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POSLOVENIL VLAD, LEVSTIK

Ali že se je kazalo, da nemško topništvo nadkriljuje francosko: njegove granate so se razletavale skoro vse v ogromnih daljavah, dočim so francoske, na častni prizig in z mnogo krajšim letom, pokale pogostoma v zraku, preden so dosegle svoj cilj. Potemtakem torej ni bilo druge pomoči, kakor stisniti se čim najtesneje v brazdo, kamor se je bil vsakateri zaril. Niti to olajšanje jim ni bilo dano, ta opojna pijanost, da bi bili mogli parkrat izstreliti puško. Na koga pa naj bi streljali? Saj še vedno niso

videli nikogar na praznem obzorju!
"Ali bomo že vendar enkrat streljali?" je ponavljal Maurice, ves iz sebe. "Pet frankov bi dal za to, da vidim nekoga. To je neznosno: pobijajo te, pa niti ne moreš streljati nazaj."
"Le počakaj, to nemara še bo", je mirno odgovarjal Jean.
A galop konj na njuni levi je storil, da sta okrenila glavo. Spoznala sta generala Douy-a z njegovim generalnim štabom, ki se je bil prihitel prepričat, kako se drže njegove čete pod strašnim ognjem Hattoyskega

griča. Zdel se je zadovoljen; dajal je nekakšna povelja, iz bližje rebrji ja se je prikazal še general Bourgain-Desfeuilles. Ta, dasi vojak-dvorjan, je brezkrbno jezdil med krogliami, zagrizen v svojo afriško rutino, človek, ki mu ni bil hasnil nobeden bridki nauk.

"Čakam jih, pričakujem jih vsak hip, mož proti možu!"

Nato jezgedel generala Douy-a in se mu približal.

"Gospod general, ali je res, da je maršal ranjen?"

"Da, žal... Pravkar sem prejel list generala Ducrota, kjer mi naznaja, da mu je maršal poveril vrhovno poveljstvo nad armado."

"Ah! Ducrot je zdaj... In kakšna so povelja?"

General je obupno zamahnil. Že od prejšnjega večera je vedel, da je armada izgubljena; toda zaman je pritiskal, da bi zasedli illy-ske in saintmengerske postojanke ter si tako omogočili umikanje na Mezieres.

"Ducrot se zopet oprijemlje prejšnjega načrta: vse čete se bodo zbirale na Illy-ski planoti."

Pri tem je ponovil svojo gesto, kakor da bi hotel reči: vse je zaman!

Grom topov je odnašal njegove besede, toda njih zmisel je prišel Mauriceu jasno do ušes, in prestrašil se ga je. Kaj? Maršal ranjen, general Ducrot namesto njega vrhovni poveljnik, in vsa armada se umika na severno stran Sedana? In ta tako usodna dejstva niso znana ubogim vragom vojakom, ki stoje tik pred hipom, ko se dajo postreliti! In ta strašna igra izročena loteriji slučajja, kaprici novega vodstva! Čutil je, kako pada armada v zmešnjavo in v nered, iz katerega

ni rešitve, brez voditelja, brez načrta, vlečena na vse strani, dočim gredo Nemci naravnost proti svojemu cilju, premo in točno kakor stroj.

Že je bil Bourgain-Desfeuilles odjezdil, ko ga je general Douay, ki mu je bil prekinjek zaprašena hužar ravnokar prinesel novo poročilo, s silovitim klicem pozval nazaj.

"General! General!"

Njegov glas je bil tako visok in tako grmeč od presenečenja in razburjenja, da je prekričal grom topov:

"General! Ducrot ne poveljuje več, nego Wimpffen. Da, večeraj je prišel, sredi med poraz v Beaumontu, da nadomesti Fally-a na čelu 5. armadnega zbora... Piše mi, da ima službeno pismo od vojnega mi-

nistra, ki ga postavlja na čelo armade, za slučaj, da se vodstvo izprazni... Ne umikamo se več, povelja vele, da zopet zavzamemo ter branimo prvotne postojanke."

General Bourgain-Desfeuilles je debelo gledal in poslušal.

"Strela božja!" je izpregovoril nazadnje, "to je trebalo vedeti... Naposled, mene naj vse to piše v...!"

Galopiral je dalje, zares brezskrben v notranjosti svojega srca; saj je videl v vojski zgolj naglo sredstvo, postati divizijski general, in je gojil le eno željo: da bi bilo kmalu konec te neumne vojske, ki daje vsem skupaj tako malo zadovoljstva.

Moštvo Beaudouinove kompa-

nije se je razsulo v smehu. Maurice ni rekel ničesar, a je bil tistega mnenja kakor Chourteau in Loubet, ki sta se rogala in prekipela zaničevanja, čes: Hi-hot, hodi, kakor te gonim! To so poveljniki, ki se sporazumejo med seboj, ne pa da bi hoteli imeti vsakateri svoj delež! Ali ni najboljši, da ležejo spat, ko imajo takšne poveljnike? Troje poveljnikov v dveh urah, troje ptičkov, ki niti prav ne vedo, kaj jim je početi in dajejo nasprotna povelja! Ne zares, to je sposobno, razgnjaviti in pohujšati Boga v njegovi lastni osebi! — (Dalje prihodnjik)

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Someone from Yugoslavia said: "We should not miss this opportunity to gain Yugoslavia, but we cannot ideologically offer any help to fight Stalin without asking that Tito guarantee to democratize Yugoslavia. If he does this, he will also win the support of the common people of his country, who are indifferent in the fight for a better communism, but who would fight for democracy. Tito's revolt against Moscow has been playing up the people's element. We in the Balkans have thrown off foreign domination before. We are a nation of rebels, but will not fight for a better communism against Stalin. We want to be owners of our land, to have our personal freedom, and to live together with our fellow men under Christian, democratic principles."

NEWBURGH NEWS

The Slovenian National Home on E. 8th St. is the center of social activity in the Burgh. We hope to be seeing you at any of the following events:

Tomorrow - Oct. 22nd:
The EZZ will sponsor their ANNUAL AUTUMN DANCE. Lou Trebar and his boys will be featured for your dancing entertainment. The members of Lodge No. 47 cordially invite all dance lovers to a grand evening of entertainment!

Sunday - October 23rd:
The Singing Society "Zvon" will render one of your favorite CONCERTS in observance of their 33rd Anniversary. This choral group, under the direction of M. Ivan Zorman, has prepared a rendition of well selected vocal numbers. It's a "reserved" date for all of you!

COMING EVENTS
The SDZ Newburgh Junior League has plans underway for a grand "MASQUERADE BALL" which is scheduled for Sunday evening, Oct. 30th at the SNH on 80th St. The Skach-Habat Tumblers, your congenial hosts, the club members and YOU will make this affair a great success.

Come along to DANCE those tingling polkas, and stay around for an evening of unusual entertainment and pleasant relaxation!

PTA NOTES
The PTA (Parents-Teachers Association) invites all teen-agers and their parents to an ICE-CREAM SOCIAL which will be held in the Church Hall Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23rd. Parents come along and bring your family. There will be refreshments and entertainment plenty!

The PTA leaders this year are: President, Mrs. Russell Bartholomew; Mrs. Stan Wendick.

Meetings are held every third Monday of the month in the school hall. Parents come along and voice your opinions in vital matters concerning the educational progress of your child.

Tony's Men's Wear team split their winnings. Lou Trattar was high for Tony's with a 536 and Stan Zabak rolled a 522 for the Perfolia Funeral Home five.

The new 200 Club members are Fred Pasmpaur 225 Frank Sims 218 and L. Turk 201!

A FINAL NOTE
There are still a few evenings remaining to the Month of the Holy Rosary, so why not plan to spend a few moments with Our Lady at Rosary and Benediction services held every evening during Oct. at 7:30 p. m. at St. Lawrence Church.

The SHADOW CHAPTER TEN AND ONE-HALF

The Misadventures of Isabel

I'm terribly sorry, really, about what happened last week, especially since I hear that I was missed. Really, since Isabel is coming by mail these past few weeks, things are just liable to be off schedule . . . and, of course, there are times when Isabel is off schedule.

I think we were coming home from Mount Vernon two weeks ago . . . There is only one thing that I have to tell about the trip home, and that is Freddy's nasty little joke. It went something like this:

Freddy: "As you can see, girls, we're passing the airport. Now I forgot to tell you this on the way out here, but . . . you see those big black disks revolving around in those square shaped things? . . . Well, those are radar signals and they send out high voltage electric rays. We'll give you a shock now, unless you touch glass . . ."

His hands on some glass. Obeying to our "wise" guide, we all plastered our fingers onto the glass of the window panes.

We rode by the radar antennae, which were revolving madly round and round, and as soon as we were safely past, Freddy called back to us "Did everyone feel the pane (pain)?"

There was a groan, then silence. After a few seconds, which time was spent digesting this corn, one of the girls in the back yelled, "Freddy, if you want to stay on this bus, quit it!" "Who'll get you home?" challenged Freddy.

"I can drive!" came back the voice. Freddy drove on in silence.

After a few minutes, he meekly broke into the strange quiet of the bus with, "I'm sorry, girls, but the only way we can get the company to wash the windows on these things is to get some fingerprints on them."

No one said anything . . .

We had picked up an extra passenger at Mount Vernon. He was a little man from the Philippines, who was spending his first visit to America in and around Washington. He'd missed his bus at Mount Vernon and so we let him ride with us.

On the way back we were to stop at the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials. We pulled up before the Jefferson Memorial shortly before five, and were told we could have only ten minutes there. "Here we go again, strictly on schedule," I said to myself.

Yes, it was strictly on schedule and no time for dallying.

From the base up, Mister Thomas Jefferson stands about 19 feet. He's made of bronze, and he stands there, tall and serene, looking out over the tidal basin of the Potomac. The round colonnade on the Memorial, and the small dome on top make it typically Roman in design.

After what seemed about two minutes, Freddy rounded us up, and literally dragged us over to the Lincoln Memorial. However, I shall speak of that again much later, so I'll skip it here, and let us go home, since I am getting hungry.

We wandered around and in and out through the huge Doric columns of the

Memorial for about fifteen minutes, and then Freddy packed us off again, and drove us back to the hotel.

The evening was a hectic one, for Susie and Gloria marched off to the movies, only to return in a gay mood with a bottle of gingerale and some stale potato chips. "Oh, oh, I said to myself when I saw them, and I was absolutely right . . ."

"Where'll we put this gingerale so it'll stay cold?" demanded Gloria, imperiously.

"Get a pitcher of the hotel's best ice water," suggested Susie.

"I'll get it," I said. "Put that quart down Gloria, before you break it! I want some of that stuff! I went into the bathroom with the pitcher and turned on the 'ice-water' faucet, then returned to get the gingerale bottle. I set it into the pitcher and poured ice water around it."

We had an "enjoyable" party. The potato chips, as I said before, were stale, and the gingerale, as we found out, was, to quote Susie "anemic."

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SAFETY PAYS

It's a man sized job on this old earth To get on your own and prove your worth.

But it's tougher still to have a mishap And face the world with a handicap.

No matter how smart you think you are, You cannot depend on your lucky star To keep your limbs and your eyes intact, Or to keep your skull from being cracked.

It takes constant care and a mind that's alert To stay on the job and avoid being hurt.

A beautiful epitaph can't be read By the man it's written for, when he's dead.

The age-old plea, "I wish that I had . . ." is no relief when you're hurt and sad And you dream of an eye that once could see, Or think of a limb that used to be.

It's worth far more, as the days go by, To give safely a break and honestly try To avoid the cost of careless ways And prove to the world that Safety Pays.

STRAIGHT FROM WASHINGTON



By STEPHEN M. YOUNG
Ohio
Congressman-at-Large

Washington. — The Congressional investigation of "five percenters" was quite a show while it lasted. Jess Larson, Administrator of General Services, who spends more than one billion dollars a year, defended legitimate business representatives or middlemen, who seek government contracts.

He said, "The thing that burns me is the man who goes into a cocktail lounge and tosses our names around."

Senator Margaret Chase Smith, (R), Maine, apparently feels that Larson said a mouthful. She "burned up" because of the discovery that her photograph signed "With best wishes" adorned the office wall of a "char-

The Floridian Club

The October meeting of "The Floridian Club of Cleveland" was held Sunday, October 16, 1949 at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mihelich, Route 85, Leroy, Ohio.

The day was ideal, the sun shined brightly and the sky overhead a perfect blue without a semblance of clouds. The activities were held outdoors and consisted of many and varied forms. The principal one was the re-enactment of the wedding of Joseph and Ella Kozan, which took place 25 years ago.

The wedding took place in the garden amid a galaxy of fall flowers of every hue. The bride, given in marriage by her father (equipped with a shotgun), wore a snipie gown of ivory satin with fitted sleeves and bodice, full skirt and long train. A duchess lace veil which extended over the train of her dress formed a cap on her head and a cluster of orange blossoms was fastened at the sides. She carried a bouquet of asters, marigold and baby mums.

The maid of honor wore a beautiful powder blue moire dress with a matching head-piece of imported plumes. The bridesmaid wore a pink chiffon dress with a beautiful sequin

Air Force Vets to Hold Dance

"Operation All Out" is the theme of the Air Force Reunion Squadron of the Air Force Association, Friday evening, Oct. 21, at the Hotel Allerton Ballroom.

An open invitation is extended to all former men and women of the Air Force, their friends and family, to attend this special reunion. Kenneth Vetter, commander of the squadron, announced. A dance free to all will be held beginning at 8:30 p. m.

Lieut. Col. Earl E. Kelso, recently assigned senior unit instructor of the organized reserve corps in Cleveland, will be the principal speaker for the occasion. His subject, "Germany, 1949," will be based on his personal observations while Commandant of the European Military Prison at Mannheim, Germany.

Other speakers will include Ex-Governor Thomas Herbert and Ohio State Wing Commander of the AFA, Ferd Fickens.

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