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MOLOTOV SPET NAPADEL AMERIKO IN ANGLIJO

Ponovil je obdolžitve, da rabita Porurje kot bazo

BEVIN SE NI UDELEŽIL SEJE

London, 9. dec.—Ruski zunanji minister Molotov je ponovno udaril po Ameriki in Veliki Britaniji na londonski konferenci in ju obdolžil, da rabita Porurje kot strateško bazo v svrhu vzpostavitve dominacije zapadnih sil v Evropi. Stari nacisti jima pomagajo pri tem delu.

Ameriške in britske oblasti hočejo restavrirati vojno industrijsko potencialnost v zapadni Nemčiji. Molotov je naglasil, da bo Rusija vztrajala pri zahtevi, da mora dobiti deset milijard dolarjev v obliki reparacij od Nemčije v 20 letih. Reparacije naj bi bile plačane v industrijski opremi, sedanji produkciji in nemškem premoženju v tujini.

Molotov je zahteval tudi kontrolo Porurja po štirih velesilah in likvidacijo ekonomske združbe ameriških in britskih okupacijskih sil v Nemčiji. To je sovjetska cena za ekonomsko enotnost Nemčije. Njegova izjava je nov dokaz, da Sovjetska unija ni revidirala svojega stališča glede Nemčije od moskovske konference zunanjih ministrov. Molotov je ponovno poudaril, da so reparacije in ekonomska enotnost Nemčije eno vprašanje in se mora kot tako upoštevati v diskuzijah.

Zapadne sile je ponovno obdolžil kršenja zaključkov in dogovorov ki so bili sklenjeni na konferenci velike trojice v Potsdamu. Dejal je, da te dogovore lahko revidirajo le načelniki vlad štirih velesil, ne pa zunanji ministri. Molotov je obsodil tudi Marshallov načrt glede ameriške pomoči zapadni Evropi. Načrt predstavlja nevarnost za nemško ljudstvo, kar ga postavlja v zavisnost od Amerike, katere namen je ustanovitev separatne vlade v zapadni Nemčiji in razcepitev Nemčije.

Razplet v zadnjih 24 urah je dal Moskvi novo sredstvo v propagandi proti zapadnim silam. Ameriški poslanik Lewis Douglas v Londonu je v nedeljo povabil Marshalla, Bevin in Bidaulta na kosilo v svoji rezidenčni hiši na Molotova. To je bila demonstracija zapadnega bloka proti Rusiji. Ističasno je bilo razkrito, da Amerika tiska nove nemške bankovce. Pred sejo zunanjih ministrov je John F. Dulles, svetovalec državnega tajnika Marshalla in član ame-

Arabci invadirali Tel Aviv

Velika Britanija se bo odpovedala mandatu

Jeruzalem, Palestina, 9. dec.—Podtalna židovska obrambna armada Haganah poroča, da so oborožene arabske grupe invadirale Tel Aviv, napadle židovske pozicije in požgale več židovskih hiš v predelu Hatikvi. Bitke med Arabci in židi se nadaljujejo.

Joshua Globerman, vrhovni poveljnik židovske oborožene sile v Tel Avivu, je bil napaden iz zasede na cesti med Tel Avivom in Jeruzalemom in ustreljen. Štirje židovski trgovci so bili zaklani na cesti med Tel Avivom in Jafu.

V novih bitkah, ki so posledica odločitve skupščine Združenih narodov glede razkosanja Palestine na dve državi, je bilo ubitih osem židov, eden Arabec in eden britski policaj. Od izbruha sovražnosti med židi in Arabci je bilo 91 oseb ubitih.

Kairo, Egipt, 9. dec.—Voditelj Arabske lige so naznanili, da bodo podvzeli vojaško in druge akcije, ki naj bi preprečile ustanovitve židovske države v Palestini. Reprezentanti lige v Egiptu, Saudi Arabiji, Lebanonu, Siriji, Transjordaniji, Iraku in Jemenu so se sestali v Kairu. Objavili so izjavo, ki pravi: "Voditelji in reprezentanti arabskih dežel so se izrekli za izvajanje odredb eksekutivnega odbora Arabske lige. Odredbe dolgočajo zaščito meje Palestine in pomoč Arabcem v Palestini v orožju in denarju."

Iznarni jeruzalemski mufti, duhovni vodja Arabcev v Palestini, je dospel v Kairo iz Lebanona, toda udeležil se ni seje odbora Arabske lige. Izjavil je, "da kadar govori orožje, mora biti vse tiho."

Člani egiptskega senata so pozvali vlado, naj vodi odločno borbo proti razkosanju Palestine.

London, 9. dec.—Velika Britanija je informirala Združene narode, da se bo odpovedala mandatu nad Palestino 15. maja. Mandat je dobila od stare Lige narodov. Njeno odločitev mora odobriti komisija Združenih narodov, katero tvorijo reprezentanti petih držav.

rške delegacije, imel sestanek s privatno grupo, kateri je pojasnil svoje vtise z obiska Pariza, kjer je imel razgovore s francoskimi političnimi voditelji.

Britski zunanji minister Bevin se ni udeležil večerjajne seje. Poročilo omenja kot vzrok bolezen. Bevinov sedež na seji je prevzel Francis A. Pakenham, ki je kot minister odgovoren za britsko cono v Nemčiji.

Gabrovšek toži tudi Prosveto in Proletarca!

Hoče kar \$1,200,000 za svojo—"čast"!!

Zadnje dni smo bili uradno obveščeni, da nas toži Franc Gabrovšek, famozni begunski kaplan pri fari sv. Vida v Clevelandu in zakulisni uvodnik Ameriške Domovine. In sicer nas toži radi—"žaljenja časti." Prosveto toži kar za pol milijona dolarjev in baje za enako vsoto tudi Proletarca! Tožbo je vložil na okrajnem sodišču v Chicago.

Kot znano, je pred nekaj meseci vložil slično tožbo za \$200,000 "odškodnine" tudi proti Enakopravnosti.

Od teh treh slovenskih delavskih listov torej hoče kar milijon 200 tisoč dolarjev za svojo—"čast"!! Francu Gabrovšku se morajo zelo cediti sline po dolarjih. Kot duhovnik sicer uči, "da bo šla kamela lažje skozi živkino uho kakor pa bogatin v nebesa." Ampak to velja le za "ovce," za rebeže, za preprosto ljudstvo, za "suckerje." Za bogatine in tudi za take "Kristusove namestnike" kot je France Gabrovšek pa veljajo drugačni "nauki." Zanje veljajo nauki, da čim več si nakopiš bogastva na tem svetu, čim lepša nebesa imaš na zemlji, dokler živiš, toliko bolj sigurno boš prišel v "nebesa" po smrti. Menda bi tudi Gabrovšek rad podkupil sv. Petra in stopil pred nebeška vrata z veliko vrečo dolarjev, se machiavelško nasmešnil nebeškemu vratarju in se mu predstavil:

"Jaz sem France Gabrovšek, Kristusov namestnik iz Slovenije, kjer sem pred vojno "vzorno" vodil klerikalno Zadržno zvezo in Gospodarsko banko v Ljubljani, leta 1934 s svojimi kolegi vred aplavdiral avstrijskim klerofašistom, ko so v krvi zadušili avstrijsko socialistično delavstvo in pripravili pot Hitlerju, par let pozneje se z Vatikanom vred divil klerofašističnemu puču v Španiji in se ogreval za generala Franca, zadnja leta sem pa z vso odločnostjo zagovarjal in branil ljubljanskega škofa Rožmana in zagrebškega nadškofa Stepinca ter njune zapeljane pristahe, ki so v drugi svetovni vojni prisegli zvestobo Hitlerju in storili vse v svoji moči za zmago nacifašističnega orožja."

Ko je sv. Peter to slišal, je namršil čelo in ga vprašal, kaj nosi v veliki vreči. Gabrovšek mu je pojasnil:

"Ej, to so pa dolarji—cel milijon 200 tisoč jih je—katere sem dobil v Ameriki od Prosvete, Proletarca in Enakopravnosti..." "To so žulji in srage poštenih, naprednih ameriških Slovencev, ki ljubijo resnico in pravico in so torej dobri kristjani! Marj, pobesi se izpred mojih oči!!" je v vsaj svoji sveti jezi zardel sv. Peter nad Francem Gabrovškom in ga spodil izpred nebeških vrat...

Naj se France Gabrovšek, duhovnik-bankir-politik, nahaja pred tako alternativo ali ne, dejstvo vseeeno je, da toži Prosveto in Proletarca in Enakopravnost, ne za par stotakov ali za par tisočakov, marveč kar za milijon 200 tisoč dolarjev! Mož mora v svoji jezu-itski miselnosti zelo visoko ceniti svojo—"čast"!! Mislil pač, da nas bo tukaj strahoval, kakor je s svojimi klerofašističnimi bratci v Sloveniji pred vojno kot eden glavnih klerikalnih voditeljev strahoval slovenske intelektualce in delavce in kmete. Toda se moti!

Potrebno je, da vsakdo razume, da tukaj ne gre za nikakšno Gabrovškovo čast, pač pa je klerikalna banda okrog A.D.—in še kje drugje!—napovedala odprto politično vojno vsemu slovenskemu progresivno in delavsko usmerjenemu tisku v tej deželi! Za ta svoj boj hoče izrabiti ameriška sodišča.

Ker gre tej klerikalni bandi za uničenje vsega naprednega slovenskega tiska v tej deželi z namenom, da ta banda, ki na vsej črti izrablja vero za svoje hegemonistične politične cilje, dobi popolno kontrolo nad slovenskim javnim življenjem tudi v naši novi domovini, kakor jo je imela dolga stoletja v stari domovini—ker gre za življenje vse napredne misli v naši javnosti, sprejemamo ta boj z vero v pravico in poštenost.

To ni samo boj Prosvete, Proletarca in Enakopravnosti, marveč boj vseh poštenih, pravicoljubnih in svobodoljubnih slovenskih delavcev v tej deželi, predvsem pa vsega naprednega članstva SNPJ, ki bo moralo nositi levji del bremena tega klerikalnega atentata ne samo na svoj list, marveč tudi na Proletarca in Enakopravnost. Poraz enega pomeni poraz vseh! Obratno bo zmaga enega lista zmaga nas vseh.

Naj se nihče ne vara! Tukaj nimamo opravka samo z nekim pritepenim Gabrovškom, marveč s celo bando politično treniranih jezuitov, ki se hočejo maščevati nad nami: nad vsemi progresivno orientiranimi poindinci in organizacijami v tej deželi vsled tega, ker so izgubili bitko v starem kraju, kjer so se njihovi moralno povsem degenerirani kolegi odprto postavili na stran Hitlerja in Mussolinija, obema prisegli zvestobo in se roka v roki borili z barbariskim nacifašističnim okupatorjem, čeprav si je bil napravil načrt za totalno uničenje slovenskega naroda! Da ni prišlo do tega, ni to zasluga slovenskega propalskega klerikalizma, marveč herkuljskih naporov velike Amerike in herojstva angleškega pa ruskega ljudstva, predvsem rdeče armade ter epopejske borbe jugoslovanskih partizanov.

Slovenski amoralni klerikalizem je s tem atentatom na Prosveto, Proletarca in Enakopravnost vrgel rokavice slehernemu poštenemu, resnicoljubnemu, pravicoljubnemu in svobodoljubnemu Slovcu ali Slovenki v tej deželi. Pomnite, da imamo proti sebi močnega, povsem brezvestnega in politično imenitno treniranega klerikalnega sovražnika, kateremu je kaplan Gabrovšek le orodje. Ni treba omenjati, da bodo te tožbe stale težke tisočake. kajti nasprotniku gre za uničenje našega tiska! Mi upamo, da naše napredno članstvo in ostali pravicoljubni in svobodoljubni Slovenci v tej deželi bodo storili vse, kar je v njihovi moči za preprečitev te nakane, ki si jo je zamislila amoralna klerikalna banda okrog A.D. Z drugo besedo: Efektivna obramba v tem atentatu na naš delavski tisk bo odvisna v prvi vrsti od vse naše napredne javnosti in društev v tej deželi!

Uslužbenci se izrekli za oklic stavke

Chicago, 9. dec.—Člani krajevne unije bratovščine kurjačev in drugih delavcev ADF, ki so uposleni na postajah mestnega vodovoda, so se izrekli za

Domače vesti

Smrt članice
Chicago, 8. dec. je v Bangorju, Mich., umrla Antonia Setine, stara 54 let, članica društva 39 SNPJ. Doma je bila iz Brezice in članica jednote 26 let. V Ameriki zupašča moža Francka in tri sinove. Pokopana bo v četrtek ob 12:30 pop. v Bangorju. Društvo Narodni vitezi izreka preostalim sožalje.

Nov grob na zapadu
Raton, N. Mex.—Dne 27. nov. je umrl Vuko Krvočapich, star 58 let, rodom Črnogorec in zvest član društva 297 SNPJ. Zupašča družino, ki se zahvaljuje vsem prijateljem in društvu za obiske v boleznih in za podarjene cvetje ob pogrebu.

Is Milwaukeeja
Milwaukee, Wis.—Zadnjo soboto zvečer je poulčena ubila Francka Bezovška, ko je šel domov. Odšel je bil v bolnišnico, kjer je čez pol ure izdihnil. Star je bil 66 let, samski, doma od Nove Štife pri Gornjem gradu, Stajersko, v Ameriki 41 let. Ob smrti ni spadal k nobenemu društvu. V starem kraju zupašča dve sestri.—Dne 5. dec. je tovrni avto povozil 17-letno Beatrice Ilovšek, hčerko družine Frank Ilovšek. Ko je šla s svojo sestro prečk ceste, je padla na ledu. Ker voznik ni mogel dovolj hitro ustaviti, je šlo kolo preko glave in ji strlo lobanjo in imela je tudi druge poškodbe. Prepeljana je bila v bolnišnico, kjer so ugotovili smrt. Rojena je bila v Milwaukeeju, kjer zupašča starše, brata in sestro. Bila je članica društva Sloge 13 JPZS.—Isti dan je po daljši bolezni v bolnišnici umrla Frances Pucel, stara 62 let, doma iz Trebelnega, Dolenjsko, v Ameriki blizu 40 let. S svojim možem je 10 let žvela na farmi v Crivitzu, Wis., zadnjega julija pa se je zopet vrnila v Milwaukee. Poleg moža zupašča sina in hčer. Bila je članica SZZ na West Allis.—Dne 6. dec. so pripeljali truplo slovenskega vojaka Edwarda Paulaha, ki je padel v Nemčiji 26. febr. 1945 v starosti 24 let. On je vnuk pionirja Blaža Hrena. Zupašča starše, sina, sestro in brata.—Vse pogrebe je oskrbel Ermenčov zavod.

Novi grobovi v Kansasu
Frontenac, Kans.—Dne 3. dec. je umrl Anton Potočan, star 71 let, doma iz Konjic, Stajersko, v Ameriki 44 let, član društva 27 SNPJ 31 let. Zadel ga je srčna kap. Zupašča sina in sedem hčera, ki žive v raznih krajih dežele. En sin je padel v zadnji vojni.

Kansas City, Kans.—Dne 28. nov. je umrl John Prisan, star 78 let, doma iz Celja, Stajersko, v Ameriki od 1903, član društva 108 SNPJ. Umrl je za rakom v praih. Bil je naprednega mišljenja in prejšnja leta je bil rudar. Tukaj zupašča ženo, poročeno hčer, dva vnuka in tri sestre—Ano Lubach, Mary Orazen in Barbaro Kosity, v Avstriji pa tudi dve sestri. Preostalim društvu izreka sožalje.

Popravek
Henryetta, Okla.—V Prosveti z dne 26. nov. je bilo poročano, da je tukaj umrl Anton Novak. Njegovo ime je bilo John, ne Anton.

Išče sina
La Salle, Ill.—Janez Košak iz Novega mesta, Slovenija, bi rad izvedel za svojega sina Rudolfa Košaka. Gre radi domačije, ki jo ima oče v Novem mestu. Naj mu piše ali pa na naslov: Anton Filetič, 1107 6th st., La Salle, Ill.

Nob grob na zapadu
Roslyn, Wash.—Dne 7. nov. je umrl Mike Snajder, član društva 75 SNPJ. Živel je na farmi blizu Tacome, kamor se je preselil z družino leta 1936. Star je bil 43 let, rojen v Roslynu, toda s starši je šel v stari kraj, v Delnice, Hrvatsko, še kot otrok in se vrnil v Ameriko leta 1924. Tukaj zupašča ženo, hčer in sina, v starem kraju pa tudi svojo. Preostalim društvu izreka iskreno sožalje.

Francoski stavkarji pozvani na delo

Vojaške čete poslone v rudarske distrikte

Pariz, 9. dec.—Vlada premierja Roberta Schumana je sinoči pozvala stavkarje, naj se vrnejo na delo v sredo, zaeno pa jih je opozorila, da ne bodo dobili plače za v stavki izgubljene dneve. Člani kabineta so vseeno ponudili nagrado za kritje življenjskih stroškov v vsoti 1,500 frankov (\$13) mesečno onim stavkarjem, ki se bodo vrnili na delo v sredo. Nagrada je retroaktivna do 24. novembra. Dali so tudi zagotovilo, da stavkarji ne bodo prosekutirani na podlagi drastičnega protistavkovnega zakona, ki je bil sprejet v skupščini. Zagotovilo ne velja za saboterje.

Vojaška sila 10,000 mož, podprta s tanki in oklopnimi avtomobili, je bila poslana v rudarske distrikte v severni Franciji. Razpršila je voditelje stavkarjev, ki so skušali blokirati gibanje za vrnitev na delo.

Vlada je predložila pogoje Splošni delavski konfederaciji, ki je naletela na odpor s strani članstva v svojem poskusu za povečanje paraliziranja Francije s stavko državnih uslužbencev. Poročilo pravi, da se je manj kot deset odstotkov uslužbencev odzvalo pozivu, naj zastavkajo. Voditelji konfederacije so priznali izjalovitev poskusa. Stavka na pariški podzemski železnici je trajala samo dve uri.

Predsednik Truman se vrnil v Washington

Washington, D. C., 9. dec.—Predsednik Truman se je vrnil v Washington s počitnic v Floridi. V glavno mesto je dospel z letalom. Na sestanku s časniki je razkril, da bo sestavljal poslanico o Marshallovm načrtu glede ameriške pomoči zapadni Evropi in jo poslal kongresu.

Jetniški stražnik priznal zaroto

Chicago, 9. dec.—Weymond Miller, stražnik v okrajni jetnišnici, je priznal, da je bil udeležen v zaroti, katere namen je bil beg 36 jetnikov iz jetnišnice zadnjo nedeljo. Zarota se je izjalovila. Miller je priznal zaroto po aretaciji. On je preskrbel jetnikom žage, s katerimi so prerezali železna omrežja, za podkupnino \$460.

Demonstracije proti rasnemu zapostavljanju

Chicago, 9. dec.—Skoro tisoč dijakov čikaške univerze se je udeležilo demonstracij proti rasnemu zapostavljanju v bolnišnici, klinikah in medicinski šoli

JUGOSLAVIJA IN BOLGARIJA BOSTA PREPOVEDALI VSTOP KOMISLI

Praga, Čehoslovakija, 9. dec.—Poročilo jugoslovanske časniške agencije Tanjug iz Beograda pravi, da sta Jugoslavija in Bolgarija sklenili dogovor, da ne bosta dovolili vstopa članom komisije Združenih narodov na svoje ozemlje. Poročilo dostavlja, da je bil kričen čarter Združenih narodov z ustanovitvijo komisije.

Jugoslavija, Bolgarija in Albanija so bile na zborovanju generalne skupščine Združenih narodov obdolžene, da podpirajo grške gerilce, ki se bore proti grški monarhistični armadi. Agentura Tanjug je razkrila določbe vojaške pogodbe med Jugoslavijo in Albanijo, ki je bila sklenjena v Varni, mestu ob Črnem morju. Glavne določbe so: Reprezentanti obeh držav se bodo posvetovali o vseh važnih

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VPRAŠANJE JAVNEGA LASTNISTVA

Washington, D. C., 9. dec.—Amerika ne bi smela voditi opozicije proti socializmu v Nemčiji, če ga nemško ljudstvo hoče, pravi publikacija Military Government Journal, organ zveze vojaške vlade, katero tvorijo civilisti in reprezentanti oboroženih sil. Vsi so imeli pozicije v civilnih administracijah in vojaških vladah v vojnem času.

Predsednik zveze je general John H. Hilldring, bivši pomožni državni tajnik za okupirana ozemlja in sedanjí ameriški delegat pri Združenih narodih.

"Glavni razlog, zakaj naj Amerika prepusti odločitev o socializmu Nemcem, je v tem, da je to edina pot za razvoj demokracije," pravi Journal. "Želje Amerike v okupiranih krajih glede ustanovitve ekonomskih in političnih sistemov se bodo izpolnile le, ako bo skrbela za vzdrževanje demokratične tvorbe družbe v teh krajih. Demokratični značaj nove nemške družbe bo zavisel od obsega izražanja želje in volje ljudstva.

Nobenega izgleda ni, da bi Amerika dala več socializma nekakemu ljudstvu kot ga hoče, temveč manj kot ga zahteva. V tem je nevarnost. Velika večina nemškega ljudstva je v prošlosti verovala in veruje tudi sedaj v socializem. Ako bo Amerika vodila odpor proti javnemu lastništvu in skušala viliti Nemcem svoj kapitalistični sistem, ne bo dosegla namena.

V mnogih evropskih državah ima vladno lastništvo železnic, pošte in javnih naprav podporo ljudstev. Za ta ljudstva ni vprašanje, ali je privatno lastništvo in svobodna konkurenca boljša oblika ekonomske organizacije. Javno lastništvo že obstoja in ljudstvo je za raztegnitev, da bo tak sistem prevladoval. To dejstvo mora Amerika upoštevati, ako se ji dopade ali ne. Zavedati se mora ekonomske in politične realnosti in z njo računati."

univerze. Žrtve zapostavljanja so zamorski dijaki. Govorili so pred demonstranti trije profesorji—Maynard Krueger, Malcolm Sharp in dr. Nathaniel Callovy, kakor tudi Sidney Ordower, radijski naznanilec in bivši član odbora ameriških vojnih veteranov. Vsi so obsojali rasno zapostavljanje.

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Naše glasilo—II

Zadnji teden smo objubil, da se bomo v tem članku pomudili pri sugestiji br. Matta Tuška iz Power Pointa, O., in društva 344 iz Sheboygana, Wis., naj jednota prične izdajati dvojje separatnih glasil...

Ideja o dveh separatnih glasilih ni nova. Članstvo se lahko spominja, da je bila prejšnja leta razprava o tej ideji skoraj pred vsako konvencijo. Angleški del sredine Prosvete se je pričel spontano po waukeganski konvenciji (1925), ko so se pričela ustanavljati angleško poslujoča društva...

V predkonvencijnih razpravah leta 1933, še več pa leta 1937 je bilo v Prosveti precej razprave o ideji dveh separatnih glasil. Sploh se je bila ta razprava pričela že pred konvencijo leta 1929. Toča vsakokrat je prevladovalo mišljenje za skupno dvojezično glasilo...

Po clevelandski konvenciji je to vprašanje utihnilo. Ako ga je pozneje pred konvencijo kdo sprožil, ni dobilo odmeva. Toliko o zgodovinskem ozadju našega dvojezičnega glasila.

Priznati je treba, da je bila naša jednota prejšnja leta bolj homogeno kot je danes ali kot bo v bodoče. Prva leta je bila zgolj slovenska, potem je odprla vrata tudi Hrvatom, nekoliko pozneje vsem Slovanom, z ustanavljanjem angleško poslujočih društev pa smo polagoma pričeli sprejemati tudi osebe drugih narodnosti...

Ker je polje za pridobivanje novih članov med nami omejeno, smo zadnja leta pridobili v jednoto člane asortiranih narodnosti izvorov, ki pa so vsi seveda Amerikanci, tukaj rojeni in tukaj vzgojeni. V danih razmerah to seveda ni nič slabega. Pri več angleško poslujočih društvih so ti člani v sprednjih vrstah aktivnosti in tudi dobri agitatorji za jednoto...

Kar se tiče vprašanja, da bi prenehali z dvojezičnim glasilom in ga pričeli izdajati separatno v obeh jezikih, nam vežejo roke pravila, tudi ako bi to sentiment članstva in glavnega odbora. Točka 36 namreč pravi: "Uradno glasilo izhaja v slovenskem in angleškem jeziku in izide enkrat na teden..."

Je pa drugi izhod, ki bi bil morda uместen, ako bi bilo članstvo zadovoljno. Po zadnji konvenciji, predno smo povečali angleško sekcijo na štiri strani na račun slovenskega dela, je bila na seji gl. izvršnega odbora sprožena sugestija, da bi štiri notranje strani—od 3. do 6.—tiskali v angleščini. Po prejemu glasila bi član enostavno izpuli ali ločil te notranje strani in imel vsak del zase. Ker je bil pomislek, da bi to morda slabo vplivalo na starejše članstvo...

O DRUŠTVENIH IN JEDNOTINIH ZADEVAH

Detroit, Mich. — Zadnje čase citamo v glasilu razne sugestije o volitvah društvenih odborov, vodstvu sej, tajniškem delu, agitaciji za novo članstvo itd. Br. Garden je v uradniškem članku dobro opisal današnje razmere pri društvih in velike spremembe radi staranja pionirjev.

Mnogo naših pionirjev že spi večno spanje, mnogi pa so postali mrtvi za javnost, za SNPJ in druge napredne ustanove. Umrli so tudi J. Zavertnik, M. Potokar in M. Vogrich, bivši gl. uradniki SNPJ. Med živimi pa so nekateri, ki imajo sicer sposobnost, a umrli so za javnost, na primer M. Verderber, M. Turk, C. Pogorelec, F. Petrich, I. Molek in nekateri drugi. Molek je utihnil radi političnih sprememb, s katerimi se ne strinja.

Zadnja konvencija je dala gl. uradnikom dobre pogoje za življenjski obstoj in preskrbljeni so za štiri leta, ako ne pride do večje spremembe v ameriškem sistemu, to se pravi, če ne pride še do večje inflacije.

Da je danes težko dobiti sposobne društvene uradnike, je največ kriva zadnja konvencija, ker ni ničesar konkretnega in dobrega sprejela za stare člane. V jednoti imamo člane, ki plačujejo v vse sklade že 30 ali 40 let, toda prejeli so jako malo bolniške podpore ali kakšne druge odškodnine, nekateri pa sploh nobene podpore. Torej je v jednoti še mnogo članov in članic, ki so sposobni za društvene posle. Ker pa jih je konvencija pozabila, imajo dober vzrok, da se več v toliki meri ne zanimajo za društvo in jednoto. Delegacija zadnje konvencije bi morala uvidevati, da so ti člani še vedno hrbtenica jednote in so že veliko žrtvovali na napredek jednote kot splošnosti.

Seve, nekaj se ne more dati, ako ni kje zveti. Sedanji asessment je preizek, ko je delavstvo v polni meri uposljeno in ima stalen dnevni zaslužek. Ako bi zvišali asessment 15c mesečno, bi to ne bilo več kot pol centa na dan. S takim poviškom se bi jednota utrdila finančno in lahko bolj pomagala staremu članstvu.

Društvene uradnike bi tudi laže dobili, če ne bi imeli toliko različnih in kompliciranih polje, s katerimi se povprečen delavec s štirirazredno šolsko izobrazbo beli glavo. Priporočljivo bi bilo, da bi tajnik pošiljal skupni asessment po starosti v glavni urad, tam pa naj bi ga razdelili v razne sklade. Po tem sistemu bi tajniško delo poenostavili. Bil sem že v vseh društvenih uradih in imam izkušnje, da je tajniško delo najtežje.

Strinjam se, ker je delegacija odobrila precej veliko vsoto za atletiko, dobro bi bilo, ako bi bolj upoštevali tudi stare člane, ki radi balinajo.

Urednik pravi, da je doba nas starih članov kratka, da bomo mogoče 10 ali 15 letih še poslovali v slovensčini in da so nekatera stara društva že pričela posloovati v angleškem jeziku, ker med stariimi člani ni bilo mogoče dobiti društvenih odborov. Resnica je, da prihajamo polagoma na to spremembo, zato pa je potrebno, da se kaj koristnega ukrene za stare člane, ko teče njihovo življenje proti koncu. To, kar je dala zadnja konvencija stariim članom, je zanje skoraj poniževalno, kajti član mora biti 65 let star in brez premoženja, predno dobi nekaj popusta. Danes je sicer prepoznano komentirati sklepe in zapljučke zadnje konvencije, vendar pa ne bo škodovalo, če se pripravimo za prihodnjo konvencijo.

Leto se bliža k zatonu in tako bomo morali izvoliti nove uradnike tudi pri društvu 121 SNPJ. Pozivam vse članstvo, da se udeleži letne seje. Kot predsednik društva me veže dolžnost, da odkrito povem, da imamo na seji vsi enake pravice. Vse seje v letu 1947 so se vršile vzorno in mirno. Ako pa je predsednik kaj zakrivil, bo pa hvaležen, če mu odprto poveste, kajti priznam, da tudi jaz nisem brez napak, kot ni nihče.

Torej se vidimo 21. decembra, začetek seje točno ob desetih dopoldne. Anton Jurca, predsednik.

NEKAJ MNENJ DOLGOLETNEGA TAJNIKA

East Palestine, O.—Zopet je prišel čas, da opozorim vse člane društva 55 SNPJ na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila 21. decembra, začetek ob dveh popoldne. Udeležite se je v velikem številu, da bomo lahko izvolili društvene uradnike za prihodnje leto. Pri našem društvu ni bilo že dve leti volitev, ker smo bili na seji samo uradniki. Odkrito povem, jaz ne morem biti vedno tajnik, saj sem že neprenehoma 22 let. S prvim januarjem bom član jednote 40 let, skozi 39 let pa sem vedno bil v odboru. Mislim, da to zadostuje in je že čas, da bi kakšen drug član prevzel tajniški urad.

Ne vem, kaj je dandanes s člani, da se tako slabo udeležujejo sej in neredno plačujejo asessment. Ako bi tajnik s člani postal tako strogo, kot določajo pravila, bi bilo suspendiranih mnogo članov in društva bi izgubila marsikaterega člana. Večkrat moram iti osebno po asessment, da lahko denar pravočasno odposljem v glavni urad. Toda vsak tajnik ne more izgubljati časa s kolektanjem, kajti njegova plača je zelo majhna. Če pa založim, se pa lahko zgodi, da član pusti društvo in izgubim denar.

Gl. tajnik Vider je že večkrat omenil, naj tajniki pazijo, da obdržijo člane v društvu. Tudi jaz sem to storil, ko sem na prošnjo člana založil asessment. No, plačal sem zanj za tri mesece, potem pa je pustil društvo. Nato sem pisal br. Vidru in ga vprašal, ako bi mi jednota povrnila denar, on pa je odgovoril, da moram zalaganje asessmenta sam riskirati. Tako je šla po gobe moja mesečna plača, ki znaša \$5.

Vsekakor bo morala jednota kaj ukreniti glede teh problemov. Prejeli slem bomo morali vpeljati sistem, kot ga imajo komercialne zavarovalne družbe, in tajnika bo treba primerno plačati. Tajnik je lahko še tako navdušen jednotar, toda nihče ne more priškovati od njega, da bo vse svoje življenje delal in se žrtvoval za napredek jednote.

Tukaj imamo tudi problem glede zdravnika, ker so vsi zelo zaposleni. Vse sem že vprašal, toda samo eden je sprejel, ki pa računava za preiskavo \$5, kar pa je preveč in noben nov član noče toliko plačati.

Velik problem imamo tudi z našo mladino. Mladina je naše nade up, je geslo starejših, toda na žalost se naša mladina ne zanima v toliki meri za napredek jednote, kot smo se mi. Vzrok je mnogo; mnogi ne čitajo drugega kot kapitalistične časopise, kateri zastripuljajo čitatelje in pišejo proti vsakemu napreduku. Dandanes pa še toliko bolj hujskajo proti vsaki vladi, katera je za malega človeka. "Komunisti, kooomunisti!" slišimo neprestano po radiu in čitamo v časopisih. Radi te propagande je dosti naše mladine zapeljane, če pa oče kaj reče, pa dobi odgovor, češ, ti si star in danes je vse drugače.

Mnogi mladi člani nočejo tednika Prosvete, ker ni ves v angleščini, slovensčine pa ne znajo. Strinjam se z br. Tuškom, da bi bilo glasilo tiskano za mladino samo v angleščini. Starih članov je vedno manj, angleško govorečih pa vedno več, kajti danes lahko pristopi v našo jednoto vsakdo, neglede na narodnost. Tudi dnevnik bo moral prej ali slej izhajati v angleščini, ali pa prenehati. Ako pa bi dnevnik prenehal, bi vsi veliko izgubili. O vseh teh problemih bo treba misliti in kaj ukreniti.

Podal sem nekaj mnenj z dobrim namenom. Na koncu pa ponovno opozarjam na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila 21. decembra.

LETNA SEJA VOLITVE IN DRUGO

Cleveland, O.—Da so letne seje važne, bi moral vedeti sleherni član SNPJ. Niso važne le zato, ker se voli društveni odbor, ampak tudi iz več drugih razlogov. Na letnih sejah se pregleda, koliko uspeha je imejlo društvo skozi leto, ali so društveni odborniki vestno vršili svoje naloge, zaeno pa pripravimo načrte za bodoče leto.

Ker je društveni odbor glava društva, je važno, da članstvo izvoli dober odbor, toda društvo uspeva najbolje tam, kjer so vsi člani aktivni in se redno udeležujejo vseh sej. Posebno važno pa je, da so člani aktivni pri društvih, kjer je večina starih članov, kajti pri takih društvih se bela žena s koso kaj rada ustavi in pokosi zdaj enega, zdaj drugega. Pri našem društvu se zadnje čase kaj rada ustavlja, kajti v tem letu nam jih je pokosila že devet. Prav sedaj, ko pišem te vrstice, sem prejel obvestilo, da je po dolgi in mučni bolezni umrla sestra Jennie Renko, soproga poznanelega Johna Renka, zastopnika Enakopravnosti.

Pokojnica je bila doma iz Bač, fara Knežak. Moje iskreno sožalje vsem prizadetim!

Torej, če ne bo šla bela žena kaj skoraj kam na počitnice, nam lahko še kakšnega ugrabi, predno bo šlo to leto v zaton. Če hočemo obdržati naše društvo v ravnovesju, moramo vsakega umrlega člana nadomestiti z novim. To naj bo naše geslo ob naši 40-letnici v letu 1948!

V imenu društva Lunder-Adamič 28 SNPJ se zahvaljujem vsem posetnikom, ki so se udeležili naše veselice 22. novembra in s svojim posetom pripomogli do boljšega gnotnega uspeha. Najlepša hvala vsem delavcem in delavkam, ki so vsi tako pridno vršili vsak svoje delo!

Ne pozabite priti na letno sejo dne 21. decembra, da izvolimo društveni odbor in napravimo potrebne načrte za bodoče leto. Seja se bo pričela točno ob devetih zjutraj v običajnem prostoru SND na St. Clair ave. Prosim tudi vse člane, kateri še niso plačali svojega asessmenta, da ga plačajo, da bomo lahko uredili knjige ob koncu leta. Na gotovo svidenje 14. dec.

A. Wapotič, tajnik.

O TAJNIŠKIH LETNA SEJA DRUŠTVA SLAVIJE IN DRUGO

Chicago, Ill. — December je mesec naših letnih sej, zaeno pa nekaka "očitna izpoved" naših tajnikov. Opominjajoč članstvo na letne seje, mnogi porabijo priložilo in javno potožijo o težavah in raznih drugih problemih, ki so v zvezi s tajništvom. In teh problemov je mnogo; nezanimanje članstva za društvo, zlasti mladine, slabo plačevanje asessmenta, majhne plače društvenih odbornikov, umiranje starih članov, kompliciranost številnih polic itd., itd.

Vsakdo, ki je bil kdaj odgovoren društveni uradnik, razume pritožbe društvenih tajnikov in drugih odbornikov. Marsikateri naš tajnik vrši že ta posest deset, dvajset in celo več let, zato ni nič čudnega, da bi se ga rad rešil in se malo odpočil ter znebil skrbi za društvo, ki zlasti tajnika neprestano spremljajo, toda ob koncu leta pravijo, da stari najbolje razume te zadeve, zato naj še eno leto vleče društveni voz.

Mnogi tajniki, ki niso materialisti, tožijo tudi o majhni plači, "ki ni nobena plača, ampak samo odškodnina". To je resnica. Plače društvenih uradnikov na splošno so danes malo ne iste kot pred 10 ali 15 leti, dolar pa nima polovice tedanje vrednosti. In ne samo to, danes ima tajnik več kompliciranega dela kot pred leti, ko je bil ves sistem enostavnejši. Tu pa moram omeniti, da tajniki dobijo nekaj odškodnine ob koncu leta direktno od jednote, česar niso dobili pred leti. In to odškodnino pošteno zaslužijo! Prav tako dobijo nekaj centov več od mladinskih članov.

Na zadnji konvenciji me je več tajnikov-delegatov opozori-

lo, da je treba nekaj narediti tudi za tajnike in da naj bi stvar prinesel pred delegacijo svoj oče, ki je bil tajnik odbora za pravila. Odgovoril sem, da tega ne bo storil ne on in ne jaz, ker sva oba tajnika društva, in bi morda zgedalo, da se potegujeva za tajnike iz sebičnih namenov, pristavil pa sem, naj se v tej zadevi obrnejo na merodajne funkcionarje, ki poznajo tajniško delo in vedo, da je od tajnikov v največji meri odvisen napredek društva.

Toda dovolj o tem in nekaj besed o našem društvu Slaviji št. 1 SNPJ. Na splošno nimam posebnih pritožb, člani pa prav tako neredno plačujejo asessment, kot pri drugih društvih, toda to me preveč ne vznemirja, kajti dobro vem, da stari člani ne bodo pustili društva in mi odnesli denar. Tiste, ki mi ne plačajo pravočasno, založim z denarjem onih, ki plačajo naprej nekaj mesecev, poleg tega pa imam na razpolago za zalaganje asessmenta \$50 iz društvene blagajne. Tako mi ni treba nikogar suspendirati, seve, na mlade člane pa pazim, da pravočasno plačajo. V tem letu nisem nikogar suspendiral, odstopil pa je en član.

Velike stitnosti pa imam z mnogimi mladinski člani, ki niso slovenske narodnosti in katerih starši ne spadajo v društvo. Vse te moram kolektati na domu. Pišem jim enkrat, dvakrat, končno pa moram iti na dom, to pa je nerodno, ker je Chicago veliko mesto in so ljudje razkropljeni na vseh koncih in krajih. Zadnjič sva se odpejela s prijateljem Bizjakom kolektat asessment neke mladinske članice v 20 milj oddaljeno mesto. Vzelo naju je nekaj ur, predno sva našla hišo. Asessment za celo leto je znašal \$2.16, gasolina pa sva požgala skoraj za enako vsoto, poleg tega pa še nekaj zapila (ne zgrajzajte se!). Toda to je edina pot, če hočemo obdržati članstvo. Če bi se tajniki ravnali strogo v smislu pravil, bi kaj kmalu izgubili polovico članstva.

Sedan pa je že čas, da opozorim članstvo društva Slavije na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila v petek, 12. decembra, v spodnji dvorani SNPJ, 2857 So. Lawndale Ave., začetek že ob pol osmih zvečer, pol ure prej kot ponavadi. Asessment pa bomo pričeli pobirati že ob pol sedmih. Udeležite se vsi! Po seji bomo imeli malo okrepčila. Dobili boste tudi lepe stenske koledarje SNPJ.

Naj še omenim našo plesno veselico, ki jo bomo priredili na Silvestrov večer, 31. decembra, v obeh dvoranah SNPJ. Dolžnost slehernega člana in članice je, da se udeleži te veselice, če pa se ne more, da vsaj plača za vstopnico. Imeli bomo dobro godbo in izvrstno postrežbo. Torej ne pozabite seje in ne veselice!

Milan Medvošek, tajnik.

LETNA SEJA DRUŠTVA 142 IN DRUGE VESTI

Cleveland, O.—Člane in članice društva Mir št. 142 SNPJ obveščam, da se bo glavna letna seja vršila v nedeljo, 14. decembra, začetek ob 2. uri popoldne, in sicer v gornji dvorani Slovenskega doma na Holmes ave. Po letni seji bomo imeli plesno zabavo ter nekaj prigrizka in pijače. Ples se bo začel ob 7:30. Vstopnina za člane in goste je prosta. Tisti, ki še nimate vabila za plesno veselico, se lahko javite pri tajniku društva na 15800 Holmes ave., ali pa ga pokličite na telefon MULberry 5516, nakar vam bo vstopnice poslal.

Letna seja je zelo važna. Izvolili si boste nov odbor, zato je torej vaša dolžnost, da se vsaj te seje udeležite. Od nas vseh je odvisno, kako bo v prihodnjem letu novi odbor deloval in kakšne uradnike boste imeli. Na letni seji lahko zavržete tiste, s katerimi niste bili zadovoljni, na njih mesto pa izvolite druge, za katere mislite, da bodo bolj vneto delovali za društvo in našo jednoto.

Naš predsednik Frank Celin, ki je nedavno preстал operacijo in se že nahaja na svojem domu, mogoče ne bo mogel prisostvovati letni seji. Vsaj tako misli. Toda z ozirom na njegovo naglo okrevanje upamo, da bo do takrat že popolnoma zdrav in takorekoč prerujen. V Emergency kliniki na 152. cesti pa se nahaja naš član Gabriel Demshar, ki je imel težko avtomobilsko nesrečo. Navzlic resnim poškodbam pa zelo hrabro prenaša bolečine. Z bivšim tajnikom Fr. Stursarščem sva šla obiskat preteklo soboto. On ima številne prijatelje v raznih naselbinah. Njegov naslov je: 507 Scherman st., Geneva, Ohio. Sedaj, ko so nastopili zimski časi, tudi številno bolnikov naglo raste. Na seznamu bolnikov imam sedaj 25 članov. Največje število bolnikov smo imeli v marcu, in sicer 33, najmanj pa jih je bilo v juliju, ko jih je bilo le 12. No, o temu vsemu pa bom poročal na letni seji, ko bom podal splošni pregled poslovanja društva. Torej še enkrat, člani in članice, pridite prav gotovo na letno sejo!

I. Bostjančič, tajnik.

BOŽIČNICA ČIKAŠKE FEDERACIJE

Chicago, Ill.—Kakor že mnogo let, tako bo tudi letošnja čikaška federacija SNPJ priredila božičnico za mladinske člane SNPJ. Priredba se bo vršila v nedeljo, 14. dec., v dvorani SNPJ. Mladinski krožek št. 26 nam je objubil, da bo za to priredbo pripravil izredno dober program, ki se bo pričel ob pol treh popoldne. Izvršni odsek SNPJ bo zastopal gl. tajnik F. A. Vider.

Tudi letos bo nastopil Miklavž in razdelil darila članom mladinskega oddelka tistih društev, katera sodelujejo pri tej priredbi. Za odrasle člane in članice boste dosti zabave, za plesalce pa bomo igrali Debevec trlo. Vabimo vse člane in članice iz Chicaga in okolice, da pridejo na to priredbo. Vstopnina je samo 50c.

Frank Alesh.

ZAHVALA IN OPOMIN

Milwaukee, Wis. — Koncert pevskega zbora Lilije je sijajno izpadel gmotno in moralno. Program se je pričel točno ob osmih zvečer. Razdeljen je bil na tri dele. Dvorana je bila polna ljubiteljev lepega petja. Zbor je podal enajst pesmi in posetniki so jih pozdravili z navdušenjem. Pevec so bili na mestu in izborni peli. Ob zaključku programa je zbor zapel dve pesmi, ki sta občinstvu naravnost učarali. To sta bili "Jadransko morje" in "Gorenjski slavček". Na zahtevo občinstva, je moral zbor pesmi ponoviti. S tem je bil program zaključen. Prepričani smo, da so posetniki odšli domov polni duševnega užitka, nam, ki se udeležujemo na kulturnem polju, so pa dal novega duška za nadaljevanje tem delom. V imenu pevskega zbora Lilije vsem prav lepo hvala!

Dolžnost me veže, da opominim na glavno letno sejo društva Lilije, ki se bo vršila tretje petek v decembru. Ta seja bo zelo važna za vsakega člana in članice. Udeležite se je vsi! Društvo Lilija je drugo največje društvo SNPJ v naši naselbini. To leto smo bili precej aktivni in želi napredek v vseh ozirih, toda odnehati ne smemo. Na dnevnem redu bomo imeli več važnih zadev, kakor tudi volitve društvenega odbora za prihodnje leto. Torej na svidenje! Pridite vsi!

John Dobnik.

SEJA GOSPODINJSKEGA ODBESKA SND

Detroit, Mich.—Članice ženskega kluba Slovenskega narodnega doma naznanjam, da se bo vršila odsevska letna seja 21. dec., začetek točno ob petih popoldne. Ta seja se je imela vršiti 14. dec. ob štirih popoldne, a je bila preložena, kajti na ta dan se bo vršil festival Ameriškega slovenskega kongresa v Masonic Tempju.

Apeliram na članice, da se udeležite seje v velikem številu 21. dec. v Slovenskem narodnem domu na John R. st. Anna Serdov, tajnica.

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Pozor, društveni tajniki!

S temi se naznanja tajnikom lokalnih društev, da so bili mali stenski koledarji za leto 1948 razposilani na vsa društva in če katero društvo pošiljate še ni prejelo, želimo, da takoj sporoči v glavni urad.

Razposilani so bili tudi veliki stenski koledarji na društva, toda kdor jih želi večje število, naj jih naroči kot običajno in se bo po možnosti naročnikom ustreglo, dokler bodo koledarji na razpolago.

Glasovi iz naselbin

RADI BI ODDALI ODBORNIŠKA MESTA MLADIM ČLANOM

Cleveland, O.—Cital sem uredniški članek ki je bil objavljen 26. nov. Urednik je pravilno opisal delo starih članov za napredek jednote.

Podpisani je že 23 let v društvenem odboru, kakor mnogi drugi stari člani. Danes smo utrujeni, naši živci so izčrpani in roke se nam tresejo, zato bi radi društvena mesta izročili mladim članom in jim dali povrhu še nagrade, toda kako naj to storimo, ko sploh ne pridejo na sejo, če pa slučajno pridejo, pa nočejo sprejeti nobenega dela za nobeno cenov.

Pred nekaj leti sem pisal, da bi se moralo več društev v tujakih bližini združiti, kar bi bilo bolj koristno za članstvo, društvo in jednoto in lahko bi tudi uradnike malo bolje plačali, tako da bi dobili vsaj nekaj odškodnine za njih delo.

S to sugestijo se je strinjali tudi predsednik društva 139 SNPJ, kajti obe društvi zborujeta v isti dvorani, to je v Slovenski delavski dvorani na Prince ave. Morda bi se pridružila še druga društva in tako bi imeli večjo društvo, blagajna se bi ojačila, tako da bi tudi uradniki dobili primerno plačo za svoje delo.

Če mi verjameste ali ne, prišel bo čas, ko se bodo združila vsa clevelandška društva SNPJ v eno veliko društvo. To bo naredila mladina. S tem dopisom ne mislim nikogar žaliti ampak le želim, da drugi podajo kakšno boljše idejo.

Frank Stemberger, predsednik.

40-LETNICA DRUŠTVA 86 SNPJ IN LETNA SEJA

Chicago, Ill.—Blizamo se h koncu leta in v tem mesecu so na sporedu letne seje pri vseh naših društvih. Glavna seja društva 86 SNPJ se bo vršila 21. dec., začetek točno ob desetih dopoldne v dvorani Aldine 911 Armitage ave.

Na decembrskih sejah volimo društvene odbornike in delamo načrte za prihodnje leto, zato je dolžnost slehernega člana

na, da se gotovo udeleži seje svojega društva. Med nami je veliko članov, kateri se prav malo zanimajo za društvo, toda vsi bi morali delati in zanimati se za društvo, ker imamo vsi enake pravice in dolžnosti.

Mogoče si nekateri člani mislijo, da tisti, ki delamo za društvo, smo tudi plačani. Toda temu ni tako. Noben društveni uradnik ni plačan za svoje delo, ampak dobi le nekako odškodnino, zato pa bi bilo dobro, da bi volili vsako leto nov društveni odbor.

Iz mojih večletnih izkušenj mi je znano, da na naših letnih sejah največkrat sprejmemo stare predloge in potrdimo stare odbornike, kar pa ni priporočljivo za l. 1948.

Društvo 86 bo praznovalo 40-letnico 10. aprila 1948. Vsa društva in druge organizacije prosimo, da upoštevajo ta datum glede svojih priredb.

Ponovno opozarjam na letno sejo. Udeležite se je vsi! Po seji bomo imeli malo zabave, kot običajno vsako leto.

Vsem članom in članicam, kateri imajo otroke v mladinskem oddelku, naznanjam, da naše društvo spada k federaciji za Chicago in okrožje, katera priredi božično 14. decembra popoldne v dvorani SNPJ, 2657 So. Lawndale ave. Program bo lep in Miklavž bo obdaril vse otroke društev, katera spadajo k federaciji. Torej pripeljite svoje otroke na božičnico!

Na bolniški listi so: Justina Grile, Fred Matfasic, Peter Briski, Rose Marie Morsi, članica mladinskega oddelka, je pa v bolnišnici Shriners Hospital in se bo morala povdreci drugi operaciji: Priporočam članom in članicam da bolne brate in sestre obiščejo od časa do časa, kajti prijateljski obiski so jim v veliko uteho. Če pa jih ne morete obiskati, jim pa pošljite božične karte, katerih bodo tudi veseli.

Torej na svidenje 21. decembra na glavni seji društva 86 SNPJ. John Morsl, tajnik.

NA ZNANJE ČLANSTVU DRUŠTVA 8 SNPJ

S. Chicago, Ill.—Kakor je bilo že poročano, bo društvo Delaware 8 SNPJ sodelovalo pri božičnici za otroke SNPJ, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo, 14. dec., začetek ob pol štiri popoldne v dvorani SNPJ, 2657 So. Lawndale ave.

Društvo je najelo dva avtobusa, katera bosta peljala otroke in starejše člane tja in nazaj. Torej zadnji opomin. Otroci in stariji naj pridejo ob pravem času na mesto, kjer bosta stala

avtobusa. Prva postaja bo na 101 Ewing ave. Avtobus bo odpeljal s te postaje ob eni popoldne. Druga postaja bo na 92. ulici in Exchange ave., od kjer bo odpeljal ob 1:15.

Prosimo člane in starše, ki so objavili, da bodo šli na božičnico, da pridejo na mesto ob pravem času, tako da ne bo zamude. Na božičnico naj grejo tudi člani, ki nimajo otrok, kajti prostora v avtobusih bo dovolj. Slednji se naj prijavijo tajniku društva vnaprej, da bomo vse uredili glede transportacije. Torej na svidenje 14. dec!

John Bajuk, tajnik.

ČLANSTVO DRUŠTVA ZDRUŽENJE 104 SNPJ

West Allis, Wis.—Naše društvo je eno tistih redkih društev, katerega seja so navadno zelo dobro obiskane. Če vzamemo v poštev druga društva, lahko trdimo, da so naše seje procentualno najštevilnejše posejane, kar je seveda v kredit članstvu. Zato je pa tudi mogoče, da se naše društvo stoprocentno združuje za vsako dobro in koristno akcijo in jo z vsemi močmi podpre, kar bi ne bilo mogoče, če bi bilo članstvo našega društva skupina zaspancev, ki bi s polnimi želodci sedeli doma za pečko, zdihavali in se pozvižgali na vse, kar se dogaja tu in pa tam preko velike luže.

Kar brez jamranja priznamo članstvu tega društva kar mu gre: lojalnost naši SNPJ, sijajno kooperacijo naši domovini v zadnji vojni, silno ljubezen do lastnega naroda v stari domovini, katera se je tako bratsko izkazala pri pomoči SANSU in relifu, ter—last but not least—pomoč, ki jo je nudilo odboru društva v pretečenem oz. tekočem letu. Za vse skupaj v imenu odbora: srčna hvala!

V petek, dne 12. decembra, ob pol osmi uri zvečer bo letna seja društva. Na sporedu bo volitev odbora in še več važnih reči. Rešili bomo vse skupaj po znanem receptu društva: kratko pa jedrnato! Po seji bodo članice društva postregle navzočim z izvrstnim okrepčilom.

V petek naj bo zopet ena tistih sej, na katerih se mora članstvo požuriti, da dobi sedeže. V petek torej vsi na sejo, pa magari padajo prekrije z neba.

France Puncer, predsednik.

BOŽIČNICA, FEDERACIJSKA SEJA IN SEJA DRUŠTVA 206

Gross, Kans.—Na zadnji federacijski seji je voditelj krožka št. 11 SNPJ podal splošno poročilo o stanju in aktivnostih krožka. V aktivnostih je krožek nekoliko zaostal v poletni sezoni, ker seje v dvoranah niso privlačile. Nekaj aktivnih članov krožka pa je doseglo starost za prestop v članski oddelk, a vrzel se bo gotovo napolnila z drugimi mlajšimi člani in z njimi poizvele aktivnosti pri krožku.

Na seji smo precej časa razpravljali, kako pomagati krožku do boljšega uspeha. Splošno mnenje članstva je, da se krožku pomaga moralno in finančno. Zaeno apeliramo na starše, da bi redno pošiljali otroke na krožkov seje, saj grede v dobro družbo, v kateri se lahko veliko nauče, poleg tega bodo imeli tudi nekaj ur veselega razvedrila.

Kot je bilo že poročano, bo krožek pod okriljem federacije priredil božičnico 21. dec. v dvorani Community v Franklino. Vabimo vse člane in članice, da se udeležijo te božičnice, in sicer v svoje razvedrilo, obenem pa malo pomagajte podpreti naše mlake, ktere bo obdaril Miklavž.

Na isti dan in v isti dvorani se bo vršila federacijska seja, začetek ob dveh popoldne. Poleg drugih stvari bomo imeli na dnevnemu redu tudi volitev odbora za prihodnje leto. Društva, ne prezrite te seje in gotovo pošljite svoje zastopnike! Članstvo društva 206 SNPJ tudi vabim na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila isti dan, začetek ob pol desetih dopoldne. Na dnevnemu redu bo tudi vprašanje, če bi bilo mogoče praznovati prihodnjo mlad 35-letnico obstoja našega društva. Vaše sugestije so dobrodošle. John Shular.

POPRAVEK

Pittsburg, Kans.—V sredini številki Prosvete sem pronašel pomoto. Umrli član Charles Lenassi ni bil član društva 21 SNPJ, ampak društva 9 SNPJ. Tukaj zapuša dva brata in ne samo enega.

John Pecar, tajnik.

NEKOLIKO POJASNILA O GODBI IN DRUGEM

Cleveland, O.—Da se oglašam, je vzrok poročilo, da smo imeli majhno udeležbo na veselici društva 53 SNPJ in da je bila temu kriva godba. Ker sem delal v prid te veselice, kakor že velikokrat poprej, upam da mi bo dovoljeno povedati, da je bila udeležba precej dobra, če pomislimo, da sta bili v nasebini dve prireditelji. Starejši člani pa se niso udeležili veselice v večjem številu iz razumljivega razloga, namreč da ne more nihče pričakovati od šestdeset in sedemdesetletnikov, da bodo hodili na plese.

Veselico pa je številno posetila mladina druge narodnosti, zlasti italijanske je bilo precej med nami. Naj omenim, da je bila lanska udeležba dobra in igrala je prav ista godba. Nedelje prej sem se udeležil prireditve neke druge organizacije, a udeležba je bila precej manjša, vendar pa ni bila godba obdružena, ker ni bilo zraven godca s končnico "c". Mi se dobro razumemo na sabotažo, če jo hořimo izvajati! Kadar kdo hoče udariti po moji osebi, svobodno mu! Nima pa pravice udarjati po osebah, ki so nedolžne pri vsej stvari.

Te osebe so storile že mnogo dobrega za naše rojake, posebno pri pošiljanju paketov v staro domovino, kajti mnogi rojaki ne znajo izpolniti pole za pošiljatev paketa. In vendar niso ti rojaki plačali za usluge kakšnega posebnega "baksiča". Tudi godbe ni nihče vsiljeval, pač pa je prav ta dopisnik pridobil enega, da je pristopil k našemu društvu, kar naenkrat pa ni mogel zmagovati asesmenta in je bil izključen, nakar je ta "brskac" plačal zanj za tri mesece. Mislim, da je to tudi bratstvo, ki ga je treba včasih upoštevati! Toliko o tem.

Nekaj glede spremembe pri sredini številki Prosvete. Ako nekateri mladi člani ne marajo lista zato, ker je prva stran slovenska, se lahko enostavno spreмени, da je tiska angleško gradivo na prvih štirih straneh, slovensko pa na zadnjih štirih, pa bo volk sit in koza cela! Oglasi in poročila kot je bolniška podpora, naj se vstavi na četrto stran angleške sekcije in tako bomo imeli dovolj prostora. Razdvojitev na štiri in štiri strani na zadnji konvenciji, je bila nepremišljena. Mladina zna čitati angleščino in dobi v meščanskih listih vse, kar jo zanima. Mi imamo že veliko starih članov in na štirih straneh dobe pre malo čtiva. Torej stari člani bi morali biti bolj upoštevani in dobiti več gradiva v domačem jeziku v sredini številki.

Na naših sejah pa mora priti sprememba v jeziku. Seje bomo morali voditi v angleščini, pa če nam ugaja ali ne, če hočemo zainteresirati našo mladino v organizacijo. Seve, med nami imamo ljudi, ki urgirajo, naj bi se mladina učila slovenskega jezika. Toda koliko nas je, ki smo se rodili na Slovenskem, a je sami ne znamo! Ali ni to resnica? Poslušajte pogovor naših rojakov in boste kmalu pronašli, kakšna je ta slovensčina. Je taka mešanica raznih narečij in spakoderanih angleških besed, da ne spada drugam kot na smetišče.

Mladina noče biti za lutko nikomur. Mnogi med njo se smatrajo za precej brihtne in hočejo enakopravnost. Frank Barbič.

FILMI IN STARE DOMOVINE V HERMINIEJU

Herminie, Pa.—V nedeljo, 14. decembra, bo podružnica 73 SANSa predvajala kino-slike iz stare domovine. Ti filmi so dokumentarni, resnični, zato toliko bolj zanimivi. Vabimo vse naše rojake od blizu in daleč, da nas gotovo obiščete v nedeljo, začetek ob šestih zvečer. Na svidenje! Anton Zornik.

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V Prosveti so dnevno svetovno in letalske vesti. Ali jih citate vsak dan?

Federacije SNPJ

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJE ZA ZAPADNO PENNO

N. Braddock, Pa.—Federacijska seja se je vršila 26. oktobra v Slovenskem domu v Prestu, Pa. Predsednik Anton Čipčić odpre sejo ob 10:30 dopoldne. Od odbora je odsotna podpredsednica Mary F. Prašnikar in na njeno mesto je imenovana sestra Jennie Rupnik. Zastopana so sledeča društva: 6, 35, 88, 89, 106, 118, 138, 141, 166, 231, 245, 259, 300, 319, 386, 419, 427 in George Smrekar.

Zapisnik prejšnje seje je sprejet kot čitan. Čitajo se pismo iz urada SANSa, da so kino-slike rezervirane za federacijo, ki jih bo predvajala 25. januarja v Pittsburghu.

Poročilo odbora: Predsednik Anton Čipčić poroča, da se je udeležil seje odbora za slovenski radijski program, kateri se sedaj oddaja vsako nedeljo od 11:30-12. ure dopoldne na postaji WLOA, Braddock, Pa. Poročilo se vzame na znanje. (Program, kateri bo oddajen v nedeljo, 28. dec., je plačala federacija in vse oglaševanje se bo ticalo naše federacije.)

Tajnik Ambrožič poda finančno poročilo za zadnje tri mesece. Federacijsko premoženje znaša \$1.305.45. Blagajnik in nadzorniki se strinjajo, nakar je finančno poročilo odobreno.

Poročila zastopnikov: Društvo 89: Umrli je br. Daniel Milnar; Društvo 106: Umrli je br. Frank Progar; pridobili so 15 novih članov. Društvo 118: Umrli je br. Anton Tomčič; Društvo 138: Umrli je sestra Mar. Seničar; v tem letu so pridobili 114 novih članov; v soboto, 29. nov., pri bo gospodinjinski odsek njih društva skupno z društvom 589 priredil veselico v korist slovenske radijske ga programa. Dne 11. januarja p. bodo predvajali filme iz Jugoslavij pod pokroviteljstvom podružnic SANSa. Društvo 166: Umrli je br. Jim Vesnak. Društvo 231: Umrli je br. Martin Strupek. Društvo 259: Na seji so danes ko opazovalci i bodo pristopili k federaciji po no vem letu; umrli so jim trije člani: Frank Svečnik, John Kidrič in Andy Bajer. Društvo 300: Umrli sta br. Joe Suša in Frank Berdick. Osta la društva nimajo posebnih poročil, nakar predsednik pozove navzoče zastopnike, da vstanejo v zadnji pr zdrav za pokojniki člani.

Poročilo posebnih odborov: B. Anton Rožanec in Anton Rednak st bila na seji angleško poslušajoče federacije, katera se je vršila 19. okt. v Ambridgeu. Podata precej obširno poročilo o tej seji, kakor tukaj zaključek angleško poslušajoče federacije glede priključitve k naši federaciji. Izvolili so poseben odbor: katerega naloga je, da se snide odborom naše federacije 28. dec. ob dveh popoldne v Slovenskem domu v Pittsburghu. Na tej seji bodo pravljali glede priključitve. Od nje se federacije so v ta odbor izvolili: Anton Čipčić, Jakob Ambrožič, Anton Rednak, John Kvartič in Anton Rožanec.

Angleško poslušajoče federacijo zastopa br. James Maglich in podprej obsežno poročilo o delovanju njih federacije, katero se vzame na znanje. Posebni odbor za nabavo izletniških prostorov poroča, da se je setal pri sestri Prašnikar skupno z odborom angleško poslušajoče federacije. Skupaj so šli pogledat nek farmo v bližini Harwicka. Odbor pa ni prišel do nobenega zaključka. Po daljši debati je sprejet predlog da se ta odbor razpusti.

Razno: Br. George Smrekar ima nekaj vstopnic za društva 721, katero bo priredilo veliko veselico v soboto, 15. nov. Federacija plača iz blagajne za pet vstopnic.

Br. Čipčić poča, da se bo popoldne vršil koncert tamburašev z univerze Duquesne. Koncert je pod pokroviteljstvom odbora za "Američko-slovenski dan". Apelira na zastopnike, da se po možnosti udeležijo tega koncerta; iz blagajne se plača za deset vstopnic, ki stanejo \$10.00.

Ker bo prihodnja seja letna, se bo v smislu pravil vršila v Pittsburghu v nedeljo, 25. januarja, začetek ob desetih dopoldne, popoldne pa se bo vršil javen shod in predvajanje slik iz Jugoslavije. Ves preostanek je namenjen za SANS. Iz blagajne se tudi odobri pomoč Proletarcu v znesku \$10, poleg vsote, ki je bila nabrana med zastopniki. Odobri se tudi oglas za Društveni koledar, kakor vsako leto. S tem je bil dnevni red izčrpan, nakar predsednik zaključuje sejo ob pol treh popoldne. (Prosimo, pišite na dve vrsti, ne na eplo!—Ured.)

Anton Rednak, zapisnikar.

SEJA KANSAŠKE FEDERACIJE

Pittsburgh, Kans.—Letna seja kansaške federacije SNPJ se bo vršila 21. dec., začetek ob 2 uri popoldne v dvorani Community v Franklino. Društva so prošena, da pošljijo svoje zastopnike. Federacijski odbor bo podal poročilo o celoletnem poslovanju, nato bodo po volitve odbora za prihodnje leto.

Naš mladinski krožek bo priredil isto popoldne svojo božičnico. Imeli bodo tudi dobro godbo. To bo še lužno, predno gremo v krstvo deželo. Torej, bratje in sestre, udeležite se v velikem številu federacijske seje in božičnice. John Pecar, tajnik.

Letne seje

Denver, Colo.—Vljudno vabim članstvo društva 218 SNPJ na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila v četrtek, 18. dec., začetek ob pol osmih zvečer. Na dnevnemu redu bodo volitve odbora za l. 1948 in druge zadeve.

Priporočljivo je, da se članstvo udeležuje društvenih seji v večjem številu in se tako seznanji s pravili in društvenim poslovanjem, tako da ne bo vsak po svoje tolmačil pravila in se hudoval na društvene tajnika, češ, da on ne postopa v smislu pravil. Prosim članstvo, da plača assesment za mesec december, da bom lahko pravilno zaključil knjige ob koncu leta. John Malover, tajnik.

Maple Heights, O.—Naznanjam članstvu društva 460 SNPJ, da se bo vršila letna seja 14. dec. Članstvo prosim, da se udeleži v velikem številu. Mary Shamrov, tajnica.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Pozivam članstvo društva 129 SNPJ na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila 14. dec. 1947 v običajnem prostoru, začetek ob 1. uri popoldne. Udeležite se v velikem številu. Na dnevnemu redu bodo volitve odbora za l. 1948 in druge važne zadeve. Po seji bomo imeli malo prigrižka in pijače. Anthony Meklan, tajnik.

Butte, Mont.—Članstvu društva 207 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo vršila letna seja v nedeljo, 14. dec., začetek ob dveh popoldne v dvorani Holy Savior. Udeležite se te važne seje, kajti na dnevnemu redu bodo volitve odbora za l. 1948, zato bomo tudi odločili, kje bomo zborovali prihodnje leto. Po seji bomo imeli klobase in nekaj pijače. Pridite vsi! Mary Sumina, tajnica.

Springfield, Ill.—Društvo 184 bo melo letno sejo 14. dec., začetek ob lveh popoldne pri tajniku, 1819 S. 14. st. Na dnevnemu redu bodo volitve odbora za prihodnje leto. Udeležite se vsi! Ignatz Tomineck, zapisnikar.

Oakmont, Pa.—Članstvo društva 472 SNPJ vabim na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila 13. dec., začetek ob sedmih zvečer v običajnem prostoru. Volili bomo odbor za l. 1948 in razpravljali o drugih zadevah. Udeležite se vsi! Po seji bomo imeli nekoliko okrepčila. Amalia Sorech, tajnica.

North Chicago, Ill.—Vljudno vabim članstvo društva 14 SNPJ na etno sejo, ki se bo vršila 14. dec., začetek ob dveh popoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu. Volili bomo odbor za l. 1948 in razpravljali o drugih zadevah, zato je važno, da ste vsi navzoči. Naš predsednik Mahnič se je na adnji seji odločno izrazil, da ne bo več sprejel predsedniškega mesta. On je ustanovitelj našega društva.

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Frances Zakorsek, tajnica.

Ely, Minn.—Letna seja društva 20 SNPJ se bo vršila 14. dec. v Jugoslovanskem domu, začetek ob devetih dopoldne. Slehernega člana in članice je dolžnost, da se udeleži važne seje, ker bomo volili odbor za prihodnje leto in razmotirali drugih važnih društvenih zadev. Frank Erzar st., tajnik.

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STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—This is a last reminder to all of you who enjoy dancing and listening to the music of Frankie Yankovich and his orchestra. You can see and hear your favorite polka band on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the SNPJ Hall in Strabane. Due to the numerous requests, lodges 138 and 589 are bringing this popular band back once more. So, drop in to the SNPJ Hall on Christmas Day, Dec. 14 and enjoy dancing to some really fine polka music.

As the last and biggest affair of the year, Pioneers are holding their 21st annual Christmas Dance, featuring Jackie Martincic and his orchestra, on Christmas Night, Dec. 25, in the SNPJ Hall. For the past twenty years, this affair has been the Pioneers' biggest affair and this year promises to be no exception. There will be plenty of refreshments at this dance for all and so if you attend the Pioneer Dance, you'll be glad you came, for the liveliest spot hereabouts is the local SNPJ Hall on Christmas Day. Come out and have a good time.

And, as a reminder, you can hear Frank Klemencic's orchestra with vocals by Tony Movrich at the SNPJ Hall every Sunday night. If you SNPJ members have no place to go on Sunday night, drop out to Strabane and you'll have a good time dancing to Frank Klemencic and his orchestra, who are rapidly becoming western Penna's top band.

Bowling News
Pioneer Bowlers continue to have spirited races in both the Men's and Women's divisions. In the Women's Division, the Braves and Phillies are tied for first place with 22 wins and 14 losses. Not far behind are the Bums 21 and 15; Bucs 20 and 16; Cards 18 and 18; Cubs 17 and 19; Giants 16 and 20 and the Reds 12 and 24.

In the Men's Division, the powerful Tankers still hold the top spot, after being tied with the Swabies for first place for one week, the Tankers went ahead again to take first place with 14 wins and 4 losses. In the second place are the Swabies with 12 and 16 followed by the Air Corps 10 and 8 Infantry 9 and 9; Cavalry 9 and 9 and Marines 9 and 9; K P 8 and 10 and C B and 12.

Annual Meeting of Lodge 666 Sunday
TOLEDO, Ohio.—All members of Lodge 666 are requested to attend the final meeting of the year, Sunday, Dec. 14, and the first meeting of 1948 on Sunday, Jan. 11, at one o'clock. There will be an election of officers at the Dec. 14 meeting. It was decided at the last meeting that the members that do not attend these two meetings will be dealt with according to the decision. Members that have to work or are sick will of course be excused. I ask very kindly that we all attend.
VICTOR WALLACE, Sec'y.

Attention, Lodge Secretaries

You are hereby advised that the small wall calendars for 1948 were shipped to all the local lodges for distribution to the members. If any local lodge has failed to receive its shipment, kindly inform the Main Office at once.

The Lodge Officer in charge of distributing the calendars should see to it that every family or home where our members reside, gets one calendar. This year a limited number of calendars was ordered, therefore, careful supervision of how they are distributed, is essential.

Large wall calendars were also sent to the local lodges, but if a larger quantity is desired, a special request to the Main Office should be made.
F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Trailblazers' Annual Meeting, Xmas Social

CHICAGO, Ill.—The annual meeting of Trailblazer Lodge 100 will be held on Friday, Dec. 19, at Stancik's Hall, starting promptly at 7 p. m., an hour earlier than usual. As this will be the closing meeting of the year, at which election of officers and other important matters must be attended to, all members are urged to attend.

Upon adjournment of the meeting, which we hope to reach at an early hour and without unnecessary delay, there will follow a Xmas social for juveniles and adults. Those who took the opportunity of attending the annual meeting and party last December, will recall the enjoyable time everyone had, and the committee promises that this year's affair will have even more fun and pleasure in store for everyone, with most of it going to the children who will be our special guests of the evening.

As you have probably noticed, the meeting has been moved from the usual third Thursday of the month to Friday, the following day, this in order that the school-age members can stay up a little longer, as they will have Saturday morning to fully recover from the excitement and late hours of the night before.

One of the main features of the Xmas social will be the distribution of gift packages of candies, nuts, fruits and popcorn balls by the Trailblazer Santa Claus to all juvenile members present. Prexy Joseph Puzell and Stanley Tome have completed arrangements with Santa to reserve December 19 for our juveniles, and see to it that the packages of "goodies" will not be forgotten when he loads up in preparation for his annual visit.

Another feature of this event will be the "grab-bags," one for the juvenile members and the other for adults. Each member is asked to bring with him a small gift costing not more than 50 cents. Remember, only those who will drop a gift into the bag will be allowed to grab. Parents, be sure to bring along something for your children, as they will enjoy this treat more so than we grown-ups.

A Xmas social cannot be successful without something good to eat and drink, and so Agnes and John Vranicar, our secretary and treasurer, respectively, who have done an excellent job of collecting assessments from the members and keeping the financial and other records of the lodge in good order, have taken charge of providing the sandwiches and liquid refreshments for the social. What is particularly nice about all these preparations is that it's all being done at the expense of the lodge's treasury. In other words the eats and the drinks will be FREE to all Trailblazer members. We know that you'd rather pay for it right out of your own pockets, but it's been a tradition for years to share a few dollars of "our" money in this way, and we intend to continue doing so as long as the Trailblazer Lodge exists. We are looking forward to many, many more years of happy December meetings and Xmas socials.

Something the members annually anticipate are the movies and music. We intend to show a reel or two of sound comedies, especially for the children—from six to sixty and older—and one reel of miscellaneous Trailblazer activities most of which many of the members have never seen or, if they have, it's been so long ago they'll look "strangely" familiar to them. These will include the picnic scenes taken at Strzina's Grove nearly ten years ago, and almost as long ago the pictures of the Trailblazer Juniors at Palmer Park, "posing lazily on the playground grass, or swimming in the pool, also scenes from another outdoor affair at West Pullman Gardens in 1940; and last of all scenes of the recent 35th Anniversary picnic celebration which will be new to everyone but the writer of these lines. These are "gems of the past in pictures," a living record of the reunions and pleasures of yesterday-and-years you will be glad to see. There will also be recorded music you'll enjoy dancing and listening to.

Come on out, members, for another happy reunion. Once a year isn't asking too much. We really should try to make it oftener, but once a year, if you've gotten out of the habit entirely, just for old time's sake, if nothing else. Don't forget, it's Friday evening, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock. If you can't come early, come late; it's better that way, than not at all. Let's set a new all-time attendance record at this annual meeting and Xmas social.
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According to a Twentieth Century Fund report, one out of every four persons in the United States lives in a community where a steel mill is located.

his Columbia recording artists, with Johnny Pecon. Frankie and his boys will play from 7 to 9:30, so all of you music lovers of polkas and waltzes, be there early. After that we will feature Jimmy Kozel and his boys. Jimmy is an up and coming maestro whose music, we are sure, will please you. So for a night of fun and good music, don't forget the Loyalties' Xmas dance. It sure would be nice to see the old-timers of our Lodge that night, as we haven't had a good get-together for a long time. Invitations are also sent to all neighboring lodges.

Our Xmas dances in the past have been successful, but this one can be more so with the right cooperation, which, I am sure, we will get. So let's all pitch in from now till dance time and make this affair a huge success, which it should be. There's one important date this month that none of us should forget, and that's Dec. 13, as this will be our last meeting of the year. If you haven't attended our previous ones, it's your duty as a loyal member to attend this meeting, as at this time you will elect your Lodge Officers for the coming year. It's a known fact that the officers you elect will be responsible for the guidance of our lodge and will also determine the success and activities of our lodge for the coming year.

Our annual lodge meeting will be held on the first floor of the hall, so there will be plenty of room for everyone. A big social is planned for after the meeting, so let's not forget Saturday, Dec. 13, last meeting of the year.

Okay, Sophie, how about a report on our doings in the lodge's mixed league, which sure is mixed up at this time.

LOUIS ZADELL, 560.

NEWS AND COMMENTS

By J. F. Fifolt
CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Comrades' first Saturday dance of the year will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at the SNH on St. Clair. Music will be supplied by Mickey Ryanc and his orchestra making his first appearance for our group. A capacity crowd is expected. We urge members and their friends to be on hand to swell the number. Our treasury, due to the large expenditure to the SNPJ Farm for swings, fireplace and into their general fund this year, has somewhat been depleted and requires replenishment. Pauline Spik, entertainment chairman is lining up the workers. We will need plenty that night so if you are not asked, do not hesitate to volunteer.

Annual Meeting Dec. 20
Comrades' annual meeting will be held Saturday, Dec. 20, starting at 7:30 p. m. This is one meeting that you must attend. No excuse will be accepted. In addition to the \$1 monthly award, the cumulative drawing of \$9 will be disposed of. Everything will be on the house that night, food, drinks and what have you. The Tushar boys who are active in the Buckeye Stars, are having a Christmas party in Room 1, next door to us. Some arrangement will be made for the music for dancing by the two groups. NOTE: Every member present must bring a gift not to exceed the value of 25c which will be distributed by Santa Claus.

We would appreciate prompt and full attendance so that we can get all business matters including the elections, cleared early.

General—The Russes celebrated their birthday and the gang dropped in on them for a surprise. Recent visitors at the store were Mrs. Malovac, Joe and Martha, Mary Grmsek with Helen Bonac, Louis Rupnick, Judy Snyder accompanied by her fiancé, Lou Jartz, Pauline Spik, Fran Preseren, Agnes Flinders, Antoniette Skok.

After our Dec. 20 meeting, Pauline Spik and Antoniette Skok and another girl friend will bid Cleveland goodby for a few weeks, going to sunny Florida. Pretty soft. We are glad to hear that Chris Lisch, active Utopian member, is on the way to recovery from her recent operation.

Recent Cleveland Athletic League dances were both successful due to the cooperation of the bowlers. The Juvenile singing group has taken on a new lease on life. A new director, new members has created additional enthusiasm.

Circle 2 under Director Marion Adams' supervision are meeting regularly and planning big things for the future.

A visit to the Rupnieks to sign up their two youngsters. Alice Beljan, Ann Rudiak, additional prospects.

DUES: It is important that all dues be paid up and in the hands of the secretary no later than December 31st so that the books can be closed and audited.

Young Americans

DETROIT, Mich.—Well, brothers and Sisters, the month of December has rolled around again, and you know what that means. All that end of the year work must be taken care of, which includes paying your lodge dues. Through the year some of you have been somewhat lax in this and it would be a very much appreciated if you would remit to me before December 31, 1947, so that I can straighten out the books and start the new year out properly.

The monthly meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 12, at which time you can see me, and also I will be at the Slovene Club the last Friday of the month, Dec. 26, between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m. If you cannot make it on either of these nights you can always mail your dues in or pay at the house, 17838 Hawthorne.

Chicago Federation of SNPJ Lodges Will Give Annual Yule Party Sunday

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Federation of SNPJ Lodges will sponsor their annual Christmas party for SNPJ juveniles Sunday, Dec. 14, at the SNPJ Hall, 27th and Lawndale. Over 700 Christmas gifts have been purchased for the children, refreshments for them have been planned, and an appropriate program has been prepared that will appeal to all children, whether they be seven or seventy.

After the program, and the distribution of gifts, supper refreshments will be available for all our friends, and then we can settle down to the task of enjoying ourselves dancing all evening, and also visiting with our friends in traditional SNPJ Christmas style.

Below is a sample copy of the program that is scheduled for the afternoon's entertainment:

Speaker.....Fred A. Vider, Supreme Secretary of SNPJ
Perfect Circle Presents
SNPJ Christmas Card.....Arlene Zupancic, Bobby Novak, Marlene Pokorny, Doris Reven, Freddy Selak, Mildred Pokorny, Roberta Reed, Jimmy Rehak, Carol Gannon.
Candy Cane Tree.....Alice Gerdanc, Milena Medvesek, Dickie Novak, Virginia Ratkovich, Carol Reven, Donald Zordani, Joan Zupancic.
Sympathy.....RobAnn Sannemann

"CHRISTMAS FANTASY"
Scene One....."The Home of Mr. & Mrs. America"
Scene Two....."Santa's Workshop"
Scene Three....."And to all, a good night"

Participants: Ellen Andres, Myra Andres, Myra Beniger, Marion Cerwenka, Dorothy Galavan, Grace Gerdanc, Leila Gratchner, Carlotta Kaiser, Bill Kovacic, Tony Kral, Victor Lomnickar, Frankie Michalek, Rosemary Merhaut, Joanne Rak, Freddy Reven, Lewis Reven, Marilyn Reven, John Rokavec, RobAnn Sannemann, Ella Mae Selak, Norman Sodnik, Frank Sternisha, Joseph Svehla, Bradley Tichy, Doris Trojar, Sylvia Trojar, Dolores Turk, Judith Zasadil, Richard Zasadil, Charles Zordani. PIANO: Grace Gerdanc, Ruth Medie, Rosemary Merhaut.

Program Direction: Ann Sannemann, Circle Director; Edward Udovich, Assistant Director; special make-up effects, Edward Udovich.

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—The Veronians again extend the welcome mat to the different lodges to attend the dance Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 10 p. m., music by the ever-popular Frank Porovne and his Musical Stylists. Would like to see more faces from the Morning Stars, Universal, Strabane, Ambridge, Centre, Harwick, Harmarville and other neighboring lodges. As we always say, come early and stay late for we know a good time is in store for all of you.

Certainly grand having Eugene Flajnik home again after being discharged from the Army and hope to see him around the club more often. The most important meeting of the year has come around when it is time to elect new officers for the year 1948. You members have had sufficient time to determine who will make good officers, one who will attend the meetings each and every month, put forth extra effort in doing things to benefit the club.

Again I say do not elect the fellow alongside of you because he is a friend of yours, or just say names to hear yourself talk, but keep in mind whether or not he will make a good officer, for the success or failure of an organization depends largely on the officers of same; and then again cooperation from each and every member is also expected to conduct an organization.

Some of you members complain that certain officers do not attend the meetings regularly, do not have their books up to date, never attend special meetings or take too much of an interest in the club. These are important points to remember when electing the officers and at your monthly meetings is the place to "complain" about same. The meeting will take place Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p. m. sharp, and make it your duty to attend and be there on time.

As previously mentioned, bowling has finally got under way. We did not have too large of a turnout at our last few bowling nights, but assume the reason for this is many of us did not know that we bowl on Sundays at 6 p. m. at the King Pin Alleys in Springdale. If any of you plan on joining the league, might state you had better come up soon for teams are to be chosen soon and competition between teams getting started. Remember now, it's Sundays at 6 p. m.

So long for now, see you at the dance Saturday and at the meeting Sunday.
CORNELIA GORUN, 680.

Yearly Meeting of Lodge 358 Dec. 21

POWER POINT, O.—Our Lodge No. 358 SNPJ will hold its annual meeting on Dec. 21 at the Slovenian Hall, at 2 p. m. All members are urged to attend this important meeting. Help to elect and be elected lodge officers for the year of 1948. A very good report will be submitted by the present officers for the past year, as we have made a very good gain, both numerically and financially. In the name of our lodge, I wish you a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
MATT TUBECK, Pres.

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 259

MEADOW LANDS, Pa.—I wish to announce to members of Lodge No. 259 that our annual meeting will be held on Dec. 14 at 10 a. m. at the New Slovene Home. It is the duty of every member to be present at this meeting as this is the meeting you elect your officers for the coming year and also decide all important issues for the coming year.

Following the Lodge meeting we will have the Club meeting. This meeting was changed from the fourth Sunday to the second Sunday. This meeting also should be attended by all members as there are many important issues to be settled and officers to elect and this also concerns all of us. So make it your duty to attend both of these important meetings.

Many of our members have not yet seen our new home, so this will give you a chance to see it and tell us your opinions and any new suggestions you may wish to make. Let's make this a big turnout.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish every member a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.
STELLA MURN, Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting, Lodge No. 178

MASILLON, Ohio.—All members of Lodge No. 178 take notice: There will be a yearly meeting on December 14, at which time an election of new officers for the coming year will take place. Please come and take part in electing your choice officer, or accept nomination of a lodge officer.

In sympathy of Anna Resek Urbas, who died Nov. 3, 1947. We miss her cheery voice and her sweet smile. Her "hello's" and "how are you's," Her life, she devoted to everyone, in sickness, and sorrow. A leader in lodge and civic affairs. We know, there can be no one, to take her place.

Sadly missed by the family and all the members of Lodge 178.
JOSEPHINE M. SELAN, Sec'y.

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 161

KITZVILLE, Minn.—Notice to all members of Lodge 161: Kindly pay up your dues before the 16th of this month as I am leaving for a trip to New Jersey. I will be gone for a month to visit with our daughter and son-in-law, Postmaster, and Mrs. Edward Breen of Edgewater, New Jersey. As for the election of officers, this will be only a formality as all the present officers are willing to remain at their posts.
MARY ROTAR, Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting of Lodge No. 322 Dec. 17

CHISHOLM, Minn.—Lodge 322 will hold its meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 8 p. m. at the usual place. All members are urged to attend this important meeting; the younger members are also urged to be present. New officers for 1948 will be elected and important matters discussed.
JENNIE PETRICH, Sec'y.

BADGERLAND NEWS

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—An important factor not to be overlooked by the members is the fact that your dues must be paid before the end of this month, so as to enable the secretary to close the books for the current year. Dues have been stressed repeatedly, but alas to no avail. For your family's and your own protection, get into the habit of paying your dues on time. Be prepared at all times as disaster may strike at any time without any warning and with your dues paid up you are assured of benefits without any delay.

A beautiful ring worn by Mickey Nowak led to inquiries and none other than our good friend Stanley Sedmak was found to be the lucky culprit. No wedding date has been set as yet; but our congrats to you people on your engagement.

Dates to Remember
Dec. 26—This is the date of our annual meeting of the year. Most important item of course on the docket will be the election of officers for the coming year. That should be an inducement for all to make it a point to attend this meeting so we can finish the year in a blaze of glory. Some of you people just don't seem to realize what an important part fraternalism can play in your lives. It certainly should be worth a few hours of your time each month to meet and talk with your fellow members. Some very fine friendships and life partners have been the result of meetings and social meetings in the good old SNPJ. Keep this date in mind, folks, and bring some other member along.

Bowling Taps
Top billing of the week goes to Doc Kriskovic who went on a strike rampage in the Remic 875 to post a big 698 series on the boards. Doc's ind. games were 246-228 and 224; Nice going, Doc.
Jovial Johnny (Curly) Brownell was also in a strike mood as he pummeled the maples for a neat 615 count in the same loop on games of 198-224-193. Last to hit the select group in this loop was rotund Al Marten as he blasted a 608 series on games of 183-215-210. Others above the 550 bracket were Matt Levar 220-586, Lou Lonkner 208-581, John Sedmak 232-587, Frank Szalkowski 237-579; Ralph Simons 578, Tony Obeluck 568, and Lou and Joe Glavan with identical 559 scores.

Tony Verbiek was in the groove as he cracked two honor sets. In the Ned Day 900 loop he spilled 614, and in the Kuglitch he smacked a 631 total.

The Remic Social had one of its big weeks as one of its infrequent honor sets was posted by Harry Uhle, with the new ball and various motions that resembled a ballet dancer. Harry had games of 190-215 and 214 for a total of 619. Nice going, Harry. Cy Zvonar posted 562 with a 227 game and Lou Lonkner had 556.

In circuits around the town our gals hit them thuddy: In the Women's Classic, Clara Yahnke had 506 and Gen. Iren 558. In the Wisconsin Women's loop, Jane Perko cracked 579, Mammie Ambros 531.

Better than average results were posted in the weekly billing of the Badger gals. Tops was Dot Rich with 179-489. Frances Debelak had 482 with a 172 game. Jean Kanter 161-464, Dot Simerl 170-459, Mickey Nowak 168-459. Lilly Hammel posted 460 with a 166 top game.

So far we have found out that only two Badgers came out of the north woods with their buck. Frank Stiglich got his and Cy Zvonar came back with one that for some reason or other has a big question mark attached to it. What gives, Cy, and pass on the information to us. What price folly? SALTY, 584.

Gowanda News

GOWANDA, N. Y.—Winter weather has again set in and that means dances are being scheduled for the coming months. First dance of the season is to be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Slovene Club. The Vagabonds' orchestra of Sharon, Pa., will welcome the dancing feet between the hours of nine till one. Plenty of refreshments will be on hand and so hope to be seeing you and you Saturday night.

Best of luck and wishes to the newlyweds, Marj Stibil and John Jakubowski, Ruth McNiff and Henry Skrabec.

The stork paid a visit to the home of Louis and Dorothy Steklasa Korbar and left them with a Louis Jr. Congratulations.
A Christmas party for the children will be held at the Slovene Club Friday evening, Dec. 19. So kiddies, keep this date in mind and Santa will present each with a ziff.
VIOLET (Widgoy) ROTK, 323.

Loyalites Will Stage Annual Christmas Dance December 25

CLEVELAND.—The Lodge Loyalties will hold their annual Christmas dance on Thursday, Dec. 25, at the Slovene hall on Holmes ave. Dancing from 7 p. m. till?

someone that needs very little introduction to start our dance off, with one whose records are played in every city and town, North, East, South, or West. Yes, it's Frankie Yankovich and



Frank Yankovic and Orchestra

S. N. P. J. SPORTS

Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—That heavy bombardment blast heard this Sunday echoed from the Utopian 6-Utopian 4 match in which the former rushed in with two games and three points while shelling a league high 3172 handicap series. The record rambled romped in with team tallies of 841, 797 and 892 for an actual 2530 score, 334 sticks over their average. With the 80% handicap system prevailing, the total hiked considerably to the newly established figure which passed the 3120 mark owned by the Loyaltite 1 five.

Bernie Zalar, possessor of a 146 average, fired in a swell 590 set that soared in the lead of the individual handicap class on a 719 count. Johnny Pnasky's 572 and "Happy" Harry Shaver's 407 based on a 106 average gave added lift to the robust rally. Steve Barger topped the surprised brother members with 529.

The Concordian 1 keggers wallowed the Lodge V Boj boys three times to chalk up their tenth consecutive win. The onrushing gang started the current streak at the expense of the Struggler 1 team and since then have doled out the shut-out doses to the Utopian 1, Utopian 3 and the V Bojers to surge up to fourth place. Walter Jary's 546 led the rapid racers while Tony Starman's 469 was high for the submerged crew.

For the first time this season the Lunder Adamic Hotshots had all five men hitting 500 series in sweeping three games from the Struggler 1 club. Mike Poklar paced the attack with a 551 series as the spars-shooters crammed in a 2613 team series, second best in the actual column. John Pretnar had 471 for the losers.

Team Results: Loy. 2-8, Con. 2-0, L. Zadell 504, A. Lunder 437, Loy. 3-3, Euclid 158-0, A. Ferfila 512, T. Ogrin 502, E. Vet 158-3, Utop. 3-0, J. Roberts 517, J. Usic 461, Loy. 1-3, Utop. 1-0, M. Krall 611, J. Zupanic 536, Lunder Adamic 3, Strug. 1-0, M. Poklar 551, J. Pretnar 471, Con. 1-3, V. Boj 0-1, W. Jary 546, T. Starman 469, Com. 1-2, Loy. 4-1, H. Jeglich 574, A. Tibaah 551, Utop. 5-2, Z. Bratje 1-1, E. Stefanie 604, T. Debeljak 460, Strug. 2-2, Cleveland 1. W. Seedy 541, V. Gruđen 545, Z. Bratje 2-2, Com. 2-1, R. Kastelic 442, M. Preseren 526, Spartans 2, Utop. 2-1, E. Selan 541, H. Zorman 530, Utop. 6-2, Utop. 4-1, B. Zalar 590, S. Barger 529.

200 Circle: E. Stefanie 241, B. Zalar 224, M. Debenak 222, J. Zupanic 221, M. Krall 214-202, V. Gruđen 214, L. Strukel 213, H. Zorman 212, J. Pnasky 211, H. Jeglich 207, E. Selan 204, M. Preseren 203, J. Pretnar 202, F. Marolt 200.

Sideline Slants: Besides being the present kingpins in the team and individual handicap divisions, the Utopian 6 clouters also top the single game efforts with 1550. Alma and Nada Zagar must have been the inspirations for the Euclid 158 Vets who won three contests in their usual rip-snorting style. If it's noise you want, they've got it! Eddie Stefanie (that's our shift) collected and won the first boy prize with a 241 game while Bernie Zalar's 224 earned the other reward which was much-much-heavier. You looking, Ed? Before Ed hit the 241 score, six men had the honor of recording the three highest games in the standings. Tony Yuretic and Bill-Schlarb have 246's, Frank Ross and Joe Gubane follow with 242's while Stan Zagar and Bobby Steffek were tied up with 237's. Trying Triplicate Shooters: Tony Yuretic's 170-170-166, Danny Menich's 166-166-170 and Eddie Grum's 163-163-186. The msotest over the average stars: Bernie Zalar (146) 186-180-224, John Roberts (134) 138-181-198, Ed Plesivec (140) 181-143-187, Harry Shaver (106) 154-99-154, Edwin Baraga (137) 164-161-170 and Louis Zadell (143) 164-167-173. Forget-me-nots: The Loyaltites meeting and social Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Slovenian Home on Holmes ave. Santa Claus visiting the Utopian Juveniles Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p. m. in the Slovenian Home on Waterloo.

Southside SNPJ Interlodge News
CHICAGO.—John Vranicar, of "Who hits 'em better" fame, came thru with a 571 series to help the Trailblazers' Panthers take two games from the league leading Delavec Mustangs in last week's Southside Interlodge Tenpin circuit.

Captain Ladi Kuhel put on his best show of the season with his 565 series to lead the Sentinels in winning two games from the Delavec Wolves. Henry Kosic's 545 totals were the big scores in the Delavec Bears winning two games from the 490 Rangers.

Bill Grum's 568 series was the big factor in the continued climb being made by the Trailblazers' Rangers as they took all three games from the Trailblazers' Tigers.

Mildred Vrhovnik was the only woman to break into the 500 class last week in the league. She rolled a 549 (194) series.

Leading men's scores included J. Vranicar's 571 (200), Grum's 568 (204), L. Kuhel's 565 (223), Zack's

564 (196), Pelozo's 561 (211), H. Kosic's 545 (207), Ivanchich's 532 (192), John Kosich's 529 (180), R. Kuhel's 529 (192), V. Tome's 528 (201), S. Tome's 528 (185), Korosec's 527 (200), Channic's 519 (176), J. Pecher's 511 (216), Wantuck's 511 (174), M. Vrhovnik's 511 (183), E. Vrhovnik's 503 (189), Landis' 502 (192) and E. Kuhel's 502 (181).

ALL THAT SORT OF THING.—The league is proving a good venture for SNPJ members in Chicago's southside. The success, good sportsmanship and general interest reflects creditably on all concerned. Likewise, it shows that the idea first promoted by Michael Vrhovnik is taking solidly with this section's membership. J. Pecher's 216, Pelozo's 211 and Mil Vrhovnik's 194 scores were good enough to win the week's cash prizes. Southside's SNPJ members are welcome to attend the Saturday evening league games. J. Abram paid a visit to the alleys last week. The league will be glad to welcome him back after his recent absence due to injuries. So long, until again. L. K., 610.

Waukegan SNPJ Mixed Bowling League News

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The underdogs had their day in the SNPJ bowling league last Sunday. The North Chicago Dairy bowlers, occupants of the league basement, turned upon Pinky's first placers and walloped them twice to score one of the season's upset victories. The other surprise of the afternoon was the three-game drubbing administered to the Nemanich Funeral Home by Dr. Furlan's seventh-place team.

Other team results: Slovene Hall beat North Chicago Co-op two two games; Gantar Bros. Shoe Store beat Co-op Appliances two games. High team series was bowled by Dr. Furlan's team: 658, 754, 728-2140. "Foosy" Jereb's 558 series (169, 190, 190) won individual scoring honors for the day. Other 500 scores: Stan Gregorin, 510; Frank Novak, 501. Leading women bowlers: Dorothy Pierman and Sylvia Smolich, 449; Edith Strazer, 446.

Miscellany: High score for the women a week ago Sunday (November 30) was Rose Kovach's 473 series. Our league's contribution to the Crippled Children's Educational Fund was \$10.00. Inquiries have been made as to whether prizes will be awarded to the leading women bowlers. The answer is "Yes," even though the tentative prize list distributed at the beginning of the season made no provision for women's prizes. High series leaders: Jake Strazer 596; Frank Jereb, 558; Vic Belec, 553. High game leaders: Jake Strazer, 224; Frank Belec 224; Ed Laben and Frank Stritar, 214. Leading women bowlers: Edith Strazer, 531; Christine Stritar, 201; Marge Kenik, 193; Ann Gantor, Edith Strazer, 190. T. P.

Westside SNPJ Interlodge Bowling News

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Westside Interlodge Bowling League, which meets every Sunday afternoon at the Lawndale Lanes, 3616 W. 26th st., continues to progress steadily with everyone, including the alley managers, cooperating very nicely.

Although the spirit of the bowlers ran high last Sunday, the scores took a tumble to new lows in many instances, as only three out of the sixty bowlers managed to top the 500 mark for three games. The low score "epidemic" struck the league leading Pioneer No. 2 team with such force that it lost all three games. This is the second time in three weeks the leaders were toppled three rungs in a row. Louis Zefran, captain of the team, was high among men.

One of the best series of the season was rolled by Helen Kulhanek, whose total of 501, one game of 202-151-148, enabled the Pioneer No. 1 team to win two games out of three from the No. 2 squad of the same lodge. Alice Birsa, a first year bowler, kept the losers in the running with her fine 401 series, including games of 150 and 158. Nice work, girls! Keep it up! In the other games of the Women's league, the Integrity Girls trimmed the Victorian Lassies in winning two and losing one.

A meeting of the captains and officers of the league was held right after the bowling session, Sunday, and after a short discussion it was decided that a dance and a drawing be held in the later part of January, 1948. That's all for this time. See you next Sunday at the Lawndale Lanes at 1 p. m. sharp. JOE JEREB, Sec'y.

Cleveland Athletic League Dec. Meeting

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Due to the Federation's Juvenile Christmas Party which will be held on our regular meeting day, the Cleveland Athletic League will hold its next regular meeting on December 14, at 1:30 p. m. in the old building of SND on St. Clair ave. AGNES C. JERIC, Rec. Sec'y.

Although farm prices increased in the past year, prices paid by farmers for their commodities increased 16%.

Twentieth Jubilee Of Lodge Moderns Is Great Success

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—Thousands turned out for the Moderns' two-day celebration Nov. 29-30. Frank Yankovic's band filled Sheboygan's spacious Municipal Auditorium to capacity. Noticeable was the early arrival of the elder Slovenes. Some arriving forty-five minutes before dance time. This was part of Sheboygan's populace that waited impatiently for several months. By nine o'clock the dance floor was filled with a twirling, swirling throng of polka enthusiasts.

First out of town arrival at the dance was Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director of SNPJ. Surprising many Moderns was Louis Beniger, editor of Prosveta's English section, who also came from Chicago. The Pioneers were also represented by several Pioneerettes. Nearby Port Washington lodge 485 had their ambassadors of good will. At about nine-thirty the doors flew open with a bang and in came a continuous file of Badgers until fifty had entered, followed by ten members of the Violets, all Milwaukeeans.

In the barroom thirsty dancers encountered difficulty in purchasing refreshments because of the dense crowding of persons. Home Sweet Home was played too soon for many. But because of Wisconsin's one o'clock curfew this joyous night was ended.

The second day of celebration was held at Fludernick's Hall with a fitting program. Stan Loncar, chairman of the 20th Anniversary committee, introduced Frank Resnick as master of ceremonies who in turn presented Louis Spendal, Modern President, who started off with a summary of events, that began that eventful day in December, 1927, when John Suppanchick's efforts materialized in the organization of an English speaking lodge for Sheboygan and its first meeting. Continuing Louis Spendal gave a résumé of social events that followed over the years and of our participation in sports. In conclusion the President voiced his appreciation to the audience for aiding in making the previous night celebration the grand success it was.

The next speaker was Juvenile Director of SNPJ, Bro. Michael Vrhovnik. In his speech Bro. Vrhovnik brought up the principles of organization of the Society into national fraternalism. Stressed the value of the Society to its membership in time of disaster, epidemic or any catastrophe that calls for immediate aid. Bringing his speech into a category he represents under his title as Supreme Board member, he told of the many activities participated in by the juveniles all over the U.S. and he hoped that some day Sheboygan would become active in this phase of SNPJ activity. In leaving the speaker's rostrum, Bro. Vrhovnik received a tremendous applause.

A scene in an SNPJ Broadcasting Studio set the musical end of the program into action with Edward Resnick announcing. Cast in the program were Freddie Kuether, Margaret Rossman, Margie Loncar, Carolyn Aldag, Ann Aldag, Stan Loncar, Jackie Schmidt, Edward Resnick, Rudy Saye, Victor Virant, Anton Fortuna, Edward Sheek, Jack Napotnik, Olga Plesietz and George Lukich. The audience expressed their approval loudly.

Concluding the program were several reels of film shown by Michael Vrhovnik. First reel was the showing of Juvenile Circle activities. Then the 1947 SNPJ National Bowling Tournament held at Chicago. Ending the show with pictures of the Convention held at Eveleth, Minn.

To the members of 42, 344, 485, 559, 584, 680 and 747 it is with sincere appreciation that we thank you.

Those members who cooperated so well in all the tasks of putting over this affair, must be commended. Stan Loncar and his aids did a superb job in making this event the success it was.

MID-WEST BOWLERS MAKE IT A DATE, IT'S SHEBOYGAN IN FORTY EIGHT.

LOUIS SPENDAL, Pres. FRANK RESNICK, Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting, SNPJ Lodge 254

BON AIR, Pa.—Just a reminder to those members of Lodge 254 who haven't attended our November meeting, that Sunday, Dec. 14, at 10 a. m. at our hall will be held our yearly meeting. The officers for the coming year will be elected. A special invitation to all lodge members; all of you come who possibly can. Hoping to see a large number attend this meeting. TONY DOLENCE, Sec'y.

Annual Meeting, SNPJ Lodge 64

WEST NEWTON, Pa.—In behalf of Lodge 64, I ask all members to attend the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 14, at 10 a. m. Don't fail to attend. Besides the election of officers for the coming year there will be other important matters on the agenda. Those failing to attend will be dealt with according to the decision made at the November meeting. JOHN KOBE, Sec'y.

Struggler Lodge

STRUGGLERS' STAR-GAZETTE

CLEVELAND, O.—The most important Lodge 614 meeting of the year will take place Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Slovene Workmen's Home. Members, please note that the time is 2 p. m. All members have been informed by card and well in advance so there can't be any excuses.

Business will be disposed of first, then the election of officers for the forthcoming year, which will be followed by a Xmas party for the kiddies and the grown-ups too. Before we begin elaborating on the Xmas party may we take a few minutes of your time and dwell on the subject of election of officers.

The old saying of "officers can make or break a lodge" certainly rings true. Therefore, think twice before you elect or accept a position on the executive board. If you can't give more than your spare time to the organization, decline gracefully and elect someone who can! The majority of our men have come back from the various branches of service so we really have more than enough to choose from.

Sure it's a thankless job, but think of the good times one has and in years to come one can look back and say "Those were the good old days when we Strugglers got together." So be prepared to elect the ones who will make Strugglers shine in the SNPJ world!

Now back to the Xmas Party. The entire committee met at the home of Ted Lauric and the spirit of Xmas was in evidence as we made plans for Xmas party. First of all we had to get a Santa Claus and thru the efforts of Wally Lampe and John Marolt (who contacted North Pole) that dream will be realized, while Frank Ipavec (our proxy) will see to it that the Xmas tree will be ready on that day.

Santa Claus has a special gift for each kiddie and one for the grown-ups too! Valentine Grill will furnish the music for the dance lovers and we are really hoping for a record crowd. Will you try to make a sincere effort, to be present? Years ago it was not an unusual sight to see the Tolar, Chesnik, Koss, Zupanic, Lokar, Karlinger, Zaman, Yappel, Kriegl clan present at the last meeting of the year, so why not duplicate the feat? We welcome every one of you. . . and I do mean you!

Out-Of-The-Bowling-Bag

We did it! Took three games from the Utopians 4 last night and not by very many pins either. It was sort of a nip-and-tuck battle with our own Lil Henikman taking the honors. With a 190-221 and 155 she blasted the maples for a total of 566 which took second place for high three. Heartily congrats to Mary Strazisar for posting that 599 series the nite before.

Oh, we are really getting into the groove and the season not quite at the half-mark. Don't forget, girls, that even the one who has a low average still can get somewhere on the board. Perseverance pays, so I'm told. I'll still say that Lady Luck has a great deal to do with bowling 'cause some days the pins just seem to fall. Ask Bertha Erste, and then again no matter how hard you try it's just no go.

Saturday nite usually looks like "Family Nite" at the alleys for we find sweethearts, husbands and the kiddies present taking it all in as Mom or girl-friend bowls, and nowhere in this wide world can one get better rooters.

Last but not least, have you ever thought of the thankless job that Agnes Jeric has? She's sec'y of our Women's League and her bowling has been interrupted countless times to answer "how come that certain team get so much 'spot' when they are such good bowlers." It's true 'cause your scribe is guilty of just that.

It takes less effort to smile than to frown, so instead of the verbal thanks to Agnes, let a smile do the trick and in that way she'll know that we appreciate all she has done for us and will continue to do so during the course of the bowling season. ANNIE ZELE, Rec. Sec'y.

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 81

RED LODGE, MONT.—All members of SNPJ Lodge No. 81 are requested to attend the yearly meeting on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10 a. m. at the M. M. hall. Besides the election of officers there will be other important matters on the agenda. We especially urge the young members to attend this important meeting, to accept nominations and be elected to office to help lead the lodge to further progress. Eventually, our young members will assume the leadership and responsibility of the lodge. This is a natural process when the older members will no longer be able to carry on. Also, let us strive to increase our ranks by bringing new members into our lodge. See you at the annual meeting. Don't fail. MARY KRNOZNIK, Sec'y.

Moderns' 20th Anniversary Affair Big Success

One of the really outstanding social and cultural events of the year, among the lodges of the SNPJ, was the two-day celebration recently staged by Lodge 634 (Moderns) of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, in commemoration of its 20th Anniversary. Motoring to Sheboygan from Milwaukee, where I had spent the previous evening at a well attended meeting of the Badger Lodge, it was my pleasure to be one of nearly two thousand people who came to listen and dance to Frankie Yankovic and his popular orchestra in the spacious and beautiful auditorium of that city.

The Anniversary Dance was held on Saturday evening, November 29, and was the opening event of the two day program. Despite near-zero weather, the crowd was the largest to attend a dance in the auditorium in years, although, as it was learned from a reliable source, many big-time bands had been the attraction. Our Frankie Yankovic, whom many call the "Polka King"—a title which might well rank with "Waltz King" or "Jazz King," and his fine band had the honor of outdancing the best.

The large Slovene population of Sheboygan was well represented, as were other nationalities of this modern lake town. More than fifty Badgers, led by their active secretary, Frances Debelak, came by special bus and automobiles to participate in this 20th Anniversary celebration and, from personal observation, they surely enjoyed every minute of their visit. So did Marie Chernich, Anne Zbacnik and Louis Beniger from Chicago. No doubt there was a good turn-out of music and dance lovers from other nearby towns, who had heard or read about the dance through the fine advertising given it by the Moderns in advanced sale of tickets, publicity in the local newspaper and the radio, as well as our own Prosveta. They did an expert job of advertising and managed the affair flawlessly. There was not a sign of commotion anywhere and a very friendly spirit prevailed throughout the evening.

The Moderns, with a membership of slightly less than a hundred adults—but probably over this mark now, deserve all the credit in the world for the courage and confidence with which they undertook an affair that most lodges twice their size, under more favorable conditions, would have shied away from for fear of suffering a financial loss. Instead, they made a huge success of it, morally and financially. The reputation of both lodge and Society in this locality received a big boost as a result.

Ordinarily a dance of this proportion and the souvenir booklet of thirty-six pages, containing eight pages of pictures and history—interestingly written and put together, would have been sufficient to celebrate a lodge anniversary but, no, these young people (not really young, for many are in their late thirties and some in their forties, too) wanted, also, to present a stage program and have a speaker from the Main Office. This they did and, since the program could not be given the evening of the dance, it was arranged to have this part of the celebration on the following day, Sunday, November 30, at Fludernick's Hall, where many of our Slovene affairs in Sheboygan are held. I was as proud of the program, as I was of the dance given the night before. The cultural renditions, vocal and instrumental, as performed both by the adults and juveniles, were indeed inspiring.

Presented in the form of a radio broadcast (from Station SNPJ), with Edward Resnick as the announcer, the entire show of singing and accompaniment, orchestral selections, instrumental and vocal solos, and choice jokes and wise-cracks held the interest of the large audience from beginning to end. Every performance deserved an encore but, because it was a broadcast, much to everyone's disappointment, there was none. Even applause and laughs had to be cut short as the "silence" sign was suddenly pushed out from the side of the "broadcasting booth" silently ordering quiet.

The playing of Margie and Stanley Loncar, the former a saxophone specialist and the latter an artist with the violin and bass fiddle, Freddie Kuether and Ann Aldag, two people who certainly could tickle the keys of their accordions as they squeezed out the beautiful tunes, the singing of Margaret Rossman, Jackie Schmitt, Carolyn Aldag, and Margie Loncar who sang and played a waltz she, herself, had written (very good), and the harmony produced by the sextet (Edward Resnick, Rudy Saye, Victor Virant, Tony Fortuna, Edward Sheek and Jack Napotnik) in Slovene and English, the fine speech by Louis Spendal, and the short remarks and commercials with reference to the program, lodge and Society by Frank Resnick, combined to make this one of the really fine stage programs the writer has seen in a long time. Everything was grand. More still could be written. —so, thank you, Modern Lodge 634, but we've got to bring this to a close with a very glad and enjoyable week-end, congratulations again on

your 20th Anniversary, and best wishes for continued growth and success in the years ahead.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Juvenile Director.

MARY KOTCHNIK, Sec'y.

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—A lively social is scheduled by the Pioneer Bowling Girls for this Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Center. The girls have promoted the sale of subscriptions to enable them to raise sufficient money for new bowling uniforms. They will give away a radio to some lucky person. Erma Vertnik is going to have charge of the kitchen and this means we will have a lot of good tasting food, while Sophie Svoboda will be in charge of the dispenser so there will be good service in that department. The Snyder Brothers, both of them Pioneer members, will furnish music for dancing. The admission is free, so all of you who like a good time, come to the Center, 2301 S. Lawndale, this Saturday.

The annual Xmas Party for children will be held this Sunday, Dec. 14, at the SNPJ Hall. All Pioneer juvenile members will have received an invitation to attend and also tickets for the gifts. All Pioneers should know that the lodge paid over \$200 to the Federation to help pay for the gifts. This amount, of course, isn't sufficient to pay for all of the gifts. The Chicago District Federation of SNPJ, which is sponsoring the affair, will have to add a whole lot to this amount in order to pay for all of the gifts. Members should understand that they must be present in order to get the gifts. Also, they must bring with them the gift tickets. If for some reason, our members cannot attend the Xmas Party, they should send someone down to the hall to pick up their gifts for them. We want you to understand that each one of you is entitled to a gift, but that it is your duty to come and get it.

Circle 26 SNPJ will have charge of the program for the Juvenile Xmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 14. Many of our youngsters are becoming proficient in their instrumental and vocal talents and because of the training in the Circle, they learn to respect one another and to work in unison. Every youngster will be entitled to a free luncheon after the program and the upper hall will be given over to them for games and contests in the early evening. Grownups are invited to attend the Xmas Party, too. For them the Federation will prepare the usual eats and drinks with dancing. The admission is 50c for grownups; children will be admitted free. The Pioneers have supported this annual party for the youngsters, throughout these many years. We ask all of you to take part this year.

John Peternel, 5031 W. 22nd Place, Cicero, and Jean Bouffard, 136 S. Hadden ave., Arlington Heights, Ill., have reported sick. Other members still on the sick list are: Frank Klancnik, 648 Webster ave.; Louis Kramer, 3245 Sunnyside ave., Brookfield; Angela Zlogar, 1507 S. 58th ave.; Cicero; Anton Chernich, 2004 W. Coulter st.; Fred Plahutnik, St. Anthony's Hospital; Anna Norris, 9915 S. Racine; Anna Hotko, 1308 S. 56th ct., Cicero.

Another meeting of the Progressive Citizens of America for the 22nd Ward will be held at the SNPJ Hall on Dec. 22. A group attended the meeting last Thursday and spent nearly two hours discussing the problems with which we are confronted and then decided to postpone the organization of this unit until Dec. 22. We should have a large representation at that meeting.—Pioneer Bowlers are getting together Friday, Dec. 12, to plan definitely about procuring additional revenue for shirts, about running the invitational tournament, a Bowlers' Dance and sale of subscriptions for additional funds. A group of them met last Friday night and went over these problems and in addition went on record to recommend the selection of a Pioneer Athletic Director, through whom all bowling matters could be cleared. Bowling being our main activity.

Lodge 615 Meeting, Circle Yule Party

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—SNPJ Lodge 615 will hold its annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 21 at Serban Hall, 830 S. Hicks street (note change of address). Take R car to Indiana st. and walk two blocks east to Hicks st. just off Whittier blvd. Meeting starts at 1 p. m. sharp.

After the meeting the Juvenile Circle will give a little program and Santa Claus will be there to take care of the youngsters. Refreshments will be served and also a little dancing after the meeting. Brothers and Sisters, you all know what the December meeting means. We must elect officers for the coming year 1948. Come to this meeting and elect officers of your choice. Besides election of officers there are other matters to be taken care of. In closing I urge all the members to attend this important meeting.

MARY KOTCHNIK, Sec'y.

It deserves more attention from the lodge and its officers.

All of our organizations have a serious problem in preparing their various celebrations and making them effective and interesting so as to attract a large audience. People just don't seem to care for programs or for things which are serious, yet we must recognize that Yankovic band can fill most any ordinary hall. We really have a problem in how to interest those whom we should have supporting useful endeavors.—The SNPJ office has distributed a small booklet on Parliamentary procedure which will come in very handy. However, it would have been well to print these in a little larger type and even in a little larger book size. Such things deserve more attention, and we should arrange to fit them properly.—The Chicago Civic Liberties Committee is doing a good job these days when everybody is talking about the repressions from the big fellows in the Government. Recently the Chicago Committee in conjunction with the work of the CIO has issued a statement on what is Americanism, who is loyal and what is democracy. We hope our lodges everywhere support such Civil Liberties units.

"In Fact" comes out with a story that the fascist called No. 1 by Congress, is now propagandizing for his movement and has a whole lot to say about what goes into the press. Though this has been called to the attention of the un-American Committee, they refuse to take action. It looks like the only ones the un-American Committee questions are the Progressives, Liberals and Radicals.—Gerhardt Schacher made a good lecture at the Toman Library last Friday night. He reviewed current events as he sees them and explained why things have taken such a bad turn among the two powerful nations, Russia and the United States. He had an overflowing audience and he answered many questions.—Believe it or not, the Protestant Truth Society offers ten \$5000 awards to any Roman Catholic who can prove and produce one text of Holy Scripture that we ought to pray to the Virgin Mary. There are nine other similar quotations. Understand, the Protestant Truth Society is a religious group, but they do question the Roman Catholics on these matters. Here is a chance for someone to get some easy money. Specially a person who is versed in these matters.

Lodge No. 50 News

CLINTON, Ind.—First I want to take this opportunity and thank all our members, friends, neighbors and helpers for making our dance held Nov. 22 such a success. Thanks one and all.

Lodge 50 will hold its yearly meeting Sunday, Dec. 14, starting at 2 p. m. As this will be the final meeting of 1947, all members are urged to attend. Election of officers will take place. We want the younger members to attend this meeting which is very important so that you can take an active part in the new year 1948.

Come on now members, attend one meeting of the year at least, and I am sure you will come again. After the meeting refreshments will be served and a social time will be enjoyed by all. Please make it a date. Don't forget Dec. 14, 2 p. m. at K of P hall, N. 9th st. MARY SPENDAL, Sec'y.

Fun the SNPJ Lily Lodge No. 764 Way

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Bet you're wishing you could go to a lively dance, aren't you? We of the Lily Lodge 764 in Milwaukee did go. The date was Nov. 29, the place was Sheboygan, where we danced to the gay accordion music of Frank Yankovic.

We are well under way with plans for our Midwinter Dance, being held on January 17. Articles will be written weekly for the Prosveta, by Al Rathman. The colorful posters which you will be seeing in many of the familiar places around Milwaukee, will be made by our own Doreen Garsky.

Good luck from all of us goes to Agnes Buzga, who is leaving for San Diego on Dec. 18. We will all miss you, Agnes. Your helping hand and friendly smile has done much to keep us going. Everyone is looking forward to your return. Are you party shy? Then join the lodge and throw a few parties yourself. It's part of the idea of group-entertainment, gather around and enjoy some friendly activity, and enjoy some young men and women. Let's go you young men and women, join the Lily Lodge and do things the Lily way. See you soon at the next party. "BUTCH" Lodge 764.

Notice, Harmonizers SNPJ Lodge No. 700

ROUNDUP, Mont.—Our annual meeting for the election of officers will be held in the Odd Fellows Hall at 2 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 14. All members are urged to attend. The dance are to be completed at this meeting. It's up to you to be there. FRANCES STALCUP, Sec'y.

The Sexual Code of the Roman Church

By PAUL BLANCHARD

(Continued)

The front-line trenches in the birth-control battle are in Massachusetts and Connecticut, the only two states in the union which make it illegal for a doctor to give birth-control information to his own married patients. Although only about 40 per cent of the people of Massachusetts are Catholics, the hierarchy has so terrorized the legislators by threats of pulp pressure on voters that men who practice birth control themselves are afraid to stand on their feet and fight for a revision of the antiquated law.

In 1942, when the Massachusetts birth-control forces proposed a referendum on a revision of the law which would permit doctors to give contraceptive advice to their patients, they encountered one of the most fantastic campaigns of misrepresentation in the history of American politics. For many Sundays, from almost every Catholic pulpit in the state, priests fulminated against birth control as murder, and on the Sunday morning before election circulars were distributed at church doors saying that the proposed revision of the law would legalize abortion.

The referendum was defeated, but by a margin of only about seven to five in spite of this campaign, and the liberals have now started a new drive for revision which will probably lead to a vote in the fall of 1948. The opening gun was fired in the church's counter-offensive when four leading Protestant and Jewish gynecologists were discharged from the courtesy staff of the Catholic hospital in Springfield because they favored a revision of the state law. In Connecticut six doctors were similarly discharged, and the hierarchy temporarily defeated the drive for revision by holding the state senate in line after the birth-control forces had captured the house.

Veneral Disease

The church's position on veneral disease is somewhat less dogmatic than on birth control, but its unrealistic attitude has been for years a major obstacle to the development of a sound national program of education. Only last June it was the Catholic War Veterans who blocked the continued distribution by the army of match-books which contained printed information on the control of veneral disease. Last November the American Ecclesiastical Review published the following official statement in its question-and-answer column for priests (p. 389):

Question. Would a husband ever be justified in using a condom when having relations with his wife—namely, if his only purpose is to protect his wife from a disease with which he is afflicted, and there is absolutely no possibility that she will ever again become pregnant? Could he argue in such a case that what he is doing is no sin inasmuch as he is not preventing conception?

Answer. . . . Even if his only purpose in performing the act in this manner is to protect his wife from disease, he would still commit a grave sin, for a good end does not justify the commission of an intrinsically evil act.

The hierarchy, of course, officially combats veneral disease, but in practice it still acts on the assumption that the whole subject is a nasty one, not suitable for general public discussion. So it consents to health examinations before marriage but opposes any "teeth" in health-examination laws. "The formal prohibition of marriage which would inevitably follow in such a law from the fact of an unfavorable certificate . . . must be rejected on grounds of principle as well as opportunism," says Raoul de Guicheneere in his "Judgment on Birth Control" (Imprimatur of Cardinal Hayes, p. 99). Only the church has the right to say that people shall or shall not marry.

"The legal obligation to obtain a certificate of good health before marriage . . . implies a disguised form of the abuse of civil power, of its intrusion into a territory of which it is not the sole arbiter."

Dr. de Guicheneere reveals the Catholic philosophy which lies behind this part of the sexual code by saying:

"The value of progeny is not to be measured by physical qualities but lies entirely in the high dignity of that supernatural destiny which is common to all. Even the marriage of the feeble-minded is forbidden only on the ground of their inability to make a valid contract and not on account of the possible quality of the offspring."

This same philosophy explains the Catholic opposition to sterilization laws. The hierarchy says that the state can hang or sterilize a man if he has committed a crime but that it cannot morally cooperate even in voluntary sterilization of the insane or feeble-minded in order to protect society against unfit progeny. In the twenty-seven states which now permit some sterilization of the unfit the church's moral manuals instruct Catholic judges flatly to defy the law. Father Francis J. Connel, associate professor of moral theology at the Catholic University of America, says in his 1946 textbook, "Morals in Politics and Professions" (Imprimatur, Archbishop of Baltimore-Washington, p. 33), after declaring that no Catholic judge could ever approve mercy killings, "Similarly, in those states which now prescribe or permit eugenic

sterilization for certain types of defectives and criminals no circumstances can justify a judge in giving a decision that the law should be put in operation."

It would be interesting to bring a test case in some American court some day to determine whether a Catholic judge, sworn to enforce the law of his state without reservation, could obey this ecclesiastical edict and still observe his judicial oath.

Marriage and Divorce

The marriage and divorce codes of the hierarchy are well known to most Americans, but they deserve some mention because many persons do not realize how sweeping and dogmatic they are. To the hundreds of thousands of young Catholics throughout the world who married hastily and not too wisely during the war period the church says in effect: you may never remarry and start life over again. The prohibition against the marriage of divorced persons is carried so far that a Catholic social worker may not, under threat of excommunication, advise a divorced Catholic woman to marry her lover even when she is living in sin with him openly and both are eligible for marriage under the civil law. Father Connell, in a chapter on Catholic social work in his book cited above, puts it this way (p. 169):

For even though her position is at stake, the social worker may not give advice that will directly induce her client to violate the law of God. Similarly, when the social worker finds a couple living together unmarried and incapable of entering marriage because of some impediment of divine law (but permitted to marry by civil law) she may not suggest a civil marriage, even as a mere formality to obtain civil effects. Indeed, in the United States, where the Third Council of Baltimore inflicts a censure of excommunication on a Catholic who attempts remarriage after a civil divorce, a social worker might so concur in the commission of this sin by her counsel as to incur herself the same penalty.

This edict is handed down by a hierarchy which permits nullification of marriages in its own courts on grounds which would be regarded as too flimsy for consideration in the courts of any state of the Union.

Probably the most offensive item in the Catholic sexual code for non-Catholics is the rule on mixed marriage. Although the church belongs to a number of "tolerance fronts," the hierarchy declares that in all ordinary cases it is a sin for a Catholic to marry a Protestant or a Jew and that such a marriage is null and void unless a special dispensation is granted, and even then the non-Catholic party must sign the following oath or its equivalent:

I, the undersigned, not a member of the Catholic church, wishing to contract marriage with N. N., a member of the Catholic church, intend to do so with the understanding that the marriage tie cannot be dissolved except by death, and promise her on my word of honor that she shall enjoy free exercise of her Catholic religion, and that all the children of either sex born of this marriage shall be baptized and educated in the faith and according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic church (Father John A. O'Brien, "The Faith of Millions," Preface by Cardinal O'Connell, p. 290).

Father O'Brien adds that "the Church forbids her children to attempt (sic) to contract matrimony before the minister of a heretical sect. Those unworthy members who deliberately and wilfully violate that solemn law the Church punishes with excommunication."

For most Americans there is something distinctly unporting in taking advantage of the high exaltation of young love to impose upon one of the parties in marriage a proselyting agreement. It is not surprising that young Catholics are rebelling against this use of marriage to obtain "converts" and to establish Catholics as a separate class in a tolerant American community. Recent studies by priests show that mixed marriages are increasing at a startling rate in spite of ecclesiastical pressure, and that a very large proportion of mixed families are permanently lost to the church.

Nor is it surprising that increasing numbers of Catholics regard the narrow sexual code of the church with horror and disgust, and refuse to believe that it has any necessary place in their faith. The Catholic author Harry Sylvester, in his recent novel "Moon Gaffney," has a liberal Catholic say: "I think what I mind is the relief with which the clergy, many of whom do not understand the meaning of their own chastity, tell their people they must fill three-room flats with children on their \$28 a week." Mr. Sylvester has probably put his finger on the core of the problem. But the solution is another matter. Catholic laymen have no control

NOW THE THIRD ROUND

The formal decision of the CIO to seek a third round of wage increase confirms what had been generally expected. The AFL "Monthly Survey" demanded the third round in October, and some unions have already obtained it. The process is as relentless as the succession of day and night.

Workers who have seen the cost of food go up 40 per cent since the end of OPA are not likely to be impressed by appeals of restraint. The unfortunate fact is that few elements in the national economy have shown the restraint that will now be asked of labor.

Because they didn't, the purchasing power of wages has been steadily drained away by rising prices. What is worse, the purchasing power of unorganized people, who cannot quickly raise their income by concerted action, has also been drained away.

The ideal way to deal with the situation would be the reduction of prices rather than the increase of industrial wages in highly organized sectors of the economy. Thus the purchasing power of all groups, not just the members of certain unions, would be protected.

If Congress were in a mood to see such justice done, it would take the third-round demand as an urgent warning to grant President Truman the authority he asks to reimpose price controls. But it must be admitted that the reception of his request offers little hope of effective action in this direction.

So we are entangled in the unwelcome consequences of the original decision to throw off the restraints of price control. By and large, that decision was made by big business, and carried out by the spokesmen of business in Congress. The majority of the people wanted to keep price control.

Some of the big business interests which killed price control have done right well as a result. According to the National City Bank of New York, the average rate of profit for 357 leading corporations was 52 per cent higher in the first nine months of this year than in 1946. These corporations earned an average of 18.2 per cent on their net worth, after taxes. What happened was that prices plus a tremendous volume of business far outran the cost of earlier wage increases.

For example, Edwin Lahey has estimated that the first 18 1/2 cent wage increase for steel workers (in 1946) cost United States Steel \$3,330,000 per week, while the \$5 a ton price increase granted at the same time increased the company's revenue by \$5,625,000 per week.

The big manufacturers who have reaped these fattened profits are in poor position to resist the third-round wage demands. But thousands of small businesses will be painfully squeezed. In retailing and wholesaling, where high prices meet consumer resistance, profits have gone down this year instead of up, the 32 leading companies in this field earning 13.9 per cent on net worth as against 22.2 per cent in 1946.

While the principal producer interests—big business and big agriculture—have profited by inflation, most wage-earners, white collar workers, consumers and small business men have suffered. The responsibility lies squarely on big business, big agriculture, and their servants in Congress who engineered the breakdown of price control.

Let us keep that in mind when considering third-round wage demands which are a logical and inevitable consequence of the breakdown.

—(Chicago Sun)

Movies Bend Knee To A Totalitarian Menace

BY KENESAW M. MOUNTAIN II

A new low in cheapness has been achieved by the diamond-studded gentlemen who run the motion picture industry.

In deference to the Thomas Committee, they have agreed among themselves to blacklist the ten Hollywood men who refused to say whether or not they were Communists.

But while they are unctuous in their respect for American principles, it is evident that they place their profits first. In blacklisting the ten men, they said:

"We do not desire to prejudice their legal rights, but their actions have been a disservice to their employers and have impaired their usefulness to the industry."

Notice the text: "disservice to their employers." Has their work been subversive?

Let us take Albert Maltz, one of the ten men blacklisted, and one of the finest writers in America. In what way has he been of disservice to his employers?

Maltz wrote "Pride of the Marines," which had premieres in 28 cities at Guadalcanal Day banquets under auspices of the Marine Corps.

over doctrinal matters in the church today.

Many laymen believe that a married priesthood might help the situation, and the abolition of celibacy has often been suggested. Such a reform is not unthinkable. Celibacy is a disciplinary requirement, not a dogma, and it does not apply now to the Oriental section of the Roman priesthood. But this natural remedy for sexual fanaticism encounters one great economic obstacle; how much would it cost? Catholic education is based upon the celibacy of its teaching nuns, and the whole educational system of the church might collapse if its teachers were allowed to live a normal life.

(The Nation)

He also wrote "Destination Tokyo," which had its premiere aboard a U. S. submarine, and was adopted by the Navy as an official training film.

Is the movie industry ashamed of these pictures? Does Warner Bros. want to turn the receipts over to charity?

No, of course not. How dangerous is Maltz? Did he infect the Marine Corps with Communism? Subvert the Navy Department?

Are ideas no longer to be judged on their own merits? Must they be fingerprinted, and required to submit a birth certificate satisfactory to the Thomas committee?

In truth, the movies are confronted by a totalitarian menace, but it doesn't come from Maltz.

It comes from the five big movie producers who control the key first-run theatres of the country, and largely determine what 100,000,000 Americans will see each week.

In their greed for profits and power they strangled free competition in the movies, and last year were found guilty of conspiring to violate the anti-trust laws.

To distract attention from themselves, they are quite willing to establish loyalty tests for their employees. Is their Grand Inquisitor, Eric Johnston, still loyal to free speech and free enterprise?

I am quite sure I disagree with Albert Maltz's political philosophy. But he has demonstrated that he is willing to go to jail for his ideas.

—(Chicago Sun)

Man Who Lost Hand for U.S.

Refuses to Sign Loyalty Statement

WASHINGTON (FP)—A 22 year old veteran who lost his left hand in combat refused Nov. 29 to sign an affidavit of loyalty to U. S. government under Pres. Truman's program probing the faithfulness of federal employees.

"I didn't fight for that kind of government which tells you 'sign this—or else!'" said Walter E. Davis, who was twice wounded in the European theater. "That is what I thought we were fighting to prevent. I fought for some rights. I think those rights have been stepped on."

Davis is an employee in the insurance department of the Veterans Administration. He was told he might resign or could be discharged for refusing to protest his loyalty to the government by signing the questionnaire, but VA officials said his case "is still under study."

Davis told reporters: "They can investigate me from here to high heaven and they won't find any blemishes on my record. I'm as loyal as any American, maybe more so." His younger brother, George, was killed on Okinawa, and an uncle was killed in the Battle of the Bulge.

Jolly Jesters Make a Big Hit in Johnstown

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Playing to a record-breaking crowd, the Jolly Jesters orchestra, from Girard, Ohio, featuring our local Stan Koba and Hank Raich, secured their place in the hearts of dance lovers here in Johnstown, where they played at one of our local night spots on Thanksgiving night. And then again, Saturday for a dance sponsored by lodge Triglav.

By popular demand, their orchestra will be brought back to play at this same night club, namely, Jennie's Tavern, Dec. 25, 26, and 27. This engagement alone should prove to you fellows, just how much the people here in Johnstown think of you and your music.

I have just been informed that the Koba-Raich orchestra will broadcast over WRRN, 1440 on your dial, every Saturday afternoon at 5:30. Tune in at this time and hear the boys. If you enjoy their music, drop them a line, care of this station, and I'm sure requests will be played for you. I have also been told that this group have already made several recordings and that they will be available in the near future.

Following are some of the most recent engagements that the Jolly Jesters have: On the 13th of December, they will play at the Slovenian Home in Girard, Ohio, on December 25, 26, and 27, at Jennie's Tavern, in Johnstown, December 28, at the Slovenian Home in Sharon, Pa., and on December 31, New Year's Eve, Slovenian Home in Pittsburgh. If at all possible, attend some of these affairs, and enjoy an evening of dancing to this fine band. Rumors have it that several cars will travel to Girard from Johnstown, to attend the dance there on the 13th. Congratulations on your success, and all your Johnstown friends wish you continued success. Out with more of your good old polkas and waltzes!

ELSIE CULKAR.

Appreciation

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Pevski Zbor Lillja (Lodge 764) wishes to take this opportunity to express its gratitude for the wonderful support it received at the presentation of its first concert Sunday, Nov. 23.

Many thanks to our generous benefactor, družtvo Lillja št. 764 SNPJ whose financial support makes this chorus possible; to our patrons who made this concert possible, and to our audience, whose enthusiastic response more than repaid the singers for the countless hours of rehearsal and preparation.

It is only through the concerted efforts of these various phases of an activity that we find accomplishment possible. With the sincerest hopes for the continued support of all we again say, thank you.

ZBOR LILLJA.

Western Leaders Will Meet on December 16

BUTTE, Mont.—The regular and annual meeting of the Western Leaders Lodge 608 will be held Dec. 16 at 8 o'clock in the Slavnic American Hall, 300 Cherry st., Butte. At this meeting, the officers for the coming year will be elected. A good attendance is expected and there will be the usual social after the meeting. The city bus takes you right to the door of the hall. Last, but not least, do not forget to pay your assessment before the close of the year.

ANNE PROSPER, Sec'y.

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 117

YUKON, Pa.—This is a reminder to attend the annual lodge meeting to be held on Dec. 21 at 2 o'clock sharp. There will be an election of officers for the coming year. After the meeting there will be free refreshments served to the members. So, kindly everyone attend.

MARY KICK, Treas.

Johnstown Trojans

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—With Thanksgiving just passed and the Christmas season just ahead, I'm sure all we SNPJs will be mighty busy people. We will all add many happy hours of pleasure to the memory of happy days we all spent together during the year of 1947.

Our Lodge 749 is still in its infancy, not quite one year, and already we show promises of becoming one of the largest and active English speaking lodges in our district. Every member of our lodge is to be commended on the fine spirit of cooperation they have shown during our first year.

The dance committee at present is planning a dance to be held New Year's eve in the Moxham Slovene Hall. Don't forget to attend; it's a grand way to start the New Year. Read the Prosveta regularly and you will become more informed on the plans for the New Year's dance.

Brother Charles Korber Sr. is still hospitalized. We understand he will be there for Xmas. Let us all try to make this Xmas as cheerful as possible for Charlie. We were glad to hear Brother Frank Saksek has left the hospital, however, it will be some time before he will be able to get around as usual. Sister Elizabeth Allison tells me she is feeling much better after her operation.

We welcome into our juvenile set Baby Judith Miklaucic, daughter of Sister Mary and Brother Frank Miklaucic.

We deeply regret the passing of juvenile member, Joseph Muffley. He was an active member of our Juvenile Circle 47. Everyone who knew little Joe spoke highly of him. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his mother, brothers and sisters.

A reminder to our fellow lodge members to attend our yearly meeting being held Sunday, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m. in the Moxham Slovene Hall. It is your duty as good SNPJs to attend this all-important meeting of the year when you as lodge members have a voice in choosing whom you wish to have as your lodge officers for the forthcoming year. Remember, your lodge depends on each and everyone of you.

Recently while going over a fraternal publication I couldn't help but note the similarity in the rules they had set down on how to be a good member and the rules that our local lodge officers have at one time or another brought to our attention on how to be a good SNPJ.

Do you know the five simple rules? They are as follows:

First: Pay dues promptly. Gives you a sense of security and also a good membership standing.

Second: Attend regular lodge meetings. It's the quickest way to gain friends and know your lodge.

Third: Conduct yourself as a gentleman and a good fellow. It's the easiest way to get along in life, it pays off, and the best of it is, you're allowed a little leeway now and then, provided you don't stretch a point too far.

Fourth: Get a new member. Remember you're not selling anything, you're offering something. They are a lucky man or woman who become SNPJs. Where else could they be offered so much for so little.

Fifth: Be an active member. It's the best way in the world to serve both your lodge and to get away from the work-a-day rut. It's fun and it's interesting.

There you have them—they're simple and easy to follow. Why not add them to your New Year's resolutions for 1948! Come 1949, you will find that the above 5 rules really pay off in security, friendship and enjoyment.

Until I see you all at our Dec. 14 meeting.

DOROTHY GLAVACH, Sec'y.

Condemn T-H Law, Sign Affidavits

PENN, Pa.—I always read the Prosveta on domestic and foreign events and news. Most of it is very interesting, but in the past I think this publication has given too much comfort to those labor leaders who do everything they can in the way of smearing red-baiting themselves into the leadership of labor unions.

For example, the auto convention where the leadership from the top down ran to sign the Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavit. But in their speeches they condemned the law as a whole.

The question I would like to ask is, would the Slovenes run to sign Mussolini's or Hitler's non-communist affidavits when they were fighting the Italian and German fascists in our fatherland? I should say not.

And so let it be suggested that the Slovene young men and women become a bulwark in fighting for an economic freedom and democracy in the unions by supporting the kind of leadership that will work in the interest of all the workers regardless of their political beliefs.

LOUIS BERGINS, Lodge 78.

Lodge No. 215 Holds Annual Party Dec. 14

VIRGINIA, Minn.—SNPJ Lodge No. 215 will hold its annual party at the Roma Hall in Virginia, on December 14, at 1:30 p. m. Please make an effort to attend. Lunch and refreshments will be served. There will be candy and pop for the children.

AL VONDER HAAR, Sec'y.

Lodge 540 News

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Hello to all in this holiday season of 1947 from Lodge 540.

Our last meeting was held Sunday, Nov. 9, with a good attendance. Many discussions were held concerning different topics and plans were made for our annual Xmas party to be held after our meeting Sunday, Dec. 14.

The party committee consists of Joseph Paszrich Sr., Molly Oblak, Mary Pezdirc and Mary Yakely (Skar). This committee is willing to work hard to make this party a success, but only with the cooperation of all members. A sum of \$150 will be charged to each adult member or friend; children free. Please get your money in to the Sec'y soon as possible.

All members are urged to be sure to attend this very important meeting, as new officers for 1948 will be elected, plus other important agenda.

Food and drinks will be served at this party, plus surprises for our juveniles. Music will be supplied by an accordion. Maybe good ole Santa Claus himself will put in an appearance.

All members are asked to bring along your children and friends. Last but not least, bring along your best Xmas spirit and let's have a swell get-together again. We want to welcome Michael Ribernik to our lodge. He was transferred from Newark 756. We hope to meet you Dec. 14 at our meeting.

We wish Jacob Turk a speedy recovery in his illness; he is now in a hospital. Members, try to send him a cheery card to brighten his days.

Good luck to Henry Kolar Jr. in his future civilian life, as he completed his 2-year hitch in the U. S. Navy.

Personal Data. Congratulations and good luck to Mary Turk Jr. and James Tumminia who were married Nov. 1st in Washington, D. C. James is still in U.S. army. Congratulations and good luck to Mary Skar and John Yakely who were married Nov. 15. Mary had a lovely wedding which many members from this lodge attended plus many other friends. She looked like a dream in her white satin gown and tulle veil. Their honeymoon was spent seeing Niagara Falls and touring Canada. John will now become a member of Lodge 540 being transferred from Forest City, Pa., Lodge 124.

The next meeting date is Sunday, Dec. 14, and all members are asked to be sure to attend. Remember we will elect new officers for 1948. Your Xmas party follows the meeting. So if you don't want to miss a swell time, be sure to be present.

Please pay your monthly dues on time. The secretary appreciates prompt payment.

This lodge wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Good luck and good health to all.

Remember this date, Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p. m. Address, 111 First St., Elizabeth, N. J., 3rd floor, Polish National Home. Bus 30 passes downtown. Bus 11 from Newark.

For Publicity Committee, MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

Lodge No. 581, United Slovenes, Meet Dec. 21

ST. MARYS, Pa.—The annual election of lodge officers will be held at our next meeting Dec. 21 and we request all members to try and be present. It is the duty of all members to work constructively with the lodge to try and build a bigger and better SNPJ, and one of the best ways is by attending the meetings and performing the duties that you are elected to and urging a fellow member to attend. We urge the younger members to come more often. The meetings are held in English language for your benefit.

All members in arrears in dues are asked to please square up so that the New Year will be started with a clean slate.

Hope to see a big turnout at the next meeting Dec. 21 at 2 p. m.

GABRIEL ULJON, Sec'y.

Capehart Guns For 40-Hour Week

WASHINGTON (FP)—Declaring that the nation needs more production, Sen. Homer Capehart (R, Ind.) said he planned to introduce legislation to amend the federal wage-hour act.

Capehart, owner of the Capehart-Farnsworth radio interests, declared his bill would suspend the 40-hour week and permit employers to operate on a 44-hour week at straight time.

A Twentieth Century Fund survey reports that one third of the American people live in areas without public libraries.

3 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT

