s tem bomo dali mladini več navdušenja in veselja, obenem pa bomo pokazali svojo lojalnost do naših mladinskih skupin. Dobra vdeležba bo igrala veliko vlogo v bodoče mladinskem gibanju za pridobivanje novih članov v mladinski oddelki, kar bo v ponos odraslemu članstvu. Na svidenje v nedeljo 25. decembra ob treh popoldne na 2653 So. Lawndale Ave. Z bratskim pozdravom,
Victor Zupancic.

PRIREDBE IN DRUGO

Power Point, O. — Izgleda, da se je treba zopet malo oglasiti v našem listu Napredek. Sem pričakovala, da se bo kak drug član našega društva št. 181 kaj oglašil in malo poročal, zlasti ker se bliža konec leta in s tem tudi doba naše kampanje, ker pa se ne naj pa jaz nekoliko poročam o priredbah, ki se bodo vršile v naši naselbini. Na večer 25. decembra priredi Vrtec št. 126 božično zabavo, na katero ste vabljeni vsi, da se je vdeležite in s tem pomagate mladini do boljšega uspeha. Ako bomo mi šli na roko mladini, sem uverjena tudi ona ne bo pozabila na nas, kadar bomo mi potrebovali pomoči od njih. Torej ne pozabite božičnice na 25. decembra in prepričana sem, da vam ne bo žal. Za lačne in žejne bo skrbel za to izvoljeni odbor, vesele poskočnice pa nam bo igral Viktor Tušek.

Kot razvidno, nas bo staro leto zapustilo v isti razmerah, v katerih nas je našlo. Bliža se novo leto 1939, o katerem upamo, da bo boljše kot je bilo staro. Kot je bilo že poročano, naše društvo priredi veselico na starega leta večer v Kapalinovi dvorani, Power Point, O. Vabljeni ste vsi od blizu in daleč, da nas posetite na ta večer. Pričetek ob sedmih večer, vstopnina za odrasle 25c, za mladino pa 10c. Postrežba bo prvovrstna in imeli bomo tudi kranjske klobase. Torej ne pozabite na ta večer in pridite, da se skupno poslovimo od starega leta in da pozdravimo prihod novega. Viktor in Martin Tušek bosta igrala v zadovoljstvo starih in mladih, tako da bo vse veselo na ta večer.

Kot je bilo že poročano, se je naše društvo priklopilo vzhodno-ohijski federaciji društev SSPZ in prihodnja seja se vrši pri nas v Power Pointu dne 31. januarja, 1939. Društva v tem okrožju, ki se še niso pridružila, naj to storijo sedaj, da bomo skupaj delali za napredek svojih

društev in Zveze. Tako se bomo bližje spoznali med seboj in združeni bomo tudi bolj močni in agilni. Prepričana sem, da je vsak član, ki je od Zveze prejel dividendo kot božično darilo, zadovoljen. Lahko smo hvaležni glavnemu odboru, ki tako vzorno vodi našo organizacijo. Povejte onim, ki ne pripadajo še nobeni organizaciji, da pridejo pod okrilje SSPZ, ki je dobra in napredna bratska organizacija. Vesele božične praznike in veselo Novo leto želim glavnemu odboru in vsem članom SSPZ!

Opozarjam vse člane našega društva št. 181, da se v polnem številu vdeležite prihodnje seje, ki se vrši 25. decembra, ker to bo letna seja, na kateri se bo volil odbor za prihodnje leto 1939. Opozarjam se vas tudi, da plačate svoje asesment o pravem času in da ne čakate do zadnje minute. Asesment mora biti v glavnem uradu na tretjega v mesecu. Ker bo to pot 31. december padel na soboto, tajnik denarja ne bo mogel odposlati, ako člani pridejo plačati v nedeljo. Ne delajte nepotrebne dela in skrbi tajniku in plačajte do 25. v mesecu. Delajmo roka v roki, pa bo za vse prav, in ne pozabite: Vsi na sejo 25. decembra. Po seji bo pa prost prigrizek. Upoštevajte to!
Mary Bogataj, tajnica.

SMRT ČLANICE

Hoquiam, Wash. — Kruta smrt je posegla v vrste našega društva št. 187 in pretrgala nit življenja sestri Heleni Budick. Umrla je dne 7. decembra, stara 50 let. Rojena je bila v Liču, Jugoslavija. K večnemu počitku smo jo položili v soboto 9. decembra na Fern Hill pokopališču. Pokojna zapušča žalujočega soproga Stanleyja, tri hčere, Mary, Emma in Olga, ter sina Steve, dalje štiri sestre v Jugoslaviji in sestro, poročeno Mrs. Mary Morris, v Hoquiam, Wash. Na njeno krsto je bilo položenih mnogo lepih cvetic. Zlasti se želimo zahvaliti društvu Zora, št. 645, Hoquiam, Wash., za lep vnetec in poslovljni govor. Naj počiva mirno!
Matt Snyder, Jr., tajnik

SLOŽNE SESTRE, ŠT. 120

Cleveland, O. — Društvo Složne sestre, št. 120, je izvolilo sledeči odbor za leto 1939: predsednica Josephine Zakrajšek, podpredsednica Agnes Lunder, tajnica in blagajničarka Agnes Jerič, 6921 Hecker Ave., zapisničarka Mary Vidmar, nadzornice: Jean Snyder, Mary Vilar in Mary Duša; zastopnice za Skupno društva SSPZ Agnes Jerič in Josephine Zakrajšek; zastopnica za konferenco S. N. Doma Rose Hanko, zastopnica za Cankarjevo ustanovo Josephine Zakrajšek; zdravnik dr. Kern in dr. Rotter. Društvo zboruje vsako drugo sredo v mesecu.

PROSVETNA MATICA SE ZAHVALJUJE

Chicago, Ill. — Meseca novembra je odbor Prosvetne matice aranžiral predavateljsko turo, na kateri je Frank Zaitz govoril o razmerah in o politični situaciji v Jugoslaviji in drugod v Evropi, kjer se je mudil letos nad tri mesece. Dasi je kvarilo aranžirano posebno v Pennsylvaniji skrajno neugodno vreme, so bila skoro vsa predavanja dobro obiskana.

Prosvetna matice je s tem izvršila svojo nalogo in prav tako vsi, ki so pomagali, da so bila predavanja dobro oglašana in stroški kriti s prostovoljnimi prispevki.

Uprave vseh slovenskih domov, v Pennsylvaniji, v katerih je predal Frank Zaitz, so dale čvrstane na razpolgo brezplačno. Tudi v Ohio so pomagali k znižanju stroškov. Odbor Prosvetne matice se vsem, ki sodelujejo in podporo iskreno zahvaljuje. To sporočilo

naj velja namesto posebnih posameznim odborom slovenskih domov, da si prihrani mo delo in poštino.	
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Dalje javljamo, da knjig društva, ki so članjena v Prosvetni matici, letos še nismo poslali. Naročili smo jih pri naši delavski ustanovi in Jugoslaviji že spomladi to leto in bile so nam obljubljene do 1. novembra. Nedvomno so zapadle cenzuri, ki je postala kot posledica Monakovskega "mira" stroga celo v deželah, kjer so jo prej le površno poznali.

Nam je zelo žal za neprilike, toda letos nam bo zaplenjene knjige nemogoče nadomestiti z drugimi. Skrbeli pa bomo, da se takim neprilikam izognemo v bodočem letu.

Upam, da bodo društva te naše potežkoče in stroške upštevala in ostala v Prosvetni matici, kakor doslej. Kajti le v skupnosti za napredek bomo napredovali.

Za odbor Prosvetne matice, Charles Pogorelec, tajnik.

Pan-ameriška konferenca v Peru je naletela na zavire

(Dalje s 1. str.)
Govoril je Alfred Landon, ki je bil pred dvema letoma republikanski predsedniški kandidat, sedaj pa se na povabilo predsednika Roosevelta mudi kot ameriški delegat na Pan-ameriški konferenci, ter povedal svetstvu, da Zedinjene države ne bodo tpele, da bi kak tuj vpadalec dobil en sam čevljev ameriške zemlje. Katera stranka je na krpilu v Washingtonu, je brez pomena, je dejal Landon, kajti vlada v Washingtonu že zadnjih sto let stoji za Monroeovo doktrino, da Amerika pripada Amerikancem, brez ozira na politične spremembe.

Landon je tudi izjavil, da ne verjetna brutalnost, ki se pojavlja v Evropi in Aziji, navdaja vse ameriške narode z gnevom in da je prišel čas, ko besede in geste več ne zadostujejo.

Pričakuje se, da bo konferenca v teku prihodnjih dni svoje delo zaključila. Če je uspela ali ne, bo pokazal edinole čas.
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MIRKO G. KUHEL, glavni blagajnik

RAČUN DOHODKOV S. S. P. Z. ZA MESEC NOVEMBER

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1938		Clanski oddelek	Mladinski oddelek
		Adult Class	Juvenile Class
Asesment od članstva		\$14,303.57	\$513.36
Obresti od bonrov		434.35	
Obresti in odplačila od hipotek		5,459.34	
Najemnina od posestev		892.50	
Plačila od certifikatnih posojil		102.85	
Prejeto od prodanega posestva (Cleveland)		4,034.02	
Real Estate (Cleveland) disposed of			15.00
Pristojbina za podaljšanje posojila			1.00
Preklicani ček			1.00
Cancelled check			1.00
Skupni dohodki — Total income		\$25,242.63	\$513.36

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SPREMEMBE V ČLANSTVU PRI DRUŠTVIH SSPZ ZA MESEC NOVEMBER 1938

- Changes in Membership by SSPZ Lodges for the Month of Nov. 1938
- Dr. št. Lodge No.
- 1 Crtani nazaj sprejet: A. Strmo, 39, C. 22447; crtani: F. Barkul, 18, C. 20850; M. Barkul, 41, C. 1403; I. Galijotovich, 34, C. 10144; I. Jeraj, 18, C. 9002; J. Wershay, 44, C. 29.
 - 2 Crtana: Mary Beliz, 35, C. 42143.
 - 11 Novo pristopila: Mary Stanovich, 18, C. 25068.
 - 18 Crtana: Mary Buther, 32, C. 23597; Joe Butcher, 43, C. 23598.
 - 19 Crtani: John Stonich, 34, C. 21372.
 - 20 Crtana: Apolonia Mohorich, 36, C. 24222.
 - 23 Novo pristopila: Mary M. Drenik, 18, C. 25068.
 - 24 Novo pristopila: Gertrude Reja, 18, C. 43024; crtani: Anton Klain, 44, C. 20558.
 - 27 Crtani nazaj sprejeti: C. Cerar, 19, C. 21184; Louis Grosel, 29, C. 21673; M. Grosel, 29, C. 21895; crtana: John Kokoji, 36, C. 21230; F. Kogoj, 38, C. 21232.
 - 31 Crtani nazaj sprejet: Joe Tomino-vich, 36, C. A23124.
 - 38 Crtani nazaj sprejet: Pete L. Pratto, 35, C. 22263.
 - 55 Uml.: Jacob Sinkovec, 50, C. 10236.
 - 61 Novo pristopila: Frances Valencic, 16, C. 43025.
 - 67 Prestopil od dr. št. 24: Fred Cherne, 24, C. 23176.
 - 79 Novo pristopila: Elenor Arbush, 18, C. 70063.
 - 80 Novo pristopil: Tony Gréar, 18, C. 25069.
 - 100 Prestopila od dr. št. 19: Mary Spolar, 32, C. 23171.
 - 101 Novo pristopil: Jack Gasperich, 37, C. 43036.
 - 107 Novopristopil: Anton Gerkman, 18, C. 25071.
 - 120 Crtana nazaj sprejeta: Nellie Konček, 17, C. 40885; crtane: Louise Ferko, 23, C. 22565; Mildred Sinitic, 19, C. 42120; Frances Wrelich, 44, C. 24006.

- 123 Novo pristopil: Peter Vončina, 37, C. 25072; crtani: Joe Anžiček, 32, C. 13128.
- 125 Crtana nazaj sprejeta: Bara Cindič, 45, C. 41888.
- 126 Crtana nazaj sprejeta: Rosie Fuček, 48, C. 22988; prestopila od dr. št. 141: Angela Lowen, 18, C. 222657.
- 133 Novo pristopil: Frank Muchnok, 18, C. 25073.
- 146 Crtani: Stanley Zakulec, 23, C. 41274.
- 155 Crtani nazaj sprejet: John Lepovich, 37, C. 15445.
- 160 Crtani: Frank Saiz Jr., 18, C. 20788.
- 167 Crtana: George Zupancic, 36, C. 20396; Louise Zupanic, 31, C. 20392.
- 172 Crtana: Antonia Zmerzel, 18, C. 4006; Sophie Jakopin, 23, C. 24242.
- 173 Crtani nazaj sprejet: Peter Piskulic, 18, C. A7351.
- 174 Crtana: Jacob Tekavec, 53, C. 22616; Theresa Cecchinelli, 38, C. 22640.
- 183 Crtani: Frank Leskovicsek, 23, C. 22419.
- 189 Crtani: Anton Kučenic, 30, C. 7679.
- 196 Novo pristopil: Frank Kirn, 18, Crtana nazaj sprejeta: Freda Komatz, 19, C. 23322; crtani: William Kaus, 17, C. 21271.
- 197 Crtani nazaj sprejeti: M. Lavrič, 19, C. 40591; T. Tioffa, 24, C. 40374; A. Stofla, 24, C. 40170; A. Stonich, 25, C. 41971; M. Grahek, 35, C. 41939; crtani: D. Downing Lucke, 21, C. 50490; J. Frankovich, 30, C. 41932; W. Karolich, 17, C. 43005, M. Mlakar, 21, C. 42000.
- 198 Novo pristopil: Adolph Jalen, 22, C. 43030; prestopila od dr. št. 237: Christine Kvartich, 18, C. 21934.
- 204 Crtana nazaj sprejeta: Elsie Zaman, 18, C. 41962; crtani: Jacob Mesojedec, 25, C. 42050.
- 205 Crtana: Mae Gomerich, 24, C. A16173.
- 209 Novo pristopil: Thomas M. Marinovich, 18, C. 25074.
- 218 Prestopile od dr. št. 142: Jennie Saček, 30, C. 41437; Jane Sabec, 17, C. 22133.
- 222 Crtana: Katherine Pleshe, 37, C. 23511.

Pioneer Vrtec

VANDLING, Pa. — Pioneer Vrtec meeting was held Sunday Dec. 11, with a large number of members in attendance, for it had been the yearly meeting. There was an election of new officers that means a change in our Vrtec. Our Secretary Angy Pevc who had been in office since the Vrtec had been organized resigned. The following members were elected: President, Fannie Gerstel; vice-president, Lillian Rozina; recording secretary, Angeline Plahuta; secretary, William Pevc.

Our meetings will be held every second Sunday of each month at 1:30 o'clock at the Naprej Hall. After the meeting a Christmas Party was held and every one had an enjoyable time. We were unable to make a Christmas program, for the members do not attend meetings to make arrangements for such an affair.

Starting out the New Year let us all decide that from now on we shall faithfully attend every meeting and try to get our friends to become Vrtec members. We must be interested in our Vrtec, get together, work together and try to accomplish more for the Vrtec and our organization the SSPZ.

Wishing all the SSPZ members a Merry Christmas and all the joys of a bright New Year!

William Pevc, Secretary Vrtec No. 1

Outlookers Xmas Wish

To the Supreme Board, capable leaders of our SSPZ; to Brother Michael Vrhovnik, who in his capacity of director of Juvenile and English-speaking lodges has much more than fulfilled any requirements, and has become our staunchest friend and stand-by; to Mr. Grill, our amiable editor of "Progress" which, in our opinion, has certainly accomplished what the title suggests; to our splendid administrator, Mr. Zaman, who deserves a great deal of credit for being an able leader, adviser, and friend; to all the rest of the members of the Senior lodges who have given up much time and effort in helping us Vrtec units to gain strength as an organization; to the Spartan Juniors and all the other fellow-Vrtec units; and finally to each other; we Outlookers join together in sending our thanks for all the enjoyment we have experienced this past year, and extend our most sincere and heartfelt wishes for the finest of fine Christmases, and a more successful New Year than any before for each and everyone.

Comet News

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — Well, I finally decided to pick up my pen and start scratching. The Comet members haven't been doing such a god job. I mean in writing to the "Napredek". Boy but we have some lazy people in our Vrtec! Each and every one of our members can write interesting articles which all our members would enjoy. You don't have to be a professor either. So try and I'm sure you'll succeed.

Another item of importance is the attendance at our meetings. This past year they have not been attended as well as they should. Why do we have meetings? Well, the reason is simply this. You can discuss and hear important matters which are brought up.

The most important of all will be the annual meeting. This meeting will take place on Sunday Jan 1, 1939 at 3 p.m. at S. N. Home. It is the duty of every Comet member to attend. The election of officers and committees for the year 1939 will take place. Other important business will be discussed.

The Slovene Home will sponsor a Christmas program. It will be held on Dec. 25, 1938 at 7 p.m. at S. N. Home. This program will consist of two plays in which some of our Vrtec members will take part. Christmas carols will be sung by the children. Santa Claus will be there and he will give gifts to all children present. The Comet members are all invited to this enjoyable affair. After the program dancing will follow.

Another grand occasion will take place on New Year's Eve. This will be a dance at the Slovene Hall held by the S. N. Home. Music will be furnished by a popular orchestra of this vicinity. This is a good place to welcome in the New Year. For a good time be sure to come all you Comets and members of Lodge 41 SSPZ.

New Year Resolutions which the Comets Should Make

1. To attend all meetings in 1939.
2. To work harder to make our Vrtec bigger and better.
3. To write to the "Napredek" more often.
4. To be more active.

In conclusion I wish the editor and all the Vrtec members a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Agnes Tekstar, Vrtec 44

Rainbows, Vrtec 126

POWER POINT, O. — Hello! Hello! The Rainbows of Power Point were sleeping for a long time, but now since it's near Christmas they will awaken. I think that it's about time to get into some action, don't you, members? Now we should hurry and get things prepared for our Christmas dance which we are going to have on December 25, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening. The admission will be 10 cents for young and old, and there will be plenty of room for everyone. We will be expecting a crowd from Burgettstown, Girard, East Palestine, and all other neighboring places. The musician will be Victor Trnsek and he is very good at that. We hope you all come because you want to see Santa Claus. Maybe if you are good he will bring you some presents.

We want to see all the members attend the next meeting because we will have a lot of things to decide. In fact we will elect new officers and whoever does not come will have to pay a 10 cent fine. Come on members,

A Little Gossip

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Flash! The SSPZ lodges of Indianapolis gave a joint Christmas party on Sunday afternoon, December 18.

As We See It

On my way home from the grocery store, I saw Johnny Praprotnik carrying a large box. (Her gift couldn't be so big, could it, Johnny?) Frank "Baby" Zakrajsek really goes for Clara Madley. (She doesn't mind it at all, or does she?)

Adolph "Rudy" Flajs is a candidate for president in the coming election. (Now that indoor is over he is starring in basketball.)

John "Mamma" Praprotnik's radio still doesn't work after he operated it for over a week. (I wouldn't let him work on ours.) Dolores "President" Ivancic was seen snubbing our former "pres." (She couldn't be mad for some reason?)

Louis "M. P. O." Znidarsich Jr. is always crabbing about something. (Get the Christmas spirit in you, Louis!)

Dorothy "Bowler" Semenick still refuses to take part in our dramatic activities. (That's one way of making 'em all, Dot.)

Anthony "Broadway" Ignatious Bayt objects to his name being misspelled in the Napredek. (Just so you can recognize it, Tony.)

Alma "Alley" Klemens goes down the alley every morning. (That's a heck of a place to walk.)

Mutt "Polka" Dragon certainly danced a lot with a certain lodge secretary.

Dorothy "La La" Turk missed an important committee meeting last Tuesday. (She couldn't have had a date, could she?)

Mergala sisters have gotten over their bashfulness and have consented to sing at our Christmas party.

Albin "Toothless" Turk never has attended a meeting. (Don't let the missing teeth stop you.)

Frank "Correspondent" Cerne must have that touch with the women. (That Cleveland gal sent him. Can you pipe that?)

Gus "Duke" Zupancic has all the gals at the school made, now that he is a football hero.

Rudolph "Chuck" Milharic, that man with the glasses and mustache, needs a shave. (Has your sister used your best razor to cut corns?)

Charles "Rusty" Komlance felt bad after the team he captained lost to a superior basketball team.

So long as B-4,

Flash, Slam, Bang and some more.

You had better come because you don't want to pay a fine. A dime really means something when you don't have it. So if you don't want to pay, attend the next meeting and you will still have your dime in your pocket.

You hardly ever hear from us. So come on and write something for Napredek and attend the next meeting. We also hope to see you at the dance at Chuck's Hollow.

Stephie Tauchar, Rec. Sec'y

With Our Juniors

(Continued from Vrtec Section)

rest of the night dreaming about the good things the morrow might bring. Early next morning, sometimes as early as four o'clock, came the call to awaken. Downstairs, we rushed, as if life were at stake. . . . No second call was needed for it wasn't like getting up for school. Then we wanted to lie in bed and stretch for a half hour or more, or at least until the fifth or sixth call finally brought us to our feet. . . . Straight for the kitchen we ran, pell-mell. There we found, hanging behind the stove, the stocking filled with candies, nuts and fruits. . . . On the table and around the Christmas tree (when TIMES were good we had a small one) lay packages nicely wrapped and, just as we were about to open them, Mother, or an older sister, would say, "Stay away from those packages; they're not to be opened until after church! Hurry now, and get dressed!" . . . And we did, for orders were not to be disobeyed on this day.

So off to church we trotted, sleepy-eyed and anxious to get it over with. . . . And after mass, we'd hurry home as fast as our little legs could carry us. All the while thinking about the presents that awaited our return and wondering if the hints we had cast brought the right results. Sometimes they did, but more often they didn't. . . . If there were clothes among the gifts, we dressed in them and showed them off to our friends. The toys we played with until we or someone else broke them. Eats? Oh, my, yes! There was so much of everything that the following day was spent in misery. . . . THOSE WERE HAPPY DAYS!

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH

This message of gratitude is brought to you with a feeling of pride and satisfaction, for never has a year been more abundant with successful Vrtec activities than 1938. We recall with no end of pleasure such outstanding accomplishments and occasions as the VRTEC CULTURAL FESTIVAL last May in which members from Indianapolis, Cleveland, Milwaukee and Chicago displayed a wide variety of talent, the SIXTH NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET and the Society's 30th ANNIVERSARY celebration at BRIDGEVILLE where hundreds of our finest boys and girls from many parts of the country were met, the numerous programs and entertainments during the month of June, anniversary events, and parties, picnics and dances of all kinds throughout the entire year. . . . Nor should we forget the JUNIOR LITERARY CONTEST just concluded, which sparkled with many gems of written thought and the over-subscribed double-size issues of the Vrtec Section in June and July. Really and truly this has been a year filled with Juvenile progress. . . . In no similar society have we noticed boys and girls show as much interest and spirit, or devote as much time and effort, or work half as hard to develop their fraternal desires as right in our own Society. . . . And so— To all of you, members and officers alike, we give sincerest congratulations and many thanks for the progressive steps you undertook and completed, either through your own or your Administrator's initiative, during the past year, and we hope the unselfish support and cooperation, you so loyally gave

SPARTAN JUNIORS

CLEVELAND, O. — An unintelligible murmur ran thru the room as the lights of the small Christmas tree were turned on. Its splendor caused a thrill to run through all those present, Spartan Juniors and Outlookers alike. The children found it hard to concentrate on the business at hand for those bags of candy really were very tempting. After everything was in readiness, the meeting was called to order by John Obat, our president. We decided to hold our skating party in January, and sell tickets for thirty-five cents. We had trial nominations to get a rough idea of who would run and decided who would best fit the offices. An eager youngster popped up to make a motion for the adjournment of the meeting. It was hurriedly seconded by another erstwhile youngster. Neither of them took their eyes from the table where the goodies lay, as John Obat adjourned the meeting.

Stanley Zorc, our administrator, dragged out a chimney (which was a traveling box incognito) from which we fished out gifts (and were they gifts: toy autos, lead soldiers, marbles, gliders, etc.).

Then the treat of the evening, cream puff shells filled with ice cream with a generous coating of butterscotch syrup over all. This was followed by hot chocolate. Then what the children had been waiting for, candy. Each person received a cellophane bag filled with nuts and hard candies. A few gum-drops were also added to each bag. The whole was tied in by beautifully designed, cellophane ribbon. A sucker was inserted in the top and a Santa Claus seal was placed on each sucker. Then pop-corn balls were passed out as we sang Christmas carols. Vatro Grill jumped about like mad, waving his arms and singing at the top of his voice. At about ten o'clock the people began to leave. Behind lay only shattered remnants and waste where before there had stood beauty and brilliance such as will not soon be forgotten.

The last child tramped out gaily, humming a Christmas tune. Under his arms he carried a bag containing pop-corn balls and candy.

Before leaving, John Obat requested all Spartan Jrs., to attend the January meeting for the elections.

Why did "Cousin Andy" Artel continually ask for Dorothy Lou Prebil? Could it be that he is interested? He met her last summer when he "swiped" her babushka. Remember? Dorothy does.

This "swiping" must be getting to be a habit. A certain Spartan Junior is short one John Hay pin. The guilty person, Jo Kovic.

There was one Spartan Junior who promised to sit in the front row at the next meeting of the Outlookers and make Valeria Artel laugh by making faces at her.

Why is it that all the girls chase "Cousin Andy." Some people think he's pretty handsome, but do you think his swiping their purses might have something to do with it. Jo Kovic was chasing him at a dance recently. He was holding her purse and refused to return it.

Andrew Elersich, Spartan Juniors

to the progress of your Vrtec, Society and community in which you live, will continue with even greater spontaneity and achievement in the coming year. Thank you, again.

August Kollander

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» FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK «

TEN LARGEST VRTEC UNITS

The list of ten largest Vrtec Units in the jurisdiction of the Society is shown in this column. There were, as of November 30th, 160 Vrtec Units in goodstanding and of these 38 were ACTIVE, having an Administrator to direct and supervise their work, hold meetings, elect officers, promote social, cultural, athletic and other activities. To be among the ten largest Junior Units in the Society is an attainment that should be most gratifying to the Administrators and members who have gained this distinction and deserve congratulations for having achieved it. Of the ten leading units, all are in the ACTIVE group, proving once more that where youth has good leadership, there you will find progress ONWARD and UPWARD.

1938 HONOR ROLL

Pos.	Vrtec No.	Location	Member-ship	Administrator
1	5	Cleveland, Ohio	154	Stanley Zorc
2	11	Cleveland, Ohio	101	John Zaman
3	9	Indianapolis, Ind.	95	Mary Qualiza
4	169	Bridgeville, Pa.	92	Joseph Klements
5	10	Strabane, Pa.	83	Frances Vrhovnik
6	72	Sygan, Pa.	79	Julia Kramzer
7	139	Chicago, Ill.	62	Stanley Tisol
8	140	Pierce, W. Va.	57	Lovie Panther
9	44	Ambridge, Pa.	50	Clement Kosela
10	160	Chicago, Ill.	50	Victor Zupancic

Special credit is also due the five Vrtec Units with the next highest membership and we are proud to publish the record of these Units with the hope that this will be an incentive to the Administrators and members in these Units to strive for the honor of being on the banner list when the honor roll for the year 1939 is published. The record of these five progressive Vrtec Units follows:

Pos.	Vrtec No.	Location	Member-ship	Administrator
1	1	Forest City, Pa.	45	Angela Pevc
2	3	Slovan, Pa.	44	Anna Baich
3	12	Palisade, Colo.	42	Frank Mautz
4	33	Milwaukee, Wis.	43	Sophie Stampfel
5	2	Butte, Mont.	36	John Petritz

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN LEADERS

ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS REMAIN before the OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER drive for new members comes to a close. . . And once more, the CHALLENGER JUNIORS of Strabane, who were successful in winning the highest award in the APRIL-MAY-JUNE quarter, are knocking at the door of opportunity and making a strong, finishing bid for top honors and another \$10.00 prize. . . At this writing, they are leading their nearest competitor by a margin of seven members and, unless a sudden spurt is made by some other Vrtec Unit, will most likely be crowned 1938's campaign leader. . . The winners of the cash prizes of \$10.00, \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$2.50, awarded by the Society in the final quarter of the year, will be published in January's issue of the Vrtec Section. Leading at present are . . .

Challenger Jrs.	Strabane, Pa.
Balkan Jrs.	Milwaukee, Wis.
Roznik Jrs.	Chicago, Ill.
Go-getters	Library, Pa.
Jugoslavs	Indianapolis, Ind.
Trail Blazer Jrs.	Chicago, Ill.
Vrtec No. 15	Claridge, Pa.
Vrtec No. 112	Bon Air, Pa.
Vrtec No. 43	Aguilar, Colo.

Inter-Lodge Supper And Dance

STRABANE, Pa. — What is intended as the largest gathering and merry-making of young Slovenes in Western Pennsylvania will be held on December 30th. On that date, the Challenger Lodge, the Pioneer lodge 589 of the SNPJ are jointly sponsoring a supper and dance at the beautiful New Trianon Nite Club, at Houston, Pa. This is one of the largest and most beautiful nite clubs in this district.

The affair will be in the nature of a spaghetti supper and dance. Lee Crossley's orchestra, the orchestra that played at the Gold Room of the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City is selected to play for the evening.

This affair will be a sort of a social "United Front" of the young Slovenes of the Tri-State District, and a large crowd is expected to attend the gathering. Members and friends of the SSPZ and the SNPJ are especially invited to attend.

Admission will be seventy-five cents per person for the supper,

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Power Point, O. — Well, here we are folks. We Rainbows are going to have a Christmas Party on the 25th. Our party starts about 7:00 in the evening. Now we want to see as many of you there as possible. Friends from far and near had better attend this big time. If you don't come this time you sure will miss something. There will be good music for both the young and old. All the boys and girls have been pretty good so I think Santa will also visit us. There will be refreshments of all kinds. And don't forget, if you are going to be there when Santa comes, you will get a gift and a big sack of candy.

Now don't forget—everybody, come. Come to Power Point for a good time. Come one, come all! Don't forget the date, December 25th. Set that date for Power Point. We will be looking for you all.

Clara Chuck, Sec'y.

dancing will be free. Staggering will be permissible. So, we'll be seeing you at the New Trianon on December 30th.

Observer

Challengers Sponsor Dinner Dance

By Marion G. Pellegrini

STRABANE, Pa. — Time and again, during the Christmas season, entertainment committees of various lodges and societies spend tiresome hours concentrating on ways and means of promoting a social event which would eclipse all past social events sponsored by their respective organizations.

Such was the case that has confronted the members of the Challenger entertainment committee for the past month.

In the past years, social functions amongst this district were plentiful. None of these however were satisfactory to the committee.

Dinner-Dance

Speaking as manager of one of Western Pennsylvania's finest and gayest nite clubs, I can safely say without exaggeration what promises to be the most impressive event of the Challenger 1938-39 calendar year, will take place on the 30th day of December, in the form of a Nite Club Dinner-Dance which is being held at the Club Trianon located at Willow Beach Park, Houston, Pa.

This social function is being held in conjunction with the Pioneers lodge of the SNPJ.

Planned for more than a month, definite announcement concerning the dinner-dance has been withheld, pending the engagement of an orchestra which would be an attraction to the holiday crowds. Arrangements have been completed, contracts signed for the appearance of

ANNIVERSARY DANCE

WHITE VALLEY, Pa. — The Kingsters are preparing for a big time on Sunday, January 15, 1939 with a dance at the White Valley Slovene Hall celebrating their third anniversary. Good music will be provided for this occasion. Dancing will begin at 8:00. Admission will be only 25c to all. Neighboring lodges please keep this date open for our affair and help us celebrate our third anniversary. A good time is assured to all.

Julia Kosmach, Sec'y
Kingsters, Vrtec 103.

Lee Crossley and his NBC-CBS broadcasting orchestra.

Lee Crossley is well known throughout this district as a result of his long engagement at the Showboat, and just recently completed a ten-month engagement in the Gold Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, New York.

Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets for the dinner-dance may be purchased from your respective lodge secretaries.

Because Lee Crossley's orchestra is so popular in this district a large crowd of regular patrons at the club is expected. In order not to be left out, get your tickets now and be sure of your table. Our seating capacity is 450 people. If you care to make reservations, call Canonsburgh 9677.

Unlimited cooperation is extended by the management and personnel of the Club Trianon to make this occasion a tremendous success both socially and financially.

Wishing the entire membership of the SSPZ and SNPJ a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

United Lodges Bowling League

The second week of the Bowling League is beginning to show that the ladies teams have an excellent chance to bid for the first division.

The Utopians Ladies went to town and took three games from the Spartans second team; Slozest Sestre garnered two out of three from the Spartan Ladies. The Spartan I team won two out of three from the Utopian I team and thereby holds first place with the Lunder-Adamic who also took two out of three from the Utopian II team.

Standings

	G	W	L	Pct.
Lunder-Adamic	6	5	1	.833
Spartan I	6	5	1	.833
Utopians I	6	4	2	.667
*Utopian II	6	4	2	.667
Utopian Ladies	6	3	3	.500
Slozest Sestre	6	2	4	.333
Spartan Ladies	6	1	5	.167
*Spartan II	6	0	6	.000

*Subject to change.

Schedule for Dec. 23

Utopian Ladies vs Slozest Sestre,	Alleys 1-2
Spartans II vs Spartan Ladies,	Alleys 3-4
Utopians I vs Lunder-Adamic,	Alleys 5-6
Spartans I vs Utopians II,	Alleys 7-8

SPARTAN MEETING

Spartans annual Open-House meeting will be held on Christmas Day, Dec. 25 in the lower hall of S. N. D. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Movies, dancing, and refreshments will follow. All SSPZ members invited.

A Rightful Mistake

A Christmas Short Story



Pete Elish

Mr. Haley leaned back in his swivel chair, perfectly satisfied. His bulging frame, and the well rounded waistline didn't belie his position. He rubbed his two paunchy hands together in the manner of a wolf licking his chops, and thusly comforted, slowly gazed out of the office window. Outside, the snow was falling, softly, gently, rebelling only at intervals of strong gusts of wind that in their wake invariably brought chimney smoke as an added commodity to scuttle by the window. It was ideal winter weather.

Yes, he was satisfied as he mentally pictured the past—of his early poverty-stricken childhood, of starting to work at twelve in the steel mill, of his steady climb, upward, from laborer to machinist, to section-foreman, then to superintendent, and now to the general managership of the Mid-West Steel Co. It was an eventful, stirring life—full of action and excitement. Softly, he chuckled, this is a man's world, of course, everything he did was not on the up-and-up, and sanctioned by the bible, and sometime you had to pull a few 'tricks' to get your point, but why not, he debated, — this is a man's world, — the strong survive. Strange too, at first his conscience bothered him, (it must have been his mother's teaching) for committing certain actions, but, always, the material award counterbalanced his disturbed conscience. Of late, however, the

conscience never disturbed him, showing the conquest of practicality and repetition.

Whenever he thought of his conscience, he thought of Jim Allen. Jim was a pal, a regular fellow, — why they worked together, played together, went on dates together, sang songs together got pie-eyed together — yes — until the strike. Gee, Jim was sore when he started the 'back to work' movement after a bitter and long drawn out lay-off — called him a betrayer, a Benedict Arnold. Jim was too damned honest — had to fire him when I became boss, he alibied. Wonder what he is doing now? Was darn ambitious — wanted to be a writer, oh well.

His thoughts were interrupted by the secretary's squeaky, "Nice Christmas weather, isn't it Mr. Haley."

"Yes, yes, of course," he was fully composed now, "by the way, Brandt, if any one calls tell them I am out, and now get my hat and coat."

On the sidewalk below, he was brushed along by an elbowing throng weaving in long queues in and out of stores. Before he realized it, he was inside of a store, and resigned himself to Christmas shopping. From store to store, he drifted buying a present here and there until the minutes drifted into hours, and his arms were bulging with packages.

Finally, fully satisfied, he hurried down a side street to his parked car. A WPA gang was repairing the street, and approaching them, out of the corner of his right eye, he recognized a few old men that worked with him in the mill years ago,

and one in particular as a man that he fired for his labor activities. He shuddered at the thought of what would have happened to him if he had 'stuck' with Jim Allen. Uncannily, he realized that their eyes were on him, and he felt uneasy, and to escape their glares, he dodged into a near-by book store. He ordered a few adventure books for his oldest son, and while the clerk was wrapping them, being tired, he laid his gifts on the counter. That clumsy clerk — must have been an extra help for the Christmas season — slipped and scattered books and packages over the floor. Duly apologizing, the clerk quickly remedied the little mishap, and Mr. Haley proceeded homeward.

At home, he gathered his family around him and began to distribute the various packages, and to the oldest he handed the wrapped book saying, "Sonny, here is a fine book for you."

"Gee, pop, is there anything about cowboys and pirates?" — "Sure, sure, everything," his father countered.

The youngster delightfully unwrapped the book, and glanced at the green covering, after a pause, he exclaimed puzzlingly, "Father who was 'Benedict Arnold'?"

"What! let's see that book," and he grabbed it from his bewildered son, yes, there it was, 'Benedict Arnold', it read, 'The Arch-Betrayer', "Why this is a mistake — I must have received a wrong book — that stupid clerk."

He looked at the heading again and stared at it for a long moment. Below in small print were the letters, 'By James Allen'.

Christmas Idyl

MIRKO G. KUHEL

(Dedicated to the Vrtec Members of the Slovene Progressive Benefit Society)

When earth is cover'd with snow so white
and dusk descends with starry night;
when winds are still and skies serene,
and not a soul around is seen;
when beasts of prey their shelter seek
and starving birds seem tame and meek;
when tender flowers in sleepy mood
repose their roots 'neath snowy hood,—

'Tis then we long to seat 'round fire,
but orders are that we retire . . .

We sense the sound of jingling bells
approaching neerer from the dells;
we seem to hear the crackling whip
and Santa smacking with his lip
as cautiously he stops the sleigh
and, — warying reindeer not to neigh,
nay, even not to move one hoof, —
he climbs the rainpipe up the roof . . .

Then down the chimney . . . Hear him slide!
Gee-whiz! Don't let him scratch his hide!
We hear the footsteps o'r the floor,
the doorknobs squeaking, creaking door,
some stifled voices, mumbling sound
as White-beard finishes his round . . .
We feel his presence, — do not stir
as petrified: our mind's a blur . . .

We toss about . . . New dreams appear
as Christmas quest drives of his deer.

Then gently mystifying power
brings closer long awaited hour.
Off fly the quilts, to room we run:
our greatest thrill has just begun.
There, — under Christmas tree repose
sweet-meats, bon-bons in silken hose,
and toys galore, swell picture book,
and dolly with such pretty look,
and train and cabin built of logs,
and, Boy, Oh Boy! new skating togs!

Two smiling figures nearby stand,
the swellest mother, dad so grand!
Two tears in beaming eyes betray
moment supreme on Christmas Day.

From the Office of Supreme Treasurer

APPEAL TO MEMBERS AND LODGE SECRETARIES

As customary every year I hereby appeal to and urge all the members to pay their assessment to the Lodge Secretaries earlier than the last day of the month. In accordance with the By-Laws the assessment is payable on the FIRST DAY of each month and it must be paid not later than the last day. However, since we are closing the Society accounts for 1938 on the last day of this month, it is desirable that all the assessment is paid early enough so that the Lodge Secretaries can forward same to the Home Office during this month and not wait until the third day of the following month. We kindly urge all the members to cooperate with Lodge Secretaries with prompt payments and thus make possible an earlier remittance.

We also urge all Lodge Secretaries to forward to the Home Office all pay orders as soon as possible, so that payment can be made before the end of December. There are still several Secretaries who forward sick benefit and other papers at the end of month. It is of course impossible to make the payments on those orders during the current month, thus causing an unnecessary delay which is no credit either to the local Lodge nor to the Society. "Good" Secretaries will send in all the papers immediately after the Lodge meeting and will not wait until the end of the month. To all SSPZ members I hereby extend sincere greetings for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MIRKO G. KUHEL, Supreme Treasurer

Pleasant Valley Will Sponsor Dance

PLEASANT VALLEY, Pa. — On December 11, 1938, Lodge No. 202 of Pleasant Valley had its final meeting of the year. The following new officers were elected for the coming year 1939: Emily M. Milharsic, president; Annie Perne, vice-president; John Jelochan, secretary-treasurer; William Bohince, recording secretary. The meeting also made plans to hold a dance New Year's Day, January 1,

1939. The music will be furnished by one of our members, John Adamic and his accompanists. The affair will begin at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

We are looking forward to this affair and expect it to be a success. So I wish all neighboring and distant lodges to come and join us on January 1, 1939, New Year's Day at Pleasant Valley Hall. Don't forget the date.

Until then I'll say so-long and I'll be seeing you.
Emily M. Milharsic