

HANS KIRCHSTEIGER:

Pod spovednim pečatom

(Roman, poslovenil E. K.)

(Nadaljevanje.)

Odprl je okno. Dobrodejno mu je pihljat hladni zrak na čelo. Pod oknom je tiho pokopališče; žalostno ga gleda kamen na grobu Anke... "Prav tako, ker si že župnik, se ti ni treba ničesar bati. Kaplanu je ljubezen nevarna. Odpira mu srca, pa mu zapira župnijska vrata..."

breg in brez glasu izginil v reki. Tрпинова smrt v vodi bi bila prav lep zaključek. Citatelji bi odložili knjigo, pomirjeni, da je hladna voda bolj usmiljena nego so bila mrzla človeška srca... "Ne bodi neumen," se dejalo vino. "Ne, saj nisi neumen, drugače ne bi bil sedaj župnik..."



BEG KITAJCEV IZ VASI BLIZU SIBIRSKÉ MEJE OB PROGI VZHODNO KITAJSKÉ ZELENICE.

Vedel strahu pred sovjetskimi četami so se Kitajci iz obmejnih vasi, kjer je bila nevarnost, da se razvije med Kitajci in sovjetskimi četami prava vojna, začeli pomikati s svojimi preničninami v notranjost. V spopadih, ki so se dogodili v tem sporu, je glasom časnih vestni padlo že mnogo Kitajcev in tudi Rusov...

Dobrohotnost je lepa čednost, a previdnost je tudi na mestu

"Ameriška Domovina" z dne 6. dec. je ponatisnila članek iz ljubljanskega "Slovenskega Naroda", v katerem slednji na svoj način kritizira apel za prispevke za reševanje slovenskih vojnih ujetnikov v Rusiji... "Dajte se vleči za nos norem," pojasnjuje, da je dotičnik vodja nekake male, klerikalne... "Previdnost bi seveda zahtevala, da se bi preje informiral, predno objavi kako stvar, ki razdraži Ivana Zupana ter nove svobodisce, kateri so tukaj pripravljeno poslali denar, če ni njihov; pa tudi za ugled lista je bolje, če so vsi funkcionarji organizacije previdni in skrbne, da mu s takimi nepreviknimi sklepi ne jemljejo ugleda..."

intervencije pri Društvu narodov in Mali antanti? "Drugi Slovencem v Ameriki" pa svetujemo, da z nabiranjem "od dolarja do dolarja" počakajo, dokler se ta zadeva ne razčisti, kajti s pošiljanjem vojnih ujetnikov v domovino se bavi društvo Rdečega Kriza... "Dovoljujemo si vprašati g. Uranjeka Jakoba: 1. zakaj nabira pri ameriških listih in ne pri domačih? 2. Odkod ve, da je še 20.000 slovenskih ujetnikov v Rusiji, ko v vsej svetovni vojni na vseh frontah ni bilo toliko slovenskih ujetnikov. 3. Koliko bo veljala deputacija v Beograd, kdo se je bo udeležil in koliko bo veljala poštnina za odpošiljatev..."

ZADRUŽNA BANKA Ljubljana, Jugoslavija. V LASTNI HIŠI, MIKLOŠIČEVA CESTA 13, BLIZU GLAVNEGA KOLODVOŽA, SE PRIPOROČA ROJAKOM V AMERIKI ZA VSE GOSPODARŠKE POSLE, ZLASTI: 1.) sprejema denar za hranilno vlogo ali za tekoči račun... 2.) posreduje najcenejšo dostavo denarnih pošilk iz Amerike v domovino in obratno. 3.) posreduje v vseh gospodarskih zadevah hitro in po ceni. Denar, ki se namerava poslati v staro domovino, naj se nakaže na račun Zadrुžne banke na Amalgamated Bank of New York, 41-15 Union Square, New York, N. Y., istočasno naj se Zadrुžna banka o tem obvesti in naroči izplačilo.

jejo razvoj dogodkov onstran meje in informirajo o tem pristojne kroge v Beogradu in inozemstvu. To so Jugoslovanska Matica, Manjšinski Institut, organizacija primorskih Slovencev, društvo "Soča." Vsa ta društva zelo aktivno delujejo. Sedaj pa anonisira posameznik po ameriških listih, da nujno rabi dolarje za deputacijo in intervencijo.

Priredbe klubov J. S. Z. in drugih soc. organizacij.

- December. BARBERTON, O. — Vinska trgovačnega kluba št. 232 JSZ, v soboto 14. decembra. SPRINGFIELD, ILL. — V soboto 14. dec. svečar klub št. 47 plesno veselico v Slovenskem domu. CLEVELAND, O. — V soboto 21. decembra predkonferenca priredba JSZ v Slov. nar. domu. CLEVELAND, O. — V nedeljo 22. decembra konferenca JSZ, v prostori kluba št. 27 v Slov. nar. domu. BRIDGEPORT, O. — Veselica in predstava kluba št. 11 skupno s društvom v soboto 28. dec. v Slovenski dvorani na Boydsville. CHICAGO, ILL. — Silvestrova zabava kluba št. 1 v tork 31. dec. v Lawndale Masonic Temple. PINEY FORK, O. — Silvestrova zabava kluba št. 95 JSZ, v tork 31. dec. pri s. Fr. Zavrčiniku. 1930. WAUKEGAN, ILL. — Pod avspicij kluba št. 45 JSZ vprizori dramatični odsek kluba št. 1 JSZ, trijejsko dramo "Mrak" v nedeljo 12. januarja. CHICAGO, ILL. — V nedeljo 28. januarja angliška predstava kluba št. 1 v dvorani ČSPS. COLLINWOOD, O. — Veselica in predstava kluba št. 48 JSZ, v nedeljo 2. februarja v Slov. dol. domu. BARBERTON, O. — Matkarodna veselica kluba št. 232 JSZ, na Pustni večer 4. marca. CHICAGO, ILL. — Predstava dramskega oddelka št. 1 v nedeljo 30. marca v dvorani ČSPS. CHICAGO, ILL. — Koncert "Savo" v nedeljo 27. aprila v dvorani ČSPS. DETROIT, MICH. — Prazniška slavnost kluba št. 114 JSZ, v soboto večer 27. aprila v Heratkovem domu na Kirby Ave.



AMERIŠKI DRUŽINSKI KOLENDAR

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BAD TIMES AHEAD?

While the Wall Street crash of itself did not directly measure or directly effect the industrial productivity of America in a rough and ready way such a crash is usually something of a barometer to indicate rainy days ahead. More significant signs are the great decrease of building contracts and the laying off of thousands of men in the automobile and steel industries. The textile mills of North and South Carolina which have been almost killing their workers by twelve hour day and night shifts are now reported to be preparing almost to kill them with unemployment. In South Carolina the employers are planning a four day week—at the employees' expense, of course. And there is no unemployment insurance to mitigate the suffering!

In Detroit at the very time Henry Ford was spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on his Edison celebration he laid off, it is reported, 30,000 workers in his plants. Even more have since been laid off—at least temporarily. They won't be helped by his promised raise in wages! For them this exponent of the much heralded "new" capitalism did nothing. Let them shift for themselves. Lucky for Henry Ford that men aren't mules. Mules couldn't be turned loose like that.

MARGINAL GAMBLING

The magnitude of the Wall Street crash and the extent of the suffering it caused was largely due to marginal trading which we have repeatedly argued should be curbed even under capitalism for the good of the little gamblers themselves and of the country at large. Wall Street doesn't make wealth. It takes it out of the profits of speculation on a rising market, out of very high rates of interest and dividends when stocks in prosperous companies go far down. Either way the big boys win at the expense of the little boys on the street and both win at the expense of those whose labor with hand and brain creates the real wealth. We cannot end stock speculation until we get socialism instead of capitalism. We can by taxation or otherwise check some of the ravages of the recent gambling mania.

One Side of the Picture

Reactionary forces appear to be in the saddle in many American institutions of higher learning.

At the University of Maine last June an honor student was denied his diploma because he was conscientiously opposed to taking military training.

At Boston university a woman faculty member of the school of religion was dropped on a pretext of reorganization of the department. Since all her causes were retained, it became apparent that the real reason behind her dismissal was the social opinions she held. A believer in race equality, she organized a club among the students which included both Negroes and whites. She also encouraged discussion on Socialism in her classes.

At the University of Minnesota a colored student was prevented from registering in the school of nursing because of her race, an action which was rescinded only after pressure was brought to bear by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

—The World Tomorrow.

WE GIVE UP

The National Defense Magazine is the official organ of the National Patriotic Assn. and other organizations interested in militarism. It attacks all good citizens who are opposed to militarism and standpat, and it is printing a series of articles in which it represents such advocates of peaceable methods as Harry W. Laidler, Norman Thomas, Paul Blanshard and Roger Baldwin as favoring bloody revolution. It sets itself up as a judge of the patriotism of others.

And then it announces that Mr. William B. Shearer—the man who is suing the battleship builders for the money he claims to be due to him for his services at the 1927 naval conference at Geneva and whose activities caused Hoover to demand an investigation—is billed to make an address under the auspices of the National Patriotic Assn.! It invites its readers to attend and says, "You are assured of an intensely interesting and informative discussion of international naval affairs."

It's no use. No one but a humorist of the caliber of Mark Twain could write the editorial which this deserves.

In the old days when slavery was the basis of the South and the politicians spoke of "the South", they always had in mind that small part of the population that ruled the South. When corporation magnates enjoy big dividends today we are also informed that the "nation" is "prosperous". Are you a part of the nation?

SPEND MONEY TO IMPROVE LIFE, NOT TO DESTROY IT

If the federal government were to contribute one-third of the funds required to pay old age pensions throughout the United States, says Hamilton Fish, the cost would not exceed that of two modern battleships. And if Uncle Sam were to pay one-half the bill, it would not cost him more than three modern battleships.

That idea won't appeal to war fans, but it will appeal to sane people. War fans are hysterical and not properly classified among the sane. Cut out the militarism and pension the aged.

It will cost more, of course, when the pensions are raised to a higher figure, as they undoubtedly will be, in time. In fact, there will come a time when all aged men and women will receive pensions high enough to afford them a good living. This could very readily be done, and never be felt, by eliminating some of the wastes of capitalism.

New Yipsel Director Takes Office

Frank J. Manning arrived in Chicago this week to take up his new duties as Executive Secretary of the Socialist Party of Cook County and National Director of the Young People's Socialist League. Manning came here from Cleveland, where he recently conducted the municipal campaign of the Socialists in that city. He first attained prominence as the leader of the New Bedford textile strike in 1928. Immediately after the strike he organized the New Bedford Labor Party which elected seven city councilmen. As the Socialist candidate for Congress from the New Bedford District he made a surprising and impressive showing.

Upon his arrival at the National office Manning issued the following statement:

"The Young People's Socialist League looks to the Socialist Party for the fullest co-operation in its efforts to organize American youth. The Socialist and Labor movement must have some vehicle to prepare young people for intelligent service. This is the important task of the Y. P. S. L. Socialist Party locals throughout the country can render invaluable aid by taking an interest in existing Y. P. S. L. circles and by organizing new circles in districts where none exist. The national director of the Y. P. S. L. will be happy to work with comrades in the Socialist Party who realize what a strong Y. P. S. L. means to the future of our movement.

"We look forward with great enthusiasm to our coming convention in the Rand School at New York City on December 27, 28 and 29. This will be the rallying point for our new period of activity and growth. At this convention plans will be made for an intensive organization drive and for the preparation of new literature which will especially appeal to young workers and students.

"With the growing realization of the necessity for the development of Young People's Department and the great increase in the number of young people joining the party, we have good reason to express confidence for the future."

Helen Keller's Dream

Helen Keller says it would be wonderful if someone would make it possible to have national weekly newspaper in Braille for the use of the blind.

It is a very modest request. Such a weekly could give the news in brief form, national and international. By leaving out the slush, it could give everything of value that appears in the daily papers. Many books have been done in Braille, and are a joy to the blind, but they should have the paper too. There is ample money in this rich country to do it, if the funds can only be coaxed from the hiding places where they merely afford luxury for the overfed.

In England there is a weekly edition of the London Daily Mail printed in Braille, while in Japan the Osaka Mainichi, a daily paper, prints a daily edition in Braille. Shall the United States limp along behind other countries as usual? Let Helen Keller's dream come true.

A REAL CRITIC.

Host — "How did you like the quartet?"
Guest — "Very well, but it would have sounded even better with a larger number of performers." — Lustige Kolner Zeitung, Cologne.

The Prospect's Good.

Ethel — And do you think he will love me even more when we are married?
Mabel — O, sure! Why, he is just crazy about married women, my dear. — Life.

ARITHMETIC FOR CROWS

The question, "Can Crows Count?" has brought forth lively testimony from a goodly number of correspondents in The London Times. The autumn number of Bird Notes and News reports the discussion, but withholds its official judgment of the mathematical ability of crows.

"Every bird photographer," one letter ran, "knows that he is saved a long period of weary waiting if he is accompanied to his hiding tent by a second person who walks away as soon as the photographer has settled. No bird can count." Contrary evidence came from Staffordshire. A hunter there tried concealing himself with a companion who shortly left. Not a knowing bird was fooled into coming back to the danger zone. But directly the man with the gun left the ambush, there was a flutter and by the time he was 80 yards away they were all flying back to their nests. Perhaps the fact that the hunter carried a gun and not a camera made these birds more careful in counting.

A farmer in Queensland declares that crows can count up to three, but not to four. Experiments were made when crows were stealing maize. Three men went into hiding. Two came out. No result. "Four went in and three came out; and the crows went to the maize every time, but though many were shot, never advanced in their arithmetic."

It is possible that all the witnesses are accurate, and that crows, like human beings, vary in capacity. Some can count and others can not. — New York Times.

SEARCHLIGHT

By Donald J. Lotrich

Cook County Socialists have arranged a rally and banquet in honor of their newly selected secretary, Comrade Frank J. Manning, for Sunday, December 15, at 6:30 p. m. Gwirt's restaurant at 3145 West Roosevelt road will be the scene of festivities. Florence Curtis Hanson, secretary of the American Federation of Teachers, will speak. Reservations are \$1 per plate. They can be made at the county office at 2653 Washington boulevard or at the office of Proletarec.

Cook County sorely needs a new leader and we have hopes that Manning may be just the necessary fill in. His past experiences as leader of the New Bedford strike and as organizer of the New Bedford Labor Party, which elected seven labor councilmen, should prove beneficial in his efforts to rebuild our party in Cook County. Every local member and sympathizer should pitch in and give Mr. Manning a hand in the work. We hope that our friends will turn out in big numbers to greet him.

And on Tuesday evening, December 31, we will expect you to be among the crowd that will fill the lower hall of the Lawndale Masonic Temple. Put on your glad rags, for Johnnie Kochevar and his crew will make you feel gay. When the clock strikes twelve we will expect you there to shake hands for the greetings which are due you.

New York Socialists are at it with all the vim and vigor. The latest reports show that a citywide campaign has been launched. We feel positive that New York's leaders have the aggressiveness and the ability to put over the present membership campaign, as they have put over the past few election campaigns. We would like to see Chicago awaken and come back into its own as it had been in the past.

On December 3 Sava's members gathered with a number of their friends to put a fitting climax to a successful concert. Refreshments were served. Johnnie Kochevar and his accordionist played until midnight when the crowd had to part. Before departure, however, a few spirited short talks were made by various people in attendance, after which several of our friends promised to join the chorus.

Last Sunday Milwaukee turned out in full numbers for "Mrak," a drama of postwar life reproduced by the Chicago players. Naprej held its musical concert in the afternoon and the play in the evening.

Men's Equality Lodge No. 119, S. N. P. J., celebrated its twentieth anniversary. A good, lively program was rendered. The attendance in Waukegan, too, was very good. Mr. Fred A. Vider, supreme secretary of the S. N. P. J., was the principal speaker.

Whether you want it or not, you

The Big American Farce

By James ONeal

When an institution, an organization, a movement or a set of ideas reaches the stage when it is generally laughed at, it is approaching the period of extinction. It can stand persecution or serious criticism but it withers when the humorists use it as a punching bag.

Thirty years ago the two major parties were considered as honest opponents by most people although they were already being laughed at by a few wits. Today there isn't a journalist or humorist with a reputation to preserve who regards the two parties seriously. They are too close to the parties. If they were to insist on any serious differences between the parties the statement itself would be considered an attempt to be funny.

These observations will introduce the reader to a serious article by Silas Bent in the November number of Scribner's magazine in which he asks, Will the Democrats Follow the Whigs? The following is a paragraph on the party of Smith and Raskob and the southern bourbon.

"Perhaps it is hardly to be expected that a party will show homogeneity when it is composed of Protestant southern planters and industrialists, western farmers, eastern unionized laborers, Catholic Tammany, a Catholic machine in Boston and other odds and ends. Consider, if you will, the origin of the Whigs from anti-Masons, John Quincy Adams followers, henchmen of Henry Clay, advocates of a national bank, nullifiers, states' rights men and tariff men, with nothing in common save a hatred of Andrew Jackson and all he stood for."

The article has special significance considering that Bent himself is a Democrat. He goes on to show that on some issues the two parties since the Civil War have exchanged places and that under a gradual transformation since that period both march under banners that are identical. He asks the following questions:

"What has become of a tariff for revenue only in the light of the 1928 Democratic platform? 'All of us are protectionists now.' What has become of defiance of special rights for capitalism in industry in a party which has been handed over to the Raskob and Baughns? What has become of the fight on a central United States bank in the party which passed the federal reserve act, setting up 12 central banks instead of one?"

If the indictment of his own party is severe it is equally severe of the Republican party, for when the latter takes the former as a serious opponent it becomes funny. There is nothing to appose and nothing over which the two parties disagree. Each seeks the offices, to be sure, and they fight for the offices, but this does not constitute a difference in aims. In fact, it merely shows that aims do not differ.

It should not be forgotten that Raskob, a Republican, found no more difficulty in taking over the management of the Democratic party than he does in changing his shirt for the opera. The Democrats secured no painful experience when this Republican moved the party into the General Motors building. The Republicans during the campaign last year did not once dwell upon this transaction as being inconsistent but accepted it as a matter of course.

From all the evidence one marvels why it is that so many voters permit themselves to be herded into the two camps to fight each other. There isn't anything promised by Republicans that they cannot get through the Democrats and nothing that is promised by the latter that they cannot get through the former. Why have a row about it? If we want to fight over something let's have something over which to fight.



The Real Crooks

Here is an example how frenzied finance is handling the people's hard-earned money. Losses to customers of the New York Bankers' Capital Corporation and its affiliated corporations, now under investigation for fraud for selling stock securities, will run between \$6,000,000 and \$10,000,000. It was announced by Deputy Attorney General W. H. Milholland.

The \$21 dividend which the Capital Corporation declared last January, and which led stockholders to expect dividends of 42 per cent a year, was paid out of capital and at a time when the corporation was not making money, United States Attorney Charles H. Tuttle said.

The corporation, which has clients in many States, was petitioned into receivership November 4, and a week later creditors filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy.

Books and records of the corporation, including some of the Bankers' Capital Company of Connecticut, of which E. J. Sturges, former Connecticut State Banking Commissioner, was head, have been seized.

Sixty to 80 per cent of the business of the Bankers' Capital Corporation was in securities of corporations promoted by it, and by the companies connected with it.

No doubt there are hundreds of similar concerns who fraudulently and criminally dispose of the people's savings.

But it's business! Anything that can be labeled as business is O. K. until the fraud is exposed.

—St. Louis Labor.

SOCIALISTS MAKE GOOD.

The Reading Labor Advocate, speaking for the Socialist administration in Reading, Pa., says:

"Having lived as workers all their lives, the Socialist officials are determined to make the workers' dollars go as far and do as much as possible. When the workers of county, state and nation place all political power in the hands of real working class representatives, the laws of the land will be used to give workers the full reward of their labor. The thing the Socialists talk about, Socialists will do."

INDISPUTABLE!

There is no half-way abiding-place between absolute peace and absolute militarism.—J. Ramsay MacDonald.