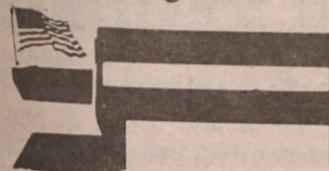


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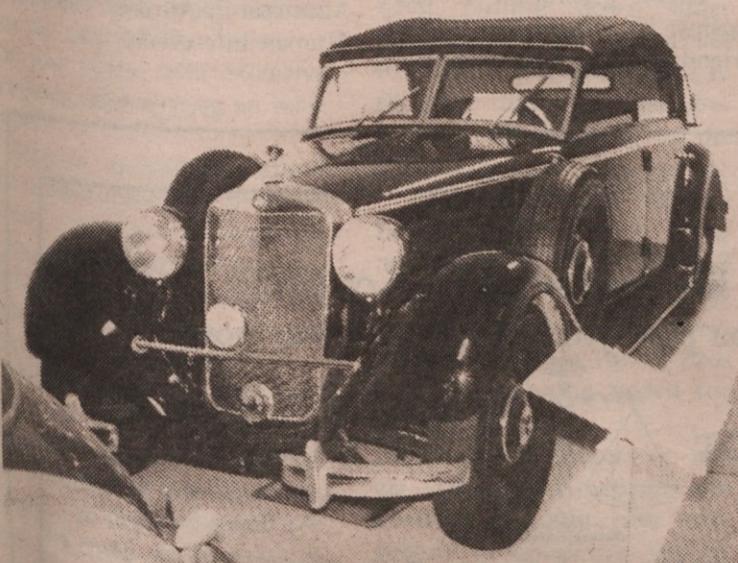


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The Rumbling (Slovenian) Stars of *Schindler's List*



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 Vrhnik, 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

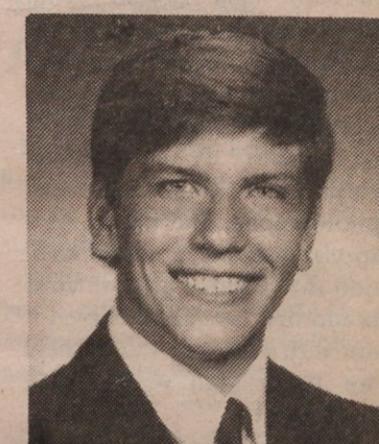
by JOE CIMPERMAN

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

"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

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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

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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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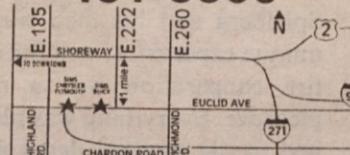


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Stanrika turkey farms

(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) is 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.

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

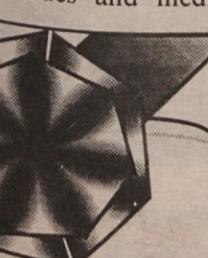
Help me care for myself as best I can so that my body remains healthy, my mind alert, and my outlook positive.

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.

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— Recent Deaths —

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 Lytle, 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.

NICHOLAS JOHN FERKUL

Services for Nicholas John Ferkul, 6, of Eastlake were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mary Church, Holmes Ave., Cleveland.

Nicholas died Sept. 5 at University Hospital in Cleveland of pneumonia, after a lifelong battle with cerebral palsy.

Born Oct. 31, 1987 in Mayfield Heights, he lived in Euclid before moving to Eastlake three years ago.

He was a student at Broadmoor School in Mentor.

Survivors are his parents, John and Michaela of Eastlake; brother, Christopher at home; paternal grandmother, Milena Ferkul of Richmond Heights and maternal grandmother, Dorothy Harford of Cleveland; aunts, Rose Marie, Elizabeth and Theresa; and uncles, Michael, Stanley, Robert, David and Boris.

His grandfathers, Cyril Ferkul and James Harford are deceased.

Friends called at Jakubs and Son Funeral Home, 936 E. 185 St., Cleveland. The Rev. John M. Kumse of St. Mary Church officiated at services. Burial was private.

JOSEPHINE SVET

Josephine Svet (nee Mavec), 84, passed away suddenly in Meridia Euclid Hospital on Monday, Sept. 19.

Josephine was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. As a small child she returned to Slovenia, then at age 16 in 1926 she moved to Cleveland.

Josephine was a member of AMLA No. 4. She was employed as an inspector at Graphite Bronze for 30 years. After retiring in 1971 she went to work at the *News Herald* loading machines that bundled Sunday specials. She held that job for 12 years.

Josephine was the widow of Tony who died in 1986. She was the mother of Tony Jr. and Edward; grandmother of eight; great-grandmother of three; and sister of Frank Mavec and Helen Skok of Slovenia.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Wednesday, Sept. 21. Services were Thursday, Sept. 22 at 8:45 and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 9:30.

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 called 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, Francisca 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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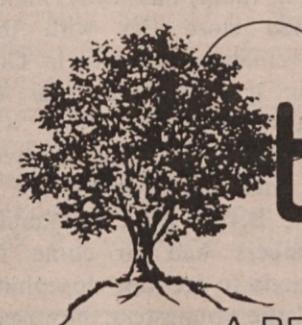
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Concert of the Chamber Choir "Ave" on Oct. 1

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 obstinacy 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 perserves 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 5:45, 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

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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 Vicki 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.
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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

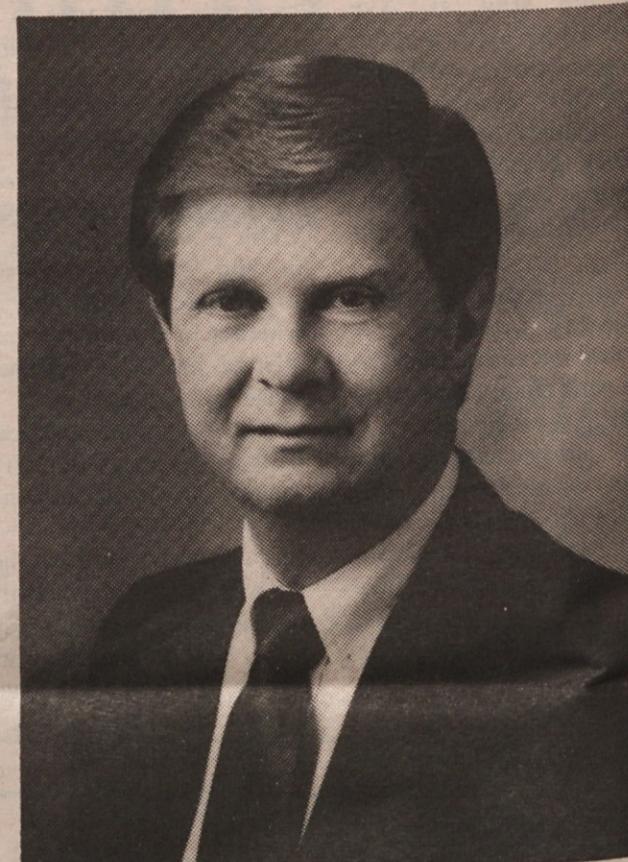
that lying on the bottom of the bay was not the way for a submariner to fight the war. We were all fed up with the inaction.

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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VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE

(Ta rubrika je bila pripravljena zaradi petkovega tiska lista v petek zjutraj)

Odstop Lojzeta Peterleta še velja — SKD razmišlja o novem kandidatu za mesto zunanjega ministra — SKD se ni še odločila za izstop iz vladne koalicije

S 1. oktobrom bo podpredsednik vlade in zunanjji minister Lojze Peterle obe funkciji odložil. Pred dvema tednoma je bil pač odstopil od obeh funkcij zaradi načina, ki ga je uporabil vladni koalični partner LDS pri izvolitvi Jožeta Školča za novega predsednika parlamenta. Sicer je bil zadnji čas Peterle v ZDA, kjer se je udeležil zasedanja generalne skupščine Združenih narodov, imel tudi srečanje s tamkajšnjimi Slovenci (Peterle in Marjan Podobnik, predsednik SLS, sta bila skupaj na enem srečanju).

Telefonski pogovor z virom v Ljubljani danes (petek) zjutraj je potrdil, da Peterle svojega odstopa ni preklical, da pa se SKD še niso odločile glede nadaljnega sodelovanja v vladni, ki ji načeljuje dr. Janez Drnovšek, predsednik LDS. Drnovšek je bil izjavil, da imajo Slovenski krščanski demokrati pravico po koaličnem pogodbom predlagati Peterletovega naslednika za zunanjega ministra. Drnovšek je podaljšal rok, do katerega želi od SKD imeti imena tega kandidata, za en dan, torej do jutri, 1. oktobra. O tem kandidatu sedaj razmišljajo oziroma razpravljajo v SKD. Po današnjih in četrtkovih časopisih v Ljubljani prednjačijo tri imena. Prvi je strankin tajnik Edvard Stanič, ki zelo dobro sodeluje s Peterletom. Druga možnost je Andrej Capuder, sedaj veleposlanik Slovenije v Franciji, tretja pa slovenski veleposlanik v Hrvaški, g. Malešič.

V zadnjem času je veliko manj slišati o možnosti za predčasne parlamentarne volitve, nekaj več govoric pa je glede tesnejšega povezovanja med SKD in SLS, vendar veliko manj med SKD in drugimi strankami na desni, torej v prvi vrsti s socialdemokratsko stranko Slovenije, katere predsednik je bivši obrambni minister Janez Janša.

Milan Kučan imenoval Iva Bizjaka za varuhu človekovih pravic — Državni zbor z veliko večino potrdil imenovanje

Ivo Bizjak, kandidat Slovenskih krščanskih demokratov za predsednika Slovenije na volitvah decembra 1992, je bil Milan Kučan, ki je na teh volitvah Bizjaka premagal, imenoval za pomembno mesto varuha človekovih pravic. Bizjak je podpredsednik SKD in je bil notranji minister v sedanji vladi dr. Janeza Drnovška vse do njegovega odstopa kot notranjega ministra pred meseci zaradi roparske akcije slovenskih policijskih specialcev v Celovcu. S to akcijo Bizjak osebno ni bil nič povezan, je pa sprejel odgovornost, ker je bil notranji minister.

Za mesto varuha človekovih pravic je bilo več kandidatov in je bil Kučan pod močnim pritiskom, naj vendar imenuje človeka, ki bo užival splošen ugled. To je baje dosegel z Bizjakom, ki je bil zelo pozitivno sprejet pri poslancih državnega zbora, saj ni bilo potrebno tajno glasovanje in je Bizjak dobil dvotretjinsko podporo, kar je v precej razklanem parlamentu nenašlo.

Obrambni minister Jelko Kacin kritičen do Janeza Janše, ki pa je očitke zavrnil

Pretekli teden je obrambni minister Jelko Kacin na novinarski konferenci napadel Janeza Janše, češ naj bi bil Janša prikril svojo vpletjenost pri trgovjanju z orožjem, ki je potekalo preko brniškega letališča. Ob zamejavi oz. primopredaji naj bi bil Janša pri-

pravil strogo zaupno poročilo za Kacina o tem trgovjanju z orožjem, Kacina pa se zdi, da je poročilo pomanjkljivo, v prvi vrsti glede Janševe vpletjenosti v tem trgovjanju. Kacin je trdil pred novinarji, da je že dvakrat prosil Janšo za dopolnilo k temu poročilu, Janša pa se ni odzval.

Janša je naslednji dan, pretekel petek, govoril z novinarji in jim povedal, da so Kacinove trditve neresnične. Dodal je, da je bil Kacina ob izročitvi funkcij obrambnega ministra povedal, da ima Kacin rok 30 dni, če želi dodatno informacijo. Tega Kacin ni upošteval in zato Janša ni pripravljen odgovoriti na zastavljeni vprašanja. Edini forum, ki ga bo zdaj upošteval, je rekel Janša, bo pristojna parlamentarna preiskovalna komisija. Mnenja je, da je Kacin sprožil zadevo v želji, da bi odvrnil pozornost javnosti od temeljnih kadrovskih sprememb, ki jih Kacin izvaja pri visokih častnikih slovenske vojske.

Mimogrede, zahodne države so kar dobro obvešcene o tem, da je Slovenija sodelovala pri kršenju od Združenih narodov sprejetega prepovedi dobave orožja državam bivše Jugoslavije, v prvi vrsti Hrvaški in Bosni. O tem je namreč poročal v torkovem *New York Times* Roger Cohen. V prvi vrsti je pri tem trgovjanju omenil Slovenijo in Slovaško.

Veleposlanik Allan Wendt o odnosih med Slovenijo in ZDA — Za ZDA je Slovenija sedaj nesporna članica Srednje Evrope in ne več bivše Jugoslavije oz. Balkana

Pretekel petek je bil v *Slovencu* objavljen daljši intervju z ameriškim veleposlanikom Allanom Wendtom. Pogovor je vodil Zvone Žigon. V intervju je Wendt, ki se je izkazal med januarskim obiskom pri Slovencih v ZDA kot navdušen zagovornik Slovenije, povedal marsikaj zanimivega (celoten tekst bo objavljen prihodnjem teden).

Najpomembnejše je to, da je Wendt potrdil spremenjeno stališče ZDA do Slovenije in sicer v tem, da so ZDA Slovenijo ločile od nekdanje Jugoslavije in od Balkana. Dne 19. septembra je prišlo do reorganizacije znotraj State Departmenta, je pojasnil Wendt, in so bili ustavnovljeni novi oddelki. Slovenija je bila uvrščena med države tkm. Severne Srednje Evrope, torej skupaj s Poljsko, Češko, Slovaško, Madžarsko in Romunijo. Wendt je dodal, da gre za zelo pomemben razloček, ki končno odgovarja dejanskemu stanju v zvezi s Slovenijo.

Glede gospodarskega področja je bil Wendt do Slovenije dokaj kritičen in to zaradi po njegovem neustrezne slovenske zakonodaje. Poznavalci Slovenije z ekonomsko plati so nad njo sicer precej navdušeni, ne pa nad zakonodajo glede tujih naložb. Slovenski davki so previsoki, previsoki so obvezni stroški za socialno, so omejitve za neslovenske direktorje, omejitve oz. prepovedi glede lastništva zemlje so prehudni. Pri vsem tem je Wendt poudaril, da gre na tem področju za mednarodno tekmovanje, Tuji investitorji si bodo poiskali države, v katerih so pogoji manj zahtevni. Doslej je Slovenija zaradi omenjenih ovir dosegl veliko manj uspeha, kot bi lahko bila.

Wendt je bil vprašan tudi glede številnih afer, političnih in gospodarskih, ki razburajojo slovensko javnost. Odgovoril je takole: »Menim, da gre v obeh vprašanjih za slovensko notranjo zadevo. Vam se afere seveda zdijo zelo pomembne, toda tako je v vseh državah. Notranji škandali imajo velik odnev samo znotraj meja, zunaj pa majhnega.«

Iz Clevelandu in okolice

»AVE« iz Ljubljane vabi —

To soboto zvečer ste vabljeni na koncert komornega zboru Ave, ki gostuje iz Ljubljane. Koncert se bo pričel ob 7h zvečer, vstopnice boste lahko dobili pri vhodu v dvorano. (Članek na str. 9)

Kosilo to nedeljo —

Lepo ste vabljeni to nedeljo, 2. okt., na kosilo Oltarnega društva pri Mariji Vnebovzetji. Kosilo bo na razpolago od 11. do 1. pop., v šolski dvorani. Cena kosilu je \$10, za otroke \$5. Nakaznice bodo na razpolago pri vratih, lahko pa vamete hrano tudi domov.

Opozorilo slov. državljanom —

Slovenski državljanji, ki so zaradi poroke ali drugih vzrokov spremenili priimek, so naprošeni, da spremembo imena takoj javijo občini, kjer so vpisani kot slovenski državljanji. Le tako se njihove zahteve za potne liste, certifikate itd. uredijo brez zastojev. Zahtevo po spremembi priimka mora overovati pristojni konzularni urad. (Dr. Karl B. Bonutti, Častni konzul.)

Izredna podpora —

G. Daniel J. Postotnik, Cleveland, O., je daroval \$300 v podporo našemu listu, v spomin njegove žene Mollie R. Postotnik, ki je bila veliko let uslužbenka v naši pisarni. G. Postotnik je tudi sam več let v službi našega lista. Najlepša hvala za velikodušno podporo!

Novi grobovi

Frances A. Prah

Dne 27. septembra zjutraj je v Lake County West bolnišnici umrla 85 let stara Frances A. Prah z Willoughby Hillsa, zadnji čas stanujoča v Slovenskem domu za ostarele, rojena Antoncic, vdova po Franku, mati Franka, Michaela, Ann Pickens in Frances (pok.), 6-krat stara mati, 9-krat prastara mati, članica KSKJ št. 162 in SZZ št. 25. Privaten pogreb je bil v oskrbi Dan Cosic pogrebnega zavoda, 28890 Chardon Rd.

Henry M. Mirtic

Umrl je 74 let stari Henry M. Mirtic, vdovec po Alexandri (r. Pianka), oče Shelly Moyer in Marlene Yannette, 4-krat stari oče, član SNPJ farme in VFW št. 2926, več let živeč na Spencer Ave., nato v Bratenahu. Pogreb bo jutri, v petek, iz Dan Cosic zavoda na Chardon Rd. s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Vida ob 10. dop. in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Josephine Radovic

Dne 27. septembra je umrla 71 let stara Josephine Radovic (dalje na str. 12)

LILJA ima sestanek —

Dramatsko društvo Lilja ima članski sestanek v ponedeljek, 3. oktobra, ob 8. uri zv., v Slov. domu na Holmes Ave.

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To soboto 1. oktobra se bo v cerkvi sv. Felicite na Richmond Rd. poročila gdč. Roberta Jalovec in g. Lawrence Briggs. Mlada nevesta je hčerka g. Josepha in ge. Ane Jalovec, Skyline Drive, Richmond Hts. Novoporočencema vse blagoslove na skupni življenjski pot! Čestitamo!

Rojstvo —

Dne 25. junija letos je bila rojena Elizabeth Lea Williams, pravnukinja pok. dr. Valentina Meršola, v stoletnici njegovega rojstva. Mala Elizabeth je hčerka Kathryn in Roberta Williamsa, ki živita v Chagrin Fallsu, O. Kathryn pa je najstarejša hči dr. Valentina Meršola, ki je najmlajši sin pokojnega. Mala Elizabeth se je pričudila bratcu Williamu Johnu Williamsu, ki jo je z velikim veseljem sprejel in jo je hotel nositi domov, čeprav še ni dve leti star.

Občni zbor —

Balincarski krožek Slovenske pristave naznanja, da se bo v nedeljo, 9. okt., začenši ob 3h pop. vršil občni zbor. Vsi člani vabljeni, da se ga udeleže. Po njem bo okusna večerja. Na zadnjem pikniku letos na SP, vinski trgovci, je bilo tekmovanje članstva Balincarskega krožka. Med ženskami sta zasedli prvo mesto Marija Mohar in Anica Breznikar, med moškimi pa Feliks Breznikar in Ferdo Sečnik.

Žalostna vest —

Ga. Milka Škerl iz Kirtlanda, O., je prejela žalostno sporočilo, da sta nepričakovano umrla brat France in mama Marija iz Topola pri Begunjah. Naj počivata v miru.

Prodaja krofov —

Oltarno društvo fare sv. Vida bo imelo prodajo krofov v soboto, 8. oktobra, od 8. zj. dalje, v društveni sobi šolskega avditorija.

Martinovanje —

Štajerski in prekmurski klub priredi svoje martinovanje v soboto, 22. okt., ob 6.30 zv., v SND na St. Clairju. Igral bo Alpski sekstet. Za vstopnice, pokličite 731-5826 oz. 261-5277.

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Za demokracijo v pozitivnem pomenu

Izjava komisije Pravičnost in mir

Glede na zlorabe pri lastnjenju in vedno nove ovire pri vračanju krivično odvetetega premoženja, predvsem pa glede na čedalje bolj izrazite težje po ponovnem monopolu oblasti, se je komisija Pravičnost in mir pri Slovenski škofovski konferenci na svoji seji 15. septembra 1994 odločila ponovno opozoriti na zelo zaskrbljujoč gmotni in moralni razvoj naše države. Sprejela je naslednja stališča.

1. Vse preveč je ljudi, ki v želji po hitri obogativti segajo po moralno nedovoljenih sredstvih. Vend pa na nesprejemljiv način pridobljen kapital in moralno nesprejemljive poslovne navade ne morejo biti zanesljiva podlaga za nadaljnje uspešno gospodarjenje.

2. Obstaja velika nevarnost, da bodo nižji sloji prebivalstva in delavstvo najmanj deležni napredka v gospodarstvu. Razvoj v naši družbi, ki jo vedno bolj usmerja liberalistična miselnost, gre v smeri povečevanja razlik med višjimi in nižjimi sloji. Obstaja tudi resna nevarnost manipulacije s certifikati.

3. Pojavi hitrega in nezasluženega bogatjenja vzbujajo splošni dvom v moralno vrednoto poštenosti. Splošno moralno stanje se ne izboljšuje, ampak prej slabša, oblast pa se na pojav nepoštenega in nemoralnega ravnjanja ustrezno ne odziva. Najrazličnejše nepoštenosti spodbavajo ugled zakonodajne, izvršilne in sodne oblasti in zaupanje vanje, zlasti ker te največkrat ne ukrepajo pravočasno in ustrezno. Nezaupanje v državne ustanove, ki so dolžne uveljavljati načela pravičnosti, poštenja in enakopravnosti vseh državljanov, ima nujno za posledico omalovaževanje moralnih načel na vseh drugih ravneh življenja.

4. Demokracija bi morala zagotavljati, da bi bili vsi državljeni udeleženi pri odločanju in pri skupni blaginji. To je pozitivno pojmovanje demokracije kot porazdelitev moči, oblasti in blaginje na vse člane državne skupnosti. Monopoli niso združljivi z demokracijo. Pri nas pa se z ene strani vedno bolj uveljavlja liberalistično pojmovanje, ki vidi demokracijo predvsem v tem, da lahko dela vsakdo, kar hoče, z druge pa si nekateri nosilci politične oblasti prilaščajo državne institucije. Obstaja resna nevarnost bolj ali manj odkrite diktature ene, gospodarsko, medijsko in politično premočne skupine.

5. Pri preprečevanju nepoštenja in korupcije ima posebno vlogo sodstvo. To svojo nenadomestljivo vlogo pa sodstvo lahko izpolni le, če je neodvisno. Pri nas si del oblasti prizadeva v nasprotni smeri, kar je v popolnem nasprotju z načeli demokracije. Komisija Pravičnost in mir spodbuja vse tiste tožilce in sodnike, ki se zavedajo svoje odgovornosti, naj pogumno nastopajo proti vsem oblikam nepoštenja in jim pri tem prizadevanju daje vso moralno podporo.

6. Pomembno vlogo pri odkrivanju nepravilnosti, nezakonosti in nepoštenja imajo javna glasila. Res je, da gredo včasih predaleč v iskanju senzacij na škodo nujno potrebnega varstva zasebnosti. Komisija Pravičnost in mir je že večkrat opozorila na moralne zahteve po objektivnem, treznem, nepristranskem in celovitem obveščanju. Tokrat pa bi rada še posebej podčrtala potrebo po neodvisnosti javnih glasil. Samo finančno in politično neodvisna glasila lahko nepristransko izpolnjujejo

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V prihodnjih mesecih se bodo pred nami zvrstili vsi mogoči jubileji: 50-letnica tega ali onega usodnega dogodka v razvoju slovenskega naroda; te ali one odločitve, ki je usodno vplivala na osebno življeno marsikoga izmed nas, ki nas je usoda po vojni vrgla v novi svet Amerike.

So pa tudi drugi jubileji, ki jih ne moremo spregledati: ljudje, ki jih ne moremo pozabiti; dejanja, ki so za vselej zapisana v anali slovenske zdanske skupnosti.

Te dni namreč, 2. oktobra, praznuje 70. rojstni dan dr. Metod Milač, mož, ki se je s svojim delom neizbrisno vpisal v življenje slovenske skupnosti v Clevelandu, četudi že vrsto let živi izven nje, v državi New York.

Metod se je rodil leta 1924 v Dravogradu, kjer je bil njegov oče okrajni načelnik. V zadnjem letu pred vojno se je vpisal v gimnazijo v Škofovih zavodih, od tam pa je po nemškem napadu prestopil na ljubljansko Klasično gimnazijo. Kmalu nato je v Ljubljano pribežala tudi vsa njegova družina.

Potem se je pričela njegova osebna Kalvarija: znašel se je v italijanskem taborišču na Rabu, se vrnil v Ljubljano, vključil v nacionalistično ilegalno in bil junija leta 1944 aretiran med znano akcijo Gestapa proti »plavi gardi«.

Po dolgih tednih mučnega zapora in zasliševanj, je bil odpeljan v koncentracijsko taborišče Auschwitz na Poljskem.

Ko se je taborišču približala ruska fronta in so se jetniki razbežali, se je Metod podal na nevarno pot proti domovini. Njene meje je dosegel prve dni maja 1945 in tam naletel na trume beguncov, ki so jo zapuščali pred napredajočimi komunističnimi partizani. Med umikajočimi je bil tudi njegov brat Ciril in tako je tudi Metod »obrnil« in se znašel v taborišču civilnih beguncov v Vetrinju. Po dokončani žaloigri, ki je požrla tudi brata Cirila, je odšel v poznano študentsko taborišče v Gradcu in se vpisal na tamkajšnjo univerzo.

Junija leta 1950 se je izselil v Združene države in prispel v Cleveland, kjer si je z gdč. Herto ustvaril dom, takoj pa tudi — poleg trdega fizičnega dela — obnovil študij na univerzi.

Leta 1961 je diplomiral kot muzikolog na Cleveland Institute of Music, leta 1962 pa je prejel še diplomo iz Library Science ter nato dobil zaposlitev v knjižnici univerze v mestu Syracuse, v državi New

svoje poslanstvo, zato komisija obsoja vsako prizadevanje oblasti, da bi si jih podredila.

7. V naši državi je vsaj toliko kot gospodarski napredok potrebitno uveljavljanje moralnih načel poštenja, pravičnosti, demokratičnosti in solidarnosti. Komisija Pravičnost in mir še posebno poziva tiste posameznike in skupine, ki se sklicujejo na krščansko moralno, da tudi moralnemu vidiku našega razvoja posvetijo vso potrebno pozornost.

Prof. dr. Anton Stres

predsednik Komisije za Pravičnost in mir
pri Slovenski škofovski konferenci

obiljen sad.

Če je bila ljubezen do slovenske pesmi gonilo njegovega osebnega in poklicnega delovanja, je pa bila druga njegova značilnost skoraj neverjetna vztrajnost. Sredi tistega usodnega dogajanja okrog nas in kljub negotovostim in dvojmom, v katerih se je znašel iz domovine pregnani slovenski človek, si je Metod znal postaviti jasen cilj in ga odtejti nikdar več izgubil izpred oči. Poznal je samo pot naprej: premagane so bile vse ovire, čustvene, boleče, ni ga preobremenjevalo ne delo v Korotanu, ne poklicno delo na univerzi, vzporedno delo v Družbi za slovenske študije in vse drugo, kar življenje človeku navrže iz svojega koša.

Tako stoji danes naš slavljenec, mladenički, poln moči in novih načrtov, na novem vrhuncu svojega življenja in pred njim, zavita v raho megljico časov, se razprostira bogata planjava njegovega plodnega dela in življenja. Vsi, ki mu v teh dneh stojijo ob strani in jih je objela njegova osebna ljubezen, so lahko ponosni nanj.

Ponosna nanj pa je tudi vsa slovenska srenja, še posebej ona v Clevelandu!

Metod, na mnoga leta! Bog s Teboj!

P.B.

Pevski zbor Zarja vabi na koncert

EUCLID, O. - Zarjani se vneto vadimo in pripravljamo na naš vsakoletni jesenski pevski nastop, ki bo v soboto zvečer, 29. oktobra, v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recherjevi ulici v Euclidu. Najprvoste postreženi z dobro večerjo (pričetek ob 5h pop.). Sledil bo koncert ob 7h v lepo obnovljeni dvorani. Koncert bo vseboval lepe slovenske in ameriške pesmi. Natopili bodo dueči, kvarteti, seveda tudi celoten zbor. Po koncertu bo ples, zakaterega bo igral Ray Polantz orkester.

Vstopnice lahko dobite pri članih Zarje, stanejo po \$16. lahko pa pokličete ali Sophie Elersich (531-8402) ali Vicki Kozel (531-5542). Oglasite se lahko tudi v klubovih prostorih SDD na Recherjevi, vstopnice ima tudi trgovina v Polka Hall of Fame v Shore Cultural centru na 291 E. 222 St.

Zarjani vam pripravljamo prijeten večer ter vas vabimo, da pridete na naš koncert, večerjo in še zabavo s plesom. Ne pozabite: sobota, 29. oktobra, v SDD na Recherjevi!

Jennie Fatur

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Ob koncertnem nastopu komornega zbora »AVE«

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

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

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

M.R.

Nekako v začetku leta 1984 je 16-letni Andraž Hauptman okoli sebe zbral skupinico podobno enako starih fantov in deklet iz župnije Ljubljana-Vič. Prepevali so predvsem pričah in na mladinskih veroučnih srečanjih, pravih koncertov pa je bilo čisto na začetku že zelo malo. V programu iz nastopa 14. junija 1985 najdemo na primer: Gen Rosso: *Talita kum, taizejsko Bodit...* 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 umetnika 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 pri pomogle 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 »avejevska« 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 vtrajno 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 začenja 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 kopili: Slovenski glasbeni dnevi, Jezenske 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 naučili 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 Faganelja (solista: 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-

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 pičilih 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 nagrjenec Uroš Krek, ne gre pa izpustiti trenutka, ko je vajo obiskal vodilni svetovni zborovodja Eric Ericson iz Stockholm, ki je bil z mladimi poustvarjalci zelo zadovoljen.

Ko smo že pri vajah — tenu pravzaprav nič strašnega, kot si morda nekateri predstavljam. Prav tako je veliko smeha, 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 koncov 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. Natančne v začetku aprila letos v kmečkem turizmu na Sinjem vrhu nad Ajdovščino, prej pa so pevci utrjevali znanje in glasilke v Bocu, Lipici, Kandrušah, Bohinju... •

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Mimogrede iz Milwaukeeja

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 nekatere 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 zjutraž živ in zdrav zbudiš. Zasmaj se na široko in lažje ti bo prenašati življenjske tegobe v jesenskem in zimskem času. Lep pozdrav vsem bralcem, želim vam lepo jesen in lahkonno zimo!

»Dance Theatre«

Dance Theatre je moderna plesna skupina, ki jo že dolgo vrsto let vodi naša rojakinja, plesalka in koreografinja Izabela 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 Izabeli Kralj, ki sicer poučuje mlade plesalce in plesalke v svoji plesni šoli tu v Milwaukee. Vsa čast in pogumno naprej!

Piknik zbora »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 zbora 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 trgat

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 trgat 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 plesniščem se je bohotilo na trnih žilah sladko grozdje, ki so ga stražili policiji pred onimi, ki bi se ga drznili nezakonito utrgat. Policiji so vsakega, ki je grozdje kradil, aretirali in pripeljali pred policijaskega poveljnika, nato pred sodnika, kjer je bil vsakdo primerno denarno kaznovan, vse seveda v prid društva Triglav. Vsi so bili odlično pripravljeni in ves potek je povzročil med ljudmi veselo razpoloženje in ogromno smeha.

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 letosna Vinska trgat 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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Janez Janša

Ko je Demos izsilil prve slobodne volitve, predlagal plebiscit in zavaroval osamosvojitev, 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 prevladajoč 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 načrtne vrinjeni krti v vseh nekomunističnih strankah.

Danes gre za to, da se ponovno združijo tiste politične sile, ki svoje politične legimite 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 sodelovali pri veliki zgodovinski prevari takoimenovanega sestopanja z oblasti, ki ni predstavljalo nič drugega, kot navidezno zapuščanje 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 trdnost zaviti v sedlo, če ne bo resnega premisleka novih političnih sil.

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

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 doživelji enake krivice. Prav tako se morajo povezati soredne 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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V LJUBEČ SPOMIN

Clarence H. Segulin

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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 obenem z naporom po dokončanju demokratičnih reform.

Enega od ključnih ciljev posamosvojitenega 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 tuječ, 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 živečih Slovencev pomembnih delov svoje zgodovine ne pozna. Brez zavesti o kořinah 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, trdoživega, 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 punti, protestantizem in Trubar, odpor proti okupatorju in drugi sila pomembni dogodki iz zgodovine slovenskega naroda tisti, ki so konstituirali njegovo

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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 štirje važni dogodki, od katerih predstavlja vsak enega od temeljnih izvorov današnje nacije:

(1) Ljudska zborovanja in protesti v času Slovenske po-mlaadi 1988 in 1989, (2) prve slobodne 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 sprejem 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-

čina navadnih ljudi se je spontano odzvala in združevala v vseljudskem gibanju za splošne vrednote pravčnosti in za celovit status nacije.

V zgodovini slovenske nacije tako obstaja povsem določljiv in razpoznaven čas, ki predstavlja tudi simbolni in ne samo dejanski izvor naše skupnosti. Tu so korenine trajnega ljudskega soglasja o srednju 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 vrednosti ne središča nacije. Če se ta povezava poškoduje ali popkovina pretrga, oblast izgubi avtoritet in se znajde v praznem prostoru.

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Dogodki na slovenskem političnem prizorišču se vrstijo z veliko naglico. Ali bo vaš odstop, za katerega LDS ugotavlja, da je definitiven, pomenil tudi izstop SKD iz vladne koalicije?

Bilo je kar nekaj pritiskov našega članstva v tej smeri in mi bomo obravnavali to zadevo na izvršilnem odboru v torek (= 20. sept.). Presodili bomo, kako naprej. Poteza, ki jo je naredila Liberalna demokracija Slovenije in ki je nenečelne in še kakšne druge narave, jo seveda pozicionira izrazito v stare okvire. To nič ne diše po sredinski politiki, o kateri govorijo, da jo želijo vzpostavljati. V tem trenutku pa ne morem odgovoriti, ali to že pomeni odločitev o odhodu naše stranke iz vladne koalicije, tudi o tem bomo v SKD razpravljali v torek. Mojo osebno potezo pa članstvo odobrava in jo podpira, o čemer pričajo številni klici in telegrami.

Dr. Janez Drnovšek je izjavil, da lahko vlada nemoteno deluje tudi brez Slovenskih krščanskih demokratov. Predsednik Združene liste o tem ni preveč prepričan. Kaj o tem menite Vi?

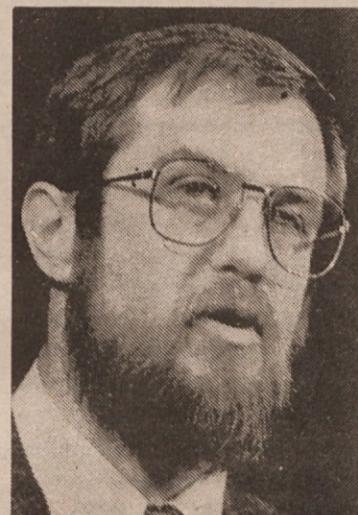
Menim, da tudi dr. Janez Drnovšek ni o tem prepričan. Zelo bi se zamislil nad dejstvom, da se je vendar kljub njegovi gotovosti dvakrat zgodilo, da njihov kandidat ni dovolj podpore. S tako velenino se ne bi upal vladati, sploh pa ne kot stranka liberalnega imena z Združeno listo, ki je močno navezana na preteklost, kajti takšna vlada ne bi mogla prinašati dobrih točk v Evropi.

LDS se je želela posebej v povezavi s krščansko demokracijo prikazati kot sredinska sila. Korak, ki ga je naredila pri glasovanju o predsedniku parlamenta, jo je vrnil v prostor, iz katerega je prišla.

Izjava predsednika o lahkonosti vladanja brez krščanskih demokratov ne izraža politične modrosti niti ne pragmatični. SKD je bila bistvena za to vlado in je pripomogla k njeni trdnosti, brez SKD vlada ne more biti stabilna.

Sam se kot predsednik vlade ne bi želel vrjeti na 45 parlamentarnih glasovih. Predstavljam si, da Zmago Jelinčič ni zastonji omogočil svojih glasov, zato si ne bi želel izsiljeval v takem položaju. Ta Drnovškov pogled je nevaren in tudi kakšno drugo njegovo stališče je lahko nevarno.

V javnosti smo opazili več različnih razlag o srečanju SKD in ZL. Kaj ste se dejani sko pogovarjali na tem srečanju?



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. Bohanca, ampak tudi štirje drugi predstavniki te stranke, ki so si po svoje razlagali sestanek, kjer smo si povedali mnenja. Razšli smo se brez dogovora.

Kaj se boste dogovorili s predsednikom vlade glede na Jelinčičeve izjave, da je za Školčevu 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 vladu, 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 zunanjem ministrstvu in da sprejemate besednjak desnega populističnega bloka, ki je daleč od besednjaka desnosredinske 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 zunanjji minister, je to resno dejstvo, in ne igranje. Od sobote (= 17. sept.) naprej poslušam, kako ta zdeva vpliva na evropski bančni sistem in tuje se stalno zanimajo za naše razmere. Ko se kaj takega zgodi, se nekatere stvari ustavijo.

Prepričan sem, da bo stranka govorila še močnej 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 poštano in korektno igro, ne želimo destabilizirati Slovenije. Mimo grede, 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 breme 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 oglaša nedvoumno. Eden od redkih izjem je pred kratkim pridruženi član dr. Dimitrij Rupel, ki se je že prej v svojih spisih predstavljal kot razlagalec postmoderne paradigm. Pri njem je bila vseskozi prisotna težnja, bolje rečeno nestrnno pričakanje trenutka, ko bo lahko tudi v Sloveniji prepričljivo razglasil »konec velikih zgodb«. V njegovih spisih je viden neposreden vpliv Francois Lyotarda, zagovornika moderne paradigm, ki izraža nezaupanje do velikih zgodb nasploh.

Rupel je bil sicer precej »nemoderen« vedno, ko je šlo za njegov osebni prispevek (vsega spoštovanja vreden) k veliki zgodbi slovenske osamosvojite. V tem kontekstu je bila zgodba lahko velika, v drugih pa bolj tako tako. Zelo ostro je reagiral ob Kučanovem razvrednotenju najvišjih državnih odlikovanj in državne obletnice, prvi mu je napisal javno protestno pismo. Leto dni kasneje se spet vzpostavlja kot ideolog neokomunistične »liberalne 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 nobena politična usmeritev, mu pri tem utemeljevanju vedno spodsne.

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

Liberalizem v postkomunizmu dodaja del tistega, kar je

bilo ljudem odrekano, hkrati pa to (denar, materialne dobrine, 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 podjetja, gospodarskega subjekta, kar je v določenih okvirih normalno, temveč tudi pri posamezniku in v družbi kot celoti. Ne čudi, da se v novi ideologiji najbolje znajde prav nekdanji »vladajoči sloj«, saj so njegovi pripadniki desetletja razpolagali tudi z materialnimi dobrimi in v svojih rokah občutili moč denarja, seveda pridobljenega nezasluženo, v pogojih brez konkurence. Ta sloj je tudi vsaj navzven najbolj navdušen nad različnimi nadnacionalnimi idejami, ki pa jih običajno pozna le površno in mu služijo bolj za opravičevanje lastnega položaja doma.

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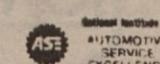
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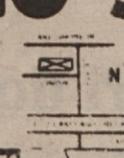
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1051. Najnovejši katekizem Katoliške cerkve in MZA

Takole piše iz Tokia o. Kos, o katerem smo na potovanju po zahodu govorili z japonskimi akademiki iz tega velemesta, ki so nam povedali, da je Sophia University, kjer o. Vladimir uči, zelo cenjena in spoštovana.

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 Cerkve — 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 zmagovalje. 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 dearna 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 z in 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 zamislio in nasveti in delovanjem MZA, na drugi strani pa je pripravljen doprinesti 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 lotovanemu se uresničevanju. Glede žrtvovanja življenja pa mi naj bo dovoljeno naslednje mnenje: dedič 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 kar kar seme plodonosni žrtvi smo postali deležni različnih milosti, tako tudi zamisli MZA in najbrž tudi državne neodvisnosti Slovenije.

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

Japonske sad ogromnih žrtev japonskih vojakov... Žrtev njihovih življenj vidijo — sicer pogani — v tem, da so ti vojaki darovali življenje za ideale, ki so jih preživeli Japonci šele po vojni spoznali za lažnive: vojaki (in civilno prebivalstvo) so bili oropani življenja tako rekoč 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 smrtno 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 zagotovilu oživlja ne le celotno Njegovo Cerkev, ampak živi in deluje obenem v posameznih udih Njegovega skrivnostnega Teleusa. (Jan 14:17; Kol 1:18)

Prvi papež sv. Peter govorji v svoji prvi okrožnici o različnih božjih darovih, ki vsi težijo v službo bližnjemu; in delovanje, usmerjeno v širjenje osrečujuče 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 svojega srca; On, ki je ves Jezusov Duh (prim. Jn 16:14), nas bo lahko tako še tesneje povezel 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 Hovancsek 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 Bajlonškega dop. ob 9.30 in od tam na pokopališče Gates Mills North (River Rd.). Ure kropljena 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 Andrewja 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

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