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Catholic Mission Aid Dinner Feb 12 at St. Vitus

On Sunday, February 12th, the Catholic Mission Aid (CMA-MZA) is holding a delicious dinner at St. Vitus auditorium.

Twenty years ago, Mrs. Mary Otonicar wished to contribute to the needy through CMA-MZA, with her specialty of a hearty meal, and invite family and friends who share the same ideals. She headed the cooking with many volunteers, and that was the beginning of what now continues annually. Mrs. Otonicar has since died and is helping from above as her legacy continues headed by Ivanka Pretnar.

The dinner consists of soup, chicken or roast beef, along with potatoes, rice, vegetable, and salad. Of course, dessert and coffee are the final touch. The serving starts at 11:30 a.m. and goes until 1 p.m. Tickets may be reserved by calling 481-3768 or 881-5163, but are also available at the door, for \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

This gives you a perfect opportunity to be with your family and longtime friends on Sunday Feb. 12 without the fuss of cooking, and thus make new friends in a congenial atmosphere. Carry-out service will also be available. It is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal in your home or with someone who is ill and unable to come, or perhaps a young mother with a new baby who can't quite travel the distance yet. Keep these special people in mind.

We are looking forward to sharing a delicious home cooked meal, served with love and at the same time help the hungry throughout the world. The Church continually reminds us that what we do to the least of our brothers and sisters in Jesus' name we do unto God.

Won't you consider helping the less fortunate in the spirit of Lent? If you are unable to attend, then please remember CMA-MZA with your prayers. Of course, we always accept donations with your special intentions.

We thank you ahead of time, and may God bless you.

Holmes Ave. Pensioners News

The January meeting of the Holmes Ave. Pensioners of Collinwood was called to order by the new president, John Habat, on Jan. 11th. There were 194 members present.

Jennie Schultz, tour director, gave her report on the tours that were taken during the year, making a total of 10 one day trips. Thank you, Jennie and your husband, Carl for all the photos and tapes taken.

Mary Lavrich gave her final report on the treasury. Louise Fujda is the new secretary-treasurer. Many thanks to Mary for a job well done for the many years she held office.

Correspondence was read. Our delegate to attend the Collinwood Slovenian Home stockholders meeting will be Antoinette McGrath.

A large get well card was signed by the members as they entered to attend the meeting. It will be presented to Frank Fabec who is home recuperating from heart surgery. Also, get well to all our sick members.

Alice Opalich, our member, celebrated her 80th birthday. Congratulations. In March Mary Kumidar will be celebrating her 101st birthday.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Joe Gornick. He was our former reporter. He will be missed.

Our annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday,

March 12 with servings from 2-5 p.m. Music by Chuck Krivec Orchestra at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave. Admission \$10. For tickets call 732-8827 or 261-1678. A reverse raffle was held and we again thank Millie Novak for her generous donation of home made noodles. We also thank all members who are so generous each month.

A new plaque with our name "Holmes Pensioners" was presented to the club by Carl Schultz. Thank you, Carl.

On Sunday, Jan. 29 we had a bus trip to Akron, Ohio and the Tangiers Restaurant to attend the polka party. We attended last year and had a great time visiting with other clubs and seeing members whom we know. We had a buffet lunch, listened to polka bands and danced. We met the parents of our pastor of St. Mary Church on Holmes Ave. They visited with all the people and even came to say good-bye when we left. They were with a group from Barberton.

We also send get well greetings to Jo Zager. Winner of our raffle was Millie Zager who received a Valentine box of chocolates.

Our next meeting will be on Wed., Feb. 8th at 1 p.m. Dues for 1989 are due.

Ann Stefancic
Reporter

Yugo importer bankrupt; manufacturer help sought

by Paul Ingrassia
The Wall Street Journal

The company that imports the Yugo minicar and bills it as the cheapest new car sold in America entered bankruptcy-law proceedings Monday and said it will count on a cash infusion from the car's Yugoslavian manufacturer to stay in business.

Yugo America Inc.'s announcement of the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Code filing at the national car dealers' convention in New Orleans angered many Yugo franchisees, who fear the news will cause consumers to shun a brand already beset by a shaky image.

"The Yugoslavs don't understand the implications of the term bankruptcy in the U.S., from a marketing standpoint," complained one dealer. "We're shocked."

Yugo dealers, who got the news from Yugo officials just before the announcement, offered to forgive the \$2.5 million owed them by Yugo to avert the Chapter 11 filing. However, Yugo's other creditors weren't willing to be so generous.

Yugo officials tried to put the best face on the situation, as did a spokesman for Zavodi Crvena Zastava, which makes the Yugo. "We have guaranteed that we will extend the necessary financing to reorganize the company," said Toma Savic, Zastava's director of marketing. "We will honor all warranty claims, and we will strengthen the management of the company." He said it hasn't been decided how much money Zastava will invest in Global Motors Inc., the closely held parent of Yugo America.

Zastava "will take over full management of our company's affairs, effective immediately," said Marcel Kole, Global's acting chief executive officer. But he added that the Yugoslavs, who themselves don't operate in a free-market economy, will install a U.S. management team.

Mr. Kole said Zastava will continue to ship cars to dealers in the U.S., and plans several new versions of the Yugo, including a four-door, a convertible and an automatic

AMLA Lodge 62 donates \$25

AMLA Lodge 62 Ambassadors donated \$25.00 to the Ameriška Domovina.

transmission.

Still, it isn't clear how many dealers will stick with the company. Yugo currently has just 260 U.S. dealers, down from more than 320 a year ago, and company officials acknowledged they expect more dealers to drop out.

The Chapter 11 filing was made in federal court in Newark, N.J. The filing lists total liabilities of \$62.9 million, but assets of only \$30.5 million. The largest unsecured creditor, by far, is the company's advertising agency, Lambert Dale of New York, which is owed \$2.7 million. Global, which has been firing employees in recent weeks, now has just 60 employees, down from 300 a year ago.

Launched with great fanfare in August 1985 by entrepreneur Malcolm Bricklin, the Yugo was lauded in Fortune magazine as one of the year's "breakthrough" new products. Mr. Bricklin touted the car, with an initial base price under \$4,000, as "the next Volkswagen Beetle," and predicted eventual sales of 200,000 a year.

The company sold 36,000 cars in 1986 and 49,000 in 1987. But then Americans began turning away from small cars, and the Yugo's reputation for shoddy quality spread. Sales plunged 35% last year to 31,541 cars, despite a major marketing and advertising campaign to convince Americans, as the company put it, that "it's OK to buy a Yugo."

Last April Mr. Bricklin sold the company. The \$40 million transaction, which was arranged by the New York investment firm Mabon Nuget & Co., netted him about \$14 million.

In December, Mabon Nuget, which had wound up with a 33% stake in Global Motors after the buy-out of Mr. Bricklin, tried to sell part of its shares, but couldn't find a buyer. The firm has written off its direct investment of \$10.5 million, a spokesman said.

On Friday, Malaysia's national auto maker shelved plans to ship its Proton Saga cars to the U.S. to be distributed by Global Motors. Global didn't fulfill terms of a November 1987 agreement to get regulatory clearances for the cars, the Malaysian concern said.

Coming Events

Feb. 3-4-5

Slovenian Sports Club sponsors Greek Peak Weekend of skiing in Syracuse, New York, staying at Sheraton University. Limited space.

For reservations call Dave Kogovsek 944-5847, Joe Znidarsic 256-8628, or Andy Loncar 256-8398.

Sunday, Feb. 5

"Tetelestai" contemporary passion play at St. Mary, 15519 Holmes Ave., 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Day of Recollection for St. Mary PTU at St. Joseph Christian Life Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost \$8.00. For reservations call Mary Petric 481-3762.

Fridays in Lent

Fish and Shrimp Dinners served 4 to 7 p.m. in St. Vitus Hall by the Dad's Club. (No dinners on Good Friday.)

Sunday, Feb. 12

Catholic Mission Aid dinner at St. Vitus auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets \$7 for adults and \$3 children at door or call 481-3768 or

Tuesday, Feb. 7

Ave Marie magazine benefit dinner featuring blood and rice sausages and fresh ribs at St. Vitus Auditorium. Donations for tickets see Vinko Roman (881-5163) or call St. Vitus rectory 361-1444.

Sunday, Feb. 12

Maple Heights Slovenian National Home certificate holders annual meeting, at 2:00 p.m. at the Home, 5050 Stanley Ave.

February 19

Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid Annual Dinner-Dance at Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid. Serving 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., dance with Vadnal Orchestra from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission \$10. For tickets call 486-5311 or at Tony's Polka Village.

Saturday, Feb. 25

U.S.S. Band Concert 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Slovenian Workmen's Home, Waterloo Rd. Dancing 9 to 12 to Fred Kuhar Orchestra. — Bake Sale 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

30th Annual St. Vitus Holy Name Pancakes and Sausages Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St Vitus hall. Donation \$4.00.

Sunday, March 12

Holmes Ave. Pensioners Annual Dinner-Dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Music by Chuck Krivec Orchestra at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Admission \$10.

March 18 - 25

Slovenian Sports Club sponsors 'Ski the Summit' trip to Hotel Breckenridge. Limited space. For reservations call 944-5847 or 256-8628.

The Neighborhood That Wouldn't Die

By Sue Gorisek

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AMERISKA DOMOVINA, FEBRUARY 3, 1989

FORWARD: Permission has been granted to the *American Home* to reprint the the article "The Neighborhood That Wouldn't Die" by Sue Gorisek which was featured in the *Ohio Magazine*. Our grateful thanks to *Ohio Magazine's* Editor-in-chief, Robert B. Smith for his letter of consent in response to Frank Zupancic's request to allow publication of this outstanding literary endeavor.

A little bit of Cleveland that is forever Slovenian

First Josie Mohorcic sweeps her front stoop, then she sweeps the sidewalk, then she sweeps the street. All the Slovenian ladies sweep the streets. Their sweeping is a defense against the squalor that lurks at the edges of their neighborhood and threatens to creep in if one is not vigilant.

The houses are sturdy porch-on-porch set close together on thirty-foot lots. Some, built before the turn of the century, were doubtless copied from a builder's plan book since so many are alike. They are small houses embellished with the pretensions of turrets and bay windows, scaled-down versions of rich men's homes. For in the promised land of Cleveland even an immigrant steelworker could have his miniature mansion. Josie Mohorcic and her neighbors wash the exterior of their houses once a month. Armed with their brooms and scrub brushes, a posse in merciless pursuit of dirt.

Flowers bloom everywhere in the neighborhood, filling the tiny front yards and spilling from window boxes. When an area resident ran out of space, but not ambition, she filled an old bathtub with topsoil and planted *more* flowers. The flowers, like the clean-sweep streets, are a sign of the people's domination over a hostile environment.

In the three Slovenian butcher shops, Azmans, Cimpermans and Malenseks, the but-

chers work in storefront windows, tantalizing the neighborhood with the scent of garlic and wood smoke. From the clutter of a print shop on St. Clair, *Ameriška Domovina* chronicles the activities of the neighborhood in twice-weekly editions, half in English, half in Slovenian. At St. Vitus, the church that rises in Romanesque majesty above the little houses, the priests say the mass in Slovenian at 8 a.m., in English at 9:15. The church is the pride of the neighborhood, built extravagantly at a cost of \$350,000 in 1930. It was—and is—the people's expression of their devotion to this place.

When the first Slovenians came to the neighborhood a hundred years ago, to work in its steel mills and gas works, there was an implicit covenant between them and their surroundings. They would live amid factories, because the factories were their means to prosperity, but they would make the *neighborhood* their own. So they planted their flowers, in the shadow of the mills, and they swept the streets, vigilant even then.

As it happened, they were betrayed by the industry that nourished them. But with one hundred twenty-eight dead and the neighborhood in ashes, the Slovenians were not ready to give up this place.

From the earliest days, in the 1880s, the patriarchal families were the Lausches and the Grdinas. Mrs. Lausche was an energetic widow who ran a boarding house for the bachelors who, at the turn of the century, outnumbered family men ten-to-one. Mrs. Lausche turned her kitchen into a saloon, a profitable sideline, and there, son Frank learned the art of politics. He became the first ethnic politician to progress from the wrong side of the tracks to the governor's mansion. Frank Lausche ended WASP rule in Ohio and won the office five times, a record that has never been matched. The Grdinas were more business-minded

than the Lausches. They owned a dry-goods store, music hall, bowling alley, hardware store, beauty shop, milinery, funeral home and bridal salon, the first one in Cleveland. The Grdinas founded the North American Bank and attempted to wean the Slovenians away from their tendency to bury their money in the basement.

In the neighborhood, Anton Grdina was the delegated elder, newcomers sought his wise counsel, and he found them jobs and brides. Mr. Grdina taught himself to use a movie camera in the 1920s. He filmed major events of the neighborhood: the opera productions at the Slovenian National Home, the concerts of the Triglav Singers. He photographed all the weddings, christenings, first communions and funerals, even those at his competing undertakers, Zaks and Zeles. The women phoned him, early in the mornings, when their gardens were at their best, and he came with his close-up lenses to capture the beauty of the roses while the dew was still on them.

On summer evenings Mr. Grdina showed his movies in the parking lot between Modic's Tavern and Gornik's Men's Store. There was always a crowd, and Mr. Grdina carried a microphone to make himself heard as he narrated. He began with movies of his trips to Slovenia. Scenes of the mountain villages made the old people cry and the little kids fidget, so he'd change the pace with a reel of *Felix the Cat*. Towards the end of the evening, he showed scenes from the best of the gardens while the neighbors applauded and the chosen gardeners beamed. For a finale, he showed a wedding or two, then the funeral of some prominent Slovenian. The last were subtle advertisements since the Grdinas had gowned the brides and laid out the deceased.

When the neighborhood burned in 1944, Mr. Grdina filmed that, too, although the horror of it sickened him. He

said the neighborhood had become a hell and he intended to see it become a paradise again. When he said it, the people believed him because he had always been a man of his word.

There had been a gas works in the neighborhood since 1846. It occupied the bluff overlooking Lake Erie at the north end of East 61st Street. The Slovenians were accustomed to it, as they were to the steel mills and foundries. In 1941, when the East Ohio Gas Company proposed to build a gas liquefaction plant on the site, the people were apprehensive, but the issue was put to them in patriotic terms: Natural gas was the fuel of the war machine, especially in Cleveland where factories operated around the clock producing airplanes and tanks. A shortage of natural gas could cripple the war effort. But a liquefaction plant in Cleveland would make it possible for East Ohio Gas to pipe in enormous quantities of gas, which could then be reduced by supercooling to liquid form, taking up a fraction of the space of the gas itself.

No one had ever built a commercial liquefaction plant and storage system, but the people were assured it could be done safely. Experts from all over the world came to consult. They designed steel-shelled insulated storage tanks they said would withstand the cold of the liquid natural gas (-250°). It was an engineering marvel, they said, and they built their tanks in this neighborhood where a thousand people lived clustered in their little houses around their church and their shops and their lodges. But the experts failed to consider other factors of the neighborhood: the mills and foundries that pounded and reverberated day and night, and the locomotives that served them, thundering along the tracks that lay just south of the storage tanks. The industrial reverberations were imperceptible to the people, but they were felt in the

storage tanks, which began to develop tiny fissures almost as soon as they were filled; although no one knew it was happening.

The presence of the huge egg-shaped tanks made the neighbors uneasy sometimes, even the small children who played near them. One warm day in the spring of 1944, Jan Zelazny, who was six, joined a group of children walking home from St. Vitus Church where the nuns had been preparing them for their first communion. Because the day was fine, the children stopped to play at the ball field adjacent to the tanks. They climbed on the piled-up gas pipes, playing follow the leader, and Jan, whose mind was on the catechism lesson, stood at the top of the heap and announced piously:

"If those tanks blow up we'll all go to heaven."

As it happened, the day the tanks blew up, Jan and the others were safe at school. It was the mothers at home who died at their kitchen sinks. It was the fathers dressing for second shift. It was the lady who hid in her cellar, convinced it was a German bombing raid, who died when the gas seeped up the basement drain. All the children knew, in their classroom, was that the sky turned orange, school desks quivered and windows cracked from top to bottom, in jagged patterns, like lightning against a night sky. The clock above the blackboard showed 2:41.

Nineteen minutes after the first tank cracked, a second tank collapsed when its wooden support legs buckled from the heat. The explosion shot ten-thousand pounds of gas-soaked insulation into the air. The stuff fell, like burning snow, in some places two feet deep. Everything it touched burst into flames. At Public Square, sixty blocks to the west, a surveyor turned his transit on the flames and measured their height at twenty-eight hundred feet.

In the neighborhood, some thought it was Judgment Day. (Continued on page 4)

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— Recent Deaths —

REV. JOSEPH S. CELESNIK

The Rev. Joseph S. Celesnik died Jan. 30th. He was the pastor emeritus of St. Christine Church in Euclid.

He was the son of the late Frank and Jennie (nee Gregoric). His two surviving sisters are Mrs. Rose Sterk and Dorothy Rubick of California. The following are deceased members of his family: Pauline Celesnik, Jennie Skufca, Frank Celesnik, John Celesnik, Albin Celesnik and Sr. M. Carmeleen, S.N.D.

Mass of Christian burial is today, Friday, Feb. 3rd, at 11 a.m. at St. Christine Church with Bishop Anthony Pilla as main celebrant. Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio.

Family suggests contributions to St. Christine Building Fund.

ROSE FAJDIGA

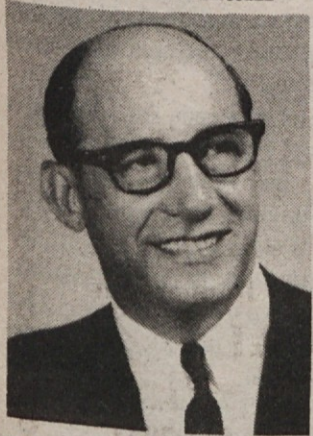
Rose Fajdiga (nee Klancar) was born in Cleveland on Sept. 24, 1905 to Anton and Anna (nee Boldan). She married Jacob Fajdiga on Oct. 20, 1923 at St. Vitus Church.

They owned and operated Fajdiga Klancar Bakery located in the Slovenian National Home building from 1936 to 1940. Rose retired from Richmond Brothers in 1971 after working there for 50 years.

Rose was a member of the American Fraternal Union lodge No. 180, American Mutual Life Assoc., Western Slavonic Assoc., St. Catherine Lodge No. 29, St. Anne Lodge, KSKJ Lodge 25, and Slovenian Pensioners Club of Euclid.

She is survived by her brother Frank Klancar of Euclid. She was also an aunt and great-aunt. Her husband, Jacob, preceded her in death in 1981 as well as her sisters Anna Smrke and Mary, and brothers

In Memoriam



Harry J. Blatnik

Who entered into rest
February 7, 1982

Nothing can take away
The love a heart holds dear.
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day,
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near.

Sadly missed by
MARY BLATNIK, Wife
BONNIE and CATHY
BLATNIK, Daughters
Euclid, Ohio, February 2, 1989.

Anton, John, and Louis.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Paul's Church on Thursday, Feb. 2 with interment at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation and arrangements were handled by Zak Blessing Funeral Home in Willoughby Hills, O.

ROBERT L. KOSMERL

Joliet, Ill. — Robert L. Kosmerl, 76, died Tuesday, January 24 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne A. (nee Francois), and children Richard L. (Kathy) Riddle, Lake Forest, Ill., Patricia A. of Chicago, Danielle M. Kosmerl, Belgium; two brothers, Joseph J. (Kay) and John F. (Elaine) Kosmerl, both of Joliet; one sister, Mrs. Jennie (Emil, deceased) Soltysik, Chicago Heights; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Johanna (nee Krajc) Kosmerl; one brother Ludwig; one sister Mrs. Mary, (Lawrence, dec.) Ricchio.

Mr. Kosmerl was born in Manistique, Mich., but has been a resident of Joliet since 1917. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific and European Theatres of operations from 1942 to 1950. The last four years he worked for the Dept. of the Army in Paris, France.

Mr. Kosmerl was employed at the American Slovenian Catholic Union (KSKJ) home office in Joliet from 1934 to 1942 and 1954 to December 31, 1986, where the last position he held was National Secretary.

He was a member of KSKJ Lodge 2, American Legion Post 1080, and the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph Church in Joliet.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the KSKJ Scholarship Fund or the Joliet Area Community Hospice would be appreciated.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 27 from the Tezak Funeral Home, 459 N. Ottawa St., to St. Joseph Church where Mass of Christian Burial was held. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Thanks for donations for Slovenia church

Editor:

Thank you for printing the article about župnik Rev. Alojz Rajk rebuilding churches in Stari trg ob Kolpi, Slovenia which was published in the Ameriška Domovina on Oct. 21.

I have received a letter from the priest and he would like to have the names of donors published in the A.H. He is very thankful for their generosity:

- Rev. Joseph Snoj, Etianda, Calif. ----- \$100
 - Štefan & Jožefa Zorc, Star Rt. 5, Rye, Colo. -- \$10
 - Karl Virant, Canton, O. ----- \$5
- The names of very generous donors will be memorialized at the churches. Again thanks.
- Mrs. Helen Karlovich
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AMLA Lodge 61 says thanks

Editor:

Many thanks for your continued efforts in keeping your readers informed of community news and views through the American Home newspaper.

May you long enjoy continued success, as well as the appreciation and cooperation of your many subscribers and freinds.

- Officers and members
AMLA Lodge 61
Helen Novinc, Sec-treas.
Cleveland, Ohio

\$50 for Printing Press

Mary J. Princ of Cleveland donated \$50.00 toward the printing press. Thank you very much.

In Memory

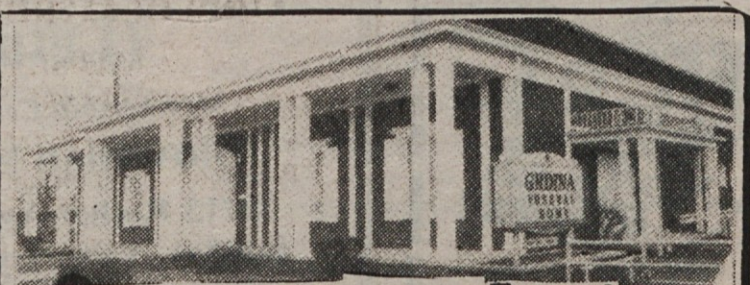
Caroline Lokar of Euclid, Ohio donated \$10.00 to the American Home in memory of the third anniversary on Feb. 3rd of the passing of her husband **Rudy Lokar**.

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With a modern soft-rock foundation, this dramatic presentation depicts the story of Christ's last week on earth, including his trial, death, and resurrection.

The cast and crew of over 100 people of all ages will be performing at St. Mary's, located at 15519 Holmes Avenue in Cleveland on Feb. 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 5 at 4 p.m.

Although there is no admission charge, "Tetelestai" is able to continue its ministry only through the generosity of its patrons. Therefore, a free-will offering is accepted at each performance.

Thanks for Donations

Thanks to the following for their donations to the Ameriška Domovina, the oldest independent Slovenian newspaper in the world.

- Julia Smole, Cleveland — \$6.00
- Cleveland Slovenian Lodge No. 6 AMLA — \$25.00
- Anonymous, Richmond Hts., O. — \$94.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Donella) Jasko, Cleveland, in memory of her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. A. Mehle Family** — \$10.00

Joseph Krizman, Cleveland — \$5.00

Slovenski Dom No. 6 A.D.Z. — \$25.00

Theresa Percic, Euclid, in memory of the 1st anniversary of her brother, **Joseph Perpar** — \$10.00

Mary Okicki, Cleveland, in memory of her husband, **Tony Okicki** — \$10.00

Antonette Celesnik, Cleveland — \$7.50

Alois Jamernik, Toronto — \$5.00

Robert and Veronica Osolin, Port Charlotte, Fla., in memory of her parents, **Mary and Jerry Humar** — \$5.00

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Jožef and Milena Stropnik, Willoughby Hills, O. — \$9.00

Pauline Vrecar, Bessemer, Pa., in memory of her husband **Frank Vrecar** 18th anniversary — \$26.00

St. Anne lodge meets

St. Anne AMLA Lodge 4 will meet Wed., Feb. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Vitus Social Room. Following the business meeting, there will be a Valentine party for the members.

At 1 p.m. Marie Orazem will collect dues for all AMLA lodges. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this service.

In Memory

Anne Parker donated \$10 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of her husband, **Joe Parker's** 3rd anniversary of death.

In Memory

Frank and Anne Knaus of Chardon, Ohio donated \$10.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of **Valentine Mavko**.

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Neighborhood

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Others thought it was the Germans. One old man mustered his neighbors with BB guns to defend Cleveland. But most knew it was the gas tanks. They had half expected it. Mr. Feightner, the gas company engineer, threw himself into a water-filled pit and survived. One hundred twenty-eight others died. Seventy-nine houses, two factories, eight stores and two hundred seventeen autos were destroyed.

Frances Zak, who was working at her grandfather's funeral home, drove one of the big hearses down the streets where the houses were exploding, offering rides. Josie Krecic marvelled that she never saw the flames that burned her legs. She could only feel the burning gas. She saw one old man crying as though his heart were breaking. "My accordion is burnt," he cried. It was where he had hidden all his money. Eventually the Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland arranged to replace money that had been destroyed if residents could prove their losses. They came in with coffee cans and tobacco tins heavy with melted coins. One man brought in \$1,500 in charred bills he had hidden in the cellar wrapped in metal screening to keep mice from chewing them.

At St. Vitus School, the nuns released the children and told them to run away southward toward Euclid Avenue. Johnny Cesen, a seventh grader, ran home first to rescue his pets. Then he headed south, as the nuns had instructed, pulling a wagon

St. Vincent de Paul Stores Offer Bargains

Larry Lauter, Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland St. Vincent De Paul Society reminds A.H. readers of the bargains to be found in the various St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores.

There are four outlets in Cleveland: 5309 Superior, 5462 Broadway, 3074 W. 25 St., 16730 Lorain.

The Society is a worldwide volunteer charitable organization and has been serving needy people in Cleveland since 1865. It is associated with Catholic Charities and the Cleveland Catholic Diocese.

with a canary in a cage and a frightened dog. Eleanor Zelazny's mother refused to leave without her chickens, although the coop was burning. Later, when Eleanor took her to the dog pound where all the stray chickens had been impounded, the dog warden doubted she would be able to pick her chickens from all the others that milled around in the pen. But she crooned to the chickens, and twenty-four of them separated themselves from the others and gathered at her feet like obedient spaniels.

Someone from the coroner's office asked Eleanor to accompany him on a tour of East 61st Street, so that he might know where to begin to look for bodies. Eleanor attempted to reconstruct the landmarks, but it was difficult since thirty of the homes simply weren't there anymore. Some of the bodies would be found later merely as pieces of bone.

People thought the neighborhood would die. Many, like Mrs. Zelazny, moved because it was too painful to stay. Others left because there was no room in the neighborhood to absorb

More Events

Saturday, April 1

Glasbena Matica Concert and Dinner-Dance at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair. Doors open 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Sumrada orchestra.

Sunday, April 2

Waterloo Pensioners Club Annual Spring Dinner-Dance at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd. Serving 2 to 3:30 p.m. Music by Sumrada Orchestra 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Donation \$10. For tickets call Steve Shimits 531-2281.

Sunday, April 23

St. Clair Pensioners Annual Dinner and Social, lower hall of St. Clair Slov. National Home, 6417 St. Clair Ave. Serving from 1 to 3 p.m., social to 5 p.m.

Sunday, June 25

Ohio Federation KSKJ Day and Picnic at St. Joseph Grove on White Rd., Willoughby Hills, Ohio. Music by Button Box Players.

Saturday, Sept. 9

Fantje na Vasi Concert at St. Clair Slovenian National Home.

the homeless. The industries were eager to gobble up the territory they had been nibbling at for decades. They offered good money for the land. People thought the Slovenians would sell out, abandon this land at last. So they were all surprised when Anton Grdina announced his intent. Mr. Grdina was seventy at the time, and somewhat frail. Yet he seemed to take strength from his people's need. A few weeks after the fire he stood in his overcoat and black fedora, under the charred sycamores, and proposed a plan. He would begin by donating \$5,000 and urging other businessmen to do the same. They would establish a fund to buy the land and build new brick houses to replace those that had burned. There would be no interest on the loans, he said. He could not even guarantee the money would be paid back. That winter, he visited each of the shopkeepers personally and attempted to part them from their money, no easy task with the frugal Slovenians. But they saw the advantage of preserving the neighborhood and they trusted the old man.

Eighteen months after the fire, the first of the new houses was completed. Mr. and Mrs. Kosta Trupinich accepted the key from Mr. Grdina. They had been living in a storefront while their new house was being built. Within ten years, all the burnt-out streets were rebuilt and the loans were repaid. Mr. Grdina lived to see his miracle accomplished.

With the end of the war, the young men of the neighborhood returned to claim the young ladies who waited. As the brides-to-be stood in long lines at Grdina's Bridal Salon, waiting to order their gowns, old Mr. Grdina lectured to them:

"Surely you don't want to live any place else," he told them, dismissing their notions of the suburbs. And many of the newlyweds *did* remain, to begin their own families on these familiar streets. At the end of the war, immigrants came from Slovenia and Croatia, its neighbor state in Yugoslavia. The neighborhood remained, much as it had been. Except that, in subtle ways, it was never quite the same. People blamed the fire, but it really was the times that changed it. Television took the people off their porches, and the lively street life diminished.

Thirty years after the fire, sociologists from Cleveland State University attempted to explain the phenomenon of the neighborhood's rebuilding. They sought an explanation for the tenacity that prompted the people to stay. From their questionnaires they quantified certain attitudes: ninety-three percent were still involved with the activities at St. Vitus; eighty percent said they would never move away. But the survey could not measure another quality, one that the Slovenians call *domač*, home-loving. It is a word they use to describe themselves, a compliment. Frank Zupancic, a neighborhood historian, says that the Slovenians became extraordinarily attached to this place because they never had a place before to call their own. Slovenia was always under the domination of others, for centuries the Hapsburgs and the Austrian Empire, later the Germans, and now to some extent, the Russians. So they adopted this little patch of Cleveland, this rather forlorn valley already blighted with industry, and they make it a beautiful place, a home place.



U.S.S. Band Concert Will be February 25

The United Slovenian Society Concert Band's 11th annual "Winter Concert" will take place on Saturday, February 25, at the Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, beginning at 7 p.m.

The concert will include traditional march music, big band arrangements by Glenn Miller, and a variety of Slovenian selections as well as other numbers. The band is under the direction of Norman Novak.

A dance and social will follow the performance, with the Fred Kuhar Orchestra providing music from 9 p.m. on. Donated baked goods will be available and also the usual refreshments and sandwiches.

Tickets for the concert are \$5 and are available from U.S.S. band members or at Tony's Polka Village, 971 E. 185 St. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in the month of February:

Mary Belle, 77
Josephine Skufca, 82
Frances Zupin, 92
Josephine Weiss, 70
Mary Hrovat, 89
Mary Booth, 98
Jennie Wick, 94
Joseph Legat, 93
Albina Gruden, 77
Anna Zorman, 90
Edward Kovac, 81
Jennie Zadnik, 93
Anna Zadnik, 91
Frances Mochnick, 94

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday wishes are sent from Emilee's Beauty Salon to the following persons who were born in the month of February:

John Svekric
Rose Grmsek
Adolph Rupe
Rose Cimperman
Jewel Sekara
Agnes Koporc
Lois Drobnic
Father Bill Jerse

More Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following:

Joe Kodrich who celebrated his 97th on Feb. 2nd.
Cowboy John Svekric, Feb. 4th
Emilee Jenko, our popular hairdresser, Feb. 11

Birthdays

Happy belated 22nd birthday to Jackie Timko from Dad, Mom, Peggy, Jan, Todd and Gram Turk.

Happy belated birthday to Mary Turk (E. 61 St.) on Jan. 30 from the Timko and Pollino families.

Diocese Collects \$540,000 for retirees

Catholics in the 243 parishes of the Diocese of Cleveland have contributed \$540,000 toward the first of ten annual nationwide appeals to help off-set a national \$3 billion religious retirement fund deficit.

"The proceeds from the first appeal held Dec. 10-11, 1988, will be sent to the Tri-Conference Retirement office in Washington, D.C. for distribution to religious congregations across the country," said Sr. Rosemarie Robinson, O.P., Diocesan Director, Office for Religious.

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Membership Certificate Holders of Slovenian Society Home

20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, Ohio
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We invite all certificate holders and Lodge representatives to attend this important meeting.

Joseph Petric, President William Kovach, Secretary
William Frank, Treasurer



Doma in po svetu

— PREGLED NAJVAŽNEJŠIH DOGODKOV —

Letos bo v Jugoslaviji izreden kongres zveze komunistov — Tridnevna seja centralnega komiteja končala brez drugega »uspeha«

BEOGRAD, SFRJ — Včeraj se je končala seja centralnega komiteja ZKJ, ki je trajala tri dni. Po sicer skopih poročilih v ameriških sredstvih obveščanja, je bilo zasedanje zelo burno, ni pa prineslo nobenega soglasja glede perečih gospodarskih, nacionalnih in političnih problemov, ki bolj in bolj razdvajajo ljudstva SFRJ. Edino, kar je bilo odobreno, je bil sklep, da bo leto izreden kongres zveze komunistov. Na tem kongresu naj bi delegatje iz vseh krajev in koncev Jugoslavije izoblikovali načrt, ki bi bil sprejemljiv vsem republikam in ki bi kazal izhod iz dolgotrajne krize.

Na zasedanju je vsaj en predstavnik vojske dejal, da je le-ta pripravljena igrati neposrednejšo vlogo v reševanju jugoslovanske krize, ako drugega izhoda politiki ne bodo našli. Inflacija v SFRJ se približuje 300% letno, dinar je napram ameriškemu dolarju z vsakim tednom cenejši — ta teden je zopet padel za dobrih 200 din in tako je treba odšteti okrog 5800 din za dolar, zunanji dolg Jugoslavije še vedno znaša okrog 21 milijard dolarjev, torej ista vsota, kot ob začetku tega desetletja, življenjski standard povprečnega državljanca SFRJ pa je za dobro polovico manjši kot je bil ob smrti Tita l. 1980.

Paragvajska vojska strmoglavila režim gen. Alfreda Stroessnerja — Gen. Andres Rodriguez objavlja »demokratizacijo«

ASUNCION, Par. — Sinoči je prišlo do vojaškega udara, v katerem je bil strmogavljen 76-letni gen. Alfredo Stroessner, ki je vodil Paragvaj po podobnem udaru l. 1976. Novi voditelj Paragvaja je zopet armadni general je sicer Andres Rodriguez. Enote vojske so pridrvele v glavno mesto in s hitrim, a tudi krvavim napadom zasedli ključne točke. Tanki so obstreljevali sedež tajne policije in drugih objektov, nekatera poročila govorijo o truplih, ki ležejo na ulicah mesta. Sam gen. Stroessner, ki je zadnje mesece v slabem zdravstvenem stanju, je bil aretiran in predstavniki novega režima pravijo, da je še živ in ni bil in ne bo maltretiran.

Gen. Rodriguez je govoril po radiu Paragvajcem in jim obljubil postopno demokratizacijo političnega sistema. Nova vlada bo spoštovala temeljne človečanske pravice, je dejal Rodriguez, prav tako bo branila rimskokatoliško vero in Cerkev. Skoro vsi verni Paragvajčani so namreč katoličani. Najnovejša poročila danes zjutraj pravijo, da so se po sinočnjem streljanju razmere v glavnem mestu normalizirale.

Senatna potrditev Johna Towerja za obrambnega sekretarja odložena zaradi trditve o njegovem privatnem življenju

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senatni odbor za vojaške zadeve je odložil glasovanje o potrditvi bivšega senatorja in bivšega načelnika tega odbora Johna Towerja za obrambnega sekretarja v Bushovi administraciji. Sedanji načelnik odbora, sen. Sam Nunn (D.-Ga.), je ta nenavaden ukrep utemeljil s tem, da je odbor prejel od sicer javnosti neznanih posameznikov trditve glede nedostojnosti v osebnem obnašanju sen. Towerja. V Washingtonu namreč krožijo govorice, da je ali je vsaj bil Tower ženskar in tudi, da je ali še ima Tower težave zaradi predanosti pijančiči. Tower sam zanika vse trditve, vendar sen. Nunn pravi, da je mesto obrambnega sekretarja tako ključnega pomena za nacionalno

varnost ZDA, da ne morejo biti glede človeka, ki zaseda to mesto, nobenih resnih dvomov. Tako bo preiskava šla naprej.

Zapleti v zvezi s sen. Towerjem so zelo neprijetni za predsednika Busha. Poleg dvomov o njegovem osebnem življenju oz. obnašanju, ima Tower mnoge nasprotnike med tistimi, ki smatrajo, da ni dovolj sposoben za mesto obrambnega sekretarja, in pa tudi, da je preveč naklonjen obrambni industriji sami. Kljub težavam, splošno mnenje na kapitolskem hribu je še vedno, da bo Tower končno potrjen od senata. Ni pa izključiti možnosti, da bo umaknil svoje kandidature, ali po lastni presoji ali pod pritiskom Bele hiše.

Senat glasoval proti 50-odstotnemu povišanju plač — Spodnji dom tega ni pripravljen storiti — Samo 30% več?

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Sinoči je zvezi senat glasoval 95—5 (glasovali so torej vsi senatorji, kar je velika izjema) proti povišanju plač vseh kongresnikov, zveznih sodnikov in drugih visoko sedečih uslužbencev zvezne vlade. Senatorji so glasovali pod vplivom ogorčenja, ki ga čutijo od skoro vseh koncev ameriške družbe. Kljub temu pa kongresniki v spodnjem kongresnem domu niso pripravljeni glasovati proti povišanju svojih plač. Voditelj demokratske večine v predstavniškem domu, kong. James Wright, išče »kompromis«, po katerem naj bi se kongresniki in senatorji zedinili o »le« 30-odstotnem povišanju plač. Povišanje plač bo avtomatično prišlo v veljavo prihodnjo sredo. Kot sedaj kaže, bosta oba domova kongresa glasovala ločeno o predlaganem 30-odstotnem povišanju po 8. februarju.

— **Kratke vesti** —

Washington, D.C. — Včeraj je predsednik George Bush v Beli hiši sprejel japonskega predsednika vlade Noburu-ja Takešito. Državnika sta govorila o vlogi, ki bi jo naj Japonska igrala v svetu. Bush je predlagal, naj bi Japonci več denarja prispevali za razvoj držav Tretjega sveta. ZDA želijo tudi, da bi Japonska igrala večjo vojaško vlogo v Aziji in sicer v varovanju tega dela sveta pred Sovjeti. Težava tu je v tem, da mnoge azijske države Japoncev ne marajo in ne morejo pozabiti krutega japonskega obnašanja med drugo svetovno vojno in pred njo. Na dnevnem redu so tudi bile ameriške skrbi zaradi trgovinskih odnosov med državama.

Kabul, Af. - Najib, lutka, ki so ga na oblasti v Afganistanu postavili sedaj odhajajoči Sovjeti, je dejal na tiskovni konferenci, da bo njegova vlada preživela odhod sovjetske vojske. Tega baje ne verjamejo niti Sovjeti sami, predstavnik uporniških skupin pa je rekel v intervjuju v pakistanskem mestu Pešavaru, da imajo uporniki svoje somišljenike že v Kabulu in drugih mestih, ti pa čakajo samo na končni odhod sovjetskih vojakov. Do tega odhoda bo baje prišlo najkasneje do 15. februarja.

Budimpešta, Mad. — Imre Poszgay, član vladajočega politbiroja, je dejal pred nedavnim, da je bila madžarska vstaja leta 1956 v resnici ljudska vstaja. S to izjavo se je zameril politbiroju in po vsej verjetnosti tudi ZSSR. Madžarsko politbiro je kot reakcija sklical izredno sejo centralnega komiteja. Člani le-tega bodo obravnavali Poszgayjevo obnašanje in ni izključeno, da bo Poszgay moral zapustiti politbiro, v katerega je bil izvoljen šele maja lani.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

LILJA ima sestanek —

Dramatsko društvo Lilija ima članski sestanek v ponedeljek, 6. februarja, ob 8h zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave.

Ocvirkova potica —

Vsi, ki ste zamudili pri nakupu nakaznic za kolone pri Sv. Vidu prihodnji torek, ste vabljeni k Slov. društvenemu domu na Recherjevi ulici v Euclidu isti večer (7. feb.), kajti bo Ženski odsek SDD od 6. z. dalje prodajal krofe, šunkarice, ocvirkove potice in kavo in sicer v spodnjih klubskih prostorih.

Seja —

Podr. št. 14 SZZ ima sejo v torek, 7. feb., ob 7. uri zv. v SDD na Recher Ave.

»Stopinje 1989«

Prišlo je zbornik »Stopinje 1989«, ki ga je izdalo Prekmursko pastoralno področje. Tudi letos obsegajo »Stopinje« bogato in zanimivo gradivo iz zgodovine Slovenske krajine. »Stopinje« lahko dobite pri Štefanu Rezonja, 914 E. 216 St., Euclid, OH 44119, tel. 531-7354.

Novi grobovi

Anna Tomsick

V sredo, 1. februarja, je v Meridia Euclid bolnišnici po dolgi bolezni umrla 81 let stara Anna Tomsick, rojena Kočevar v Črnomlju, Slovenija, v Cleveland pa prišla l. 1941, vdova po Antonu in po Matt-u Pluttu, mati Alberta, Mary Podlogar, Johna Plutta, Rose Kokel in Williama, 11-krat stara mati, 16-krat prastara mati, sestra Rose Mušič (Črnomelj, Slov.), zaposlena kot kuharica pri Šornovi restavraciji 10 let, do svoje upokojitve l. 1958, članica Oltarnega društva pri Mariji Vnebovzeti, SZZ št. 10 in SNPJ št. 5. Pogreb bo iz Želetovega zavoda na E. 152 St. jutri, v soboto, v cerkev Marije Vnebovzete dop. ob 9,30 in od tam na Kalvarijo. Na mrtvaškem odru bo danes pop. od 2. do 4. in zv. od 7. do 9.

Anna Zaletel

Umrla je Anna Zaletel, rojena Legan, vdova po Franku, mati Lawrencea, Mary Ann Kontra in Carol Stock, 4-krat stara mati, 1-krat prastara mati, sestra Tonyja, Helen, Mary Urbanic ter že pok. Franka, Michaela in Johna. Pogreb bo iz Fortunovega zavoda, 5316 Fleet Ave., danes v cerkev Annunciation na W. 130 St. dop. ob 10. in od tam na pokopališče Sv. Križa.

Rose M. Fajdiga

Umrla je 83 let stara Rose M. Fajdiga, rojena Klancar, (dalje na str. 8)

Pustna zabava jutri —

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Krofi —

Jutri bo ob običajnem času v društveni sobi imelo prodajo krofov Oltarno društvo sv. Vida. Pri Mariji Vnebovzeti bo tamkajšnje Oltarno društvo tudi imelo prodajo krofov in sicer od 11. ure dalje.

Nakaznice razprodane —

G. Vinko Rozman sporoča, da so bile že razprodane vse nakaznice za »kolone« prihodnji torek.

MZA kosilo —

Letno MZA kosilo bo v nedeljo, 12. feb., od 11.30 do 1.30 pop. v dvorani pri Sv. Vidu. Nakaznice za kosilo so po \$7 (\$3 za otroka) in jih lahko dobite, ako kličete tel. 881-5163 ali 481-3768. Prodajali jih bodo tudi pri vhodu.

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Mimo dnevnih novic...

..., ki nam jih oznanjajo časopisi pod velikimi naslovi, ter berejo radijski in televizijski poročevalci, je prav, da se od časa do časa spomnimo: kdo smo in kaj hočemo. Brez odgovora na te dve osnovni vprašanji postanejo tudi pretresljive dnevne novice le čutni dražljaji in ne več podatki, po katerih naj smiselno usmerjamo svoje odločitve.

Ob preobilici vesti, ki poročajo, kaj se je zgodilo, pa ne dopuščajo časa, da bi se človek vprašal po vzrokih, lahko postanemo kljub dolgemu življenju muhe enodnevnice. Pričenjamo živeti brez spomina, nezmožni presojanja in brez jasne smeri. Kaj lahko se nam zgodi kot človeku, ki skrbno opazuje sveže poganjke na najnižji veji, pa pri tem ne vidi razsežnosti drevesa, kaj šele gozda. Kadar pa nimamo pred očmi vse gozdne pokrajine, se v njej izgubimo.

Podobno nas hlastanje za zadnjimi novicami privede do tega, da sredi zanimivega vrvenja, ki ga mnogi zamenjujejo z življenjem, zaidemo in se izgubimo. V tem primeru lahko rečemo, da izraz »izgubiti se« pomeni dobesečno izgubiti samega sebe, to je izgubiti svojo identiteto.

Ni tedaj odveč, če si ponavljamo nekatere smernice, ki so prav zaradi svoje osnovnosti potrebne za razumevanje sveta, in kar je še važnejše, za razumevanje nas samih. V nekaj vrsticah jih ni mogoče izčrpati, le opozorimo lahko nanje.

Zivimo v svobodnem svetu, a smo v bistvu še vedno rod beguncev. Nismo zapustili domovine po lastni želji. Zaradi svojega prepričanja smo reševali življenje v tujino. Usoda dvanajstih tisočev je dokaz, da naš beg pred komunisti ni bil posledica kake »psihoze«.

Isti režim, ki je vzrok našega begunstva, danes dovoli, da se večina lahko vrača v domovino in celo zasliševanja notranje uprave so navadno bolj civilizirana kot nekoč. Vendar kdo daje tem ljudem pravico zasliševati, dovoljevati ali prepovedati? Nobene pravice nimajo. Imajo le moč. Imajo moč nad rojaki doma, kolikor so jih ustrašovali s pomočjo policijskega in gospodarskega pritiska. Nad nami pa imajo le toliko moči, kolikor jim jo damo sami.

V svetu živimo že desetletja, oprti na krščansko vero, na zgled prednikov, na svoje poslanstvo, na žrtev junakov in mučenčev, kot svobodni ud nesvobodnega naroda. Zahtevni smo do sebe, ker vemo, da vodi pot nezahtevnosti le navzdol. Zato vzgajamo tudi svoje otroke v duhu odpovedi in odgovornosti. Priče smo bili, kako so nekatere skupnosti v istem obdobju opešale, ker niso bile do sebe dovolj zahtevne; pričakovale ter sprejemale so pomoč od režima, ki nima lastne življenjske sile in se zato vedno znova poslužuje globoko zakoreninjenih narodnih čustev. Po vsem, kar smo doživeli, moramo biti kljub slabostim previdnejši in modrejši. Lahkomiselnost bi pomenila tudi v našem primeru narodno smrt.

† Dr. Tine Debeljak

Škofja Loka 27. aprila 1903 — Buenos Aires 21. januarja 1989

SEATTLE, Wash. — Spet je zvonil telefon. Večerni klici — med nami in Chicagom sta dve uri razlike — pomenijo kaj resnega.

»Včeraj je bil v Buenos Airesu pogreb Tineta Debeljaka.«

Plaz spominov se je sprožil: pol stoletja stikov na treh glavnih postajah: Ljubljana, Rim, Buenos Aires, ter stotine vezi med njimi in preko njih.

Tine Debeljak. Še kot srednješolci smo brali njegove ocene, **td** je bil njegov podpis v časopisnih poročilih; med vojno in po vojni se je odel z vrsto psevdonomov in se nam je predstavljal kot Vid Zemljč v **Koledarčku** leta 1946, kot Jamnikov, Jamar ali Dobejc v dopisih **Ameriški domovini**, kot Jeremija Kalin v **Črni maši**, dokler ni postal spet naš Tine v **Poljubu**. Vedeli smo, kaj je bilo njegovo delo.

Ameriška domovina se ga mora še posebej spomniti, saj bi po načrtu Jake Debevc moral postati njen urednik. Pa je odšel v Argentino in tam ostal.

Kje bi našel človeka s tolikšno energijo? Ne le, ko je bilo lahko in donosno; tudi takrat, ko je bilo vse okrog njega v razvalinah. Vedno se mu je mudilo: v Ljubljani, da ni zamudil zadnjega roka pri časopisu; v Rimu, da bo še našel odprta vrata v zavetišču, kjer je stanoval; v Buenos Airesu, da bo pravočasno v tiskarni — in da ne bo doma kregan. Ideje je kar stresal iz rokava, ni mogel razumeti, da je edinstven v svoji zagnanosti, ukoreninjen v svoji Škofiji Loki, kasneje usidran v Remčevem domu v Zarnikovi za cerkvijo svetega Jožefa; v Rimu tam pri Mariji Snežni; v Buenos Airesu me je gostil na aveniji Gaona, polni hrušča in predmestne razdrapanosti.

»Naše Tine.« Imeli smo ga za našega.

»Pa bo Tine...« Ni ga bilo treba prositi.

»Da bi Tine še mogel...« Od zadnje kapi pred štirimi leti je le še narekoval.

»Kam bomo z vsemi temi

papirji!« se je spraševala žena, gospa Vera. Ob koncu vojne je ostala doma, po desetih letih ga je dosegla v Buenos Airesu. Tine je samotaril v Rimu in nekaj let v argentinski pampi. Ženi napisane pesmi v zbirki **Poljub** veljajo za njegove najboljše. Posvetil jih je mojemu očetu, Poldetu Kemperlu in župniku Kraglju.

»Kakor hitro bom utegnil, bom vse pospravil,« ji je odgovarjal; vsi smo vedeli, da ne bo utegnil. Ne tedaj, ne kasneje. Zdaj bodo morali preživeti v družini.

Poznal sem ga še kot otrok. Z očetom sta si bila prijatelja. Pravi, da mu je petošolcu moj oče tiskal prve pesmi. Nisem gotov. Tine sam ni bil vedno zanesljiv v svojih zapiskih. Kot urednik kulturnega dela pri **Slovcu**, katoliškemu dnevniku v Ljubljani, je pisal, poročal, ocenjeval. Jezili smo se nanj, ker je bil vedno obziren in ni obsojal naravnost. Ne vem, če je kdaj napisal, da te ali one knjige ni vredno brati. Tudi taki je posvetil pozornost.

Prvič sva si segla v roke, ko sem mu med vojno nesel za **Dom in svet** pesmi, ki mi jih je zanj poslal Jože Šmit. Pesmi so izšle v Dom in svetu, ko je bil Jože Šmit že pri partizanih v Prekomorski brigadi. Še nedavno so Tineta obtoževali, da se je 'nalašč' poslužil rokopisov in se okoristil z nečem, česar ne bi smel. Tine, Jože Šmit in jaz vemo, kako je bilo — in ne nameravamo polemizirati.

Tine v Rimu. Skrbno čuvam nebolgljeni **Koledarček Slovenskih Emigrantov**, že ves orumenel, dragocen dokaz Tinetove vztrajnosti. Da se ne izplača, da ni vredno truda, da ne bo nihče segel po njem... Tine se ni dal odgnati. Sestavil ga je, napisal in popravil, razdajal in bil poln navdušenja. Tine ni gradil gradov, pripravljen je bil seči v drobno in nehvaležno delo, tudi takrat, ko je ostal sam, ko za svoje napore ni našel opore.

Kaj bi bila slovenska kulturna ustvarjalnost brez njega? Morda so nekateri drugi bolj znani po svetu, kajti za Tineta

Debeljaka je pač vsakdo pričakoval, da bo pisal, pesmil, urejal, predaval, bodril in posredoval. To pač ni nič novega. Kako naj bi Tine napravil kaj drugače? Novost so novinci, taki, ki so prej molčali, ali so se pa še držali maminega krila.

Skoro ni revije, zbornika, časopisa, pri katerem bi Tine Debeljak ne bil aktivni sodelavec. Ker je bil v Argentini ves zavzet, je le nekajkrat segel ven do Primorske in Koroške, tudi za Severno Ameriko je ostal skoro neznanec. Da je že pred vojno odprl vrata mladim pesnikom in pisateljem in jim ostal spodbudni posrednik do smrti, to pač vemo vsi, ki smo ga osebno poznali — to smo pač od njega pričakovali.

Tine je segel preko Slovencev v slovanski svet. Poljsko je klepetal, da si ga komaj dohajal. Reymontovi **Kmetje** so mu bili predmet doktorske disertacije. Že v Ljubljani in kasneje je lovil stike s Poljaki, Čehi, Slovaki, v Argentini s španskimi pisci. Pisal je o njih, prevajal in prevajal. Kulturni kronisti bodo strmeli nad obsežnostjo njegovega posredovalnega dela.

Vedno pogosteje beremo v revijalnih poročilih iz Slovenije: ... prvi je predstavil tega in tega pisca Tine Debeljak v...« ali: »Prvi prevode je že pred vojno napravil td...« Do nedavno so sicer opisovali delo, avtorja pa zamolčali. Resnica počasi prodira. Čisto drži, da je bil Tine Debeljak kulturni napetež, ker je hlastal za novim, neznanim, ne zato, ker naj bi bil nestrpen, ampak ker ni hotel zamuditi predstave »na odru življenja«; novih poganjkov iz globokih korenin ni hotel prezreti.

Via dei Colli že davno ni več, kot je bila takrat, ko je Tine tam lovil rime in iskal družbo, da bi šli na kozarec vina na Piazza Caprera. Tudi okolje Svetega Jožefa v Ljubljani ni več, kot ga je poznal: varnostne ograje te opozarjajo, da težki kosi ometa odpadajo in da je zvonik v nevarnosti, da se podere. Avenida Gaona z majhno trato pred hišo — in kopico vnukov v hiši — mu je bila dom daleč z doma. Le gornji trg v Škofiji Loki je prijaznejši, kot je bil pred pol stoletja. Tine Debeljak ni bil Argentinec, niti argentinski Slovenec, ostal je Slovenec, ki ga je vojna vrgla v argentinsko vlemesto: ustvarjalec tretje Slovenije.

Tinetova sled bo ostala, vse nas je obogatil s svojim delom.

Jože Velikonja



Duhovne vaje za žene in dekleta

CLEVELAND, O. - Zopet so pred nami dnevi milosti, dnevi duhovnih vaj. V dneh 11. in 12. marca bo možnost udeležiti se duhovnih vaj za žene in dekleta. Duhovne vaje bo vodil frančiškan p. dr. Bernardin Sušnik, katerega se morda še spominjate, ko je pred leti razlagal duhovno misel na Vatikanskem radiu, kar je prenašal g. dr. Milan Pavlovčič.

Duhovne vaje bodo tokrat v šolskem poslopju - pritličju pri Mariji Vnebovzeti v Collinwoodu ter v cerkvi. Pričele se bodo v soboto zjutraj s prihodom ob pol devetih, kjer bo vsaka dobila točen spored za soboto in nedeljo. Konec bo v nedeljo popoldne s sv. mašo ob 3. uri in nato še malo razgovora pri čaju do pol pete ure.

Cena za ta dva polna dneva je \$35, v kar je vključena hrana in prostor ter dar za voditelja, kar prosimo, da se plača takoj s prijavo. Prijavite se lahko pri Angeli Bolha (432-0995), Anči Mihelič (391-1878) Heleni Perčič (732-8082), Mari Miklavčič (486-4627), Mici Košir (481-5621), Vidi Švajger (473-4218), ali Marici Lavriša (481-3768). Prosimo, da se prijavite čimpreje.

Za vsak uspeh v duhovnem življenju je potrebna molitev, tako tudi za duhovne vaje. Lepo prosimo, da vsi, ki berte te vrstice, vključite v Vaše vsakodnevne molitve tudi prošnjo za uspeh duhovnih vaj, saj če Gospod ne zida hiše se zastonj trudijo zidarji! Bog povrni!

Marica Lavriša

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

795. Blagajnik Štefan Marolt je sporočil

iz Clevelanda vrsto darov. MZA Cleveland je imela 15. januarja lepo uspelo božičnico in predsednica Marica Lavriša je bila zelo vesela številne udeležbe in duha celotne proslave. V cerkvi sta vodila pobožnost župnik g. Kumše iz domače fare Marije Vnebovzete v Collinwoodu in g. dr. Krajnik iz Loraina, Ohio. Nad 45 udeležencev je bilo in kar se je nabralo za naše misijonarje bo objavljeno čim dobimo točnejše podatke.

G. Marolt navaja tele darove v pismu z dne 2. januarja:

Ga. Angela Železnik \$25 za vse; ga. Jean Brodnik iz Euclida, \$20 za vase, v spomin staršev Johna in Mary Per; gdč. Ljudmila Lekan za vse \$50; ga. Marija Boh, kjer je najbolj potrebno, \$40; g. Frank Tominc za vse \$100.

Neimenovana družina iz New Yorka je darovala za enoletno bogoslovsko vzdrževalnino v misijonih \$300 in \$200 za vse naše misijonarje in misijonarke; ga. Karolina Kess je za svojega bogoslovca-vzdrževanca darovala \$500; ga. Theresa Ritcherson, Odessa, Fla., \$260 za njenega bogoslovca.

V pismu 19. januarja piše g. Marolt, da je v januarju prejel precej darov za MZA: Od srečk na MZA božičnici 15. januarja je prišlo \$848. Neimenovana iz Clevelanda je darovala \$2000 za dva domača bogoslovca v misijonih, za 4-letno vzdrževalnino vsakemu. Ga. Karolina Kess je darovala za domačega bogoslovca vzdrževalnino še za dve leti \$500.

Nanovo so prevzeli vzdrževanje domačega bogoslovca v Clevelandu: družina Jože in Zalka Likozar \$250 in ga. Ivana Hirschegger \$250.

Gdč. Mary Ann Mlinar je darovala \$300: \$100 za s. Bogdano Kavčič, \$100 za ljubljansko nadškofijo, \$25 za misijonarja Franca Rebola na Tajvanu, in \$75 za vse naše misijonarje. N.N. je daroval \$100 za vse na terenu. G. Janez in ga. Marija Prosen sta darovala \$150 za glavni dobitnik na polletnem MZA pikniku na Slovenski pristavi.

Po \$50 so darovali: družina Antona in Anice Nemeč za vse; družina Milana in Marije Goršek za vse, in družina Antona in Marice Lavriša za vse in sicer \$20 v spomin pok. Marije Božnar in \$30 v spomin rajne Apolonije Košir, za oba namena, namesto cvetja na grob.

Po \$20 so darovali: G. Frank in ga. Jelka Kuhel za vse, v spomin rajne Apolonije Košir; družina Mirota in Mari Celestina in T.C., obojni za vse; ga. Mary Miklavčič za vse, \$10 v spomin pok. Marije Božnar in \$10 v spomin rajne Apolonije Košir. Gdč. Ivanka Gostič je darovala za vse \$15. Po \$10 so dali: ga. Magda Lockemer, ga. Ivanka Tominec, g. Frank Kamin za bogoslovsko akcijo, in družina Ivana in Paule Hauptman za vse \$15.

Ga. Ivanka Kovač z Gilberta,

Minn., je po predsednici Anici Tusharjevi poslala g. Maroltu za MZA \$1500 za najbolj potrebne v misijonih, iz zapuščine rajnega moža Avgusta, ki je odšel po plačilo k Očetu v oktobru lanskega leta. Rajni Avgust je misijone zelo ljubil. Posnemanja vredno!

G. Štefan Novak iz Scarborough, Ont., je poravnal naročnino za petkovo AD za dva naša misijonarja: g. Franca Bratina v Južni Afriki in brata Ivana Kešpreta v Indiji. Daroval je tudi \$37 v kan. valuti za

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hočemo, kdaj bodo oni, ki so sistematično uporabljali povsod po svetu laž in prisilo kot sredstvo za doseg in ohranjanje absolutne oblasti, v resnici pričeli odstopati od svojega totalitarnega modela. Prav dobro pa se zavedamo, da čas teče in da nam trdovratnost režima lahko zapravi priložnost za slovensko vključitev v družbo svobodnih evropskih narodov.

Priče smo komunističnega poloma v Sloveniji in drugod po svetu. V obdobju, ko se zde te vrste totalitarizmi manj grozeči, ker ne morejo več prikrivati svoje praznine, pa tudi ker jih ponekod lepšajo propagandni aparati ne le vzhoda marveč tudi zahoda, se včasih lahko prikrade dvom: ali bi se morali mi v čem spremeniti, zdaj ko propada komunistični sistem, proti kateremu smo se borili in o katerega škodljivosti smo bili in smo prepričani? Vendar sistem ne zasluži usmiljenja; ker ne spoštuje človeka, nosi v sebi od vseh početkov kal razkroja. Ne škodoželjnost, zdrava pamet nam narekuje, da se držimo čim dalj od potapljaljoče se ladje, če hočemo resnično pomagati rojakom, žrtvam pošastnega brodoloma, ki lahko traja še leta. Prav pa je, da smo naklonjeni in odprti do vseh, ki razočarani zapuščajo komunistično utopijo ter s spoštovanjem do drugače mislečih rojakov iščejo pot v smeri resnične demokracije.

Totalitarizem, ki je hotel uničiti vse duhovne in narodne vrednote, se skuša zdaj reševati pred propadom z gesli duhovne svobode in narodnih koristi, čeprav je v dejanjih daleč od tega, kar oznanja. Po desetletni izkušnji mu večina rojakov v domovini ne verjame več. In mi? Čeprav si želimo, da bi bilo v našem narodu kmalu konec nespravljivih nasprotij, moramo vztrajati, ker vemo, da kot vsak totalitarizem tudi ta, ki vlada nad našo domovino, ni manj nevaren, kadar po sili razmer nadomešča strahovanje s korupcijo.

Dokler je v neki državi oblast skrbno varovan monopol komunistične partije, toliko časa ni verjeti njihovim obljubam o demokratizaciji. V sistemih, kjer ni nobene moralne vsebine, obljube nimajo vrednosti. Spremembe je mogoče izkazati le z dejanji.

Nekateri slovenski komunisti bi se radi prikazali ljudstvu kot nekake žrtve jugoslovanske partije. Takih trditvev ni jemati resno. V Sloveniji je pričela državljansko vojno KPS in slovenski komunisti so bili med revolucijo in po njej po lastni iniciativi dosledni likvidatorji svojih realnih in potencialnih nasprotnikov. OF je bila taktični izum slovenskih komunistov, pa tudi jugoslovanska »samoupravnost« nosi slovenski pečat ter nas je zato lahka sram, da je iz našega naroda zrasel tako površen »konstrukt«. Zveza komunistov Slovenije, ki je le preimenovana KPS, je tudi danes edina odgovorna za položaj v Sloveniji, pa čeprav še tako vneto kaže s prstom proti vzhodu.

Izjave vrhovnih predstavnikov slovenske socialistične republike, ki obljublajo demokratizacijo in tržno gospodarstvo, pa ne store ničesar, kakor da bi se morali boriti s kako opozicijo, bi bile smešne, če ne bi ljudje nanje nasedali. Malokdo se vpraša, kaj pomenijo take neodgovorne izjave; ali zgovorni oblastniki nimajo dovolj moči, da bi storili po svoji volji, ali pa niso zadosti demokratični, da bi odločitve prepustili ljudstvu?

Ce ne morejo delovati zaradi nekake notranje opozicije, potem v resnici vlada ta nevidna opozicija v partiji in so vidni oblastniki le lutke. Cemu naj bi bili deležni naših simpatij? Gre pač za oportuniste, ki branijo s privilegiranih položajev le svoje koristi.

Res, sedanja generacija komunistov ne verjame več v Marxa. Vendar dokler vlada, kakor da bi marksistične trditve držale, se položaj v praksi ni spremenil. Ze zdavnaj so se odpovedali Stalinu, ki naj bi bil kriv vsega hudega. Vendar ali so popravili krivice, ki so jih storili v njegovem imenu? S stalinističnimi metodami so si priborili oblast, ki jo hočejo ohraniti v nedogled, če treba z novimi metodami. Ker pa smo že dolgo nasprotniki komunističnega družbenega nauka in sistema, nas njihovo spreminjanje metod ne bi smelo preveč ganiti.

Taktika zavračanja krivde na nekoč »nezmotljive« vodnike revolucije je po vsem komunističnem svetu enaka. Ljudje naj bi mislili, da je bil slab Stalin, ali Hruščov, ali Brežnjev, ali Tito, ali Kardelj, ali kdorkoli, ne pa partija s svojo ideologijo, od katere prerokov skušajo reševati vsaj Lenina. Tudi med Slovenci bi se verjetno iz komodnosti še vedno nekateri zadovoljili s kakim grešnim kozlom pa reševali sistem, ki naj bi potreboval po njihovem mnenju le malo »humanistične kozmetike«. Mi nismo pripravljeni sprejemati osnovnih zmot in socialne gnilobe, ki se je nabirala v komunistični družbeni upravi, pa čeprav jo poškrope z vsemi dišavami humanizma. Za kristjana pa pomeni iskati si prostor v krivičnem, dekadentnem, preživelem in nenaravnem sistemu več kot naivnost. To je nemoralno. Zlo je namreč v bistvu tega družbenega umotvora in ne le v sredstvih, katere uporablja.

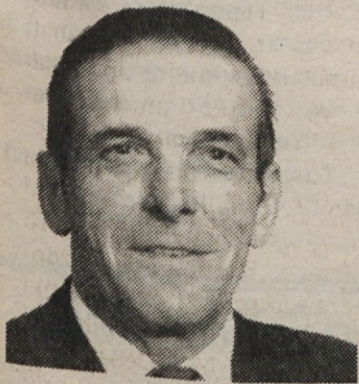
Smo del slovenskega naroda, ki živi v političnem eksilu

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Ameriška Domovina je Vaš list!

V BLAG SPOMIN

PRVE OBLETNICE SMRTI NAŠEGA LJUBLJENEGA MOŽA, OČETA, STAREGA OČETA



MIKE SPISICH

Eno leto Te zemlja krije, v temnem grobu mirno spiš. Srce Tvoje več ne bije, bolečin več ne trpiš. Nam pa žalost srca trga, solze lijejo iz oči. Dom je prazen in otožen, odkar Te več med nami ni.

Zalujoči:

Anna, žena
Joe in Frank, sinova
Mary in Gerri, snahi
Marica Žunich, hčerka
7 vnukov in vnukinj
1 pravnik

V BLAG SPOMIN

NA TRETJO OBLETNICO SMRTI, OD KAR JE TAKO NAGLO OD NAS ODŠEL NAS DRAGI MOZ, OČE, STARI OČE, BRAT, STRIC IN SVAK



EMIL MAUSER

ki je umrl 8. februarja 1986.

Spomin na Te je naš zaklad, saj vsak od nas Te imel je rad; pri Bogu zdaj se veseliš, a v srcih naših Ti živiš!

Zalujoči:

Žena — Olga
hčerke — Sylvia, Irenca,
Darinka z možem Garth
in vnukinjo Emily
brat — Otmar
sestri — Julka in Filipina
ter drugo sorodstvo tukaj
in v Sloveniji.

Richmond Hts., O., 3. feb. 1989.

V BLAG SPOMIN



Matthew Balazek

Sedemnajsta obletnica
Izdihnil je svojo plemenito dušo
dne 1. februarja 1972.

V miru božjem zdaj počivaj,
dragi, nepozabni nam,
v nebesih rajsko srečo uživaj,
do svidenja na vekomaj.

Skupaj mnogo let smo živeli,
slabe in dobre čase imeli,
Bog pa je hotel tako,
da Tebe prvo vzeti je v nebo.

Zalujoči:

Žena, Verona
ter ostalo sorodstvo.

Cleveland, O., 3. februarja 1989.

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in ki ni nikdar klonil pred komunističnim režimom. Ko bodo zanamci gledali na ta del narodove zgodovine, bodo lahko s ponosom ugotovili, da je del Slovencev v letih preskušnje ohranil notranjo in zunanjo svobodo, četudi za ceno velikih žrtev. Zavržena je pravljica o hlapcih in sužnjih. Slovenci smo narod svobodnjakov.

Ne bomo presoiali zadržanja posameznih rojakov, ki še niso odvrgli »rdeče knjižice« ali ki sodelujejo s totalitarnim režimom in njegovimi predstavniki. Naj opravijo s svojo vestjo. Vendar po štiridesetih letih idealizma ne bomo pustili, da bi nam solili pamet oportunisti, pa čeprav govore brezhibno slovenščino.

V Sloveniji žive tisoči skritih junakov, prepričanih demokratov in zvestih narodnjakov. Ko bodo ti svobodni, ko bodo lahko brez strahu po vsej Sloveniji uveljavljali svoje prepričanje, ko se bo vsak rojak zavedal, da ne potrebuje več dovoljenja za poglobljanje v narodovo zgodovino in za odkrito javno delovanje, ker je to njegova pravica, ko bo slovenski zakon enako in dosledno ščitil pravice vseh državljanov in ko bodo vsi zgodovinski in kulturni sadovi emigracije na razpolago slovenskemu ljudstvu, tedaj bomo mi odrešeni trde tlake na ledini slovenskega političnega zdomstva. Ne prej!

Vodniki slovenski partije se verjetno spominjajo Trocki-jeve trditve, da je revolucija »udarec s pestjo v obraz paralitika«. Trocki se je v marsičem zmotil, a revolucijo je poznal.

Danes so izraziti paralitiki v slovenskem narodu prav komunisti. Pazijo naj, kajti ljudstvo so skozi pol stoletja učili dvigati pest. Mi zdomci ne želimo nasilnih pretresov v Sloveniji, ker visoko cenimo življenje. Vendar če komunistično vodstvo ne najde hitro primerne načina, kako preiti v resnično demokracijo, naj se ne čudijo, če bodo začutili na lastnem obrazu Trockijevo napoved.

Lahko se tedaj zgodi, da bodo proti svoji volji postali dnevna novica svetovnega tiska...

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

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vse naše misijonarje.

Ga. Restituta Palleschi iz Scarborough, Ont., je darovala kan. \$10 za M. Terezijo v Indiji. Iz Timminsa, Ont., je poslala ga. Louise Šušteršič \$40 kan. za vse naše misijonarje.

Iz Kalifornije so darovali: G. Jože Snój, Etiwanda, je poslal dar \$500: \$300 za bogoslovsko vzdrževalnico in \$200 za dr. Sonjo Masle na Madagaskarju; g. Alex Ravník, Hayward, je daroval \$100 za vse na terenu; ga. Louise Rogina, San Francisco, je darovala za lačne otroke \$65; g. Louis Oven, Monterey, pa za 6 sv. maš \$30.

Ga. Anica Tushar je sporočila še tele darove: družina Rudyja Schutte za najbolj potrebne \$50. Ta dar je bil dan predno je zelo bolni g. Rudy umrl.

K lanski oktobrski misijonski nabirki je dodala ga. Ivanka Kovač še \$27, skupaj \$147. Za bogoslovsko akcijo so še darovali: družina Johna in

Anice Tushar \$300. Ga. Mary Pirjevec z Gilberta, Minn., za vzdrževanje novega kandidata - domačega bogoslovca \$250. Ga. Tusharjeva je poslala tudi lepo število sv. maš, ki se bodo opravile v misijonih.

Ko pripravljamo ta članek, je ga. Tushar telefonirala, da je MZA Gilbert izgubila zvestega sodelavca in dolgoletnega organista g. Franceta Miheliča, ki je na svojem domu umrl, star blizu 80 let. Naj počiva v miru in z nami misijonarji — večno srečen!

Ravnatelj za misijone

v Sloveniji, g. Franc Mikuš, v 5. številki »Misijonskih obzorij« za december 1988 objavlja »novo ceno« za M.O. Takole zadevo razloži: »Bralce in bralke našega lista obveščamo, da bo naročnina v prihodnjem letu 15.000 din (3000 za izvod), za tujino pa 15 US dolarjev. Te cene veljajo za tiste, ki bodo poravnali naročnino do 5. marca 1989.

Zaradi naraščajoče inflacije smo morali dvigniti ceno, kar

boste gotovo sprejeli z razumevanjem. Tudi za nas tako sporočilo ni prijetno, ko vemo, koliko izdatkov pride ob koncu leta.

Upamo, da boste kljub podražitvi ostali zvesti bralci našega misijonskega glasila, ki bo v prihodnjem letu še bolj kvalitetno in da se bo število naročnikov še povečalo, saj bomo tako dokazali posebno pozornost do naših misijonarjev in misijonark.«

MSIP 778 so v odtavku »Dostmrtni naročniki 'Katoliških Misijonov'« objavili tekoče zadeve v zvezi z M.O. Po ge. Tusharjevi in malo kasneje po ge. Lavriševi, ki je obiskala domovino, smo poslali na Upravo M.O. vrsto naročnin. Omenili smo tudi, da je g. Lenček predčasno dal zagotovilo, da bodo vsi nekdanji dostmrtni naročniki »Katoliških Misijonov« dobili M.O. brezplačno.

Omenili smo takrat, da bomo pritožbe glede M.O. pošiljali od časa do časa Upravi v Ljubljani. Od takrat smo prejeli več pritožb, da M.O. ne dobivajo, čeprav so bili dostmrtni naročniki KM. Predsednica Helena Klesin v New Yorku je bila med njimi in zadnje dneve družina V.B., ki 20. januarja omenja: »Sem tudi dostmrtna naročnica Katoliških misijonov in sem še spomladi lanskega leta poslala nekaj denarja v tiskovni sklad. K.M. g. Lenčku in on mi je sporočil, da mi bodo poslali M.O. takoj, ko bodo izšla. Namesto tega so mi pa začeli pošiljati iz Ljubljane »Družino«. Ker pa nimam naslova g. Lenčka, da bi mu to sporočila, Vas prosim, če Vam je mogoče to pojasniti in se Vam lepo zahvalim.«

MZA bo take pritožbe rada poslala na Upravo M.O. Uredijo pa potem lahko zadeve samo oni. Reakcije glede zelo dvignjene naročnine M.O. na \$15 prihajajo zadnje čase iz raznih koncev.

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Zopet hvala g. župniku za dvorano in šolske prostore ter Ameriški Domovini in dr. Milanu Pavlovčiču za oglaševanje v tisku in po radiu.

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NOVI GROBOVI

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