

Od tedna do tedna

ZDRAVEVALNA KONFERENCA

Prošli četrtek in petek, 11., 12. aprila, se je v Chicagu vršila konferenca med glavnimi odborniki SSPZ in SNPJ, na kateri se je razmotrivala možnost združitve teh dveh organizacij. Kot znano, je slične razgovore imela SSPZ z zastopniki JSKJ na konferenci, ki se je vršila 26. in 27. marca v Clevelandu. Kaj se je na konferenčni doseglo, bo razvidno iz zapisnikov, ki bodo v krakem dani v javnost. Končni potek te akcije, v kolikor se tiče SSPZ, je odvilen od sklepov, ki jih bo tozadenvno napravila naša konvenca, ki se snide prihodnjem mesec v Clevelandu.

NAŠ KEGLJAVSKI TURNIR

Tretji narodni kegljavski turnir SSPZ, ki se je vršil pretekel soboto in nedeljo 13. in 14. aprila v Chicagu pod pokroviteljstvom društva "Victorians," je bil tako s športnega in družabnega stališča uspeh prvega reda. Za Clevelandčane je bil izid še posebno zadovoljiv, kajti domov so prinesli največ časti in gotovine, ki je bila razdeljena med zmagovalce društva "Spartans," medtem ko je igralna vrsta društva "Utopians," lanskih šampijonov, izšla iz tekem na drugem mestu.

Na banketu, s katerim se je zanimiva športna priredba zaključila, je bilo sklenjeno, da se kegljavski turnir SSPZ prihodnje leto vrši v mestu Indianapolis, pod pokroviteljstvom društva "Danica."

IZDAJSTVO NA NORVEŠKEM

Kakor prihaja sedaj na dan, je Norveška nacija padla v roke kot posledica podtalnega vrtanja, s katerim se je odločilne faktorje v omenjeni deželi bodisi tako demoraliziralo, da so bili v odločilnem trenotku nesposobni odpora, izključeno pa tudi ni, da gre za navadno izdajstvo.

Ta slučaj iznova pokazuje, kako silno prekanjene so propagandne metode hitlerizma, in da nacizem ne priznava absolutno nobene morale v odnosnjih z drugimi narodi. Nauki, katere je Hitler razglasil pred 16 leti, ko je pisal "Mein Kampf," se danes dobesedno izvajajo. V tej knjigi, ki je evangelij nacistične Nemčije, je Fuehrer med drugim tudi zapisal:

"Samo sila zmagovitega meča nam bo v bodoče delila zemljo in ž njim življene našemu narodu... Najodločnejše moram napasti one, ki v tem vidijo 'kršenje človeških pravic...' Minimo protektivna policija za 'uboge male narode,' temveč mi smo bojevniki našega lastnega naroda."

KAJ JE Z ANGLEZI?

Smelost nemških nacijskih vojnih operacijah, napram kateri so Anglezi očividno brez moči, povzroča v ameriški javnosti mnogo prikrih opazk. Nekdo je po okupaciji Norveške in Danske od strani Nemcev izrazil mnenje, da kadar bodo Nemci zasedli London, se bo Chamberlain umaknil v Glasgow in izjavil, da bo vlada podvzela "potrebne korake," Churchill pa bo podal zagotovilo, da imajo Anglezi "popolno kontrolo nad položajem."

Potopis "Z avtomobilom po Jugoslaviji" se bo moral za pet tednov prekiniti. Br. Berger nam namreč poroča, da se je pred par dnevi hudo opekel na desni roki, vsled česar mu zasečno ni mogoče rabiti pisalnega stroja.

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Dopisi in poročila članstva

Iz urada predsednika društva št. 1 SSPZ

Cicer, Ill. — Zadnja seja društva št. 1 SSPZ, ki se je vršila 5. aprila, je bila izredno dobro obiskana. Člani so se pričeli zavedati, da se prihodnji mesec vrši konvencija in ker društvo pošle svojega delegata, je tudi potreben dati kakšna navodila delegatu, kar želi društvo oziroma člani; še bolje bi bilo, ako bi bilo več članov navzočih, posebno oni naj bi se udeležili, ki se le redko kedaj udeležijo. Na društvenih sejih se vedno ukrepa o zadevah, ki so važne za vse člane in ne samo za nekatere. Na programu imamo tudi zadevo društvene veselice, katere dohodki bodo krili stroške delegata, katerega je treba plačati. Društvena veselica je važna zadeva in bi bila dolžnost vsakega člana, ki živi v Chicagu ali bližnjem okolici, da se udeleži seje in pove svoje mnenje, na kak način bi bila veselica najbolj uspešna. Upam, da bodo člani, ki citajo ta dopis to vpoštevali.

Na zadnji seji je bilo danih našemu delegatu več važnih navodil, in ker se to tiče vseh članov, naj omenim ali poročam onim, ki niso bili navzoči, in tako tudi članom oziroma delegatom drugih društev, da o tem razpravlja in ker je v korist vseh članov in Zveze podpirajo priporočila našega društva. Prvo priporočilo je, da naj se računa od posojila za asesment iz rezerve certifikata po ŠTIRI ODSTOTKE, mesto po 5 ali pet in pol. Vzrok temu priporočilu je, ker se zvezit takoj od prvega dne, ko je član obiskan od zdravnika; glede tega priporočila mnenja niso bila edina, ker nekateri so priporočali, da bi se od prvega dne po zdravnikovega obiska plačevala bolniška podpora onim, ki so bolni tri tedne ali več, drugi so bili zopet mnenja, da naj bi se plačevalo bolniško podporo s četrtim dnem od javljenja bolnim; soga je po priporočilu, da naj se zniža sedanja takozvana "čakanala doba," ker se za prvi se dem dni ne plača bolniška podpora. Tretje priporočilo, s katerim so soglašeni vsi navzoči in soglasno sprejeli predlog, da delegat našega društva glasuje za združitev, t. j. da se je društvo št. 1 soglasno izreklo za združitev. Povdajalo se je, da je združitev s sorodno organizacijo neobhodno potrebno, ker združitev bo v korist vsemu članstvu, in se bo tudi izvršila, ako odloča razsodnost in dobra volja ter odkritosčnost, ne pa osebni predsedodki, osebni interesi in osebno častibljepje. Ako bodo odbori, katerim je poverjena naloga pripraviti "združitveno pogodbo" vpoštevali interes celokupnega člana, ne pa interes posameznih, tedaj bo združitev lahka. Članstvo razume popolnoma dobro, čim večja

OBJAVA PRAVIL

Radi obilice drugega građiva se objava provizorijnih pravil, katere je pripravil upravni pododsek za 10. redno konvencijo SSPZ, danes ne nadaljuje. Pravila bodo zopet priobčena prihodnji teden, in najbrže tudi zaključena.

je organizacija, tem lažje vrši svoje naloge, in čim večja je organizacija, tem varnejše in bolj jamčene so zavarovalnine članov. Upam, da se bodo vsi člani organizacij, ki so se izrekli za združitev pridružili našemu mnenju in podpirali naše priporočilo ali predlog.

Nadalje je bila razprava tudi o ustanavljanju novih društev. Priporočilo našega društva je, da se dovoli ustanoviti novo društvo le tedaj, ko se prijavi *debet novih* članov, in da se ne dovoli, ako se v okrožju 30 milijonah drugo društvo Zvez; pristopijo naj k temu društву. Povdajalo se je, da so prometna sredstva tako izboljšana, da se člani lahko udeležujejo seje, če tudi je društvo malo bolj oddaljeno, in da se tako prepreči tepljenje agitacijskih sil, in največkrat pa nastane taka razvojitev, t. j. ako se v neposredni bližini kakega društva ustanovi še kakor drugo društvo s pretežno več "starimi" članov, je povod edino le osebni predsedodki.

Pozivljem člane društva št. 1 SSPZ, da se udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se vrši 3. maja v dvorani br. Bergerja, ker to je zadnja seja pred konvencijo in je priporočljivo, da še nekoliko razpravljamo in damo navodila delegatu, in *prihodnji konvenciji SSPZ pa želim obilo uspeha v interesu celokupnega članstva Slovenske Svobodomiselle Podporne Zveze.*

Anton Zlogar, pred.

Za združenje

Gowanda, N. Y. — Zadnje mesece se veliko čito o združenju naših po principih sličnih podpornih organizacij. Večina dopisovalcev si želi združenja, dočim nekateri direktno ali indirektno nasprotujejo temu, in urgorajo članstvo, da naj vsak član pridobi enega novega člana k svojemu društvu, pa nane bo treba pisariti o združenju. Rad bi vedel, če je mogoče tem agitatorjem raztolmačiti, kje in kako naj vsak član pridobi enega novega. To so sicer dobre ideje, ali brez dejanci so brezpomembne, ker so tudi neizvedljive po mojem mnenju v današnjih časih, o tem sem skoraj prepričan, ker sem v 10 letih s soprogo pridobil k našim društviom okrog 70 članov v oba oddelka v Gowandini, in polje je izčrpano za agitatorje kot smo.

Pri treh podpornih organizacijah v Ameriki, ki so si skoraj slične v vsem delovanju, imamo čez tisoč društev s plačanjimi društvenimi uradniki. Če tajniki prejmejo povprečno po 80 člana na mesec, to znese okrog \$55,120.00 na leto. Potem imamo predsednike, blagajnike, nadzorne odbore, plačujemo za seje, katera se vrši v soboto 20. aprila ob 8. uri zvečer v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo Rd. To je ena izmed zad-

zadnja leta kar naprej ponavljajo, konkurenco ob društvenih prireditvah, zamere če se odda dvorana enemu, ko dve društvi želite prireditev, se direktno ali indirektno kritiziramo po glasilu, tiskamo tri glasila in obdržujemo ali konvencije, pribremo dneve svojih organizacij, vsaka organizacija ima svojega advokata, pregledovalce knjig, svoje urade, glavne odbornike, i. t. d. Ali nam je vsega tega potreba? Jaz mislim, da ne, in potom združenja bi vsaj nekaj tega odpadlo z ram članstva.

Če pomislimo, koliko bi odpadlo društvenih uradnikov, kateri bi bili veseli tega (vsaj večina) koliko bi se prihranili pri sejah, ne potrebovali bi treh blagajn—odpadla bi vsaka konkurenca za članstvo med nami, in nagrade, odpadla bi konkurenca za veselice, zameri, koliko bi se prihranilo pri glasilu in konvencijah, odpadla bi kritika o dnevih teh organizacij, prihranili bi tudi gotovo pri avokatih in pregledovalcih knjig in imeli bi samo en urad mesto treh. Skupaj bi se gotovo lahko prihranilo \$100,000 članstvu na leto.

Tu pa tam sem že čital in slišal, da glavni odborniki nasprotujejo združenju, ker se boje za izgubo služb in dela. V zadnjih letih sem se osebno seznanil lahko rečem z 75% teh naših hlapcev, in ne morem trditi, da je to resnica. Če je pa kateri izmed njih proti združenju, iz sebičnih namenov, potem ni vreden biti glavni odbornik. Pri našimamo izučenih agitatorjev po naselbinah, kakor inšurenc družbe, in če bi se potom združenja nekoličko služb v gl. uradih odpavilo, in ker so naši gl. uradniki bolj zmožni agitacije, kakor društveni odbornik ali članstvo, bi bilo priporočljivo, da se jih uposli, kakor potovale agitatorje. To pa iz namena, da se njihovim družinam ne odtrga kruha od ust, kakor to delajo drugi z nami. Ti agitatorji bi gotovo več članov pridobili, kakor jih moremo mi. Če vzamemo samo denarne izvaredne nagrade, katere sedaj potrešimo v kampanjah, poštuno od dveh organizacij in glasila, pa bi lahko precej agitatorjev poslali na delo po naselbinah z meščeno plačo.

O tem bi se dalo še veliko napisati, toda, kar se mene tiče sem bil in ostanem za združenje in to ne samo pri naših organizacijah, nego tudi pri strogovnih unijah. Danes ima delavstvo v Ameriki dve veliki uni, in kam bo prišlo prihodnjega novembra? Oglejmo si to žalostno delavsko sliko, in prišli bomo do prepričanja, da nam je tudi pri naših organizacijah ZDRUŽENJE POTREBNO.

John Matekovich, št. 211.

Skupna društva v Clevelandu

Cleveland, O. — Zastupnike in zastopnice skupnih društev se opozarja, da se gotovo udeležijo seje, katera se vrši v soboto 20. aprila ob 8. uri zvečer v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo Rd. To je ena izmed zad-

Koledar prireditev

NEDELJA 5. maja — Prireditev v proslavo 4. obletnice Rožnik Juniors, CHICAGO, Ill., v dvorani br. Paula Bergerja.

NEDELJA, 19. maja — Narodni mladinski kulturni festival SSPZ v Slovenskem narodnem domu v Clevelandu, Ohio.

NEDELJA, 26. maja — Piknik društva št. 172, LIBRARY, Pa., na običajnem izletniškem prostoru.

NEDELJA, 30. junija — Proslava "Dneva SSPZ" Skupnih društev v CHICAGO, Ill., z velikim piknikom na zabavnišču, 123, cesta in Union Ave.

SOBOTA, 13. julija — Večera v vrtna veselica društva št. 19, CHICAGO, Ill., v John Roman Grove, 658 West 123rd St.

njih sej pred konvencijo, imamo pa še več važnih problemov, katere bo morala ta seja na en ali drugi način rešiti.

John J. Kikol, tajnik.

Vzhodno-ohiška federacija

Barberton, O. — Seja federacije društva SSPZ v vzhodnem Ohiju se vrši v nedeljo 28. aprila v naselbinski dvorani v Power Pointu, Ohio. Začetek ob 10. uri dopoldne. Opozorja se vsa društva, pripadajoča tej federaciji, da pošljemo svoje zastopnike na seje.

Dobro informiran ameriški časnikar, ki se nahaja na Norveškem, ko so Nemci osupili svet z okupacijo glavnega mesta Oslo in drugih strategično važnih točk na zapadni norveški obali, ima zelo pesimistično sodo o izgledih za zavezniske sile. Iz Stockholma, kjer se sedaj nahaja, pošilja poročilo, v katerem pravi, da ako Anglia in Francija v teku par tednov ne izkrcata na norveški obali izdatne ekspedicijeske sile, bodo Nemci v bližini bodočnosti imeli vso Norveško v svoji oblasti, akoravno je število nemške oborožene sile tamkaj primeroma majhno. In ne samo to.

Dnevi, v katerih se odloča usoda narodov

Ali se prihodnji udar pripravlja na Balkan? Italija baje okupira Dalmacijo.

Vznemirjenje v Ameriki

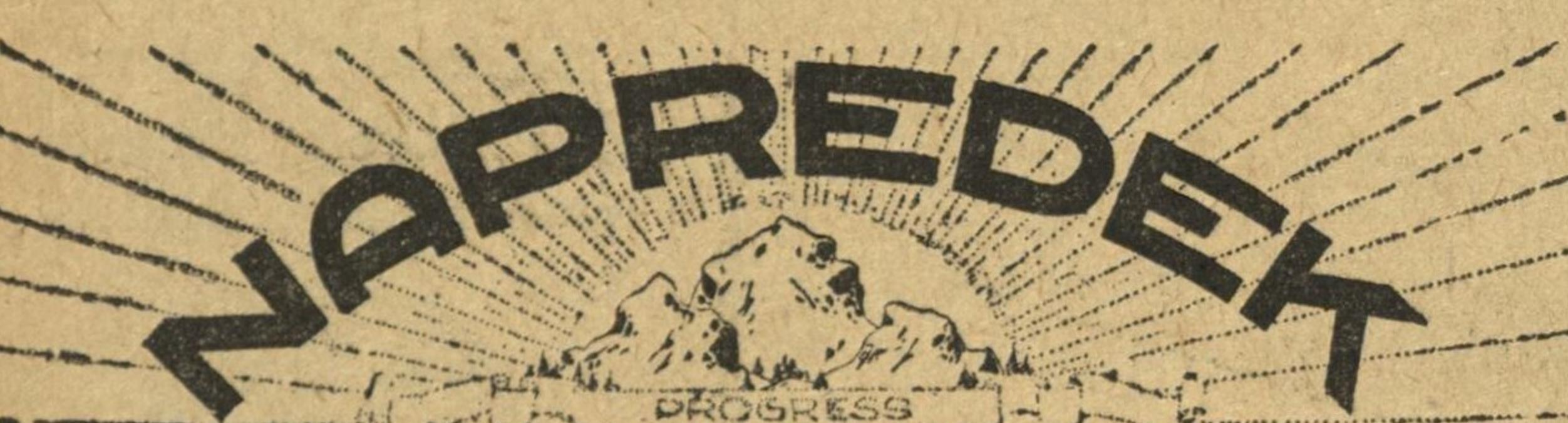
jo takega tipa, kajti kot znano je "Graf von Spee" pred par meseci v bližini brazilske obale "izvršil samomor," potem ko je bil obkoljen ob angleške morske sile. Nemška mornarica je šteala le tri bojne ladje tega tipa, ki so sicer majhne, ampak si jajno zgrajene in po svoji brzini prekašajo vsako drugo bojno ladjo enakega tipa.

Angleži tudi pravijo, da se jim je posrečilo posejeti mine po sredji Baltiškega morja prav po Nemci v bližini bodočnosti imeli vso Norveško v svoji oblasti, akoravno je število nemške oborožene sile tamkaj primeroma majhno. In ne samo to.

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ZA ZDRAVO ZDRUŽENJE

III.

PO NAŠEM MNENJU ni nobenega tehtnega razloga, zakaj bi se ne mogle v bližnji bodočnosti združiti tri slovenske bratske organizacije, ki so si bistveno sorodne, namreč SNPJ, JSKJ in SSPZ. Morda je iz enega ali drugega razloga priporočljivo se omejiti na delo za strnitev dveh; morda je ta pot tudi bolj praktična, nakar šele naj bi se podvzelo nadaljne korake za pritegnitev tretje in ostalih, ki se po mišljenu članstva malo ali nič ne razlikujejo. Da pa je taka združitev ne samo zaželjiva, temveč tudi mogoča, mislimo, da ne bo noben resen človek med nami oporekal.

Kaj bi morali imeti v prvi vrsti pred očmi, da bo taka akcija, kadar in ako se izvrši, dvignila ugled slovenskega človeka v Ameriki, ga moralno ojačila in preskrbelo, da slovenstvo v Ameriki ne bo umrlo, kadar bo utihnila slovenska gvorica? To se pravi, ko bo slovenska stvar mogla živeti in uspevati le kot pojem, kot kulturnen pojav in moralna sila. Da je to mogoče, so nam v dokaz drugi, starejši priseljenci v Ameriki, ki so jezikovno že davno izgimili s pozorišča, ampak so navzlic temu pustili definitivno sled v življenju te dežele, prispevali karakteristične poteze v oblikovanju njenega kulturnega, socialnega in političnega obraza, ter pri tem tudi ohranili svojo identiteto. Tipičen primer tega so naseljenici iz škandinavskih, nemških in anglo-saških dežel. To ni važno le radi nas samih, mnogo važnejše celo je radi Amerike; tu ne gre za nacionalistično sebičnost ali zaljubljenost v same sebe — češ, Slovenci smo ljudje posebno plemenite pasme, marveč v tem je zapovedeno vprašanje, ali razumemo vlogo, ki nam je potencialno dana, da doprinesemo svoj delež k razvijajoči se ameriški civilizaciji, ali je ne razumemo. Za nič več in za nič manj ne gre.

Pri narodih, ki imajo staro, s tradicijami očevano kulturo, to vprašanje ni bilo nikdar problem. Članom narodov, ki so gradili imperije, odkrivali kontinente in dali kulturne smeri človeštvu, ni bilo nikdar treba, da bi se učili samozavesti, ki je tako važna za krepak človeški značaj. Bili so takoreko rojeni z njo in obdržali so jo, neglede kam jih je zanesla usoda. Drugače pa je v tem oziru z malimi narodi kot smo mi Slovenci. Obremenjuje nas občutek inferiornosti, ki se nikjer tako jasno ne po kaže kot v tem kako radi naglašamo potrebo, da smo "ponosni" na to, da smo Slovenci, in s kakim zadoščenjem poudarjamo, da tega ali onega, ki kaj šteje, "ni sram," da je Slovenec ali slovenskih staršev sin ali hči. Pripadnikom velikih narodov z veliko preteklostjo niti na mar ne pride, da bi naglašali potrebo ponosa ali da bi jih bilo sram svojega izvora. Louis Adamič je o problemu inferiornosti med otroci priseljencev iz južne in vzhodne Evrope ("Novih Amerikanci," kakor jih on imenuje) že mnogo pisal, in da to ni nobena bajka, bo priznal vsakdo, ki se giblje med našo mladino, jo skuša razumeti ter ji pomagati iz psihološkega precepa, v katerem se nahaja radi svojega ozadja.

Mi smo pred časom zapisali, da smo nasprotni take mu združenju, ki bi ne pomenilo nič drugega kot združenje blagajn in glavnih uradov, to se pravi, da bi potem imeli veliko inšurenc korporacijo, ki bi bila finančno sicer lahko močna, ampak bi ne bila nič drugega kot "business." Tega mnenja smo še zmerom. Prepričani smo, da naše bratske organizacije čaka velika naloga, da svojo skupno moč porabijo za stvarno, resno in načrtreno izobraževalno akcijo med našim tukaj rojenim rodrom. Za akcijo, katera bo nekaj več kot polovičarstvo in dilettantizem, s katerim operiramo že vse predolgo in se pri tem varamo, da "izobražujemo" naše sinove in hčere v dobre in kontruktivne slovenske Amerikance. Da se izrazimo konkretno — treba bo, da bomo za mladino obdržavali redne učne tečaje, pisali in izdajali knjige in sistematično vršili nešteto podrobnega izobraževalnega dela, ampak bomo hoteli, da bodo naši mladi ljudje resnično nekaj vedeli o narodu, iz katerega izhajajo, razumeli, zakaj smo taki, kakršni smo, da naši vrlini ne bodo smatrali za slabost in se jih sramovali, da bodo poznali tudi naše napake, razumleli, odkod prihajajo in da ne bodo mislili, da so čednost. Povprečnemu mlademu ameriškemu Slovencu je naša preteklost "španska vas;" o narodu, iz katerega izhaja, ve malo ali nič, zato bi se rad odresel vsega, kar ga spominja nanj in se hitro "pamerikanil." V njem se mešajo občutki sramu in manj vrednosti, ki predstavljajo pravi pravcati psihološki dinamit.

Mnogo se je v tem pogledu že zamudilo, ampak še je prilika in čas, da se vsaj del zamujenega popravi, ako je med nami dovolj volje, smisla in razumevanja. Močna slovenska organizacija, v kateri bi bil strjen velik del našega naroda v Ameriki, bi bila kos tej, za nas in Ameriko tako važni nalogi. Bodočnost bo pokazala, če smo ji dorasli.

V združenju je moč. To je res, ampak pozabiti ne smemo, da moč je koristna le tedaj, kadar so smotri in cilji, katere se jo rabi, dobri in koristni.

blast. Ako pa bi Nemčija vdrla v Holandijo in jo zasedla, bi katerega je zainteresirani na teoretično prišla v posest oto-kov, ki se nahajajo v neposred-ni bližini Panamskega prekopa.

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Pri SSPZ plačujemo sedaj v odškodninski sklad 14c mesečno. Odškodnine za ude, operaci-je in zdravniške stroške so precej nizke, in tudi ne morejo biti višje za borih 14c, ampak večji je, ki smo člani pri dveh družtvih in tako smo deleženi dveh podpor za slučaj operacije ali izgube udov. Če bi se združili, bi nedvomno prej ali slej v samo en odškodninski sklad spadali in torej tudi samo iz enega dobivali podporo.

Z bratskim pozdravom,

Anton Zupan,

tajnik št. 216

Proti združenju

Bon Air, Pa. — Društvo št. 162 pazno zasleduje razne dopise o združenju ter je na svoji seji 6. aprila o tem vprašanju obširno razmotrivalo, meni kot delegatu za 10. redno konven- cijo pa je dalo nalogo, da podam člansko mnenje v glasilu. Meni se zelo čudno zdri, da je vedno toliko hrupa le par mesecev pred konvenco. Zakaj tudi oni, ki so tako vneti za združenje, ne prineso na dan dokazov, da naša Zveza nima več pogojev za življenje? Dalje, zakaj oni, ki so za združitev, niso podvzeli iniciativ, ko je bil čas in bi s tem dali priliko vsemu članstvu SSPZ, da izrazi svoje mnenje?

In če smo mislili kaj takega, zakaj smo potrošili toliko denarja za novo članstvo odraslega in mladinskega oddelka? Naše društvo dobro ve, kaj je prineslo združenje, namreč, da si izgubili sklade, v katere si skozi mnogo let plačevali, in v smrtninskem skladu so ti zvišali stavost od 4 do 6 let. Mislim, da je s tem vse povedano, kdor hoče misliti.

Omenim naj še to, da naše društvo še vedno pri tem obstoji, da SSPZ ima še vedno vse pogoje za življenje in da je še mnogo prilik za pridobivanje novega članstva v Pensylvaniji. Društvo št. 162 apelira na članstvo SSPZ, da dobro premisli, predno se bo odločilo za združitev in da se da pravica glasovati vsem članom SSPZ.

Vabimo tudi vse člane SSPZ in druge rojake v okolici Johnstowna, da nas obiščejo na 27. aprila, ker na ta dan bomo imeli veselico. Torej na svodenje na osovnih dobitih zaključkev. Vabimo tudi vse člane SSPZ in druge rojake v okolici Johnstowna, da nas obiščejo na 27. aprila, ker na ta dan bomo imeli veselico. Torej na svodenje na osovnih dobitih zaključkev. Ignac Groznik, delegat

Dnevi, v katerih se odloča usoda narodov

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ma javlja, da bo Italija za slučaj nemškega vpada na Balkan nemudoma okupirala Dalmacijo.

Značilno je, da je Italija čas, ko je bila Anglija presenečena na severu Evrope, porabila za mobiliziranje svoje pomorske sile v bližini Dardanel.

Rooseveltovo svarilo

Nacijska invazija Danske in Norveške je povzročilo vzne-mirjenje tudi to stran Atlantskega oceana. Predsednik Roosevelt je čin obosodil kot ne upravičljiv akt agresije. V govoru, ki ga je imel pred odboru Pan-ameriške unije v Washingtonu je mrko opozoril na možno nevarnost, ki preti vsem ameriškim državam ter jih sprosno pozival k skupni obrambi, tako da bi bila katera izmed ameriških republik ogrožena od zunanjih sile. V tej zvezki se opozarja, da sta Greenlandia in Islandija, ki sta del zapadne, oziroma ameriške poloble, danska posest, in da bi v slučaju nemške zmagre prišli pod nacijsko o-

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Popolnoma se strinjam z br. Florijanom Fishkom iz Ohio. Še več takih dopisovalcev bi bilo treba v našem glasilu "Napredek." Če so tisti napredni elementi tako za združenje, zakaj pa ne gledajo, da bi se delavske politične organizacije združile v eno, da ne bi prišlo tako kot je leta 1938 v državi Pennsylvani-ji, ki so imelo vse napredne organizacije svojega kandidata, nakar smo dobili republikanca na čelo državne vlade. Zato naj pazijo delegatje na 10. redni konvenciji, kako bodo glasovali glede združenja.

Vsi Slovenci in bratje Hrvatje od blizu in daleč, zapomnite si datum dne 26. maja, ko naša društvo št. 172 SSPZ priredi velik piknik na Joe's Place, in prošeni ste, da ne pritejate piknikov na omenjeni dan.

Anton Kuna, zapisnik št. 172

SPREMENBE V ČLANSTVU PRI DRUŠTVIH SSPZ ZA MESEC FEBRUAR 1940

Changes in Membership by SSPZ Lodges for the Month of February

Dr. št. Lodge No.

2 Umrl: Frank Resnik, 50, C. A2628
6 Novo pristopil: Fred Jarvi, 42, C. 25337.

18 Črtan: Joseph Cigole, 48, C. A9477; umrla: Frances Lužar, 41, C. A1327.

20 Novo pristopila: Frances Mihevc, 18, C. 43215; Mike Poklar, 47, C. 25338; črtan: Anna Malich, 29, C. 40148; Louis Malich, 38, C. 20278; plačana police sta vuela: Antonia Sluga, 18, C. 40528; Julia Sluga, 18, C. 41229; umrl: John Zorc, 43, C. 22872; Andrew Sterbenk, 47, C. 20295; Rudolph Perdan, 47, C. 22233.

22 Novo pristopili: Vencel Batic, 21, C. 25339; August Zupancic, 18, C. 25340; Artur Bencik, 18, C. 25341; Nellie Mueller, 27, C. 43217; umrl: Steve Stancic, 44, C. 41259.

25 Novo pristopil: John Filak, 18, C. 25342; črtan: Michael Kočevar, 18, C. 25128.

26 Novo pristopila: Mildred Rijavec, 18, C. 41014.

29 Novo pristopila: William Semproničnik, 18, C. 43221; (za mesec Jan.) Mary Semproničnik, 18, C. 43222.

36 Prestopila od dr. št. 131: Frank Kmet, 39, C. 40036; Danilla Kmet, 27, C. 50004.

38 Prestopila od dr. št. 124: Mary Misouri, 38, C. 23646.

41 Novo pristopila: Joseph Tekstar, 18, C. 25345; Aug. Rosenberg, 18, C. 25344.

54 Novo pristopila: Margaret Mlakar, 18, C. 25346.

56 Črtana: Joe Porenta, 40, C. 23968; Rudolph Porenta, 18, C. 41084.

63 Novo pristopil: Frank Anzich Jr., 18, C. 25347.

67 Črtan: John Hrašar, 18, C. 20648.

69 Novo pristopil: Joseph Tandarich, 18, C. 25348.

74 Novo pristopila: Vilma Krajec, 18, C.

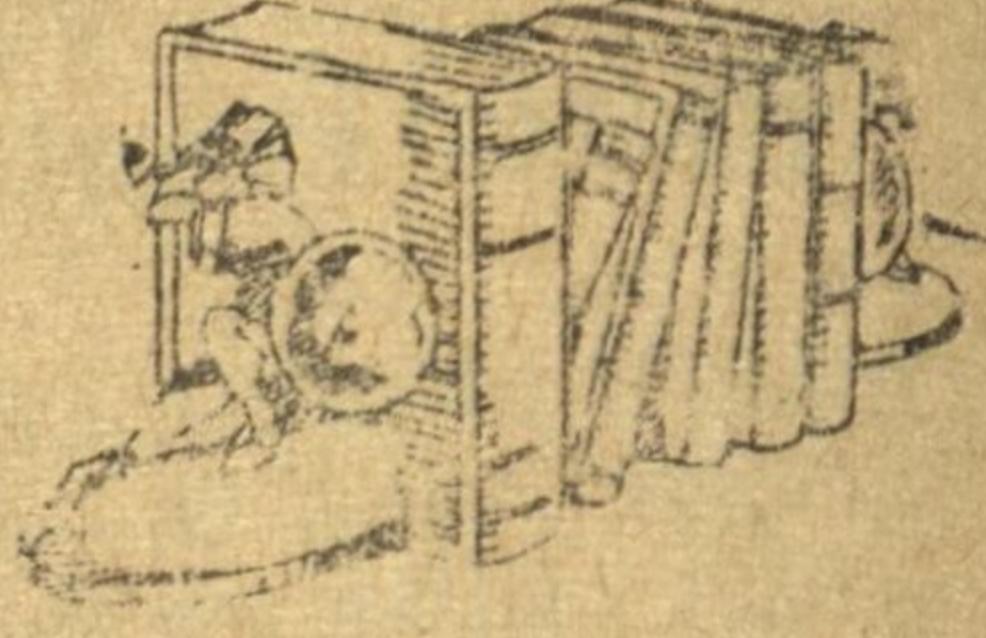


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Spartans Sweep 1940 Team & Doubles National Bowling Championships

L. Batis, A. Bolka; A. Zagar and S. Zabukovec Win Doubles Crowns. John Pouhe of Victorians and Anna Volkar of Hoosier Pals Are Singles Champions

By Michael Vrhovnik

The Third National Bowling Tournament of the SSPZ passed into history last Sunday afternoon at Bennett's Ace Arcade Alleys in Chicago and along with it plenty of records for the book. So thorough was the attack on the old marks, irrespective of division, that only three escaped being topped, one of which was the men's Doubles score of 1174 established last year, and the other two individual high single games of 246 and 230 for men and women, respectively.

Dominating the tournament play were the SPARTAN bowlers from Cleveland, who returned home with trophies and cash prizes emblematic of championships in the Five-man and Five-woman Team and Doubles events, setting three new marks in acquiring 1940 title to them. The Five-man Team champions, JOE MOZE, FRANK KONCAN, EDWARD and STANLEY CENTA, AND ANTHONY BOLKA, bowled superbly, crashing the maples for a new three year record of 2784, while last year's winners, the UTOPIANS, with a total of 2652, had to be content with runners-up honors. The Five-woman Team champions, for the second consecutive year, led by STELLA ZABUKOVEC and ANTONIA ZAGAR, repeaters for the women's Doubles title, amassed the surprising total of 2260, more than 300 pins higher than the previous

Summons to the Tenth Regular Convention

of the

Slovene Progressive Benefit Society

The members of the Supreme Board and the duly elected delegates or their alternates, whose names are published in the Official Organ, are hereby notified to attend the sessions of the Tenth Regular Convention of the Slovene Progressive Benefit Society, which shall commence on Monday, May 20, 1940, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. (E. S. T.), at the Slovene Workingmen's Home, located at 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Everyone shall regard this summons as an official notification and consider it as final and effective for all the members of the Supreme Board and delegates, and for the attendance thereto.

JOHN KVARTICH,
Supreme President

WILLIAM RUS,
Supreme Secretary.

DIRECTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS & INFORMATION TO DELEGATES AND THE SUPREME BOARD

1. Every member of the Supreme Board and every delegate must be present at the Convention at the time specified in the summons.

2. On the day prior to the commencement of the Convention, that is on Sunday, May 19, 1940, the SSPZ National Juvenile Cultural Festival, with a rich program, shall be held at the Slovene National Home, located at 6401-21 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. The program will consist of such numbers as singing, declamations, dancing, music, dramatics, etc., which will be rendered by the members of the Vrtec units from the various cities and states. With this affair, the youth of our Society wishes to reveal to us their ability to the fullest extent and give us a few hours of enlightenment and personal enjoyment. Because this affair has, before all, been arranged for the delegates of the Convention and is considered, materially, as a part of the Convention, the delegates should regard it as their duty to be present at this Festival.

3. Because no arrangements have been made for delegates, traveling in groups, the delegates may travel at any time or in any manner that is most suitable to them. According to the By-Laws, the delegates shall be reimbursed for their traveling expenses by the Society, which should be understood, as the traveling expense covering the fare on a regular railroad. Every delegate, when purchasing his railroad ticket, must request a receipt from the agent, so that he may submit it to the proper Convention Committee for the approval of the payment of his traveling expenses. Delegates, who will travel by means other than the railroad, shall be entitled to a refund of traveling expenses, in the same manner as if they would have traveled on a railroad.

4. Delegates, who have not already provided for their quarters, should make arrangements, in advance, by writing to Bro. John Kikol, at 19012 Mohawk Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, or to Bro. Frank Pucel, who resides at 17921 Delavan Road, Cleveland, Ohio. It is not necessary to make any reservations for meals, because these will be provided and served on the premises of the Slovene Workingmen's Home, in the building that will house the Convention.

5. All the delegates and the Supreme Board Officers shall assemble at the Slovene Workingmen's Home, unless they have made other provisions. Individual delegates will not be met at the railroad station, but if a group of delegates intend to arrive on the same hour and if such intentions are reported to Brothers Kikol and Pucel, the group will be met at the terminal and escorted to the place of assembly. The delegates may also employ

high. The HOOSIER PALS entry in this division took second place with a 2150 score.

No new records were established in the Men's Doubles event where LUDWIG BATIS and ANTHONY BOLKA collaborated to displace the former two-time champs, AL MAREN and MATT LEVAR of the BALKANS, but in the women's division, a 992 score was posted for ANTONIA ZAGAR and STELLA ZABUKOVEC, bettering the previous high by 122 pins and giving the same combination the honor of coping the title twice in a row. In the runners-up position is a HOOSIER PALS duet, LEONA (Turk) SCHOOLY and ELLEN BARNES, who bowled 877, higher by seven pins than the old mark.

In the men's Singles event, the number of outstanding scores were few, for only JOHN POUHE of the Chicago VICTORIANS was able to break through last year's high of 594 with a record breaking series of 622, winning the crown over FELIX BLAZICH of the Indianapolis DANICA LODGE by a margin of 39 pins. On the other hand, the women entries in the same event showed exceptional form as they forced ANNA VOLKER of the HOOSIER PALS, 1940 SSPZ Singles Champ, to extend herself to a record total of 516, and MARY LENKO of the BALKANS, the runner-up, to a 510 score.

Due to the large number of teams bowling on Sunday, 32 in all, the final and official All-events and High Single Game winners and their respective scores are not available for publication in this issue of the Napredok, but will be reported by the Committee in

the following issue, along with a complete list of scores, as well as cash prizes awarded to teams and individuals. Trophies and cash prizes for All-events and High Single Games which have not been awarded because of incomplete scores, have by this time been forwarded to their proper destinations.

All bowlers and rooters are complimented on the fine sportsmanship displayed throughout the tournament, and but for the slowing up of events on the opening day, due entirely to unforeseen circumstances, the VICTORIAN TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE can be proud of the fact that the day affair was completed with little or no confusion and to the satisfaction of nearly all who attended. Perhaps, no part of the tournament was more exciting or thrilling than the Five-man and Five-woman Team events of the final day. Every seat in the stands back of the bowlers and every inch of space in the aisles were crowded with spectators. There was cheering and yelling galore, not just for Lodge favorites, but for anyone who happened to make a good hit. That was the spirit all the way through.

The attendance at the "Kegler's Welcome Dance" at the spacious Masonic Temple was quite large, especially, in the lower hall where the crowd was so thick at times one could hardly move around. There, as during the banquet late Sunday afternoon when more than 250 people enjoyed a several course dinner, the spirit of the SSPZ was rampant. It was in the air and everyone was talking it up; one just couldn't help

but feel it command the entire situation. Here, too, the 1940 Champions were introduced, trophies and medals were presented to them and cash prizes were awarded, many of whom showed surprise when their name was called to come and receive their share of the total of \$368.25 distributed among the winners. It was a grand finish to a grand week-end of activities and we have everyone, who participated and worked to put them over, MOST ESPECIALLY the VICTORIAN TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE, who planned, supervised and managed the affairs, to thank and congratulate for their success.

NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT

The 4th National Bowling Tournament of the SSPZ will be held in Indianapolis with LODGE NO. 22 (DANICA) as the host. The site of the 1941 tournament was decided by those who were present at the UTOPIANS of Cleveland and the other from LODGE DANICA, with the latter being the choice of the great majority, which was evidenced by the deafening and sustained cheer which followed its introduction. THOMAS NAUMSEK, President of the DANICA, extended an invitation to all members to come to Indianapolis next year where another great time will be in store for everyone. There is no doubt about that and we hope that all the old faces, plus many more new ones, will be on hand when the signal is given for the start of the 1941 SSPZ NATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT in INDIANAPOLIS.

Convention-eers, Onward!

Indianapolis Bids for Next Meet

CLEVELAND-Collinwood, O. — Bowling news will probably be the thing in today's paper, so before you begin considering me an unwelcome intruder, allow me to state my case. Big affairs such as conventions and such, are liable to come up from behind when we're not looking and catch us unawares. So, in order to awaken us gradually to the fact that May 19-24 are big days, I have smothered a wild desire to write poetry, (oh, how lucky you readers are) and will instead devote a word or two to the Tenth National Convention of the SSPZ.

Things are starting off with a bang on Sunday, May 19 (which isn't far off as it seems, being only a month from tomorrow). The Vrtec Cultural Festival will expose us to the talents of the younger generation in a variety program at the Slovene National Home on E. 65th and St. Clair. Our own Collinwood Vrtec will include, in its part of the program, the talented young up-and-coming opera star, Monsieur Fritz Hribar, who will burst forth in a solo, unless further coaxing on the part of Vrtec administrator, officers, and friends will result in a duet from Fritz and his brother Albert. Time will tell.

The afternoon will be followed by a dance characteristic of our Slovene programs. Out-of-towners will certainly have something to look forward to, for Cleveland affairs have never missed being fun for everybody.

After Sunday night, we will pack our bags and move out to Collinwood, commonly known by St. Clairers "out in the country," but we're far from being in the stage where we pull in our sidewalks at 9 p. m. Then comes the convention. Not that I'm trying to keep you in suspense or anything, but I shall

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3. Further instructions shall follow.

Sincerely yours,
M. Clifford Townsed,
Governor

the St. Clair Avenue street car, to take them from the terminal to the Slovene Workingmen's Home.

6. All details regarding the program during the term of the Convention, will be published by the Committee on Arrangements of the United SSPZ Lodges of Cleveland.

7. Further instructions shall follow.

WILLIAM RUS, Supreme Secretary

Annual Conference on Slovene Day

Minutes

The conference, held Sunday, Feb. 4, 1940, at the Slovene Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa., was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President F. J. Arch.

Mr. Anton Rednak and Mr. F. J. Kress were appointed recorders for the conference. Mr. Anton Cipic arrived and replaced Mr. Rednak.

President Arch submitted the Business of Order, which in turn was approved by the representatives.

The Credential Committee submitted the following report:

37 representatives attended representing 47 lodges and 7 independent societies. Seventeen lodges sent declarations that they would cooperate with the Slovene Day movement, but were unable to send delegates to this conference. With these 17 lodges a total of 71 lodges were represented at the conference.

The letter of invitation from Governor M. Clifford Townsed is typical of other three and reads as follows:

Slovene Progressive Benefit Society,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Members:

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings on behalf of the State of Indiana to the Slovene Progressive Benefit Society on the occasion of its meet in Chicago, Illinois.

The State of Indiana joins with your Indiana members, the Indianapolis Convention and Publicity Bureau, and other agencies in extending a most cordial invitation to your organization to meet in Indianapolis in 1941.

The historical, cultural, and industrial attractions which are to be found in Indiana prove to be most interesting to delegates and our central geographical location is a decided asset to all organizations meeting here. It is my hope that your members will decide to accept this sincere invitation.

Sincerely yours,
M. Clifford Townsed,
Governor

Out of respect for the late Mr. Anton Barilar, former member of the Slovene Day committee, the representatives were asked to stand in silence for one minute.

Committee report: The president reported that the first Slovene Day was a real success, showing that the Slovenes and their friends were doing their part by cooperation through all possible avenues of advertising and word of mouth, to show other fellow countrymen that we are also proud of the fact that we are Slovenes.

The secretary reported that he had performed all the duties that were assigned to him, and took this opportunity to thank all the Slovenes and friends who helped make this affair such a grand success.

The treasurer's report submitted by the treasurer showed: Receipts — \$1,379.09, disbursements — \$1,109.07. Cash balance or net profit — \$270.02.

The Auditing Committee reported that all books and records were checked, audited and found to be correct.

Motion carried that the reports of the standing committee be accepted and recorded in the minutes.

Motion carried that speakers

be limited to 2 minutes of time.

Motion carried that the following sections of the new by-laws be approved as read by the secretary. Section 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-10-11-12-13-14 and 15. Section 9 was changed, which made it optional for the lodges and other clubs to pay a membership of \$1.00 if they so desired.

Motion carried that the minutes of this conference be published in Slovene and English in all fraternal papers which are available to the Ex. Committee.

Motion carried that a program booklet be arranged, similar to the one had last year.

Motion carried that the Second Annual Slovene Day be held at West View Park, Pa., on Saturday, July 13, 1940.

Motion carried that no reimbursements will be made to speakers who shall appear on the program.

Motion carried that the following appropriations be made: \$25.00 for advertising of the Second Annual Slovene Day on Slovene radio programs, \$10.00 to a local forum organization for the sponsoring of Mr. Louis Adamic's lecture in Pittsburgh in the near future, \$10.00 to the Cathedral of Learning for the Jugoslav Room, \$20.00 to the four singing societies who participated in the first Slovene Day, and \$10.00 to Matt Spoler as remuneration for the fine work he performed in the past year.

Motion carried that traveling expenses at the rate of 5 cents per mile be paid to members of the committee.

Motion carried that the executive committee shall arrange to provide for refreshments which will be needed at the next outing.

Motion carried that a surety bond be provided for the treasurer, amount of bond not to exceed \$1,000.00.

Motion carried that a 10% commission be paid to members who solicit advertising for the program book.

The following officers and committee members were elected unanimously for the year 1940: President, Dr. F. J. Arch; 1st Vice Pres., Paul Klun; 2nd Vice Pres., Stanley Progar; Sec'y

Picnic of Lodge 172 Announced

Library, Pa. — The SSPZ Lodge 172 is sponsoring its annual picnic and dance at Joe's Place on May 26, 1940. The music will be rendered by Paul Dolinar and His Merrymakers. The admission for dancing will be 25¢. Refreshments will be served.

All members of SSPZ Lodge 172 are urged to attend the May 26th meeting. Many interesting questions must be discussed and settled.

On May 19, the Juvenile Festival will be held in Cleveland, O. A few of the members from Lodge 172 are planning to attend.

The coming conference will be on June 2, 1940, at Yukon, Pa. The selection of delegates will be taken care of on the May 12th meeting.

Hoping to see you all on May 26, at Joe's Place, I remain,
Fraternally yours,

Matthew Dermott,
President

UNITED LODGES OF CLEVELAND

Members of the above named group are requested to attend the meeting which will be held Saturday, April 20, at 8 p. m. in Slovene Workmen's Home on Waterloo Road. The SSPZ Convention is only about a month away and there are still some important problems pertaining to the Convention that have to be solved.

John J. Kikol, Sec'y

Vice Pres., Stanley Progar; 3rd Vice Pres., Michael Bahor; Secretary, Matt Spolar; Asst. Sec'y, Sylvia Fabec; Treasurer, John Decman; Recorder, Anton Cipic; Auditing committee, P. J. Sumic, Chairman, M. Hudale, Anton Erzen, Anton Rednak, John Fabec, Jr.; Publicity committee, F. J. Boltey, Esq., chairman; Program committee, F. J. Kress, chairman; Sports committee, Stanley Progar, chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Dr. F. J. Arch, chairman, Anton Cipic, recorder, F. J. Kress, recorder.

Power Point Jrs.

DEATH OF BRO. LESJACK
Power Point, O. — Well, I haven't written for quite a long time in the Napredok. Now I just had to make myself write. I am going to write about our faithful brother whom we lost Feb. 22, Joseph Lesjack, who passed away after only a week's illness. He had the flu which developed into pneumonia. He has left many relatives and friends and was loved by many. He was a very good member of the SSPZ lodge, No. 181. He was in this lodge for a number of years. We will never get another member like brother Joseph Lesjack was. We Vrtec members will never forget him. The adult lodge members also will not forget all the good deeds he has done for them. He was always ready to help whenever it was necessary. He worked very hard and did all he could to help everybody. We all miss him very very much and I doubt that we will ever get another member like he was. It seems to be true that the best ones always go first.

Clara Chuck, Sec'y

Outlookers

(Continued from Vrtec Section)

"Is that you, Dudley?"

"Yes."

"This is Henderson, boss. I'm in a plane and we're circling over Carwell Dam. I just want to tell you that the bridge might go down within an hour or so. Do you want it blocked?"

"You don't have to bother about that, Henderson. The bridge is supposed to be safe, isn't it? And what happens to it, nobody will be able to blame us."

(To be continued)

DAWN PATROL

Gowanda, N. Y. — First of all I wish to thank you for the check I received for my previous articles. I was sure surprised and glad to see it and it will come in handy for some Spring clothes.

On March 25, 1940 all the Vrtec members were deeply shocked when our beautiful little member Rose Marie Nechamer passed away. She had been ill for a short time and was five months old and our youngest Vrtec member. She is survived by her mother, father, brother and many friends. Rose Marie was called away to another world, a world far greater than our own and this lovely little member has gone but not forever for she shall always remain in our hearts. May Rose Marie rest peacefully.

For a couple of weeks now we have been having good Spring weather but one morning I awoke to find to my disappointment more snow. I thought winter was over for this year, but I guess we are just beginning to have winter.

Well it's not far off before we will be going to the convention. I believe the delegates can just about wait for that month to come. Probably this next month will take long to arrive.

I hope we have many members attending the meeting this month and hope we can conduct it as good as we have at our last meeting. What happened to our Roving Reporter and the reporters and our other writers last month. Well is Spring fever getting the best of you? I hope not, and hope we may have more articles this coming month.

Before I close I give my best regards to the SSPZ juveniles.

Violet Widgay, Treas.

Vrtec 148

Mountaineers**MOUNTAINEERS**

Pierce, W. Va. — "Variety is the spice of life," so here is a little bit of everything. The last meeting of the Mountaineers was well attended. Due to the absence of the president, vice-president Virginia Kavcic conducted the meeting. It was suggested that we have a party. All of the members were in favor of this, but it was decided that the plans be made at the April meeting. So all you members get that good ol' Mountaineer spirit and attend all the meetings. You know, our annual Vrtec picnic will be held in June or July, and we want it to be a success, don't we? So members, let's cooperate!

I see that Virginia Kavcic gathered up enough courage to write for the Vrtec page. Keep it up, Virginia, and be one of the regular contributors for the Vrtec page. How about some of you other Mountaineers? Get your pens out and write a few lines.

I failed to mention in previous articles that Helen Bulick, one of our former Vrtec members, has transferred to the adult department. Helen was a very loyal member and booster of the Vrtec. Sorry you had to leave us, Helen!

In another month a number of the SSPZ Vrtec members will be packing their bags and leaving for the long-awaited trip to Cleveland. I'm sure it will be a pleasure to meet all you fine members of different Vrtec units.

So-long until May 18.

Mary Klevisher, Treas.

Vrtec 140

OH! THAT FREE SHOW

One day a gang of young boys and girls were playing baseball on the street.

The girls are up to bat. Girl number one goes up to bat. Strike one, two and three. You're out! Ah shucks! Girl number two goes up and there goes a ground ball way down the road. Yea-a-a-a! My how much excitement! Nice going, kid, nice going.

All this excitement awakens a lady who was sleepin' after having some of that very "strong water." Here she comes up the road. Ah, oh! here she starts to rattle off. "Hey, gals, let me sho' you how to play ball." Of course, all the girls are willing to let her play.

The boys are up to bat now. Wow! there goes a ball down the road. Whew! There goes the lady after it. Here she comes running with it and bang! it

Dawn Patrol

Gowanda, N. Y. — This is my third article in the "Napredok" about our Vrtec. We are now starting a hobby club, and are collecting all sorts of things—stamps, war pictures, match books, boxing pictures, union labels, and many others. The time is also here to begin with athletics.

We have had bad luck in our Vrtec and lost our first member, Rose Mary Nechamer, who died of pneumonia. Most of the Vrtec members turned out for the funeral, with Dick Klancer, Harry Klun, Dick Hemelewski and myself being pallbearers. Our president, Ralph Korbar, read his written address at the grave.

We hope George Samson one of the senior lodge members will get well soon, because we need him now, for summer sports. He sure was sick but is getting better now.

Now to get into little mischievous part. Some of our members, including myself, just don't know what they would do with him or her if they should

hits the boy. "Say, lady, who do you think I am anyway?"

"Listen, boy, you hit the ball too hard for me to run after. I old lady and no can run too much."

"O. K. I'll not do it again," the boy replies.

Boy number two goes up. He hits a hard fly and the lady catches it. My! how happy she was then. Should you blame her, though? Going through all that trouble to catch a fly. There goes boy number three and down the road the ball sails. Again the poor old lady goes after it. Ha! ha! ha! She fell. "Cut out that laughing," says one of the on-lookers.

Ah, oh! Here she comes back but not with a smile on her face. Now she starts. There. You take that for laughing at me. She finds another ball. There it goes again. Ouch! Ouch!

The game is over now because all the youngsters are having fun with the lady. "Hey you, watch yourself." There she is. Boo-o-o. How that hurts! She's got everybody running now.

"Kids, get out of the road; here comes a truck."

"Stop, stop," says the lady. The truck stops. The lady gets on and the truck starts to move. But she doesn't want to go for a ride. "Stop, stop, I don't want to ride. Me afraid." "Well, what do you want? Get off," the truck driver says.

Nope, she wouldn't get off. So a colored man says, "Here sister, I'll help ya off." She's still very energetic and stays on the truck.

A man comes along, and he tells the colored man to let the lady alone or he'll be put in jail for touching a white lady. He certainly did get frightened and disappeared in a few minutes.

She still insists on staying on the truck, but the men are tired of waiting so she is dumped off. Now she starts again. Everybody is running—young and old—for she's looking for rocks. Don't fool yourself, I ran, too.

The lady is very tired after doing all that hard work. She goes in her yard and tries to rest; but still the youngsters bother her. She starts to sing, "I sell my shoes, to buy more booze, nobody knows how dry I am." Ha! Ha! Ha! Wasn't that funny? And how!

Night has come and the youngsters go home to let the poor, tired lady doze off. My! this was a wonderful evening for the children. Wouldn't you think so, too, if you would have been one of the crowd?

Mary Klevisher
Vrtec 140

find out who he or she is. I mean our "Roving Reporter." It is eight months already since this member is telling SSPZ members about our members in Gowanda and still, we are unable to find out who this reporter is. Oh, well, it's only fun, so keep up "Roving Reporter," maybe some day we will give you a party. Who is the boy—lending his bicycle to girls? What is the matter with our "blonde." Come up and see us some time. Danica. Soon we will be holding our meeting at Slovene picnic grounds frying weiners, drinking pop, or maybe just good spring water with ice cream.

How did some of you Vrtec members in other towns like our picture in last edition? Anyone wishing to produce the same play should write to John Matekovich Sr., who happens to be her yet. Get busy and bring them to her or to the collector, Richard Klancer.

We have a pretty good record of not losing members with the exception of one. Let's hope we'll keep up the good work.

John Matekovich, Jr.

ROVING REPORTER'S LETTER

Hello Vrtec members! Back

again after one month of ab-

Challenger Juniors

(Continued from Vrtec Section)

does "Red" Kress and Evelyn Yarhosky like to "hookey" from school so often?... Wonder how "Peanuts" Ellis like living in Houston?...

Five new members were admitted into our Vrtec during the past month, namely Frances Senkinc, Bertha Pavcic, Frankie Drenik Jr. and two pretty young ladies from Houston, Alice Mihelomis and Evelyn Mihelomis.

DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH THE CHALLENGER JR'S.

We'll start our memory review with the year 1935. In that year the officers of the Challenger Jrs. were: president, William Drenik; vice president, Joseph Zupancic; sec'y and treasurer, Mildred Glazar, and sergeant-at-arms, Edward Florganic.

In that year the three little piggies, Inky, Dinky, and Pinky, gained much popularity even though they weren't known. An appreciative audience witnessed the Mother's Day pro-

sence with more news from our Vrtec and locality. Before going on with my report, our Vrtec extends its deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Nechamer upon the loss of their daughter, Rose Marie. Although not a member, we also extend our sympathy to the Krainz family upon the loss of their daughter Betty. After five weeks of serious illness our jolly accordion player, Bro. George Samsor is on the road to recovery; he is now recuperating at home. Hurry George, we miss you and your playing, and by the way, I heard the athletic manager mention what are we going to do about our softball team now that you are sick. There's work for you already as soon as you are well. Members be sure and pay him a visit.

Taking it upon my shoulders, I think many thanks are due to the people who gave their cars for Rose Marie Nechamer's funeral and attended the services in such large numbers.

Just a few briefs about our last meeting. How is the Hobby Club coming along? How is your stamp collection, Johnny? Dick and Stub, are you still cutting your prints out of the papers. By the way, Joe Leonard, what is your hobby? It sure isn't picking girls' names out.

Just a few comments on the two blonde girls, one of them our delegate, who is a quiet home type girl. Ah, wait until she gets to Cleveland. She will be the girl with the "Miss" in front of her name. Am I right, "V"? The other little girl is a bright pupil in the Slovenian school. Hippo, I'll bet you have a surprise for us all about your hobby collection. We'll see about this at the meeting. Our meeting was very well attended, with thirty members present. Here's hoping we have the same April 14. The refreshments were served again by our two good-looking members "Francy" and "Mitzi." What's in store for the coming meeting, girls?

We sure are having fun with our roller skates. It is good to see the snow gone, and the robins building their nests, which is a sure sign that Spring is here. Just a little reminder. I heard our administratrix say at the last meeting she wanted more action on the part of those who haven't given their pictures to her yet. Get busy and bring them to her or to the collector, Richard Klancer.

We have a pretty good record of not losing members with the exception of one. Let's hope we'll keep up the good work.

I remain your

Roving Reporter

gram that was presented on Sunday May 12, at the Slovene Home. The program was arranged in the form of an SSPZ Broadcasting Station in which 50 members gave their interpretation of a mother's love in various recitation, drills, musical selections and songs.

On May the 20th about 30 boys and girls ranging in ages from 4 to 16 awoke bright and early and led by Administratrix "Jo" Ambrose and Michael Vrhovnik the latter substituting for the administrator "Nickie" Blandine who was unable to be on hand because of regular work took a long hike thru "Snake Hill" woods and nearby fields.

On Feb. 28th the Challengers numbering about 50 gathered on Dam Hill and held a coasting party. The party began at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and one saw sleds of all sizes and styles on parade. At the slope of the hill a large blazing bonfire was built by the chairman, Joseph Zupancic. After several hours of coasting members gathered around the fire and enjoyed the roasting of hot dogs.

In December of the year 1935 the Christmas program sponsored by the Challenger Jrs. was greatly enjoyed by both the youngsters who participated and the adults who witnessed it. Recitations, songs, dances, carols, etc. were part of the entertainment and were well applauded.

The Juniors were greatly honored to have Michael Vrhovnik with them at their first Christmas party and listened intently to the interesting speech made by him. Mr. Vrhovnik pointed out the advantage of being a Vrtec member, how to be a loyal booster, and what rapid gains the Vrtec had made.

In concluding Nick Blandine, retired administrator, appeared in the person of Santa Claus and distributed goodies and gifts to all members. So come to a successful close the Challenger Jrs. first Christmas party and program.

SNOOPS

What's this we hear about Grace Vrtec corresponding with a certain young Pete. (How does Pat rate Grace?)

Mary Jane wants to take back what she said about not caring for boys. She thinks Bill D. is tops.

We once heard Blanche say that she didn't like any boy in particular. (But we all "kinda" wonder about Harvey.)

Red Kress and Pooch are still constant companions. (I don't think they'll break up.)

Why can't the Christy sisters agree for a change?

Is Billy Zeitz the handsome young romeo who is keeping company with a certain Mary?

Bill is a handsome lad, When he sees Mary he's very glad. In school he is a teacher's pest. He doesn't give them a moment's rest.

Blow-gum is full of pep and vim, A wisecrack machine must be concealed within.

He is happy-go-lucky lad And always around when there's fun to be had.

The quietest girl in our knitting class Is Jo-An Vrhovnik the studious lass. Her cheeks are rosy, her teeth are white.

The boys pursue her when she comes in sight.

Personality plus is Blanche's speed When it comes to looks she's in the lead,

She has a soft soothing voice and pretty blonde hair,

And the friendliest smile you could not compare.

In our Vrtec is a studious lass, In sporty clothes she's always clad When intelligence is to be found Frances Zele is always around.

Little Miss Muffet

Freshman Class Theme

Geese is a low, heavy-set bird which is mostly meat and feathers. His head sits on one side and he sits on the other. Geese can't sing much on account of dampness of the moisture. He ain't got no between-his-toes and he's got a little balloon in his stomach to keep him from sinking. Some geese when they gets big has curl on their tails and is called ganders. Ganders don't have to sit and hatch but just eat and loaf and go swimming. If I was a goose, I'd rather be a gander.

JOYOUS THOUGHTS

While ye, the seniors relax in your favorite chair and reminisce of the Bowling Tournament in Chicago, we, the younger set, joyously imagine the grand days of our Festival ahead of us. Undoubtedly your thoughts, too, have strayed to this gala affair. There will await friends you haven't seen in years, folks you've never met before. Perhaps old acquaintances will be renewed.

FORGET NOT!
Sygan Hill, Pa. — Forget not our monthly meeting on Friday, April 19, 1940 at 7:00 at the Sygan Hill Club House. Remind our members, who seem to be so forgetful, that it's meeting day. Fun has been arranged to add to the monthly occasion.

Sec'y, Vrtec 72

Friday, March 15, 1940

Dear Diary:

Today a person told me you are a source of trouble. Keeping you, she said, would involve peculiar circumstances. Do you think I'm wise taking these chances?

As every third Friday of the month was and is, it again was meeting nite at the club. A large attendance added to a more friendly atmosphere.

At 7:00 the regular meeting was called to order by John Dolinar. Minutes, finances, bills and so forth were read. Since George Prosen has unfortunately injured himself and since he is unable to attend meetings regularly Margaret Erzen, our ex-treasurer was again placed into her usual office, as treasurer. A lovely program and dancing followed the meeting.

Julia Kramzer