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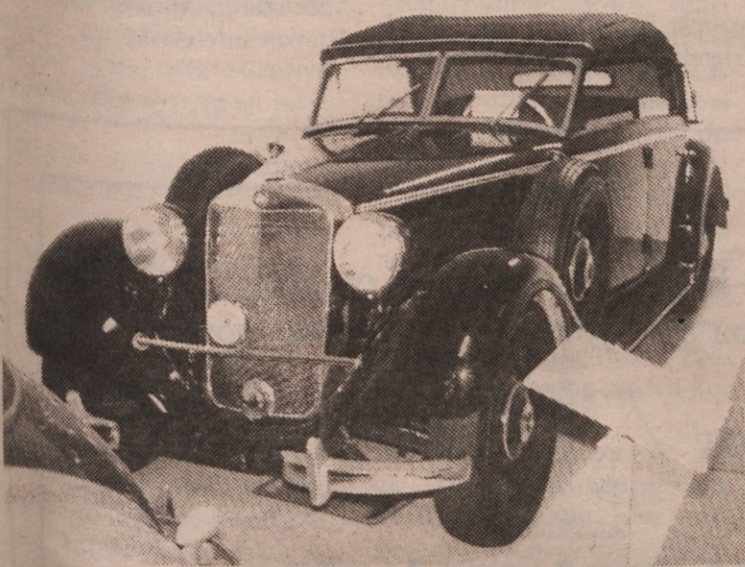
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The Rumbling (Slovenian) Stars of *Schindler's List*



1938 Horch 951 A driven by Schindler

by Tadej Brate
Slovenija

Steven Spielberg's international film hit *Schindler's List* shook the world. It was showered with Oscars and various national and international awards and proclaimed *Film of the Year*. But in spite of all these superlatives, the fact that Slovenia also contributed a small part to the success of the film and its creation is little known: all the automobiles that appear in the film are the property of the Technical Museum of Slovenia and kept safely in Bistra Castle near Vrhnika, close to Ljubljana. Only three drivers drove the cars, led by Mr. Stojan Kržišnik.

Mr. Kržišnik is not your ordinary anonymous driver extra. He is an employee of the Technical Museum and the body and soul of the museum's transportation division entrusted with maintaining and restoring its old vehicles. He is the man they say knows everything about every vehicle and therefore is a kind of living encyclopedia of history and automobile mechanics, combined with years of experience and an exceptional feeling for old vehicles. There practically isn't a car in the museum which hasn't passed through Kržišnik's hands for renovation or restoration. Years of experience and his intimate knowledge of the vehicles brought him to the filming of *Schindler's List* because he was the only person to whom the museum dared trust the

care of its fleet of carefully polished oldtimers. But let's allow Stojan Kržišnik to tell us about his work himself:

"Shooting various films, especially films with a war theme, is a part of the regular activity of our museum. I myself have been present at the shooting of at least 30 films, if not more. We worked in former Yugoslavia as well as abroad. We earned a considerable reputation with our work because our cars never let us down.

"Our museum, and especially its automobile department, is one of the largest and best in Europe. Various film producers turned to us, and in this way I met Mr. Branko Lustig from Zagreb, the producer of *Schindler's List*, many years ago. Mr. Lustig and I have been friends for many years, and it is no coincidence that it was Mr. Lustig himself who included us in Spielberg's project. At the time, we didn't really know what the film was about and nobody had any idea of just what was going to become of it. We simply packed our seven automobiles in special containers and sent them to Krakow in Poland where the majority of the film was shot. There, we were allocated our apartments and garages and the work started. Let me stress that I have never seen such precise organization running so smoothly anywhere.

"We stayed almost three months in Poland, from February to April, and to tell



Stojan Kržišnik, expert restorer of old cars and driver in the film "Schindler's List."

the truth, we worked like dogs. We started our working days before six in the morning and worked up to 14 hours and more. February in particular was terrible, as temperatures fell to under 27 degrees below zero. Starting the automobiles in unheated garages was torture. Some of the batteries even cracked. But, I can brag that not one minute of shooting was delayed because of our team, and the automobiles were always in their places to play their roles. The proof that the entire team worked like a well-oiled watch mechanism is in the fact that we finished shooting two days ahead of schedule and saved a considerable sum of money for the producer.

"Working with Steven Spielberg and his men was a unique experience, and the entire cooperation was a real pleasure. Everything was planned to the smallest detail and the work schedules were given precisely to the minute. The "military" discipline and command organized in a real general staff style bore incredible fruit.

"But, let's leave the film; let me tell you a few more things about the automobiles. All the vehicles endured the shooting without accident or needing major repairs, and after the shooting we got them home to the museum safely.

"The main vehicle in the film is the car used by Schindler, a 1938 Horch 951 A. According to some information, it was used by the German's General Lohr during World War II, confiscated by the Third Army, and presented to Marshal Tito, then president of Yugoslavia. In the first years after the war, the vehicle was used for Tito's needs and later allocated to the Technical Museum of Slovenia with the rest of the old automobiles the former Yugoslav protocol service

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Working with developmental disabled people in Portland, Maine

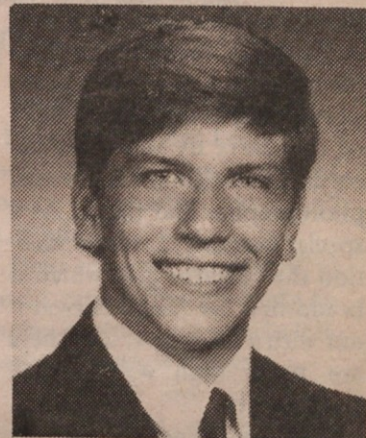
by JOE CIMPERMAN

I never wanted to fight here. As a social justice issue, mental retardation was not on my top ten list of battles needing to be waged. Homelessness, domestic abuse and hunger were wars that came quickly to my mind, but I saw little reason for JV-ing in the realm of the developmentally disabled. And so I curiously traveled to the Project for Supported Living (PSL) from Fort Blue Ridge, to find that poverty and injustice were not merely socio-economic terms, but ones relating to the spirit as well.

The peregrine Corporation/Project for Supported Living was begun by a woman named Gail Mueller who felt that the way adults with developmental disabilities were being treated in Maine was abhorious. Years of living in dank institutions, lifetimes of people being subjugated to inhumane, planned abuse was too much for Gail to stomach, and the Project Drop-In Center of PSL provides the hub for all of the 100 deinstitutionalized club members who use PSL's services.

As PSL's first JV (Jesuit Volunteer) a lot of what I did was ad-libbed. A little cooking (for many people; a strength of mine? not), a little food-getting, and a lot of, as Gail would say, "leveling the playing field." It is the leveling that, for me, charts the entire transcendence of social justice from theory to practice: in effect, creating equity where none existed.

Having never worked with adults with developmental challenges, I am amazed at the extent of prejudice society shows. From store clerks short-changing a grocery receipt to social workers having a conference about a member while the member sits listening, the harsh realities of society's misperceptions manifests themselves daily. Unfortunately, some modes of prejudice are more difficult to flesh out: the help wanted sign that does not apply to our club members, the museum staff who asks if we will have ample supervision (as if adults need this?) — the subtle and deadly-to-the-spirit ways that the greater community considers people with developmental disabilities as children, as people incapable of self-



Joseph Cimperman

determination.

It is no small irony that Gail picked the peregrine as the mast for our agency. While most people know it as an indigenous to Maine, falcon-like bird who fought its way off the endangered species list, its Latin meaning is "alien, foreigner." No surprise that much of society still views adults with difficulties as anomalies, aberrant remnants of humanity's genetic imperfection. It is this reasoning that denotes people of PSL as the "other" and those without developmental disabilities on a higher plane.

And so the work of leveling takes place each day, encouraging people that the bunkers before them are surmountable, that they do have the power within them to create their own reality. Whether this means calling the cashier on the incorrect change, or applying for a part-time job as a crossing guard, the club members ultimately become equipped to do their own "leveling." This is why the Project for Supported Living exists.

What I have found here in this land of survivors is unbelievable, unashamed, unforced joy. Joy at the completion of a puzzle, joy at being able to come in under a certain food budget, joy of painting, joy of making someone else happy with a kind word, a gift, a bear hug. Joy in spite of.

In the spring the Drop-in Center went on a road trip to a (Boston) Red Sox (baseball) game. As the bus pulled away from Portland, people began saying that this was their first time out of Maine, for some their first ball game. And when we came back, Sharon said, "I did it. I went to a Red Sox game and I had a great time. I did it." Sharon the leveler. (Ed Note: Joey

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used. "A similar vehicle is the 1939 Mercedes 540 K. This car, too, was once used by President Tito, and in the film it is used to transport high ranking German officers. The beautiful Daimler used by Schindler's rich German friends started its career as a royal automobile for the Queen of England. Later it was brought for the Transportation Museum in Berlin and has been on loan in Bistra for the last few years.

"While preparing for the film, Mr. Lustig set his eye on an undriveable and scavenged antique Mercedes 320 that our museum had gotten from Berlin and demanded that it be in the film. So, we boys from the museum had to roll up our sleeves and manufacture most of the parts by ourselves according to original documents, photographs, and plans. As a special example, I should mention the radiator grill which is brand new. A friend carved it out with a laser saw, and there are more than 4,800 small holes in it.

"All the expenses for the renovations were covered by Mr. Lustig himself. That's why I have to thank him especially for the extremely friendly relations with us and all his help to our museum: *Schindler's List* helped us completely restore one of our most damaged automobiles. This car ultimately played its role in the film as a German military staff vehicle and carried officers.

"Here, the less conspicuous 1939 Mercedes 170 was somehow in the shadow of the big beauties. It was used mostly for transportation of soldiers and officers.

"There was also an old Czech Praga, manufactured in 1938 or 1939, which appears toward the end of the film when Schindler has lost his

fortune. He can no longer afford large limousines and has to use a more modest car.

"In the film, the soldiers of the German army use the small military all-terrain KDF automobile produced by Volkswagen between 1943 and 1945 known as the "Kubelwagen." It is interesting that the Germans manufactured as many as 50,435 such cars during the war for the needs of the army. It's no secret that this was actually the military version of the VW beetle.



1938 Volkswagen military automobile used for shooting scenes with German soldiers.

"In any case, many unforgettable memories bind me to the film *Schindler's List*, and I can't list them all. I made friends with many new colleagues, and we still keep in touch. I am glad that we too contributed a small piece to this extraordinary film."

In Memory

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$50.00. \$25.00 is for 1 year subscription and \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of my mother, **Marija Glušič**.
Andreja Bell
Arlington, VA

Enjoys Slovenia news

I really enjoy Ameriška Domovina, especially when you include current events and political news about Slovenia. Thank you so much for producing such a fine publication.
Marion Juricic Bowers
St. Helena, Calif.

Working...

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Cimperman was in charge of the trip to the Red Sox game. He made all the arrangements for the buses and tickets through donations from the politicians of Boston.)

My own perceptions of social justice have been altered since working here. I used to think that social justice, like fire and music, were handed down from God., S.J. I used to feel that there was no room for mirth on the battlefields of discrimination. Living with this zany community has taught me otherwise, like how funny humanity really is. A year ago I would have had pangs of guilt for having a good time where I work, but now I look forward to the trenches I face daily with my co-workers.

From the members of the Project for Supported Living, I have realized that social justice does not just happen in a book. It is something that is

fought for and forged, smelted and cooked in a big, black pot and ladled out infinitely by the hungry for the hungry, by the outcast for the outcast. And the fight is real. And the fight is now.

Joe Cimperman, a 1992 graduate of John Carroll University, will be a Jesuit volunteer next year. He will spend time in Baltimore, where he will work as a residential aide at an AIDS hospice. He is the son of Majda and Joseph Cimperman of Cleveland.

To young people everything looks permanent, established — and in their eyes everything should be, needs to be changed. To older people everything seems to change, and in their view almost nothing should.
—Malcolm Forbes

Every generation revolts against its fathers and makes friends with its grandfathers.

Bogomir Kuhar joins Cub Pharmacy

Bogomir Kuhar was offered and accepted a position as chief pharmacist at Cub Pharmacy No. 616 in Columbus, Ohio on May 1.


He is also acting as pharmaceutical consultant to several groups including the American Life League, which serves over 250,000 American families, defending the right to life for all.

His wife Marsha is still doing her nursing consulting work which requires some travel, as well as activities with their children who started school Wednesday, Aug. 31 at Village Academy just up the street from their home in Powell, Ohio.

Bogomir just returned from an orientation seminar at SuperValue headquarters in Minneapolis and will speak in Montreal in April of 1995 for Human Life event.




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Stanrika turkey farms

(Continued from last week)

At age 29, and concerned about the challenges that lie ahead for farmers, Stan has just applied to the Advanced Agricultural leadership Program, offered in co-operation with the University of Guelph. This two-year, part-time program is designed to create the farm leaders of tomorrow. Only 30 of over 100 applicants will be accepted into the program, which includes two-week sessions in both the Americas and overseas during the program. Those accepted into the course must have the permission of their spouses, employers or partners, since the course will require about ten per cent of their time over the two years, with extensive readings, and writing an issue paper.

Stan is enthusiastic about the opportunities the program offers. "You grow as a person - your knowledge and perspective, your outlook. Maybe the best way to put it is you become a wise old owl."

He adds that not long ago, four per cent of Canadians listed farming as their primary occupation, but that figure has dropped to two-and-a-half per cent. "I think we're going to go through some turbulent times in the future," he adds.

The Sajnovics keep tougher economic times in mind, when it comes to making innovations in their operation.

Their son says, "We produce what I call a green turkey which means there are no additives in the food or water." As mentioned before, Stanrika Farms has disease-free flocks. While there is no advantage yet to producing "green" turkeys, both father and son agree that with the government discouraging the use of farm pesticides and medica-

tions for livestock, they want to be ready when these changes become law.

The fact the flocks are disease free is not only due to the farm's isolation, but also because their barns are spread out so that if something does break out, it can be controlled. "Bio-security is very important," says Stan. The family members always change coveralls between barns. They also chlorinate all their water, from the farm's seven wells, and each well has double connections to the barns.

"We are constantly updating to get ready for the lean and mean times that are coming," says Stan Jr. They have been pulling down older buildings on the farm and plan to build a machinery shed in the near future, so that construction is complete in the event money becomes tighter.

Both father and son are strong supporters of their marketing boards. "We still produce for a reasonable price," says Stan Sr., a director of the Ontario Turkey Producers' Marketing Board for the past 14 years.

"Poultry producers do not get any subsidy from the government. You hear taxpayers complaining (about supply management), but the taxpayer does not pay anything for marketing boards," he says. On the other hand, Sajnovic notes, Ontario's hog producers do receive a subsidy, and every taxpayer contributes to this subsidy, whether they eat pork or not.

Sajnovic also serves as a director on the Ontario Poultry Council, which operates out of the Arkell Research Station, near Guelph.

As for the future, the father says, "Stanley, every day, he's

getting fitter to step into my boots." His son laughs, "The only problem is he's size 10 and I'm size seven so they are going to be awfully big shoes to fill."

As well as their involvement in the poultry industry, the Sajnovics are active in their local community. They are members of St. Columbkille's parish, and in 1980, Stan Sr. was named an auxiliary minister in the Catholic church. His son often does readings during the church services.

The family has always maintained close ties with the Slovenian community in Ontario. It was only last year, 46 years after he fled his homeland, that Stan Sajnovic Sr. was able to return for a visit. Before that, his family members had to come to Canada to see him. Josephine and the youngsters, however, visited Slovenia every two years, from the time the children were five and seven. In 1976, members of the Slovenian community in Ontario purchased 1,000 acres of bush and farmland in the Bancroft area, two hours north of Orillia. Using whatever spare time they could find, members built the Planica Hunting and Fishing Club. The original building, which resembles a two-story hotel, includes a dance hall, washrooms, kitchen facilities and 10 housekeeping rooms, each owned by an individual fami-

ly. Then, as the members' children grew up, a second building, with 28 housekeeping units, was constructed nearby.

The annual highlight for club members is a picnic, held over the long weekend in August. About 1,000 members, their families and guests feast on barbecued pigs and Stanrika turkeys and recall life in a happier Yugoslavia.

Last year, the club's hunters bagged 17 deer on their property. Each hunter traditionally donates the hind leg of his trophy to the club. Back in Toronto, the venison is served at banquets which raise funds for club activities.

A very special event for the Sajnovics personally took place last June, when they hosted an all-day barbecue and picnic to celebrate the first anniversary of the Republic of Slovenia's independence. The guest at the picnic, which entertained 300 friends, was Professor Lojze Peterle, the former Prime Minister of the republic. Next year, in honor of the 30th anniversary of Stanrika Farms, they plan to host a similar picnic and barbecue for the Minister of Agriculture of Slovenia.

The family cannot help but be saddened by today's events in Yugoslavia. When Josephine Sajnovic was visiting Slovenia in 1991, the republic was invaded by the (Yugoslav) army. The army's commander was a Slovenian,

who was able to turn the military against the Serbians. The army eventually marched out of Slovenia and invaded Croatia instead, with the horrible consequences that Canadians view on their nightly newscasts.

"This hatred (in Yugoslavia) in forever now," says Sajnovic sadly.

Today, when Stan and Josephine Sajnovic survey their beautiful farmstead, they must feel proud. By sheer hard work, mixed with the courage to take risks, they have carved out a very special niche for their farm and family.

Prayer for those who live alone

I live alone, dear Lord and I look to You, my unfailing source of comfort, love and strength.

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Help me use my time, resources, and energy well, reaching out to others as a source of joy to all I meet.

Remind me to give as much as I ask to receive, to forgive as much as I ask to be forgiven, and to do for myself as much as I ask others to do for me.

Help me to see the good in my bad times and to double my blessings in the sharing of them.

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ANDREW ZLATOPER

Andrew Zlatoper, 73, of Richmond Hts., died suddenly Sept. 18 at Richmond Hts. General Hospital.

He was the husband of Majorie (nee Stoll); father of Andrew (wife Cheryl); grandfather of Andrew Jr., and Christopher; brother of Joseph, Tony, John, Mary Rusch, Frances Ross, Elsie Lyttle, and the late Emma Petkovsek.

She was a member of SNPJ Lodge 126.

Services were held Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Dan Cosic Funeral Home in Willoughby Hills. Burial was in Knollwood Cemetery in Mayfield Hts.

a.m. Burial in All Souls Cemetery.

Memorials in her name to American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

ANNA NOVINC

Anna Novinc (nee Kern), 93, passed away in the Slovene Home for the Aged on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Anna was born in Cleveland. She was a member of Woodmen of the World and the Euclid Pensioners.

Anna was the widow of Joseph; the mother of Joseph, Arthur and Raymond; grandmother of Raymond, Dale, Constance Koch and David; great-grandmother of 10; sister of John, Frank, Anthony, Frances and Agnes (all deceased).

Friends caled at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Thursday, Sept. 23 where services were held Friday, Sept. 24 at 8:45 and at St. Paul Church (Chardon Rd.) at 9:30 a.m. Interment All Souls Cemetery. Memorials in her name, to Slovene Home for the Aged would be appreciated.

LUDWIG JOSEPH SMRDEL

Ludwig Joseph Smrdel was proud of his contributions to baseball and softball spanning 40 years in Euclid.

In 14 years as manager of the St. Christine team in the CYO League, his teams had nine championship years and an 86-14 record. Since the 1970s, he had been a softball coach for the Euclid Softball League, where he coached winning teams.

Mr. Smrdel, 74, of Euclid, died at his home Tuesday, September 13.

He was born in Cleveland and had lived in Euclid for 40 years.

Mr. Smrdel was a production control supervisor at the General Motors Fisher Guide plant on Coit Rd. for 42 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of St. Christine Catholic Church in Euclid, and SNPJ, a Slovenian fraternal organization.

Mr. Smrdel is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Francina Theresia; sons, Luke A. of Kirtland, and Kenneth J. and Gary M., both of Euclid, and four grandchildren.

Services were Friday at St. Christine Church, 840 E. 222 St., Euclid. Arrangements were handled by the Brickman and Sons funeral home in Euclid.

Fall Card Party

The Progressive Slovenian Women of America Circle 7's annual Fall Card Party will take place on Wednesday, October 19, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Waterloo Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road. Tickets are \$3.00. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

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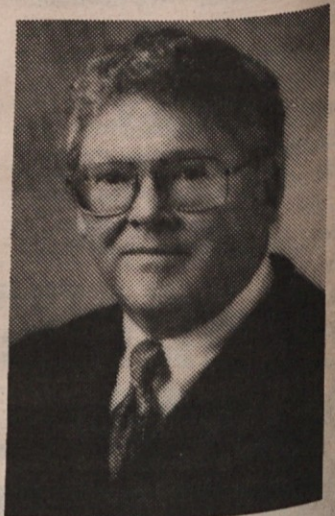
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Concert of the Chamber Choir "Ave" on Oct. 1

The chamber choir "Ave" will in the course of its tour of the United States and Canada make a stop in Cleveland. Cleveland's concert will take place in the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue on Saturday, October 1 at 7 p.m.

The chamber choir "Ave" is one of the most respected and much decorated of the Slovenian chamber choirs. They come from the capital city of Ljubljana.

Following are some reflections of a member of the choir, which indicate the choir's spirit and dedication to music:

"What attracts me and makes me stay at Ave Chamber Choir? It is a desire for success, travel, performing, love for beautiful and perfect singing, or is it just obstinancy in saying: 'If I endure four years, I would endure more although the world fell apart.'

"Or is it something else? Perhaps one journalist was right when she entitled her interview with some chorists by the title "Avenmania."

"Many chorists left the choir and many more are still coming. Andraž perseveres from the very beginning. The strain is extreme. The chorists have to endure hard rehearsals, ruthless rhythm of work, on average one appearance on the stage per week with many entire Saturday and Sunday

rehearsals, recordings, etc. "The beat of the choir is very close to professional rhythm. Every chorist does his professional work or studies, sings with another choir or even leads it besides singing with Ave.

"One cannot live by flattering recognitions and awards. Only rare enthusiasts can endure such conditions. When somebody says after consecutive days of hard rehearsals or after a fatiguing tour abroad: 'What? We see each other only after two days, not earlier?', we all burst in spontaneous laughter.

"For Ave it does not concern only appearance on stage but also giving, equitable distribution of God's given sense of beauty between performers and audience. It is true that the greatest reward for every member of the Ave Choir is when he notices tears in the eyes of a listener somewhere in the sixth row, whether in the concert hall in Vienna or in the church at Zelše by Cerknica.

"The awards and full concert halls are proof of our efforts, the response of the audience in a reward for love towards singing, music, and people.

"At the 10th anniversary of the choir I would like to wish to Andraž and to Ave much success and love to your music as well as to those who create it and receive it."

Little problems, big stress

The greatest toll from stress may come not from a divorce, the loss of a job, and other major traumatic changes or misfortunes, but from the minor yet frequent annoyances we experience daily — getting stuck in traffic, gaining a few pounds, having an argument at work.

Relatively unimportant hassles often have a greater effect on health — increasing risk of high blood pressure, asthma attacks, and possibly even chest pains — than do larger-scale traumas in life.

Success?

Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success. One who doesn't try cannot fail and become wise.

—William Saroyan

Coming Events...

Saturday, Oct. 1
Concert with "Ave" from Ljubljana at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair. Alpine Sextet plays for dancing. Donation \$10.00.

Sunday, Oct. 2
Upstairs Downstairs Benefit Dance sponsored by George Knaus from 3 - 9 p.m. Euclid Slovenian Society Home featuring Joe Toriskie, Del Sinchak, Joe Luzar, Frank Stanger, and Walter Ostanek. Call (216) 481-9300.

Saturday, Oct. 8
P.S.W.A. 60th Anniversary Banquet, Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Dinner 5-6:45, program 7:15. Fred Kuhar Orchestra. Donation \$15. For tickets call 481-6247.

Sunday, Oct. 9
St. Mary's School Alumni reunion with noon Mass followed by dinner in St. Mary's School Cafeteria. For tickets contact church rectory or Jennie Schultz 481-0339.

Sunday, Oct. 9
St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club annual Clambake on the club grounds. Call 942-4025 for further information.

Sunday, Oct. 9
AMLA Clambake (steak or bake) at AMLA Recreation Center. Music by Johnny Vadaln Orchestra.

Sunday, October 9
Centennial Observance of founding of KSKJ sponsored by the Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges. 12 noon, Mass with Bishop A. Edward Pevec in St. Vitus Church. Banquet following Mass in auditorium. Security provided.

Sunday, Oct. 16
Glasbena Matica Concert. Dinner served at 2 p.m. with concert to follow. Dancing to Johnny Vadaln Orchestra.

Wednesday, Oct. 19
Progressive Slovenian Women of America Circle 7 annual Fall Card Party from 1 to 3 p.m. at Waterloo Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Tickets: \$3.

Oct. 21 thru Oct. 23
Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Saturday, Oct. 22
Stajerski Klub, Martinovnje evening with Family Style Dinner, Alpine Sextet band at Slovenian National Dome, 6417 St. Clair, 6:30 p.m. Donation \$16.00.

Sunday, Oct. 23
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Saturday, Oct. 29
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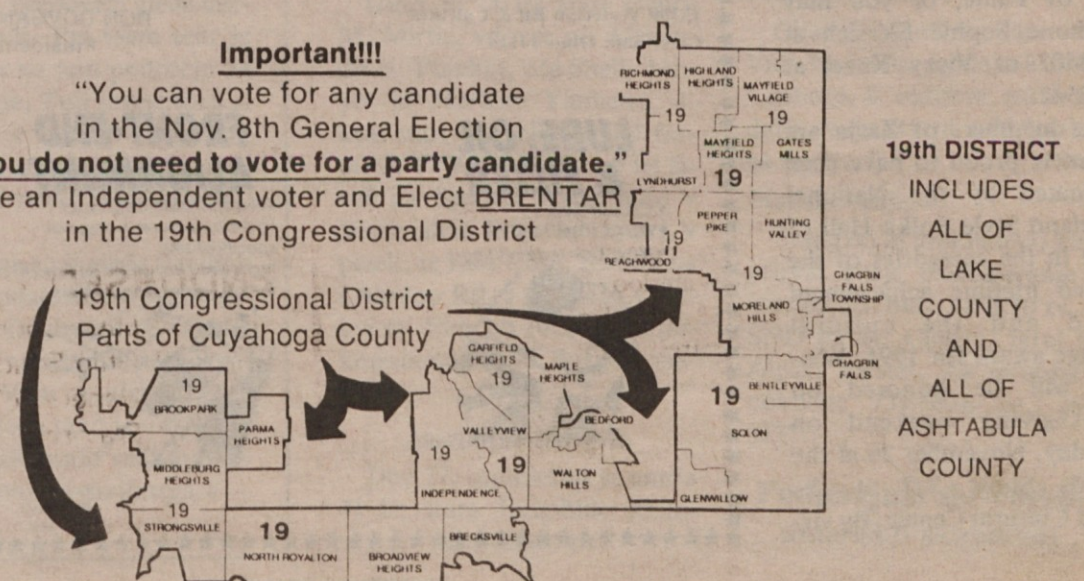
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Autumn leaves: reminder of Zarja fall concert!

The falling leaves of autumn tend to arouse a feeling of sadness, not only for the passing of yet another sunlit summer, but for days that have been and are no more. Upon contemplation, however, melancholy dissipates with the thought that another bright fruitful summer is already waiting in the wings for the passing of autumn and the coming winter.

Waiting in the wings also (between rehearsals) are members of Singing Society Zarja, anticipating your appearance at their Saturday, October 29 Annual Fall Concert at the Slovene Society Home in Euclid, Ohio.

There they will be presenting musical selections reminiscent of the days our parents and grandparents were growing up in Slovenia, and in that sense, giving new life to the days that have been and are no more. Of course, there will also be English presentations such as a medley from the Sound of Music and others, both Choral and specialty numbers, under the capable direction of Doug Elersich and Ed Polsak.

Delicious dinners will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Program at 7. Dancing to the Ray Polantz Orchestra until midnight. Tickets at \$16.00 each may be purchased at the Recher Hall Clubroom, Polka Hall of Fame, or you may telephone Sophie Elersich at 531-8402 or Vicky Kozel at 531-5542.

The members of Zarja are extremely proud to have been nominated by the National Cleveland Style Polka Hall of Fame in the categories of the coveted lifetime achievement award and the cultural heritage award for 1994. Winners will be honored on Thanksgiving weekend on Saturday, November 26 at the Awards Show VII at the Euclid Cultural Center. By vir-

tue of the fact that we were nominated for these awards, we are already winners regardless of the outcome.

Zarja has been in existence for 78 years, having been founded in 1916. Jadran Singing Society (also nominated for the cultural heritage award has been in existence almost as long. One wonders if we would have had the tremendous present day interest in polkas and Slovenian songs had not these early organizations taken it upon themselves to promote and perpetuate the music and heritage of our Slovenian homeland for future generations. Without these organizations, and others like them, interest and awareness might have long ago fallen by the wayside.

Zarja members are looking forward to meeting with you once again at our concert on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Until then, *Nasvidenje.*
Jennie Mramor

Diary of submariner

(Continued from last week)

by JANKO MAJNIK

Cooma N.S.W., Australia

April 8, 1941

We settled on the bottom of the sea at 0600 hours and surfaced at 0900 hours. The rest of the day was spent on the surface cruising cautiously around the fjord. When we passed the small town of Morinje we slowly edged to the fisherman's wharf. People of Morinje were begging for bread of which we had more than we needed. The cook bartered the surplus for fresh vegetables. Toward the evening we returned to the depot ship for showers and hot dinner. The ship's canteen ran out of cigarettes and the ration was five per person. Five only! But it was only the third day of the war. What was to come?

The promenade on the wharf of Kotor was completely empty of people. A bad sign, as the evening promenade is a must for any full blooded Dalmatian. There was no mail. And the whisper was going around that we might go on patrol soon. We sailed into the fjord to recharge the batteries.

April 9, 1941

We have settled on the bottom of the fjord at 0530 hours and stayed submerged until 1400 hours. Toward 1300 hours the air became foul. Eyes and noses started to smart.

During the lunch hour the crew came together in the

Fall Dinner

The annual Fall Dinner sponsored by St. Mary (Collinwood) Altar Society will be held in the school cafeteria on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Roast pork or roast chicken will be served.

Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Tickets can be purchased in the rectory, from Altar Society members, or by calling 531-8855. Tickets will also be available at the door. Take-out dinners will also be available.

torpedo room where a debate on the last three days of the war was held. I found the light hearted conversation about the bomb explosion, dives and foul air rather heartening. They were all as frightened as I was and I felt better for it. We were all in strong agreement

that lying on the bottom of the bay was not the way for a submariner to fight the war. We were all fed up with the inaction.

As we surfaced at 1400 hours the great build-up of pressure in the submarine almost tore the lid out of my hands. Thanks to it I was shot onto the bridge quicker than usual.

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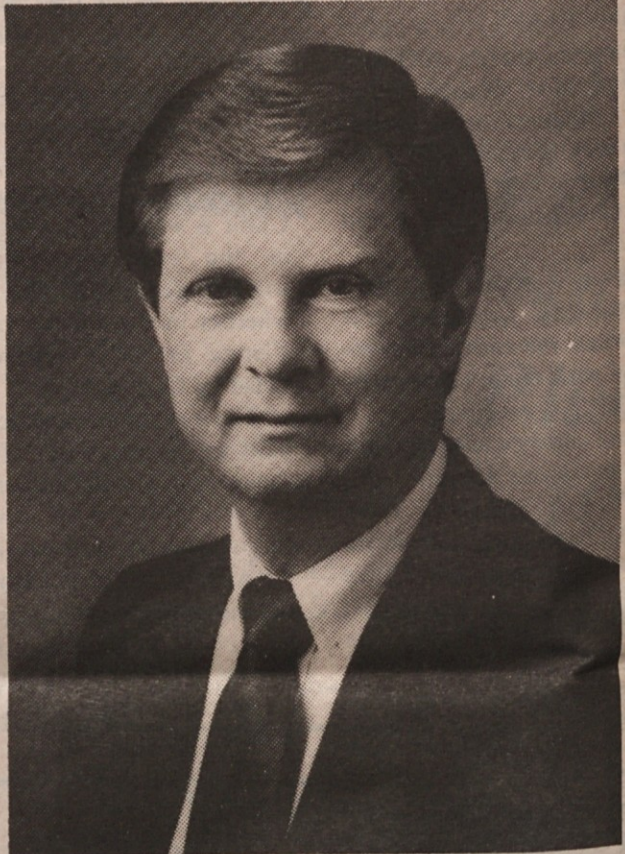
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Ob koncertnem nastopu komornega zboru »AVE«

EUCLID, O. - Prihodnjo soboto zvečer ob sedmi uri se bo začel koncert komornega pevskega zboru »Ave« iz Ljubljane. Koncert bo v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Avenue. Vstopnice za koncert bo možno kupiti v predsobi SND.

Z namenom, da bi se bralci in obiskovalci koncerta bolje poučili o nastanku in rasti komornega zboru »Ave«, objavljamo nekaj zapiskov iz zborovega arhiva.

O zborovih nastopih, nagradah in snemanjih zadnjih treh let pa se mogli brati v eni prejšnjih številčk tega časopisa.

M.R.

Nekako v začetku leta 1984 je 16-letni Andraž Hauptman okoli sebe zbral skupinico približno enako starih fantov in deklet iz župnije Ljubljana-Vič. Prepevali so predvsem pri mašah in na mladinskih veroučnih srečanjih, pravih koncertov pa je bilo čisto na začetku še zelo malo. V programu iz nastopa 14. junija 1985 najdemo na primer: Gen Rosso: *Talita kum*, taizejsko *Bodi tu...* Nastopi so se vrstili in zasedba se je večala, nadebudni Andraž pa je z velikimi zamahi zajemal skrivnosti glasbene umetnosti in rasel v čisto pravega umetniškega vodjo.

Oktobra 1988 je Vokalna skupina Ave prvič pela v ljubljanski frančiškanski cerkvi pri Tromostovju in nekako tedaj se je začelo zares. Pristop do dela je postajal čedalje tehtnejši, pomembnost in zahtevnost nastopov se je večala. Breme odgovornosti je Andražu pomagala nositi njegova mama Majda, svoje pa so pripomogle tudi Helena, Tamara in še kdo.

Konec januarja **1989** je Ave nastopil pri Slovencih na Opčinah. Po tem nastopu so se v arhivu skupine znašle prve prave kritike, objavljene v Primorskem dnevniku in Katoliškem glasu, pevci so si omislili maskoto in ji dali ime Filip Oranža, porodila pa se je tudi prva »avejevka« ljubezen...

V tem letu so mlade pevke in pevci, vsi dijaki oziroma študentje, na slovenski televiziji posneli nekaj božičnih pesmi, ki jih slovenska TV še zdaj vztrajno predvaja, navadno na sveti večer...

Najpomembnejša prelomnica je prišla na pomlad **1990**. Na XI. zborovskem tekmovanju Naša pesem v Mariboru je štirinajstčlanska Vokalna skupina Ave iz Ljubljane osvojila 90,5 odstotka točk in tako skupaj z APZ Tone Tomšič iz Ljubljane in MPZ Obala iz Kopra prejela *Zlato plaketo mesta Maribor*. Presenečenje je bilo za vse izjemno, pevci in pevovodja pa so začutili, da se začinja novo obdobje. Veliko pove čestitka viške skupine *Gloria*: »Marsikdo poje pesmi, a Pesem zapeti znajo le redki... Ob vašem uspehu se veselimo z vami in smo prepričani, da je to šele začetek.«

Že pred mariborskim tekmovanjem, po njem pa sploh, so se nastopi dobesedno kopičili: Slovenski glasbeni dnevi, Jesenske serenade na Jesenicah in v Ljubljani, Zelški večeri (kjer je bila za garderobo kar trata za cerkvico), srečanje zborov Alpe-Jadran v avstrijskem letovišču Maria Wörth (redki turisti so se dodobra nautudili avejevski jutranji telovadbi pred hotelom), lepo obiskan in sploh lep letni koncert v Narodni galeriji... Konec tega leta je Ave posnel tudi video *Božične pesmi in običaji* in svojo prvo avdiokaseto s koncertom v dvorcu Zemono pri Vipavi.

Leto **1991** je bilo predvsem leto številnih nastopov in potrjevanja po vsej domovini, pa tudi pri Slovencih v Nemčiji, v Italiji, Avstriji... Ave je posnel kaseto Maksa Strmčnika *Hvalnice Materi Božji* pod vodstvom Tomaža Faganela (solist: deški sopran Jaša Drnovšek, bariton Marcos Bajuk) in sodeloval pri snemanju televizijske oddaje o Jacobusu Gallusu.

Začetek snemanja je potekal v izrednih razmerah, ravno na prvi dan slovenske osamosvo-



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jitvene vojne. Dolgo načrtovani izlet na Nanos je bil takrat odpovedan — še dobro, saj je bil vrh ravno na (odpovedani) datum izleta bombardiran... Kar prav je prišlo skupno letovanje v Bernardinu, neštetim preplašenim slovenskim turistom in cvetenju morja navkljub. Leto je zaokrožil obisk pri simpatičnem duhovniku Jožetu Buciku in njegovih Slovencih v Augsburgu in Ravensburgu v Nemčiji.

Naša pesem **1992** je bila za Ave predvsem priložnost za potrditev kakovosti, ki so jo pevci in Andraž seveda izrabili. Osvojili so 93,6 točke in spet osvojili zlato plaketo ter za zmagovalci — Ljubljanskimi madrigalisti — zaostali za pičlih nekaj desetink točke. Skupina, ki je medtem narasla na 18 članov, je izvedla deli, ki ju je napisal in posvetil prav Andražu in Ave Prešernov nagrajenec Uroš Krek, ne gre pa izpustiti trenutka, ko je vajo obiskal vodilni svetovni zborovodja Eric Ericson iz Stockholma, ki je bil z mladimi poustvarjalci zelo zadovoljen.

Ko smo že pri vajah — te niso pravzaprav nič strašnega, kot si morda nekateri predstavljajo. Prav tako je veliko smeja, pa tudi slabe volje in živčnosti, kadar teče voda v grlo, prav tako komu kdaj kaj ne gre in prav tako je potrebna za uspeh veliko trdega dela — kot pri vsakem zboru. Prednost je v tem, da so skoraj vsi pevci vsaj delno glasbeno izobraženi in tudi obiskujejo ure solopetja, zato poteka študij razmeroma hitro, pa tudi s pevsko kulturo oziroma načinom petja je precej manj dela kot pri katerem drugem zboru.

Tudi Ave ima v letu več »intenzivnih vaj«, s petjem zapolnjenih koncev tedna (načeloma v prostorih ZKO Ljubljana Center, kjer vadijo tudi ljubljanski oktet in nekatere druge pevske zasedbe), če je le mogoče, pa nekje daleč zunaj meglene in hrupne Ljubljane. Nazadnje v začetku aprila letos v kmečkem turizmu na Sinjem vrhu nad Ajdovščino, prej pa so pevci utrjevali znanje in glasilke v Bocu, Lipici, Kandršah, Bohinju... •

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V Sloveniji, kakor tudi pri ostalih evropskih narodih, je mesec oktober že v davnih časih dobil ime (v njih raznih jezikih seveda) vinotok, vinski mesec. Na Slovenskem so mu dali tudi ime kozoprsk.

Vremenski reki trdijo: Če vinotoku zmrzuje, potem v prosincu odjenjuje. — Vinotoka deževanje pomeni grudna vetrov divjanje. — Vinotoka veliko vode, grudna hudi vetrovi buče. — Če listje hitro odpada, vsak naj se zime boji. — Kadar drevje pozno listje sleče, huda zima je na redu.

Vinotok je prvi jesenski mesec, zato si moramo preskrbeti z zimsko obleko in drugimi stvarmi. Jesen in zima je za nekatero čas strahu, tesnobe in zaskrbljenosti, kajti kratki dnevi, dolgi večeri in noč, dež, sneg in veter, ne obetajo nič dobrega. To velja posebno za nas starejše zemljane.

Da se izognemo temu žalostnemu mišljenju, moramo z močno voljo misliti pozitivno, ne vdajati se lenobnemu in apatičnemu življenju. Danes imamo TV, časopise, knjige, telefone in razne možnosti za ročna dela. Res pa je sicer, da nimamo več toliko rojakov in rojakinj ter prijateljev, kot smo jih imeli pred leti. Toda ti ostali rojaki, posebno mlajši, nam priskočijo na pomoč še danes, vsaj to je moja izkušnja.

Zahvali Bogu, kadar se zjutraj živ in zdrav zbudiš. Zasmey se na široko in lažje ti bo prenašati življenjske tegobe v jesenskem in zimskem času. Lep pozdrav vsem bralcem, želim vam lepo jesen in lahkotno zimo!

»Dance Theatre«

Dance Theatre je moderna plesna skupina, ki jo že dolgo vrsto let vodi naša rojakinja, plesalka in koreografinja Izbela Kralj. Skupina je imela kar šest različnih plesnih nastopov v polno zasedenem Stiemke teatru v Milwaukee in sicer 8., 9. in 10. septembra. Prejela je laskave ocene tako pri občinstvu kot poklicnih kritikih oz. ocenjevalcih.

Poudarjam, da gre največja zasluga za ta uspeh prav Izbeli Kralj, ki sicer poučuje mlade plesalce in plesalke v svoji plesni šoli tu v Milwaukeeju. Vsa čast in pogumno naprej!

Piknik zboru »Uspeh«

V soboto, 17. septembra, se je v Triglavskem parku vršil družabni pevski piknik, ki ga je sponzoriral zbor Uspeh. Ob lepi udeležbi se je ob dobrem kosilu pečenih piščancev in (za mnoge) tudi dobrem požirku sladkega vinčka, razvila prijateljska zabava. Predsednik zboru Stanko Vidmar se je zahvalil vsem gostom, posebej pa Mariji Kunovar za dobro pripravljeno kosilo ter še Janezu Bambiču in Jožetu Smoliču in ženi Rezi, ki so pekli piščance. Bil je prijeten slovenski piknik.

Vinska trgatev

Po nočnem zalivu in jutranji kar londonski megli, se je nebo razjasnilo in toplo sonce je posijalo na Triglavski park preteklo nedeljo (25. sept.), ko so na vsakoletno Vinsko trgatev prihajali rojaki in rojakinje. Prireditev sponzorira društvo Triglav. Društveni predsednik Jože Kunovar je navzoče lepo pozdravil, nekateri gostje so prišli iz severnega Illinoisa in drugih krajev.

Zunaj pred dvorano pred plesiščem se je bohotilo na trtnih žilah sladko grozdje, ki so ga stražili policaji pred onimi, ki bi se ga drznili nezakonito utrgat. Policaji so vsakega, ki je grozdje kradil, aretirali in pripeljali pred policijskega poveljnika, nato pred sodnika, kjer je bil vsakdo primerno denarno kaznovan, vse seveda v prid društva Triglav. Vsi so bili odlično pripravljene in ves potek je povzročil med ljudmi veselo razpoloženje in ogromno smeja.

Pripravo odličnega kosila (sodelovali so mlajši in starejši člani in članice) je vodila Marija Kunovar. Vsi, ki so kakor koli pomagali, zaslužijo vso pohvalo. Za zabavo in ples je igral H. Magayne s svojimi godbeniki.

Torej letošnja Vinska trgatev je zopet odlično uspela. Hvala vsem, ki so s svojim sodelovanjem in obiskom počastili ta stari slovenski običaj in ga še za eno leto ohranili.

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Ko je Demos izsilil prve svobodne volitve, predlagal plebiscit in zavaroval osamosvojitve, je ob tem dosegel visoko politično soglasje tudi drugih političnih sil. Ko pa bi moral dejansko demokratizirati celotno družbo (ekonomijo, sodstvo, upravo, medije), je omagal. Neokomunistične sile, ki so imele prevladujoč vpliv v ekonomiji, sodstvu in medijih, so se polastile tudi večine izvršne in zakonodajne oblasti. To jim je uspelo z manipulacijo z Jelinčičem in z ustvarjanjem razcepa med SKD in SLS, pa tudi med SKD in DS. Ob tem so obilo sodelovali posamezni načrtno vrinjeni krta v vseh nekomunističnih strankah.

Danes gre za to, da se ponovno združijo tiste politične sile, ki svoje politične legitimitete in moči ne vlečejo iz privilegijev in pozicij prejšnjega enopartijskega režima in izvedejo dejanske reforme povsod tam, kjer je demokratizacija obstala. Te nove sile niso samo na desnici.

Gre za vse tiste stranke in skupine, ki niso sodelovale pri veliki zgodovinski prevari takoimenovanega sestopanja z oblasti, ki ni predstavljalo nič drugega, kot navidezno zapuščenje nekaterih položajev v izvršni oblasti ob ohranitvi večine pozicij v bančništvu, pravosodju, medijih itd. To je ključen štartni položaj, ki je omogočil, da so nekdanji partijski upravljalci družbene lastnine v veliki meri postali njeni dejanski privatni lastniki. Na lastnini pa temelji tudi politična moč. Rezultati volitev leta 1992 so to že pokazali. Na naslednjih se lahko neokomunistična oblast preko ogromnih finančnih sredstev, s katerimi razpolaga, še bolj trdno zavihti v sedlo, če ne bo resnega premisleka novih političnih sil.

Upoštevati pa je treba, da se neokomunisti nevarnosti združenega nastopa novih sil zavedajo in ga skušajo že v kali zatreti. Najučinkovitejša metoda (prenešana iz Moskvske šole, kjer so jih učili, kako med seboj osebno skregati voditelje takratnih takoimenovanih »buržoaznih« strank) je vnašanje drobnih zdrav in prepri-



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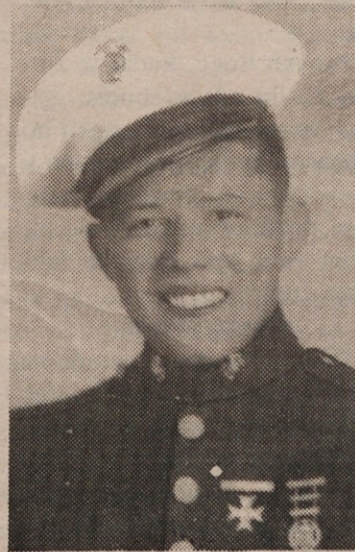
rov ter osebna diskvalifikacija posameznikov. Najprimernejši za tako delo so vrinjeni v posameznih strankah ali načrtno ustanovljene nove stranke, ki z nerealno radikalnostjo skušajo kompromitirati idejo skupnega nastopa.

Določeno stopnjo formalne demokracije smo Slovenci vseeno obdržali, predvsem zahvaljujoč sodobni ustavi, ki jo stare neokomunistične politične sile same ne morejo legalno spremeniti. Mali človek se lahko danes poveže s tistimi, ki so doživeli enake krivice. Prav tako se morajo povezati sorodne stranke, ki opozarjajo na te krivice in zastoje pri demokratizaciji.

Dejstvo, da obstaja samostojna Slovenska država, prav tako lajša težave sedanjega prehodnega časa. Nedvomno bi bile stare politične sile še močnejše, če bi se lahko tako kot pred leti poleg na lastno moč in vpliv ter policijo opirale tudi na Beograd in jugoslovansko vojsko.

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na Slovenskem je, kako zrasti iz te mešanice staronovega in doreči vizijo. Mnogi trdijo, da to ni možno storiti, dokler bo staro prevladovalo. Drugi pravijo, da bo staro prevladovalo, dokler ne bo neke nove trdne vizije, ki bo združila in pritegnila novo. Novo v našem primeru predstavlja neke normalne stvari, normalne v smislu evropske krščanske civilizacije. Življenje bo najbrž pokazalo, da se bo oboje prepletalo. Vizija bo nastajala obnem z napori po dokončanju demokratičnih reform.

Enega od ključnih ciljev posamosvojitvenega obdobja Slovencev je pred dvema letoma na Dragi definiral dr. Franc Rode, ko je dejal, da novo dejstvo, nov položaj Slovencev v svetu »terja najprej spremembo naše narodne zavesti«. Drži, da le-ta še ni na ravni suverenega naroda. Vsak tujec, ki z odprtimi očmi pride k nam, to lahko opazi.

Posledice, ki izhajajo iz razslojenosti, o kateri sem govoril na začetku, so vidne nazorno in daleč. Nismo se še spravili s svojo zgodovino. Še več. Smo še daleč pred to točko. Večina doma živčih Slovencev pomembnih delov svoje zgodovine ne pozna. Brez zavesti o koreninah pa ni trdne narodne zavesti. To je že eden od ciljev, ki mu naš današnji šolski sistem ni kos niti za prihajajoče generacije, kaj šele za tiste, ki so odrasle. V zgodovini Slovencev kot starega, trdoživga, odpornega in delovnega naroda tičijo bistveni temelji narodne zavesti.

Glede tega se razmišljanja v Sloveniji zelo razhajajo.

Dr. Peter Jambrek v članku »Sedež svetega moderne nacije« v zadnji številki Nove revije ugotavlja, da so Karantanija, knez Kocelj, kmečki panti, protestantizem in Trubar, odpor proti okupatorju in drugi sila pomembni dogodki iz zgodovine slovenskega naroda tisti, ki so konstituirali njegovo

samobitnost. Po svojih učinkih pa se nobeden od njih ni iztekel v tisti za narod usodni in dokončni zgodovinski proces, ki ga postavlja izgradnja moderne nacije. Ta dokončni proces so po zapisu dr. Jambreka določali in razmejevali naslednji štiri važni dogodki, od katerih predstavlja vsak enega od temeljnih izvorov današnje nacije:

(1) Ljudska zborovanja in protesti v času Slovenske pomladi 1988 in 1989, (2) prve svobodne volitve aprila 1990 in plebiscit za samostojno Slovenijo decembra istega leta, (3) razglasitev neodvisnosti in zmaga v boju proti JLA junija in julija 1991 ter (4) dokončno sprejemanje in uveljavljanje prve moderne slovenske ustave od decembra 1991 naprej. Jambrek pravi, da je vsak od štirih nacionalno konstitutivnih dogodkov vseboval simbolne prvine, ki so skupaj ustvarile današnje vrednostno središče slovenske nacije. Velikanska ve-

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V zgodovini slovenske nacije tako obstaja povsem določljiv in razpoznaven čas, ki predstavlja tudi simbolni in ne samo dejanski izvor naše skrupnosti. Tu so korenine trajnega ljudskega soglasja o središču nacije, se pravi o njenem osrednjem vrednostnem sistemu.

Nadalje Jambrek ugotavlja, da je zgodovinski čas minil, korenine pa ostajajo. Današnja slovenska oblast (poletje 1994) se v vsakdanjem poslu ukvarja predvsem ali celo izključno z racionalno - tehničnimi nalogami funkcioniranja države in gospodarstva. Vendar to počne, pa če se tega zaveda ali ne, če to hoče ali ne, v usodni odvisnosti od vrednostnega središča nacije. Če se ta povezava poškoduje ali popkovina pretrga, oblast izgubi avtoriteto in se znajde v praznem prostoru.

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Minister dr. Rado Bohinc mi je na seji vlade predlagal, naj si obe stranki povesta stališča v zvezi s kandidatom za predsednika DZ. Mi smo bili pripravljeni na pogovor in da se parlamentarna kriza reši z dogovorom, ne pa na izsiljevalski način, kar je delala LDS. Pri pogovoru, ki je bil naslednji dan, ni bilo samo dr. Bohinca, ampak tudi štirje drugi predstavniki te stranke, ki so si po svoje razlagali sestane, kjer smo si povedali mnenja. Razšli smo se brez dogovora.

• Kaj se boste dogovorili s predsednikom vlade glede na Jelinčičeve izjave, da je za Školčev izvolitev zahteval vaš odhod?

Jelinčičeve izjave so slišali gledalci TV in pričakujem, da bo LDS sama pojasnila, za kakšno igro je šlo. Vem, da je v njegovi stranki vsaj en človek, ki si želi moje mesto v vladi, vendar zadeva ni tako enostavna in jo bom še po potrebi komentiral. Z dr. Drnovškom pa se bova o morebitnem nadaljnjem sodelovanju pogovorila po seji izvršilnega odbora SKD.

• Generalni sekretar LDS Gregor Golobič je na tiskovni konferenci med drugim izjavil, da vaše izjave ne pomenijo izjav stranke, da je vaš odstop čustvena reakcija na vaše preteklo in prihodnje delo na zunanem ministrstvu in da sprejemate besednjak desnega populističnega bloka, ki je daleč od besednjaka desnosedinske stranke evropskega tipa, s katero želi sodelovati LDS.

LDS pozablja, da imamo v Sloveniji od leta 1991 državo, na katero so sedaj drugače pozorni, kot so bili na sekretarja za mednarodne odnose. Če odstopi zunanji minister, je to resno dejstvo, in ne igranje. Od sobote (= 17. sept.) naprej poslušam, kako ta zadeva vpliva na evropski bančniški sistem in tuji se stalno zanimajo za naše razmere. Ko se kaj takega zgodi, se nekatere stvari ustavijo.

Prepričan sem, da bo stranka govorila še močneje kot jaz. O tem me prepričujejo tudi pozivi, naj bo stranka odločna in naj prepusti starim silam, da odigrajo to igro do konca. Druga stvar pa je besednjak. Moje izjave so jasne in moje pismo tudi. Rekel sem samo bobu bob.

Liberalna demokracija, ki je pretežno izšla iz nekdanje ZSMS, ta pa je bila partijski podmladek, se je tako vezala s tisto silo, ki ji je takoj ponudila neomejeno podporo. Ni pa se povezala s tistim partnerjem, ki ga je imenovala za prednostnega in s katerim je vsaj po besedah želela vzpostaviti močno sredinsko politiko.

Korak nasproti Združeni listi, da ne govorim o monopolu, se je vzpostavil s tem, kako je LDS pridobila predsednika DZ. Svet nas ne gleda samo po demokraciji in trdnosti, ampak tudi po pojmovanju demokracije. To je silno slabo odmevalo po svetu.

Dovolj jasno sem povedal, da želim prispevati k jasnosti slovenskega političnega prostora in bom uporabil prave besede o Liberalni demokraciji Slovenije. Če ne bo spremenila politike, ne bom govoril kot o stranki s sredinsko usmeritvijo, ker se je jasno opredelila takrat, ko bi se lahko simbolično opredelila kot sredinska. Seveda pa to še ne pomeni, da bomo mi zdaj vozili cik-cak; ne bomo se opredeljevali zdaj na eno zdaj na drugo stran. Peljali bomo svojo politiko naprej po zastavljenih tirnicah.

• Menite, da se še vedno lahko oblikuje dvostrankarska koalicija?

To je odvisno od LDS. Mi jamčimo za vseh svojih 15 poslancev, zahtevamo pošteno in korektno igro, ne želimo destabilizirati Slovenije. Mimogrede, dr. Drnovšek je izjavil, da se Peterle ukvarja samo s preteklostjo. Če bi bilo to res, ne bi predlagal stranki, da gre v koalicijo z LDS, ki je močno zaznamovana s preteklostjo s svojim poreklom. To je manipulacija tega vprašanja.

Mi smo želeli presegati bre-me preteklosti LDS, ker smo mislili, da so v njej nastavki za razvijanje v liberalno smer, za zdaj pa tega razvoja ne opažamo v primerni obliki. Večkrat sem poudaril, da ne želimo destabilizirati razmer, vendar pa bomo na grdobijo reagirali moralno.

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se opira današnja slovenska oblast, ki jo omenja Jambrek, svoja načela redko oglašuje ne-dvoumno. Eden od redkih iz-jem je pred kratkim pridružen član dr. Dimitrij Rupel, ki se je že prej v svojih spisih pred-stavljaj kot razlagalec postmo-derne paradigme. Pri njem je bila vseskozi prisotna težnja, bolj rečeno nestrpno pričako-vanje trenutka, ko bo lahko tudi v Sloveniji prepričljivo razglasil »konec velikih zgodb« V njegovih spisih je viden neposreden vpliv Francois Lyotarda, zagovornika moderne paradigme, ki izraža nezaupa-nje do velikih zgodb nasploh.

Rupel je bil sicer precej »ne-moderen« vedno, ko je šlo za njegov osebni prispevek (vsega spoštovanja vreden) k veliki zgodbi slovenske osamosvojitve. V tem kontekstu je bila zgodba lahko velika, v drugih pa bolj tako tako. Zelo ostro je reagiral ob Kučanovem raz-vrednotenju najvišjih državnih odlikovanj in državne obletnice, prvi mu je napisal javno protestno pismo. Leto dni kas-neje se spet vzpostavlja kot ideolog neokomunistične »li-beralne demokracije« in jo skuša na vsak način umestiti nekam v sredino. Ker je tam v sredini lahko le prej omenjeno vrednostno središče nacije, ki si ga sama ne more lastiti no-bena politična usmeritev, mu pri tem utemeljevanju vedno spodsne.

Čas in zgodovinski razvoj v Evropi sta že zdavnaj pokazala, da narod tudi v času post-moderne misli predstavlja določeno celoto in da je libe-ralna ideologija, ki narod praviloma zanikuje in kot središče ali kriterij postavlja denar in dobiček, le ena izmed ideolo-gij, ki v Evropi ni prevladujoča. Nekaj več prostora dobiva v postkomunističnih družbah, v katerih je bil pred spremem-bami narod prav tako ideološko zanikana kategorija, denar in dobiček pa tudi.

Liberalizem v postkomuni-zmu dodaja del tistega, kar je

bilo ljudem odrekano, hkrati pa to (denar, materialne dobro-tne, dobiček) postavlja v središče. V družbah, v katerih so bile moralne vrednote zelo zreducirane, je veliko prostora za novi »liberalni pragmatizem«, po katerem je edini kriterij profit.

Ne samo pri poslovanju podje-tja, gospodarskega subjekta, kar je v določenih okvirih nor-malno, temveč tudi pri posa-mezniku in v družbi kot celoti. Ne čudi, da se v novi ideologiji najbolje znajde prav nekdanji »vladajoči sloj«, saj so njegovi pripadniki desetletja razpola-gali tudi v materialnimi dobro-tami in v svojih rokah občutili moč Jenarja, seveda pridob-ljenega nezasluženo, v pogojih brez konkurence. Ta sloj je tudi vsaj navzven najbolj nav-dušen nad različnimi nadnaci-onalnimi idejami, ki pa jih običajno pozna le površno in mu služijo bolj za opravičeva-nje lastnega položaja doma.

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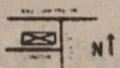


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Od vsega začetka svojega blagodejnega delovanja, ki so ga kot takšno doslej izpričali številni dogodki, je MZA verovala, da je njena zamisel in uresničevanje le-te posebna milost Svetega Duha. To prepričanje je zdaj na svoj način utemeljeno tudi v 852. odstavku novega katekizma, ki uči, da je »vodilna oseba in glavni aktivist celotnega misijonskega delovanja Cerkev — Sveti Duh. On je, ki vodi Cerkev po poteh misijonarjenja. V tem nadaljuje in v teku zgodovine razvija Kristusovo misijonarjenje, čigar poslanstvo je bilo oznanjevanje evangelija ubogim. Zato si Kristusov Duh prizadeva, da Cerkev zavestno hodi po Kristusovi poti, ki ima v sebi uboštvo in pokorščino, služenje in žrtvovanje, celo žrtvovanje življenja, ki ga je Kristus s Svojim vstajenjem spremenil v zmagoslavje. V tem smislu je tudi kri mučencev seme kristjanov.«

Dejstvo, da je MZA neke vrste organizacija, v kateri se podrejamo njenim ciljem in njenim občasnim predstavnikom, vsebuje moderen način uboštva, saj ne nastopamo v zavesti neodvisne moči, ki jo tako otipljivo ponazarja denarna moč; to je uboštvo tudi v tem smislu, da se sicer družimo, da lažje in bolj učinkovito dosežemo svoj cilj — ne zase, ampak za uresničenje misijonskih ciljev.

In končno je sodelovanje in v MZA uboštvo tudi v tem smislu, da smo pripravljeni,

kolikor nam razmere dopuščajo, nuditi gmotno pomoč misijonarjenju in s tem izpričujemo uboštvo v duhu, ki ga je naš Gospod blagroval takorekoč na prvem mestu (prim. Matej 5:3, kjer Gospod te vrste ljudi imenuje »lastnike božjega kraljestva«).

Kdor se zavestno podreja organizaciji odnosno ciljem MZA, izraža pokorščino na moderen način: na eni strani je tak človek pripravljen strinjati se z zamisljo in nasveti in delovanjem MZA, na drugi strani pa je pripravljen doprinesiti kritično besedo, v kolikor se njemu ali njej zdi primerno in potrebno za učinkovito delovanje, pripravljen obenem se podrediti dokončni odločitvi v dobro združenega delovanja (o, da bi nekaj te miselnosti imeli naši katoliški bratje v domovini, posebno kadar se organizirajo v politične stranke!).

Te vrste pokorščina vsebuje napotke za službo bližnjemu, celo za žrtvovanje osebnega, kadar je ovira lotevanemu se uresničevanju. Glede žrtvovanja življenja pa mi naj bo dovoljeno naslednje mnenje: dediči smo velikega števila slovenskih mučencev in mučenk, posebno iz dobe komunistične revolucije med drugo svetovno vojno in po njej; k njim spadamo kot Slovenci in Slovenke — čeprav morda le po krvnih koreninah, posvečenih po isti sveti veri — in po njihovi kakor seme plodonosni žrtvi smo postali deležni različnih milosti, tako tudi zamisli MZA in najbrž tudi državne neodvisnosti Slovenije.

Če si zdi te vrste mišljenje, recimo, čudno, ga lahko vsaj vzporejamo z mišljenjem, ki ga ogromno število, posebno starejših Japoncev javno izražajo: da je sedanje blagostanje

Japonske sad ogromnih žrtev japonskih vojakov... Žrtev njihovih življenj vidijo — sicer pogani — v tem, da so ti vojniki darovali življenje za ideale, ki so jih preživeli Japonci šele po vojni spoznali za lažnive: vojaki (in civilno prebivalstvo) so bili oropani življenja takorekoč za prazen nič!

Da je življenje dragocenost, največja naravna dragocenost, in njegovo žrtvovanje največja žrtev — v tem je usoda japonskih vojakov in naših mučencev istega pomena; a pri naših mučencih ne gre za lažnive ideale, ampak za edinstveno resničnost, ki nam jo je zajamčil sam Učlovečeni Božji Sin s Svojim vstajenjem od mrtvih. Od Njega izvira naslednje božje-resnično zagotovilo: »Pšenično zrno ostane osamljeno, dokler ni položeno v zemljo in v njej umre. S svojo smrtjo ustvari mnoga zrna.« (Jan 12:24).

Da gre pri MZA za posebno delovanje Svetega Duha, razpoznamo tudi v dejstvu, da je

MZA prostovoljna odločitev, in sicer na skrivnostno povabilo Svetega Duha, ki po Jezusovem naročilu in zagotovitvi oživlja ne le celotno Njegovo Cerkev, ampak živi in deluje obenem v posameznih udih Njegovega skrivnostnega Telesa. (Jan 14:17; Kol 1:18)

Prvi papež sv. Peter govori v svoji prvi okrožnici o različnih božjih darovih, ki vsi težijo v službo bližnjemu; in delovanje, usmerjeno v širjenje osrečujoče novice o našem Odrešeniku (čemur pravimo že v apostolskih časih »evangelij«) je edinstvena služba bližnjemu (1 Pet 4:10-11; 2:5; 3:19).

Ker je naše misijonsko usmerjeno delovanje tako tesno povezano s Svetim Duhom, Ga moramo moliti, spoštovati in ljubiti prav v središču svoje srca; On, ki je ves Jezusov Duh (prim. Jn 16:14), nas bo lahko tako še tesneje povezal z Njim, brez katerega ne zmoremo ničesar vrednega za Božje Kraljestvo (prim. Jn 15:4).

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NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 7)

vic, rojena Kastelic, žena Johna, mati Anne Marie Hovancek in Josie Horvath, 3-krat stara mati, sestra Josepha, Anice Bohte, Franceta (Slovenija) ter že pok. Ivana, Francke in Victorja. Pogreb bo v soboto, 1. oktobra, iz Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. v cerkev sv. Paskala Bajlonskega dop. ob 9.30 in od tam na pokopališče Gates Mills North (River Rd.). Ure kropljenja bodo v petek pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Mary Baznik

Umrla je 96 let stara Mary Baznik, vdova po Antonu, mati že pok. Josepha in Anthonyja, 3-krat stara mati, 3-krat prastara mati, sestra Jožeta (Kostanjevica na Krki, Slovenija) ter že pok. Franceta, Antona in Janeza (vsi v Sloveniji). Pogreb je bil 28. septembra iz Zak zavoda na 6016 St. Clair Ave. s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida in pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču. Družina priporoča darove v pokojničin spomin župniji sv. Vida ali Sisters of Notre Dame.

Andrew R. Ipavec

Dne 24. septembra je umrl Andrew R. Ipavec, mož Dorothy (r. Steen), sin Andrewa in Julie, r. Pirnat (oba že pok.), brat Julie Ipavec. Pogreb je bil v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s pokopom na pokopališču Lake View.

Jennie Skerly

Dne 24. septembra je umrla

92 let stara Jennie Skerly, rojena Primc v Sloveniji, iz Ilirske Bistrice sta z možem Jožetom (umrl l. 1965) v ZDA prišla l. 1929, mati Nade Arnold, članica Progresivnih Slovencev Amerike, mnoga leta zelo aktivna v slovenski skupnosti. Hčerka in mnogi prijatelji in znanci so se zbrali 27. septembra popoldne v Slovenskem domu za ostarele in se je primerno spominjali.

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