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Baraga Days take on international flavor

The Bishop Baraga weekend of Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in Washington, D.C. was one of the biggest events in the history of the annual gatherings. Close to 2,000 persons were at the Sunday Mass celebrated by James Cardinal Hickey in the Immaculate Conception (National Shrine), Upper Church.

Each year the Bishop Baraga Association meets to discuss the progress in the canonization process of Slovenian Bishop Frederic Baraga, the Bishop of Marquette, Mich. This year the meeting was in Washington, D.C. where the dedication of the Slovenian Chapel in the basement of the National Shrine took place 20 years ago. Besides these two events, the Prime Minister of Slovenia, Lojze Peterle, attended. This was Peterle's first appearance as the chief governing official of the self-declared independent nation of Slovenia, since the country declared its sovereignty on June 25.

The first event of the weekend was the Slovenian Mass on Saturday, Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. in the Upper Church. The principal celebrant was the Most Reverend Jožef Smej of Maribor, Slovenia. His visit was underwritten by the KSKJ. Bishop Smej is a kindly man, loved by all who met him.

Bishop Smej gave the homily in Slovenian and the saintly Most Rev. Edward Pevec, Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland spoke in English about Bishop Baraga.

The choruses were Slovenska Pesem of Chicago and Korotan from Cleveland. The director of Slovenska Pesem is Rev. dr. Vendelin Špendov of Chicago, while Rudi Knez of Cleveland directs Korotan. Philip Arko of Chicago was organist.

Dozens of Slovenians came dressed in narodna naša, Slovenian costume.

Eight bishops and dozens of priests were on the main altar to help celebrate the Mass.

The entire celebration lasted three hours with significant readings in both Slovenian and English about the chapel, Baraga and the remarkable quality of the Slovenian people and their Christian heritage.

There was a short blessing of the Slovenian chapel immediately following.

At 7 p.m. the group went to the Sheraton Washington hotel, headquarters of the original Slovenian chapel group, which also filled the same function on this occasion. A banquet in the main dining room saw 1,000 persons sit down to an excellent meal. Due to the heat, guests kept the waiters busy bringing in gallons of iced-water.

The purpose of the banquet was the annual meeting of the Bishop Baraga Association.

After many speeches, it was announced that the Baraga Person of the Year is Corinne Leskovar of Chicago. She has been active for years in the Chicago Slovenian community, announcing on her radio program, and as editor of *Zarja*, the monthly magazine of the Slovenian Women's Union.

Significant donations were announced by Frances Nemanich who brought in sizeable amounts from St. Mary's parish in Cleveland, the combined Slovenian parishes of Cleveland, and for Frances Novak who collects from various individuals in the Cleveland area.

Also, the Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation made a donation of \$5,000 in memory of Senator Frank J. Lausche for new lighting and carpeting in the Baraga crypt.

Around 11:30, after the long day's activities, many pilgrims gathered at the hotel's main refreshment center for some



Slovenia's Prime Minister, Lojze Peterle, center, poses with Rev. Spendov and Rudy Knez and the Korotan and Slovenski Pesem

singing groups on the steps of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, Sept. 1st.

(Photos by James V. Debevec)

beverages. Prime Minister Peterle came by and was asked to join the group, which he did, and immediately songs broke out and continued non-stop until 2 a.m. when the group was requested to suspend operations. (Which we did until the following evening). The Prime Minister, halfway through the singing requested the accompaniment of an accordion. Immediately a runner was dispatched to Matt Grdadolnik's room for the musical instrument and he squeezed the box non-stop for the rest of the night. Sunday morning a news conference was called for 10 a.m. at the hotel with the Prime Minister presiding. He thanked everyone who in any way has or is helping Slovenia on its way to being recognized as an independent nation.

He firmly believes that recognition will come not months or weeks after the moratorium but within days. He feels six or seven nations

will recognize the sovereignty of Slovenia at the same time, and others will follow shortly, - including, hopefully, the United States.

Then at 2 p.m. a 2-hour solemn pontifical Mass was held in the Upper Church of the National Shrine with His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey as principal celebrant and homilist.

Cardinal Hickey, formerly Bishop of Cleveland, spoke glowingly about Bishop Baraga, relating the life-history of the saintly bishop. Cardinal Hickey is in the forefront of the Baraga beatification drive.

Cardinal Hickey also told the Prime Minister that the Catholic Bishops were supporting democracy and independence movement in Slovenia and he was bringing this message to the Pope where he was going on Monday, Labor Day.

Prime Minister Lojze Peterle, a person who sang in a church choir in his youth, couldn't resist the temptation, and sang with Korotan and Slovenska pesem in the National Shrine's chorus loft to a full church of over 2,000 delighted participants.

At 4 p.m. 600 persons filled Hartke Theater in Catholic University campus to listen to a concert by Korotan, Slovenska Pesem, the Washington Slovenian Choral Group. The Washington group is under the direction of the distinguished-looking director Vladimir Pregelj.

Those who participated in the singing or worked during the weekend were invited to a short dinner-party featuring klobase from Cleveland and sauerkraut and refreshments.

Afterwards, the three Korotan buses took a nighttime illumination tour of all the famous Washington

sights. From the minute the bus started, until it stopped at the hotel three hours later, the members of the choral group sang. One song after another was sung beautifully. On one occasion a few voices needed to be kept in line, and so director Rudy Knez stood up, intoned a note from his pocket harmonica, and directed the song. The choir loves Mr. Knez and gave him a rousing round of applause when he first stepped on the bus at the end of the concert. It's heart-warming to realize this gentle man can keep the attention and respect of the young and middle-aged singers. God bless Rudy Knez.

At first we heard beautiful Slovenian melodies. Then we saw the Capitol building and immediately, the selection went to patriotic American songs. Even I, a person with no singing ability whatsoever, joined the spirit of things and as we passed the *Iwo Jima* memorial, began the next song by warbling the Marine's battle song and to my amazement, the entire bus joined in. Astonishing.

The Washington host committee did an outstanding job of planning, coordinating and accomplishing the many activities during the weekend. We want to salute them all: Conrad P. Mejac, Chairman; Molly Thomas, Treasurer; Chris Bohince, Recording Secretary; Mary Mejac, Hospitality; James M. Cesnik, Logistics; Cyril Mejac, Stane Sustersic, Bogomir Chokel, Vladimir Pregelj, Bohince and Chesnik, Program; Nika Kovacic, Peter Mejac, Freda Michelitch, Lydia Millonig, Sr. Mary Popit, Bernard Puc, Msgr. Rober Roensch, Rev. Raymond Wadas and Ica Zebot.

—James V. Debevec



Prime Minister Peterle, left, chats with Frank Kogovsek, his wife, Ivanka, and Stanley Rus and his friend, Jill in front of the Slovenian Chapel area of the Shrine lower church.

Put Eddie Habat in Polka Hall

by Bob Dolgan

Here's hoping the voters correct their previous oversight and elect Eddie Habat to the Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame this year.

He is the biggest name missing from the Hall. He should have been elected with the first group of honorees. Leaving Habat out of the Cleveland pantheon is comparable to leaving Lou Gehrig out of baseball's Hall of Fame.

I can only assume that some of the voters who overlooked Habat previously are too young to know of his accomplishments.

Habat was in the forefront of accordionists, along with Frank Yankovic, Johnny Pecon and Lou Trebar, who took the exclusively European sound out of the polka and gave it that peculiarly American-St. Clair-Collinwood twist.

In the heyday of the Cleveland polka, in the 1940s and 1950s, when 500 young people from ages 17 to 25 would dance at Slovenian Home on St. Clair every Friday and Saturday night, Habat's was one of the four major bands, along with Pecon-Trebar, Johnny Vadnal and Kenny Bass. Yankovic, of course, was travelling around the country and was seldom in Cleveland.

All were outstanding. All are in the Hall of Fame, except Habat.

Nobody could turn on the emotion like Habat. He gave you the impression he would gladly play for free.

In a radio interview the late Pecon, generally considered the master of them all, was asked who was Cleveland's best accordionist. Pecon said he did not want to answer for fear of hurting anybody's feelings, but then he said Habat played with great feel and touch.

For 13 years, the Habat orchestra recorded nationally for Decca, turning out about 150 sides. A song Habat wrote, Go Man Go, sold 50,000 records in the first two weeks. Other big hits written and recorded by Habat were the Riverboat Polka, Hambone Polka, Uncle Nick's Polka, Hi Lee, Hi Lo and Strawberry Hill Polka.

The market for records was much bigger in those days before rock 'n roll took over. Habat's discs often sold 50,000 records. Today, a sale of 2,000 is considered excellent, with the records being produced on a local scale.

Habat practically grew up with the accordion. When he was about seven, he picked up the accordion on which his brother John was taking lessons. Eddie began playing it

immediately. After a few months, John gave him the box to keep, saying, "Keep it, you play better than I do and I read music."

Eddie never learned to read music, but he was playing at weddings and parties by the time he was 11. At 13, he was a regular among Cleveland's top accordionists. At 16, he fronted the Pecon band when Johnny went into the Seabees in World War II.

Habat played on numerous TV and radio shows in Cleveland. He has been named Ohio's Polka King and was the Collinwood Slovenian Home's man of the year in 1972.

For talent, spirit and longevity, he symbolizes the best in the Cleveland-style Hall. It would correct an injustice if he were voted in resoundingly.

Peterle stays in D.C.

Slovenia's Prime Minister, Lojze Peterle, postponed his trip to Canada scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week, to October. He has been meeting with State Department officials and others on behalf of Slovenia's drive for U.S. recognition, and world bankers for economic assistance. He met at 5 p.m. Wednesday with National Security Adviser General Brent Scowcroft. As of early this morning a meeting with Vice President Dan Quail has not been confirmed.

Rev. Ozimek retires

We received the following news from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland:

Rev. Joseph J. Ozimek retires as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Barberton, and named Pastor Emeritus, effective September 8, 1991.

Benefit Dance

The 30th annual Moonlight and Roses Dance sponsored by The Garfield Heights Friends and Parents of Retarded Children, Inc. will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the U.A.W. Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd.

Dancing from 8 to midnight by Jeff Pecon. Admission \$7.

Upstairs, Downstairs Dance

There will an Upstairs Downstairs Dance at the Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio on Sunday, Oct. 6.

Proceeds will benefit the Polka Hall of Fame.

George Knaus is sponsor and coordinator.

Donation is \$6.50. For tickets call Louise Jagodnik 943-0553 or George Knaus 481-9300.

Pig Latin

by John Mercina

Many of you responded to the "word finder" a few weeks ago and the feeling here was that you are ready for another test of your brain power. So here it goes:

"IWAY AMWAY DUD-PRAY OTAY EBAY AWAY OVENIANS LAY AMERICANWAY!"

Above is written in "pig latin" (prašičja Latinščina in the Slovenian language). It is hoped you too will agree with the coded sentence.

Answer next week.

Mr. Mercina brought in six more bird houses. Any reader who wishes to have one can stop in at the American Home office and pick one up. They're already assembled and ready to hang outside. Thursday morning bulletin: there's only four left.

Thanks, John for your thoughtfulness.

Krofe

St. Vitus Altar Society will make krofe on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. on in the St. Vitus Social Room.

In-depth reporting

Editor:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$50, \$25 for renewal of my subscription and \$25.00 for roof repair.

The in-depth reporting regarding the events in Slovenia and Yugoslavia has been thorough and invaluable to the readers. I wonder if you, as an American born Slovene would have had the same strong sentiments about Slovenia if you hadn't made the trip there yourself.

After my first trip in '63, seeing the beauty of the country and meeting my hard working relatives and the people, my ties became stronger than ever. Before that, I only knew them through correspondence.

They deserve the right to freedom which they've longer for so many years and you deserve our plaudits in the leadership you've displayed.

Josephine Debevec
Cleveland, Ohio

"People who know how much they're worth aren't usually worth that much."

—Nelson Bunker Hunt

AMLA sends Bush another letter

August 26, 1991

Honorable George Bush, President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

As president of our fraternal life society, which was originally incorporated here in Ohio in 1910 as the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Society, I write to you again regarding our concern about the situation in Yugoslavia and urge the recognition of the Republic of Slovenia as an independent and sovereign nation.

As the entire world knows, our government's former position regarding the territorial unity of the Soviet Union has been blown apart by the will of the Soviet people and their new leaders.

It is very evident that it is now impossible to cling to that former position as it applied to the Soviet Union, the Baltic states and Yugoslavia.

Let's look at the handwriting on the wall — the Baltic states will soon regain their independence and sovereignty. Of course, there are many details that the parties must negotiate to achieve a permanent status of co-existence as sovereign nations.

The situation is very similar in Yugoslavia, where the fragmentation developed a full two months ago by the declarations of independence by the republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

Yet, the people of Slovenia and Croatia did not hear "FREEDOM WORKS!"

While the violence in Slovenia has abated, the bloodshed and destruction in Croatia is escalating with the help of the purposeful aggression of the Yugoslav army. The people of Slovenia have every reason to believe that the Yugoslav army and air force will strike again.

You have recently stated that we, as a "super power," must make very careful decisions in recognizing new nations. However, with the title of "super power" comes the duty and responsibility of leadership.

I implore you to lead the rest of the world in the recognition of the republics of Yugoslavia who have legitimately and democratically proclaimed its independence, and to forcefully admonish the Yugoslav army and government to desist in their goal of showing that quests for freedom result in bloodshed, destruction and domination.

Respectfully and fraternally,
Stanley G. Zihlerl, President

No Slovenian section

Because our Slovenian editor, Dr. Rudolph M. Susel is in Slovenia this week, there will be no Slovenian section in this issue. Next week we will present a normal 12-page half Slovenian, half-English newspaper.

Reads about friends

We enjoy reading the paper and wouldn't dream of being without it. We can read about all our Slovenian friends throughout the country.

Stanley and Sophie Baraga
Sun City, Ariz.

Alpine Marks 15th

The Alpine Sextet of Cleveland invites you to their 15th Anniversary Celebration (1976-1991) on Sunday, September 8 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Slovenska Pristava Picnic Grounds in Harpersfield, Ohio.

Free admission, entertainment, food and drink available.

Proceeds to benefit Slovenia Relief Fund (through the Slovenian American Council) and Slovenska Pristava.

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by Dimitrij Rupel

The Slovenes are a nation that has lived in the heart of Europe for a thousand years, maintaining its own culture, language, and traditions. After the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Slovenian nation was incorporated in Yugoslavia in an improvised and enforced solution. Yugoslavia was formed as a multinational state; a country of seven nations, five languages, three major religions, two alphabets and, most recently, two different political systems: a Communist system in the southeast and a democratic one in the northwest. Yugoslavia therefore became much like the Soviet Union, a state of nations and not, as is the case with the United States, a nation of states.

The first Yugoslavia did not prove to be the right national framework for Slovenia, as a military dictatorship reigned between the two World Wars. During World War Two, Slovenia was carved up by the three Axis powers and threatened with extermination. The people rose up against foreign occupation and, with the help of the western allies, succeeded in their fight for liberty.

The second Yugoslavia was also an unacceptable solution, as it was based on ideological foundations and not on the real interests of the constituent republics. The centralized federation forced them to accept severe economic and political limitations.

Last year, Slovenia held its first democratic elections and embarked on the road to autonomy and independence. On June 25, 1991, the democratic Republic of Slovenia declared its independence, in accordance with the will of 90% of the Slovenian people, expressed overwhelmingly in a plebiscite held on December 23, 1990. Slovene democratization sprang from the conviction and courage of the Slovenian nation and followed the classical European pattern. But the de-Yugoslavization of Slovenia has not been fully understood by other countries. This is partly due to the misleading concept of the merits of a unified state and to the fears triggered by any friction or tension in the Balkans. These fears are not justified because they arise from the faulty premise that unity in itself ensures stability. In the long run, stability can only be ensured by a constant and firm respect for democratic principles.

Slovenia is not leaving Yugoslavia because it would like to become an island — an idiosyncratic little state in the middle of an integrating Europe. The main reason behind Slovenia's drive for independence does not stem from the fact that we are fed up with suffering Yugoslavia's woes, but from our inalienable right to self-determination. This right is meaningless if it cannot be realized. But while Slovenia became the bulwark of democratization, the

unreformed parts of Yugoslavia continue to cling to an outdated ideology and threaten to destroy Slovenia's achievements. We are aware that now may not be the right time to opt for disintegration over integration, although, in the Slovene case, both phenomena are part of the same process. But we refuse to accept the Yugoslav concept of compulsory integration. We seek independence so that we may unite voluntarily and according to our own interests. We wish to exercise as much self-determination as all countries embarking on the unification of Europe and placing themselves under the jurisdiction of continental laws.

The fate of all small nations is that they must evince greater willpower and steadfastness in convincing the world of the universality of democratic values. The Slovene nation has decided to shoulder this heavy burden in the conviction that it will succeed. It is an irony of fate that the way has been made easier through the brutal use of force by the Yugoslav military. The savage attack on Slovenia caused many casualties among the civilian population and significant material damage. As a result of these events the world can no longer doubt the right of the Slovene nation to self-determination and statehood.

The question of recognizing Slovenia as an independent state is no longer taboo. It is now only a question of how sovereignty is to be achieved

under the given circumstances. From the beginning of its trek to independence, Slovenia has consistently proposed only peaceful and democratic procedures in its negotiations with the other Yugoslav nations. It continues to offer a peaceful resolution despite the brutal act of aggression it has suffered. The Slovenian Assembly has agreed to the Brioni Declaration in its entirety as the joint platform for shaping its relations with Yugoslavia through peaceful agreement and by democratic means.

Slovenia appreciates the efforts of the European Community and its member states in searching for a peaceful solution of the Yugoslav crisis. But it also fervently hopes that EC efforts will bring about a democratic solution in keeping with the universal right of all nations to self-determination. As a small state, Slovenia will not threaten anyone's interests. It will be a responsible member of the United Nations and its foreign policy will be in keeping with the principles of the UN Charter, CSCE agreements, and all other principles of international law. Slovenia shall undertake a policy of respect for human rights, open borders, and the protection of ethnic minorities. It shall promote the development of bilateral, regional, and multilateral cooperation, while contributing to European security and stability. By respecting the principles of international law,

Slovenia seeks to become a respected and equal member of the world family of nations.

Slovenia's foreign policy will above all be directed toward political and economic integration with the European Community. This objective will be attainable through the comprehensive adaptation of Slovenia's economic and political system to European standards.

Slovenia wishes to join the Council of Europe, which will facilitate the country's integration into European institutions. An important factor in the transformation of Europe is the Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), especially in the domain of collective security and respect for human rights. The CSCE is an important player in the establishment of Slovenia's statehood through a process of peaceful change. Slovenia, once it has achieved independence, will endeavor to become a full member of the CSCE.

Slovenia gives a high priority to its relations with neighboring countries. The development of political and economic ties with Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia is of vital importance to Slovenia. Stable relations are crucial for the country's security and for the safety of its borders.

Our neighbors are important economic partners and their support can contribute significantly to Slovenia's international recognition. Numerous reasons dictate that we should also develop the best possible relations with all the states that emerge from what is now Yugoslavia. Special attention shall be paid to these relations, both during the transitional phase and after separation, to assure full mutual respect for national interests as we build a democratic future.

Dimitrij Rupel is the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Slovenia.

Los Angeles supports Slovenia

At the Bishop Baraga yearly meeting Mark Ryavec of California gave us a copy of a Resolution from the City of Los Angeles which is in support of Slovenia and Croatia. The Resolution in part, states:

Be It Further Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles, By Adoption Of This Resolution, calls upon President George Bush and the Congress of these United States to immediately recognize the nations of Croatia and Slovenia and to use all diplomatic means possible to forestall further military action against these two nations.

Presented by:
Joan Milke Flores
Councilwoman, 15th District
Seconded by:
Hal Bernson
Councilman, 12th District

No meeting

Slovenian Women's Union Branch 25 will not have a meeting on September 10. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the usual time.

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Photo highlights of Bishop Baraga celebration



Hundreds of persons attended all events.



Chairman Conrad P. Mejac welcomes everyone, while the man with the golden voice James Cesnik, waits his turn at the mike.



Mark Ryavec reads Resolution from Los Angeles to Slovenia's Prime Minister, Lojze Peterle.



James Cardinal Hickey congratulates 1991 Baraga Member of the Year Corinne Leskovar.



Everybody knows the John Brodniks, Fran Nemanich, Mary Lunder and Franc Kovacic of Cleveland.



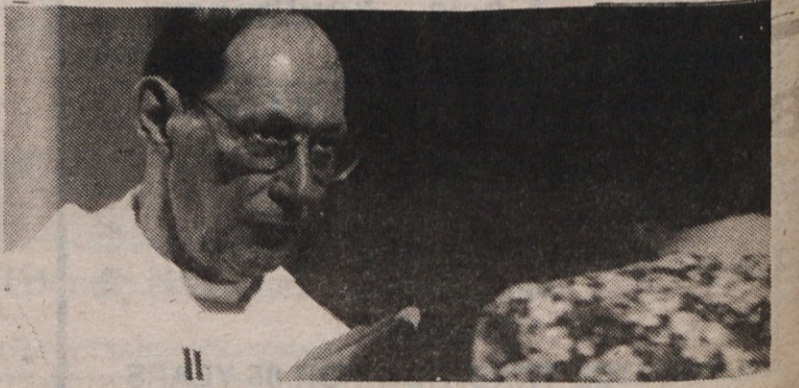
Anton Malensek and family from Connecticut enjoying all the festivities.



The Washington, D.C. choral group in concert.



Bishop Jožef Smej of Maribor, Slovenia talks about Slovenia He received a gift from a priest from Canada.



Bishop Edward Pevec of Cleveland gives communion.

Coming Events...

Recent Deaths

years she was a resident of the Little Sisters of the Poor at 4291 Richmond Rd. in Warrensville Hts., Ohio. She was 85 years old.

J. Larish of Fairport, New York and a daughter-in-law Rose Ellen. She is grandmother of four and great-grandmother of two.

She was a member of SZZ No. 47 and the Newburgh and Maple Hts. Pensioners Group, and a member of St. Lawrence Parish.

She is also survived by one sister Ancka Mrcun. Several other sisters and brothers in Yugoslavia have preceded her in death.

She was preceded in death by a husband John Larish and her husband John Persin, but she is survived by a son John

Arrangements were under the direction of the Fortuna Funeral Home, 5316 Fleet Avenue in Cleveland.

Sunday, Sept. 8
Alpine Sextet celebrates 15th anniversary at Slovenska Pristava from 2 p.m. with music, food, and drinks available. Proceeds benefit Slovenia Relief Fund and Slovenska Pristava.

Sunday, Sept. 15
AMLA Lodge 6 "Slovenski Dom" picnic 80th anniversary picnic at AMLA recreation center in Leroy, Ohio beginning at 12 noon. Music by Fedorchak. Food and refreshments, balina tournament, and more... Everyone invited to come and enjoy the day.

Tuesday, September 17
Slovenian Women's Union Branch 47 60th anniversary dinner at Slovenian National Home in Maple Heights, Ohio. Serving 6 p.m. Donation \$13.00.

Sunday, Sept. 29
St. Anne Lodge No. 150 KSKJ Annual Celebration Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Lawrence Church. Dinner at 1 p.m. at Sterle's on E. 55th Street, Cleveland.

Saturday, Oct. 5
14th annual concert of Fantje Vasi at the St. Clair Slovenian National Home in Cleveland. Dance featuring the Alpine Sextet and social will follow.

Sunday, Oct. 6
Friends of Slovenian Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue, Annual Fall Brunch. Good food, entertainment and ????

Sunday, Oct. 6
Bake Sale & Wine Festival (Vinska Trgatev), Slovenian National Home, Maple Hts., O. Free admission. Continuous music 2 to 8 p.m. All invited.

Friday, Oct. 11
PSWA Circle 7 Card Party at Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo Rd., 7 p.m. Tickets \$2.50.

Saturday, Oct. 12
Glasbena Matica Concert, Dinner, Dance with Sumrada Orchestra at Slovenian National Home, St. Clair.

Sunday, October 13
Slovenian American National Art Guild holds its Annual Artists and Crafts Show & Sale, Slovenian Society Home, Recher Ave., Euclid.

Sunday, Oct. 20
St. Mary (Collinwood) Alumni noon Mass and dinner in school cafeteria. \$12.50 per person. For tickets call Lou Jerkic at 732-8437 or mail check made to St. Mary's School Alumni Assoc and mail to Bea Jerkic at 414 E. 274 St., Euclid, OH 44132.

FRANK LUZAR

Frank Luzar, 59, of Nottingham Rd., Cleveland, passed away on Wednesday, August 28th at home.

Frank was born in Cleveland, the son of Anton and Anna (nee Zallar), both deceased.

Frank was a veteran of WWII where he served in the U.S. Army as a Corporal in Ordinance. He was employed as a security guard for Gray Security.

Frank was the brother of Anna Luzar and Anthony (dec.).

Funeral Mass was held at St. Paul Church on Saturday, August 31. Burial in Calvary Cemetery. Zele Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ANTON LAZNIK

Anton Laznik, 77, a resident of Euclid for 40 years and formerly of the Collinwood area where he owned and operated the former Laznik Upholstering, passed away in Holy Family Cancer Home on Tuesday, September 3. Mr. Laznik was a member of VFW No. 1056, Maccabees Lodge and the Slovenian American Golf League.

Anton was the husband of Mary (nee Herrick), the father of Frances Ross, Matthew J., Mary Kratochvil and Helen Layton; grandfather of six. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Friends may call at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St. Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. where services will be Saturday at 8:45 and at St. Mary Church (Holmes Ave.) 9:30 a.m. Burial will be in All Souls Cemetery. The family suggests donations in his memory to the Holy Family Cancer Home, 6707 State Road, Parma, OH 44134.

MILAN S. SOSIC

Milan S. Sosic, 71, a resident of Wickliffe for the past 35 years died Saturday, August 31 in Meridia Euclid Hospital after a short illness.

Milan was born in Trieste, Italy. He came to Cleveland in 1923, where he resided in the Euclid Beach area.

Milan retired in 1984 after 33 years at General Motors Terex Division where he was

Friday, Sept. 13

Ladies Auxiliary of the Club of Associations of the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair will re-open the kitchen for fish fries from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Special of the day will be pork chops. Come one, come all.

Sunday, Oct. 27

St. Vitus Alumni honors Joseph Zelle and Eleanore Karlinger together with (posthumously) Msgr. B. J. Ponikvar and Michael Kolar as Hall of Fame inductees.

employed as a test mechanic. Milan was a WWII U.S. Army veteran. He was also a member of Holmes Ave., Waterloo, and Euclid Pensioners Clubs.

He was a member of SNPJ Lodge No. 53, Reterex Club, UAW Region 2, and Euclid Retirees Golf Club.

Milan was the beloved husband of Helen (nee Koshel), the father of Alan, Janice St. John and Michael, grandfather of five.

Funeral Mass was at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to Holy Family Cancer Home in his memory.

STANLEY PETRICK

Stanley Petrick, 73, died in the Slovene Home for the Aged on Friday, August 30th.

Stanley was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He was retired from Mernick Manufacturing where he was employed as a maintenance man.

He was a member of SNPJ Lodge 40.

Stanley was the son of John and Jennie (nee Arko) Petric (both dec.), the brother of Jean M. Petrick (dec.), and cousin and friend of many.

Memorial services on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., with Rev. John Kumse officiating.

The family suggests contributions to the Slovene Home for the Aged, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, or Holy Family Cancer Home, 6707 State Rd., Parma, in his memory.

FRANCES PERSIN

On Thursday, August 29 Mrs. Frances Persin (formerly Larish) roj. Per, died in Marymount Hospital after a lingering illness. For the past two

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Milosevic is one of world's last hard-line commies says Dole

Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole (R-Kans) issued the following statement this week:

There are only a handful of hardline communists left in the world — and looming large among them are Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic and Cuba's Fidel Castro. Even though they are now isolated and can no longer rely on support from Soviet hardliners, they stubbornly cling to power, never flinching from the severe repression that is their trademark.

Tragically, under Milosevic, the brutal repression we first saw in Kosova has mushroomed into an all-out war against anyone who would stand in the way of communism and a "greater Serbia."

Slovenia was the first to come under attack and now Croatia is under siege. The European community's monitors in Croatia confirmed that despite the Yugoslav army's claims to

the contrary, Army and Air Force units are actively supporting Serb guerrillas by bombing Croatian cities and villages. The monitors also concluded that the Serbian government is encouraging the use of force by the Army and Serb militants.

I commend the State Department for its strong support of EC efforts to establish a genuine cease-fire and I hope that this is a step toward greater U.S. involvement in bringing this unjust war to an end.

The United States, Europe, the rest of the international community, as well as the democratic-minded citizens of Serbia — many of whom courageously protested against the Milosevic regime last March — need to join together to put all means of pressure on Slobodan Milosevic to bring his reign of terror to an end. At stake in this war are freedom and democracy.

Holmes Ave. Pensioners report

The monthly meeting of the Holmes Ave. Pensioners was held on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Justine Skok and Doris Sadar are chairpersons of the art display; Ann Pausic showed crochet works, embroidery and quilting. Sue Pecjak, crochet, and Dorothy Drensek crocheting and crafts.

The meeting was called to order by president John Habat with 150 members present. Get well wishes to Eddie Budnar, Tony Fortuna and to John Obat who attended the meeting.

Sympathy to the family of Joe Jenko, Frank Razman and to Ed Legutki on the loss of his son; Joyce Le Nassi and Faye Moro on the loss of their sister Sally Smith who resided in Florida. Sympathy to our devoted recording secretary Jennie Tuma whose husband, Robert, passed away.

We had a bus full for a trip to New York.

On Aug. 22 a mystery trip was taken. Our first stop was for breakfast at McDonald's

in Erie, Pa. Then a stop at the Woodbury Wine Shop. We had a short hay ride to get to the winery. Our tour guide explained the places as we rode along to our place for lunch at Quality Inn, buffet style.

After a stop for hand made crafts we went to the Hamlet Farm which had fresh fruits, vegetables, corn and flowers.

We also paused at the cookie factory.

On our way home our last stop was at McDonald's in Geneva, Ohio. The weather was perfect.

Our next trip is on Sept. 18th to Wheeling Downs for dog racing.

A reverse raffle was held and thanks to Millie Novak for her donation of homemade noodles.

Our next meeting is Sept. 11 at 12:30. Guest speaker will be John Strancar whose topic will be Health Care.

Ann Stefancic, reporter

US bishops urged to back Baraga

A Resolution, addressed to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America urges support for recognition of Bishop Baraga as a saint in the Catholic Church.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on the last day of August, 1991 at the Washington, D.C., annual meeting of the Bishop Baraga Association attended by over 1,000 members and supporters, and in commemoration of the 138th Anniversary of the Consecration of Baraga

as Bishop of the Catholic Church in North America.

It was presented for adoption by the Chicago Chapter of the Bishop Baraga Association; and passed.

It reads in conclusion, "Be It Resolved, That the followers of the Cause for the Canonization of Bishop Frederic Irenaus Baraga appeal to you for your active support and leadership in the proclamation of the sanctity of Baraga, the first Bishop of Marquette, the Apostle of the Ottawas and Chippewas.

Fantje na Vasi shares joy in song

Human nature lends itself to many individual responses at times of great joy or in periods of intense sorrow. Many of us find solace in sharing these moments with others.

As Slovenians living in America, we've certainly experienced numerous emotional highs and lows in the past months. Almost daily as events in Slovenia and neighboring Croatia unfold, our need to gather together for mutual support and recognition has increased.

On Saturday, October 5, the Fantje na Vasi will present an evening of Slovenian songs at the Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and a dance follows featuring the Alpine Sextet.

We invite everyone to share in our joy of the Slovenian melodies that inspire and link us to our cultural heritage.

For ticket information call Mark Jakomin at 289-2559, Tom Slak at 881-1725, or John Srsen at 946-9607. Inquiries should also be made to these same numbers for anyone faced with transportation problems. The Fantje na Vasi will strive to provide free chauffer service to and from the show for those who wish to attend but are unable because of basic transportation dilemmas.

Cancels subscription

Sirs:
At the present time I do not wish to renew my subscription. As I told you the subject matter (fight for Slovenian independence) as reported in the Ameriška Domovina in the English section is of little interest to me!!! I am an American Slovenian and proud of it.

Joseph Luschin
Maple Hts., Ohio

RECIPE

HOT FUDGE CAKE

1 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup sugar
2 tbs. cocoa
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup milk
2 tbs. margarine, melted
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
1-3/4 cups hot tap water
Grease 9-in. square baking dish or pan. Preheat oven to 350 deg. Into large bowl, sift together flour, sugar, 2 tbs. cocoa, baking powder and salt. Stir in milk and melted margarine. Blend in walnuts. Spread in greased dish. Sprinkle brown sugar and 1/4 cup cocoa over batter in dish. Pour hot water over entire batter. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until batter is set and sauce bubbles. Let cool before slicing. (It makes its own chocolate sauce.)
Enjoy with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream, if desired.

Slovenian War documentary

Everyone is invited to the Slovenian Home on Waterloo Rd. on Saturday, Sept. 7 to watch a documentary about the invasion of Slovenia which took place earlier this summer.

The video was made by Radio-TV Slovenia of Ljubljana and will be shown on a 7' by 7' screen. Presentation will be at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. Florence Unetich will be host and comment on the film.

Admission is free, donations, however, will be accepted.

Lodge 6 Picnic

AMLA Lodge 6 "Slovenski Dom" will be celebrating its 80th anniversary with a picnic at the AMLA recreation grounds in Leroy, Ohio on Sunday, September 15.

The event begins at 12 noon with dinners, music by Fedorchak, an art exhibit, entertainment, balina tournament.

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Come join AMLA Lodge 6 as it celebrates its 80th anniversary. The date is Sunday, September 15th. The place is the AMLA Recreation Grounds on Vrooman Road in Leroy Township. The day will be full. Dinner prepared by Millie Bradac and Vida Zak will be served from 1 until 3. A choice of entrée, pork chop or chicken, is offered. We are asking that you let us know your preference when you purchase your tickets. Tickets are available from your lodge officers, Joe Petric 481-7167, Carol Maruszak 944-4229, or Karen Alich 261-1265. Carol and I have answering machines, so please leave us your name and phone number, we'll get back to you as soon as possible. Tickets are only \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Lodge 6 members who have reached 50 + years with our organization will be honored with a complimentary dinner. 50 + members must phone Mary Petric at 481-7167 to reserve their tickets. All reservations must be in by September 1st.

We will be entertained during dinner by the Holmes Avenue Buttonaires. This fine group will be on stage from 1 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. the sounds of the Joe Fedorchak Orchestra will fill the hall. Though from the Youngstown area, Joe has quite a following here in Cleveland. He'll be on the bandstand until 7. Members of the Slovenian American National Art Guild will be on hand to exhibit their work. These talented artists will be out for the afternoon, so look for their displays. This will be a good opportunity to select some holiday gifts. Lodge 6 is one of the older lodges in the AMLA organization. We have a proud history. And all of our members are an important part of this lodge. This is an ideal time for our membership - young and old - to get together. The recreation grounds offer a relaxed country atmosphere to renew old friendships. Why not make plans to join us and make your reservations now. Karen Alich, reporter

Slovene at Olympics

Mia Pirnat sent the following message, "Just a short note to let you know that in December I will be going to Slovenia and then will be working for CBS-TV at the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France. Will stay in touch. Mia Pirnat" (Former Slovenian ski champion from Maribor) Ed. Note: Mia, please send us reports on your activities with the Olympics and what's going on there with the Slovenian competitors. — Jim

In Memory

Editor: Please accept my sincere thanks for the great printing job of my stationery. I am enclosing a donation of \$150.00 to the Ameriška Domovina in memory of my mother, Margaret Spenko. Eugene Kogovsek, President, American Slovenian Catholic Union Ed Note: Thanks Gene for the very generous donation. We all remember Mrs. Spenko as a real "saint" on this earth who suffered from illness yet always maintained a smile and words of good cheer for others. If anyone on this earth ever deserved a straight trip to heaven, she is the one.

Mr. Suit Sale sponsored by St. Vitus Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in St. Vitus auditorium.

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9-09, Mary Vokac, 82
9-11, Vera Kovacic, 82
9-12, Anna Rossman, 89
9-16, Regina Stertz, 88
9-18, Ann Novak, 92
9-21, Jane Beck, 75
9-21, Frances Schaffer, 84
9-21, Jeanne Oblak, 76
9-24, Anna Resnik, 87
9-25, Theresa Gorjanc, 87
9-26, Frances Modic, 85
9-30, Frank Urbanic, 81

North Port Salutes Slovenia

We received a copy of a proclamation from the City of North Port, Florida saluting Slovenian Independence. Among other things it reads, "Whereas, courageous peoples have thrown off the weight of totalitarianism and claimed the liberty to which all men are heirs, and that Slovenian Americans have played a vital role in advancing the universal cause of freedom, justice and self-determination, and "Whereas, this proclamation and declaration of Slovenian Independence will give encouragement and drive to the people of the Slovenian Republic in their concerted efforts to attain God-given rights and to direct their national destiny... "... Therefore, I, John P. Higgins, Mayor of the City of

North Port, hereby recognize and proclaim August 1, 1991 as 'Slovenian Independence Day' in the City of North Port and urge all citizens to join in the commemoration of this eventful day."

Senator Biden responds

August 1, 1991
Ms. Frances Povsic
Bowling Green, Ohio
Dear Ms. Povsic:
Thank you for your letter about events in Yugoslavia. I appreciate hearing your views on this issue. Earlier this year the Senate Subcommittee on European Affairs held a hearing on Yugoslavia's civil unrest. The hearing, which I chaired, explored the origins of the civil strife in Yugoslavia and discussed how U.S. policy might be best directed to encourage democracy and stability in that country. The hearing reaffirmed my belief that the United States must remain vigilant in demanding that force not be used to suppress discord in Yugoslavia, an opinion I hold even more strongly now. Despite the declarations by the Slovenian and Croatian republics to be independent and the recent clashes in those republics, I am hopeful that the violence will end shortly and the parties will negotiate a peaceful settlement that respects the rights and aspirations of all.

Sincerely,
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senator

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JOHN NOVAK
ki je preminul 5. sept. 1976.

Preteklo petnajst let je že, ko hladna zemlja krije Te. Zelo vsi smo Te ljubili in prezgodaj izgubili. Oh, grenko je spoznanje to, da Te med nami več ne bo; čeprav v hladnem grobu spiš, v srcih naših še živiš.

Žalujoči:
Frances Novak, soproga;
Raymond in Norbert, sinova;
Dolores Krause, hči;
zet, snahi, vnuki in vnukinje.
Cleveland, Ohio, 5. sept. 1991.



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S cveticami Ti grob krasimo in molimo za dušni mir, da enkrat srečno se združimo, tam, kjer je večne sreče vir!

Žalujoči:
Rozalija, roj Gabriel — žena; sin in hčerke z družinami.
Wickliffe, O., 5. sept. 1991.

V blag in nepozaben spomin

ob drugi obletnici smrti nam dragega moža in očeta



Williama Dreu

Res na svetu vse minljivo je, a spomin na Tebe dragi ne zamre. Odšel za vedno si od nas. Vsa radost, sreča je s Teboj odšla!

In to boli, močno boli, a v naših srcih upanje budi, da le v trpljenju večna sreča dozori.

Žalujoči:
žena Katica, sin Marjan in ostalo sorodstvo v Sloveniji.

In Loving Memory

of the First Anniversary of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

Agnes Kosec



nee: Leskovec who passed away Sept. 6, 1990

Gone from us is her loving face, And her pleasant, cheerful ways, A heart that won many friends in bygone happy days.

We miss you, mom! daughters and sons-in-law Agnes Koporc & Al Julie Plavan & Bill grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cleveland, Sept. 5, 1991.



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