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GROMIKO OBSODIL VANDENBERGOV AMENDMENT

Ameriška gesta je zaničevanje organizacije Združenih narodov

DIKTIRANJE VOLILNE FORMULE

Lake Success, N. Y., 15. apr.— Ruski delegat Andrej A. Gromiko je dejal na seji članov varnostnega sveta, da je amandment senatorja Vandenberg, nanašajoč se na ameriško finančno in vojaško pomoč Grčiji in Turčiji, gesta zaničevanja in preziranja organizacije Združenih narodov. Amandment določa ustavitve ameriške pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji, ako to zahteva sedem članov varnostnega sveta ali pa večina članov generalne skupščine Združenih narodov. Gromiko je dejal, da amandment je podprtava dejstvo, da je predsednik Truman šel preko organizacije Združenih narodov, ko je pozval kongres, naj sankcionira pomoč Grčiji in Turčiji.

Vandenbergov amandment pomeni, da si Amerika prisvaja pravico diktiranja volilne formule organizaciji Združenih narodov kot celoti. "Nobena posamezna država nima pravice do odločitve procedure Združenih narodov," je rekel Gromiko. "Ako bi posamezne države odločevale, potem ne bi nihče vedel, na katere naj bi se zanašala organizacija Združenih narodov."

Gromiko je obsodil manevre Warrena R. Austina, ameriškega delegata. Obdolžil ga je, da hoče omalovaževati veliko politično značilnost Trumanovega načrta glede pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji. Austin je nejasno namignil, da bodo ekonomske in pomožne organizacije Združenih narodov dobile priložnost pozneje do izraza mnenja o pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji.

"Bilo bi zmotno in zgrešeno, ako bi grško-turško vprašanje prišlo pred člane posebne agencije ali ekonomske komisije," je rekel Gromiko. "Vprašanje spada v območje varnostnega sveta. Ameriška akcija je v konfliktu z načeli in cilji Združenih narodov."

Gromiko je obsodil Austinov predlog, naj varnostni svet odloči o ruski resoluciji. Resolucija določa ustanovitev posebne komisije, katere naj bi skrbelo, da bo le grško ljudstvo deležno ameriške pomoči. Resolucija v bistvu izključuje vojaško pomoč grški monarhistični vladi. Austin je predlagal odločitev o resoluciji, dokler kongres ne odloči, ali bo Grčija dobila ameriško pomoč ali ne.

Rusko resolucijo sta podprla jugoslovanski delegat Stane Krašovec in albanski delegat Kahreman Yili, ki sta dobila začasna sedeža pri mizi varnostnega sveta in se udeležila debate o ameriški pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji.

Federalna veleporota obtožila Eislerja

Washington, D. C., 15. apr.— Federalna veleporota je obtožila Gearharta Eislerja, ki je baje vodilna osebnost v ameriški komunistični stranki, da je podal sleparske izjave, ko je vprašal državni department, naj mu izda listino list 1. 1945, da bo lahko zapustil Ameriko. Potnega lista ni dobil. Eisler je sedaj zaprt na Ellis Islandu. Pred je bil obtožen zanjena kongresa, ker ni hotel odgovorjati na vprašanja, ko je nastopil pred kongresnim osebkom.

Stalin pojasnil vzroke cenzure

Omenil je lažnjiva in zavajalna poročila

Moskva, 15. apr.— Premier Stalin je v razgovoru s Haroldom E. Stassenom, bivšim guvernerjem Minnesote, omenil vzroke cenzure tiska. Stassen in Stalin sta govorila 80 minut o ekonomskih, kulturnih in ideoloških stvareh.

Stalin je dejal, da bi odprava cenzure v Rusiji povzročila poteškoče in komplikacije. Kadar je bila cenzura omiljena, so tuji časniki pošiljali svojim listom senzacionalna, zavajalna in lažnjiva poročila. Sovjetsko vladno in Rusijo so skušali prikazati kot nekakšen zverinjak.

Omenil je več slučajev. "Ko sem odšel na počitnice," je dejal Stalin, "so časniki pisali, da me je poslal na počitnice zunanji minister Molotov. Svetovali so mi povratek v Moskvo in odslovlitev Molotova."

Ko se je vršila konferenca velike trojice v Teheranu so časniki pisali, da sem na prireditvi v počast bivšemu britskemu premierju Churchillju, ko je praznoval svoj rojstni dan, udaril maršala Timošenka. Dejstvo je, da se Timošenko sploh ni udeležil prireditve. Navzoči so bili le predsednik Roosevelt, admiral William D. Leahy, načelnik Rooseveltovega štaba, Churchill in več drugih. Vest, da sem udaril maršala, je bila zlobna fabrikacija. Časniki so v več drugih slučajih potvarjali vesti z namenom, da ustvarijo napačen vtis v javnosti o Sovjetski uniji in njenih voditeljih.

Bivši minnesotski guverner, ki se omenja kot možni kandidat za predsednika Združenih držav na listi republikanske stranke, je po razgovoru s Stalinom zapustil Moskvo. V Rusiji se je mudil tri tedne. V tem času je obiskal več ruskih mest, tovarn in kolektivnih kmetij. Izjavil je, da ni nikjer opazil pomanjkanja in stradanja. O Stalinu je dejal, da je čvrst in zdrav. Ameriški in drugi listi so že večkrat pisali, da je Stalin nevarno bolan, da je umrl in da je bil umorjen. Vse to dokazuje neodgovornost tujih časnikov, ki prihajajo v Rusijo in potem pošiljajo svojim listom lažnjiva in zavajalna poročila o situaciji v Rusiji in njenih voditeljih.

Francoska vlada odpušča uslužbence

Pariz, 15. apr.—Naznanilo pravi, da je vlada odslavila nadaljnjih 20.000 uslužbencev, da zniža stroške. Skupno število odpuščenih uslužbencev v zadnjih dveh tednih je 50.000. Vojno ministrstvo je odslavilo 8.200 uslužbencev, mornarično ministrstvo pa 6.500 v zadnjih dneh.

JEKLARSKA INDUSTRIJA BO POGNALA DEŽELO V DEPRESIJO

Washington, D. C., 15. apr.— Vladni ekonomisti trdijo, da je ogromna jeklarska industrija osvojila psihologijo depresije. Namesto da bi skušala odvrniti ekonomski polom, bo vodila deželo v depresijo.

Vodilne jeklarske kompanije so zavzele stališče, ki je v nasprotju z izraženim upanjem podjetij, ki potrebuje jeklarske izdelke in skušajo povečati produkcijo in pomagati pri vzdrževanju polne zaposlenosti. Ta podjetja so odvisna od jeklarskih izdelkov. Ako bodo jeklarske kompanije znižale produkcijo, bodo morale industrije, ki izdelujejo avtomobile, radijske aparate, pralne stroje, električne ledenice in druge predmete omejiti obrat.

Vladni ekonomisti so se izrekli za sklicanje konference, na kateri naj bi se vršile razprave o od-

NEKAJ PRIPOROČIL IN NAVODIL GLEDARJE STAROSTNE PODPORE

V smislu sprejete resolucije po delegaciji trinajste redne konvencije, vršiče se v Evelethu, Minnesota, SNPJ pomaga s plačevanjem asesmenta onim članom, kateri so v jednoti 35 ali več let, zavarovani v oddelku odraslih članov in stari 65 ali več let, toda le do \$1000 smrtninske zavarovalnine, \$1 bolniške podpore in za ostale sklade. Ako pa je član, ki bi bil na podlagi te resolucije upravičen do zadevne podpore, zavarovan za več kot v resoluciji določeno, tedaj mora dotično razliko asesmenta plačevati sam, kakor tudi društvene prispevke ali asesment.

V dotični resoluciji je pa tudi povedano, da se te vrste podporo deli samo takim članom, kateri so v potrebi, kar morajo posebno upoštevati člani na društveni seji, kadar je taka prošnja predložena, ker to pomeni, da se mora društvo prej, ko prošnja članu odobri, prepričati, ako je dotični v resnični potrebi. Vsaka prošnja člana, ki vpraša za te vrste starostno podporo, mora biti po članu osebno zaprosena in društvu predložena potem, ko je član odgovoril na zadevna vprašanja, društvo pa ima ugotoviti, če prošnja odgovarja dejstvu članovega stanja.

Ker konvencija ni hotela upoštevati priporočila onih delegatov—po sprejetju resolucije za podporo starim članom—ki so razumeli gospodarsko stran tega vprašanja in priporočili nekaj centov zvišanja asesmenta v to svrhu, je razumljivo, če se ne bo od strani društev pazilo, kako se bo ta podpora nakazovala, tedaj lahko že sedaj računamo, da se bo sklad izrednih podpor kaj kmalu izčrpal, na kar bo treba prenehati s podporami. Odvisno bo največ od članstva, ki vsaj delno pozna posamezne slučaje prošilcev, da pazi, komu se bo podpora odobrila in koliko časa bo mogel sklad izrednih podpor vzdrževati. Ideja je dobra, kakor tudi v skladu z našimi načeli, le škoda, ker se ni vsaj 5c zvišalo asesment v ta namen. Smo pa mnenja, če se bo postopalo pravilno v vseh slučajih, pa če tudi pride sem in tam do kakšne zamere, tedaj bo podpora služila v namene, za katere je delegacija sprejela omenjeno resolucijo, v nasprotnem slučaju pa, ako se bo vse odobrilo brez vprašanja potrebe, pa lahko rečemo, da bo sklad kmalu izčrpan in eventualno bo konec podpor. To so dejstva, na katera smatramo potrebno članstvo opozoriti, da ne bo pozneje, ako se sklad prehitro izčrpa, nepotrebnih kritik, češ, če bi bili prej vedeli, bi pa drugače ravnali.

Prošnje za te vrste podpore se naročajo v glavnem uradu in če jih kateri tajnik potrebuje, naj jih po potrebi naroči.

Dalje želimo omeniti tudi to—kar se največ tiče lokalnih tajnikov—namreč, da se bo po prejemu in odobrenju prošnje po izvršenem odseku članu, ki bo vprašal za podporo, o tem obvestilo društvenega tajnika, katere prošnje so odobrene. Asesment onih članov, katerih prošnje bodo odobrene, ne bo računano na mesečnih poročilih, ki se jih mesečno pošilja društvenim tajnikom; izjema bo le v slučajih, kjer bo član zavarovan za več kot \$1000 smrtnine, ali za več kot \$1 bolniške podpore; v takem slučaju bo v poročilu zaračunana le razlika med asesmentom, ki bo plačan iz sklada izrednih podpor in asesmentom, ki se računa za celotno zavarovalnino in to razliko, navedeno v poročilu, bo moral član plačati sam.

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

De Gaulle prepzel vodstvo novega gibanja

Pariz, 15. apr.— General Charles de Gaulle je naznanil, da je prevzel vodstvo novega političnega gibanja v Franciji. Namen gibanja je odprava sistema političnih strank in ustanovitve močnega države. "Francoski narod mora priti pod vodstvo stabilne, močne in centralizirane države, ki bo lahko izvajala ukrepe v interesu javne blaginje," je dejal.

Brazilijska dobila ameriške baze

Rio de Janeiro, Brazilija, 15. apr.—Uradno naznanilo pravi, da je Amerika izročila vse letalske baze, katere je zgradila v Braziliji, brazilski vladi. Baze so bile zgrajene v vojnem času.

Kritika dvostranske zunanje politike

Kavsanje med republikanci v senatu

Washington, D. C., 15. apr.— Grupa republikancev je protestirala in kritizirala dvostransko in dvoobrazno zunanjo politiko Trumanove administracije. Ta se očituje v poskusih za ustavitve pohoda komunizma v Grčiji in Turčiji na eni strani, na drugi pa v podpiranju držav, ki imajo komunistične vlade.

V obeh kongresnih zbornicah je v teku debata o Trumanovem programu, ki določa finančno in vojaško pomoč Grčiji in Turčiji. V višji zbornici sta se sporekla senator Vandenberg in senator Taft. Oba sta republikanca.

Vandenberg, ki je načelnik odseka za zunanje zadeve, je nalletel na opozicijo, ko je predlagal, naj senat takoj odobri Trumanov program. Taft je ugovarjal naglici in izjavil, da ni zadostno število senatorjev navzočih. Dejaj, da se morajo vsi senatorji dobiti priložnost do izraza mnenja o Trumanovem programu.

Senator Butler, republikanec iz Nebrasko, je dejal, da je Trumanova administracija aranžirala največjo bokarsko tekmo na svetu. Izrekla se je za pomoč Grčiji in Turčiji, da se bosta lahko borili proti komunizmu, zaenop pa je za pomoč državam pod vplivom sovjetske Rusije. Butler je kritiziral odločitev glede pošiljanja krompirja Jugoslaviji in pogajanja, da dobita Poljska in Čehoslovakija posojila od svetovne banke, v kateri so ameriški dolarji.

Rusija sprejela ameriški predlog

Molotov se izrekel za raztegnitev pakta

Moskva, 15. apr.—Rusija je v načelu sprejela predlog ameriškega državnega tajnika Marshalla glede sklenitve pakta in zveze med štirimi velesilami, da se Nemčija razoroži in demilitarizira, toda s pridržki. Sedaj še ni izgleda, da bi zunanji ministri Amerike, Velike Britanije in Francije odobrili pridržke. Kontroverza o bodočnosti Nemčije se bo nadaljevala.

Ruski zunanji minister Molotov je predlagal raztegnitev pakta, da bi kril vse politične, ekonomske in ideološke faze. Njegova poteza se smatra za imeniten političen manever. Molotov je dejal, da mora pakt vključevati provizije glede kontrole industrij v Porurju v območju štirih velesil. Druge provizije naj bi določale:

Likvidacijo nemških kartelov, trustov in monopolov.

Denacifikacijo in uničenje vseh ostankov nemškega nacizma in agresivnega nacionalizma.

Svobodne strokovne unije in politične stranke na splošni podlagi z garancijami pravic in interesov delavcev.

Izvajanje zemljiških reform in plačevanje reparacij.

Poteza ruskega zunanjega ministra Molotova je presenetila ameriškega državnega tajnika Marshalla. On je predlagal zaključenje seje zunanjih ministrov in izjavil, da bo dal odgovor Molotovu na današnji seji.

Sporazum med unijo in korporacijo

Zvišanje plače za 15 centov na uro

Detroit, Mich., 15. apr.—Uradniki unije United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers CIO in korporacije General Motors so naznanili doseg meznega sporazuma. Ta določa med drugim zvišanje plače za 15 centov na uro.

Sporazum krije okrog 30.000 delavcev, članov te unije, ki so uposleni v tovarnah korporacije v Detroitu in drugih mestih. Izgleda, da bo meznji sporazum postal vzorec za okrog pol milijona delavcev, ki dobivajo plačo na podlagi dela od ure.

Sporazum bo v veljavi eno leto. Uključeni so delavci, ki izdelujejo električne ledenice in druge predmete. Korporacija sedaj čaka na odločitev Unije združenih avtnih delavcev CIO glede njene ponudbe o zvišanju

Domače vesti

Nov grob v Minnesoti

Eveleth, Minn.—Nagro je umrl John Kapovec, star 68 let, član KSKJ. Tukaj zapuščala ženo in hčer, obe članici društva 130 SNPJ, kakor tudi sestro Mary Osolnik. V tej naselbini je živel 34 let in bil mirnega značaja.

Poroka

Cleveland.—V soboto, 19. apr. se na zapadni strani poročita John Vatovec, sin družine John Vatovec, in Evelyn Soltis, hči družine John Soltis. Zenin je član društva Tabor 139 SNPJ že 24 let. Obilo sreče!

Predsednik Truman zaigral zaupanje

Deklaracija voditeljev britskega združenega gibanja

Llandundno, Anglija, 15. apr.— Voditelji združenega gibanja, ki je povezano z britsko delavsko stranko, so izjavili, da je predsednik Truman zaigral zaupanje, katero je zgodovina potisnila v njegove roke, ko se je odločil za revizijo ameriške zunanje politike v prilog reakciji v upanju, da bo ustavil pohod komunizma.

Na konferenci združenikov je bila sprejeta resolucija, da Trumanov program glede ameriške finančne in vojaške pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji ogroža svetovni mir in je negacija demokratičnih načel. Resolucijo je predložil T. R. Edmondson iz Nottinghama.

"Truman je demonstriral svojo neodgovornost in nerazumevanje razpleta dogodkov," je rekel Edmondson. "Postavil je nov standard v diplomaciji, ki bo imel kvarne posledice na svetovni mir v bodočnosti."

Nekateri govorniki so poudarjali, da bo resolucija potisnila v zagato zunanjega ministra Ernesta Bevena, ki je v Moskvi, a je bila vseeno sprejeta z veliko večino glasov.

Britski parnik zadel ob mino

Amsterdam, Holandija, 15. aprila.— Britski tovorni parnik Viceroy je zadel ob mino v bližini Antverpa in se potopil. Devet članov posadke je izgubilo življenje.

plaače za deset centov na uro. V njenih tovarnah je uposlenih okrog 265.000 avtnih delavcev.

Walter P. Reuther, predsednik avtne unije, je dejal, da zvišanje, katero je ponudila korporacija, ni zadostno. Unija zahteva zvišanje plače za 23 in pol centa na uro.

ITALIJANSKI KOMUNISTI PORAZENI V BORBI ZA VERSKO ENAKOPRAVNOST

Rim, 15. apr.—Komunistična stranka, ki je pred tremi tedni podprla predlog za odobritev lateranskega pakta, ki priznava katoličanstvo za državno vero, je bila zdaj poražena v borbi za garancijo v ustavi, da se prizna enakopravnost vseh ver v Italiji.

Premier Alcide de Gasperi, vodja stranke krščanskih demokratov, katero ima oporo v Vatikanu, je izvojeval zmago v borbi s komunisti in socialisti. Na svojo stran je dobil monarhistične in liberalce. Predlog za enakopravnost ver v Italiji je bil poražen s 140 proti 135 glasovom.

Predmet viharne debate je bila štirinajsta točka italijanske ustave, da se prizna pravica drugih ver do organiziranja in bogoslužja. Komunist Renzo Lancia je predlagal vključitev klavzule z besedilom: "Vse vere v Italiji so enakopravne pod zakonom." Predlog je nalletel na opozicijo

WALLACE TARČA OSTRE KRITIKE V KONGRESU

Kongresnik Thomas se izrekel za prosekucijo

PRESEDNIK TRUMAN MOLČI

Washington, D. C., 15. apr.— Henry A. Wallace, bivši trgovski tajnik, je razkačil kongresnike in senatorje, ker v svojih govorih v Angliji kritizira Trumanov program glede finančne in vojaške pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji in revizijo ameriške zunanje politike, katere cilj je ustavitve pohoda komunizma in raztegnitve vpliva sovjetske Rusije.

Kongresnik Thomas, republikanec iz New Jerseyja in načelnik odseka, ki vodi preiskavo neameriških aktivnosti, je predlagal prosekucijo Wallacea na podlagi 148 let starega Loganovega zakona. Ta določa tri leta zapora in plačitev \$5.000. Kazni je podvržen vsak ameriški državljan, ki se pajdaši in občuje z reprezentanti tuje vlade z namenom, da porazi ameriški načrt. Loganov zakon je bil sprejet l. 1790, ko se je morala mlada ameriška republika boriti proti prevratnim elementom v deželi.

Wallace je imel že več govorov v Angliji. V vseh je kritiziral revizijo ameriške zunanje politike in Trumanov program glede pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji. On stalno poudarja, da Trumanov program je odprto izvajanje Rusije in uvod v tretjo svetovno vojno.

Thomas je dejal, da se večina članov njegovega odseka strinja z njim. Federalni justični tajnik Clark mora podvzeti akcijo proti Wallaceu, da ga utihne, ker ni druge alternative.

Senator Vandenberg, republikanec iz Michigana in načelnik senatnega odseka za zunanje zadeve, je začel pritiskati na Trumana. Svetoval mu je, naj osebno odgovori Wallaceu, ki napada program glede pomoči Grčiji in Turčiji in katerega je označil za brezobzirni ameriški imperializem. Vandenberg ima oporo pri drugih senatorjih, ki tudi zahtevajo odločno akcijo. Truman še vedno molči.

Več kongresnikov in senatorjev je zahtevalo, naj Truman preklicje Wallaceov potni list in ga s tem utihne.

London, 15. apr.— Henry A. Wallace je odgovoril senatorjem, kongresnikom in listom, ki ga napadajo in kritizirajo. "Govoril bom v prilog miru povsod, kjer me bodo ljudje poslušali, do konca mojih dni," je dejal. "Stvari in zadeve, o katerih govorim, se ne tičejo samo Amerike in Velike Britanije, temveč vsega sveta. Večino med onimi, ki me napadajo in kritizirajo, tvorijo ljudje, ki so v sruči stari izolacionisti."

Wallace je odločno zavrnil obdolžitve kritikov, da je nelojalen ameriški državljan, ker v svojih govorih poudarja, da ameriška politika je v rokah ljudje, ki hočejo pognati Združene države v divjo in blazno moro brezobzirnega imperializma.

Prizadevanja za končanje stavke

Washington, D. C., 15. apr.— Federalna vlada je prišla na dan z novim načrtom v prizadevanjih za končanje stavke telefonskih delavcev. V stavki je za vojevanih okrog 340.000 delavcev. Načrt, katerega je sestavil delavski tajnik Schwellenbach, predvideva arbitražo. Predloženo je bil uniji, ki je oklicala stavko, in American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Delavski tajnik je pozval unijo in kompanijo, naj odgovorita, ali bosta sprejeli predlog ali ne, v 24 urah.

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Kampanja in stari člani

Prvo poročilo o rezultatih sedanje društvene kampanje za nove člane, ki je bilo objavljeno zadnje sredo v Prosveti, je moralo razveseliti vsakega člana, ki se kolikaj zanima za jednoto. Za prvi mesec kampanje je bilo to eno izmed najboljših poročil, ki jih je Prosveta že kdaj objavila. 465 novih članov za prvi mesec kampanje niso mačje solze! Vse priznanje onim članom (članice vstele!) in društvom, ki so se vrgla v to kampanjo. Upamo, da bo šla kampanja v tem, oziroma še v večjem tempu naprej do svojega zaključka — do 30. junija.

Priznati moramo, da smo bili veselo presenečeni nad tem poročilom kampanjskega direktorja br. Vrhovnika, ker smo bili več ali manj skeptični. In skeptični smo bili vsled tega, ker kampanja ni bila mesec vnaprej planirana in oglašana, marveč je prišla bolj naglo kot slične kampanje zadnjih let. Toda društva so se takoj od začetka v lepem številu — 25% — odzvala in rezultat je razveseljiv. S tem so društva s članstvom vred pokazala, da imajo zaupanje do svoje organizacije. Tako je tudi prav! Boljše podpornice organizacije, povsem poštene in delavsko zavedne, ne boste našli, če jo iščete z veliko lučjo ob beam dnevu.

Želeti je, da se tudi ostala društva spuste v to kampanjo in skušajo v svojem delokrogu storiti, kar se da doseči. Pri jednoti imamo 611 poslušajočih društev. Če vsako izmed teh društev stori toliko, da bo v končnem poročilu zastopano vsaj z enim ali dvema novima članoma, bo rezultat tak kot ga do zdaj nismo imeli še v nobeni kampanji. Poskusite! Čim več aktivnih društev, toliko večji bo uspeh kampanje! Pri vsakem društvu nekaj in končna suma bo velika. Saj veste—od kamna do kamna palača! Vso srečo pri vašem delu!

Zdaj pa naj se nekoliko dotaknemo vprašanja starih članov — plačevanja asesmenta zanje iz sklada izrednih podpor v smislu resolucije, ki je bila sprejeta na zadnji konvenciji. Na predzadnji seji gl. upravnega odbeska smo imeli prve prošnje na dnevnem redu. Bilo jih je okrog sto — morda nekaj več. Iz navedenih podatkov je bilo razvidno, da je bil ta sklep zadnje konvencije zelo potreben. Še bolj je seveda bilo, ako bi bila šla konvencija še malo dalje in dovolila vsaj pet centov zvišanja asesmenta v sklad izrednih podpor, tako da bi lahko iz tega sklada avtomatično plačevali asesment za vse člane, ko dosežejo starost 65 let — ali pa še manj. Petico ali desetico na mesec lahko vsak pogreši, posebno še, če gre v dobre namene. Toda kadar koli je na konvenciji kdo sugestiral povišanje asesmenta, magari samo za par centov, je takoj po vsej dvorani zoriilo: "Ne — No — nobenega zvišanja!" Človek je lahko dobil vtis, kot da smo največji skopuhi, največji etiskadli! Niti centa poviška asesmenta!!! Resnica pa je, da niso ne v konvenciji dvorani niti izven nje štele ne desetice niti dolarji...

Razvidno je, da se je med nami, vsaj med dobrim številom članstva razpasla nekakšna mamija, ki slepo nasprotuje vsakemu, tu di najmanjšemu povišanju asesmenta, brez ozira na namen. Na drugi strani pa je bila in je tudi danes splošna zahteva, "da je treba nekaj storiti za stare člane." Toda niti v ta namen, ki je sigurno plemenit, ne sme biti niti centa povišanja asesmenta! Kakor da bi jednota smela delati denar s stroji! (To pravico imajo v tej deželi le velebankirji! Niti vlada ne, oziroma jo je odstopila bankirjem!)

V skladu izrednih podpor je danes prilična vsota denarja — bližje \$200.000. Ta sklad se je izkazal kot zelo dobra ustanova. V pravem pomenu besede je to naš dobrodelni sklad, ustanovljen na waukeganski konvenciji leta 1925. Vanj plačujemo po šest, odnošno po štiri cente na mesec (slednje člani, ki so zavarovani samo za smrtnino). Ker nas je veliko, smo skozi 20 let tudi po par centih spravili skupaj čedno vsoto. Iz tega sklada lahko priskočimo na pomoč članom, ki so v veliki potrebi. Prav tako smo iz tega sklada v preteklosti sem in tam prispevali za stavarje, za člane, ki so bili prizadeti po poplavi ali ognju, in zadnja leta tudi za podporo našim bratom in sestram v starem kraju, Ameriskemu rdečemu križu in za ruski relief. Za vse to smo iz tega sklada v zadnjih 20 letih izplačali okrog \$200.000, ali približno polovico dohodkov.

Sedaj bo ta sklad služil v pretežni meri plačevanju asesmenta za one stare člane, ki jih krije prejšnja resolucija — ki so stari 65 let ali več, v jednoti 35 let ali več in v potrebi. Zadnje besede je treba poudariti, kar v resnici neradi storimo, kajti izgleda kot bi hoteli odbijati upravljene člane, naj pri svojih družtvih ne vložijo prošnje za plačevanje njih asesmenta iz sklada izrednih podpor. Tega ne mislimo. Vsak član ali članica, ki zadošči predpisom te resolucije in JE v potrebi in RES lahko plačuje asesment, naj se ne pomišlja. Tudi naj tega nihče ne smatra za miloščino, kajti to v resnici ni, marveč je le proženje bratske roke v potrebi s strani vsega članstva. Zato smo pač pri jednoti, da si lahko drug drugemu pomagamo. Vsa je za namen in pomen pravega bratstva.

Prej smo podčrtali besedo "potreba" iz razloga, ker naš sklad izrednih podpor ob sedanjih prispevkih ni tako velik, da bi mogli plačevati asesment za vse člane, ki so stari 65 let ali več, kakor to mnogi žele. Ako bi bila zadnja konvencija zvišala asesment v ta sklad vsaj za pet centov, bi to vsaj za prihodnja štiri leta lahko storili in plačevali asesment za vse člane z omenjeno starostjo brez ozira, koliko časa je kdo v jednoti. Ako bi se pokazalo da prihodnje konvencije, da bi to zvišanje ne zadostovalo v ta namen, bi lahko ta prispevek zvišali še za nekaj centov.

V resnici bi bilo dobro, ako bi v ta sklad toliko plačevali, da bi iz njega lahko plačevali asesment v primeru daljše bresposelnosti ali boleznj, ko človek nima zaslužka, stehernemu članu, bres osira na starost. TO BI BILO RES PRAVO BRATSTVO. Ampak

NEKAJ GLEDE DNEVNIKA IN ZVIŠANJA NAROČNINE

Barberton, O.—Ze dolgo časa se nisem oglašil v Prosveti, zato bom pa danes spregovoril nekaj besed v obrambo Prosvete.

Upravnik Prosvete je naznanil v listu, da bo stala naročnina na Prosveto s 1. majem \$8. Prečital sem tudi ves zapisnik zadnjega polletnega zborovanja glavnega odbora SNPJ. Ne strinjam se, da se je podražilo Prosveto za \$2 letno. Ali res ni bilo drugega izhoda kot zvišanje naročnine na dnevnik, ne pa zvišanje naročnine bo prizadelo najbolj stare člane, ki so v pokoju, pokojnina pa je zmeraj enaka in se ne da nič zvišati. Iz tega sledi, da bi bilo potrebno zvišati asesment za 2 centa za uradno glasilo, da bi kril njegove izdatke, kajti sedaj jih ne.

S takim zvišanjem prispevkov za uradno glasilo bi se zaeno pomagalo kriti stroške za dnevnik. Saj tudi dnevnik oglašja in agitira za SNPJ! Verjemite mi, da če ne bi imeli dnevnika Prosvete, ne bi bila danes SNPJ to, kar je.

Ker bo naročnina zvišana s prvim majem za \$2, zato apeliram na vse, ki še niso naročeni na dnevnik, naj se sedaj takoj naročijo, dokler je še naročnina po stari ceni, to je \$6 letno. Jaz zelo rad čitam dnevnik, ker je zelo zanimiv in podučljiv, zato pa je priporočljivo, da bi glavni odbor porušil tisti predlog, ki določa zvišanje naročnine za \$2 na leto in naj se postavi nazaj staro ceno, kajti drugače ne bo hotelo veliko naročnikov obnoviti naročnine, še teže pa bo pridobiti kakšnega novega naročnika. Zato pa priporočam, naj bi rajši krili primanjkljaj iz jednotine blagajne, na drugi strani pa se naj manj izdaja za druge namene.

Prosveto še vedno potrebujemo, a ne samo za čitatelje, ampak tudi za jednoto, ker je boljše oglaševalec jednote kot pa vsi drugi oglaš skupaj, za katere jednota izdaja denar. Reči moram, da je dnevnik res zanimiv, ne pa glasilo, kajti prinaša po večini samo uradne društvene in jednotine zadeve, ki povprečnega čitatelja toliko ne zanimajo.

Alois Osepcek.
Komentar upravnika:—Po vašem mišljenju naj bi glavni odbor zvišal naročnino na dnevnik v obliki zvišanja asesmenta za dva centa na vsakega člana. Prvič je treba omeniti, da glavni odbor nima moči, da bi lahko zvišal asesment. To lahko stori le članstvo s splošnim glasovanjem ali pa konvencija. Drugič pa je vprašanje, ali bi bili oni člani, ki niso naročniki na dnevnik, zadovoljni s takim poviškom. V jednoti imamo namreč veliko članov različnih narodnosti, ki sploh ne znajo čitati slovensko.

Sicer pa asesment, ki ga plačujemo vsi člani po deset centov mesečno za glasilo, povsem zadostuje za kritje tiskovnih in drugih stroškov. Resnica je, da je glasilo vsaj do danes delalo prebitke, ki je šel za subvencioniranje dnevnika. Prosveti (dnevniku) pomaga tudi to, ker so družinski člani lahko prišteti k naročninu. Oboje je toliko pomagalo, da smo do zdaj lahko izdajali dnevnik in tednik brez povišanja naročnine. Stroški so se pa zdaj toliko zvišali—papir, plače in druge potrebščine—da je bil glavni odbor prisiljen na

VESELICA DRUŠTVA 425 SNPJ

Elm Grove, W. Va.—Naše društvo je na zadnji seji sklenilo, da priredi veselico, ker nismo imeli nobene priredbe že dolgo časa. Preostanek je namenjen v korist društvene blagajne, katere se počasi niza.

Veselica se bo vršila 26. aprila v Star Tavernu, Triadelphia, W. Va. Vabimo rojake in rojakinje od blizu in daleč. Za ples bom igral Frank Kosem ml. On igra za mlade in stare. Torej na svidenje 26. aprila!

Mary Kosem, tajnica.

ZARJANI NASTOPIJO NA PROLETARČEVI PRIREDBI

Chicago, Ill.—V nedeljo, 20. popoldne bodo na Proletarčevi priredbi v dvorani SNPJ peli pevci in pevke clevelandskega zbora Zarje. Kot poroča Andy Turkman, eden mlajših aktivnih članov Zarje v zadnji številki Proletarca, bo Zarja poslala oktet in z njim pride še dodatno število Zarjanov. Peli bodo v oktetu, kvartetu, tercetu, duetu in solih. Kadar Zarjani pojejo, dobi vsak posamezen udeleženec velik duševen užitek. To vam garantira podpisani, ki je imel priliko prisostvovati Zarjinim nastopom osemnajst let.

Ampak to ni vse, da Zarjani lepo pojo, pač pa je tudi važno za napredni element to, da so Zarjani stebber najnaprednejšega gibanja v Clevelandu že zadnjih trideset let. Pevski zbor Zarja ni nikdar odklonil svojega sodelovanja, kadar je bila priredba v korist delavskega ali narodno naprednega gibanja. Kadar je šlo v korist narodnih domov, je Zarja sodelovala, dalje v prid stavarjem, na stotine nastopov pa je podala v korist naprednim društvom. Sodelovala je na različnih prireditvah za podporo našim ljudem v stari domovini in darovala več stotakov iz svoje blagajne. Sodelovala je korist SANSove politične akcije, kakor tudi več kot pred petindvajsetimi leti v prid J. R. Z., katere smernice je v zadnji vojni jugoslovansko ljudstvo s krvjo pridobilo. Na kratko rečeno: Zarja je bila vedno pripravljena sodelovati in prispevati iz svoje blagajne za nepredne narodne in delavske akcije.

Čikaški in okoliški Slovenci in Slovenke, pridite v nedeljo, 20. aprila, v dvorano SNPJ in pozdravite ta izraziti progresivni slovenski pevski zbor Zarjo s tem, da napolnite dvorano SNPJ do zadnjega kotička. Pri programu bo sodeloval tudi moški pevski zbor Prešeren in mladinski krožek SNPJ, kar bo program še bolj bogatelo. Razveseljivo je to, da so stara nasprotna med naprednimi čikaškimi Slovenci v razslu. Napredni čikaški Slovenci lahko gledamo v obraz svetlejši bodočnosti na napredno-delavskem in narodno-kulturnem polju. Če bo naša odkritostna in dobra volja obvladala, si bomo lahko v bližnji bodočnosti zgradili svoj narodno-kulturni hram.

ČASI SE SPREMINJAJO

Gowanda, N. Y.—Pred vojno smo imeli tu poleg slovensko poslušajočih društev tudi dve angleško poslušajoči, in sicer od SNPJ in ABZ. Članstvo, posebno zadnjih dveh društev, je bilo zelo aktivno bodisi v sportu, s prirejanjem zabav, poleg tega pa so člani potovali iz kraja v kraj na priredbe.

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NA ZNANJE ČLANSTVU DRUŠTVA 59 SNPJ

De Pue, Ill.—Članstvu društva Zavednost 59 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo vršila redna mesečna seja v nedeljo, 20. aprila, začetek ob 10. uri popoldne v Slovenskem domu. Asesment bom pobiral pred sejo in po seji, kot običajno.

Precejšnje število naših članov in članic ima lepo lastnost in navado, da pridejo na sejo in tam plačajo svoj asesment, imamo pa tudi take, ki radi zastelejo. Torej prosim vse domače in zunanje člane, da plačajo svoj asesment pravočasno in s tem olajšajo delo tajniku.

Na prihodnji seji bomo imeli na dnevnem redu veliko važnih stvari. Podani bodo računi za zadnje tri mesece in slišali boste tudi glede obstoja naše društvene blagajne.

Zadnje priredbo smo imeli leta 1937, ko smo obhajali 30-letnico našega društva, nato pa smo l. 1944 imeli naklado \$1 na člana. To je dvakrat v zadnjih desetih letih. Glavni dotok v našo blagajno je, ker društvo lastuje 40 delnic po \$10 tukajšnjega Slovenskega doma. Od leta 1940 smo prejeli že šestkrat dividende po \$1 na delnico, kar pomeni, da je naš majhni Slovenski dom v veliko korist društveni blagajni in vsem delničarjem.

Sedaj je v teku kampanja za novo članstvo v mladinski in odrasli oddelek SNPJ. Kampanja se je pričela 1. marca in bo končana 30. junija. Torej bo trajala samo štiri mesece. Apeliram na brate in sestre, posebno pa še na društvene odbornike, da sedaj vsi skupaj pokažemo naše zanimanje in lojalnost do društva in jednote. Ako bomo šli skupno na delo, bomo dosegli našemu društvu določeno kvoto, namreč 15 novih članov v obo oddelek.

Jednota ima tri vrste zavarovanja za odrasli oddelek in prav tako tri za mladinski, namreč: Navadno ali dosmrtno zavarovanje, 20-letno plačano zavarovanje in 20-letno obdarilno zavarovanje. Novi in zdravi kandidati od 16—35 leta starosti se lahko zavarujejo za \$500 smrtnine in \$1 bolniške podpore na dan, ne da bi se morali podvreči zdravniški preiskavi, če pa se zavarujejo za višjo vsoto, morajo pa biti zdravniško preiskani. Za zdravniško preiskavo do vsote \$2 plača jednota.

V mladinski oddelek pa se sprejema otroke do 16 leta brez zdravniške preiskave. Torej, bratje in sestre, naše društvo ima določeno kvoto, ki znaša 15 novih članov, in spada v razred B. Prvi mesec kampanje smo vpisali šest članov in smo bili na drugem mestu v razredu B, torej nam manjka še devet članov in kvota bo dosežena. Nagovorite vaše domače in jih predlagajte na prihodnji seji.

Na bolniški listi se nahajata: Br. Frank Juvan in sestra Angela Spolar. Obiščite ju, kajti prijateljski obisk bolniku dobro dene. Želim jima hitrega okrevanja.

John Zughich, tajnik 59 SNPJ.

GOVANDA, N. Y.—Pred vojno

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PIKNIK V POČAST VETERANOM

Med vojno so se naša društva zavezala in pričela zbirati poseben sklad, iz katerega se je financiralo za priredbo v počast iz vojne vrtnivšim se članom. V ta sklad smo zbrali nad \$1,100 in zadnje jesen se je vršila prosta zabava za vojake, njih žene in ljubice. Ker pa nam je ostalo nad petsto dolarjev, bomo zopet v ta namen priredili piknik 20. julija in povabljeni bodo tudi starši veteranov.

25-letnica društva 325 SNPJ

Kakor sem poročal že zadnji teden, bo naše društvo 325 SNPJ obhajalo 19. aprila 35-letnico svojega obstanka. Naj še enkrat ponovim, da bo zabava in humorja na pretek. Nastopil bo mladinski krožek, tukaj rojeni mladeniči v kvartetu, nekaj kratkih nagovorov in predstavitev ustanoviteljev društva. Nato pa bo vprizrojena zelo smešna burka "Čarodejna brivnica". Tisti, ki ste videli pred leti igre v Gowandi, se še gotovo spominjate, da so bili dobro podane in vsem ugajale. Seveda, marsikateri diletant nas je že napustil, vseeno pa bomo poskušali oživetiti naš oder.

V igri bodo nastopili: Charles Sterniša st., Joseph Pečnik, Martin Matekovič, Peter Yeram, John in Nellie Vehar in podpisani. Če pa bi kateri igralcev pozabil kakšno besedo, nam bo pomagala osvežiti spomin Danica Strnad.

Članstvo je prošeno, da se udeležijo te priredbe v velikem številu, enako vabimo tudi druge znance in prijatelje. Vstopnina je samo 50c, torej ni previska za praznovanje tako pomembne proslave. Le pridite in se boste z nami nekaj ur veselo zabavali!

Programu bo sledil ples, za katere bodo igrali Mlkarjevi fantje, kateri so izvršni igralci. Stisnili bomo tudi kozarček rujnega na zdravje naših ustanoviteljev. Torej na svidenje 19. aprila, začetek točno ob osmih zvečer v Slovenskem klubu.

OBVESTILO DELEGACIJI SANSa

Cleveland, O.—Stanovanjski odbor obvešča delegate in delegatkinje konvencije SANSa, katere se bo vršila v Clevelandu 30. 31. maja, da se takoj javijo temu odboru v svrhu preskrbe stanovanj. Poskušali bomo dobiti čim več stanovanj pri naših rojakih, seveda, ne smemo pozabiti, da so težave v teh kritičnih časih, ko je veliko pomanjkanje stanovanj. Na podlagi naših informacij so tudi hoteli precej napolnjeni v teh dneh, ker se bodo vršile razne konvencije v istih dneh. Seveda, naš odbor bo skušal izvršiti svoje delo po svojih najboljših močeh.

Torej, delegati in delegatkinje, so prošene, da se takoj prijavijo stanovanjskemu odboru za stanovanje oz. prenočišče ob času konvencije. Ne odlašajte, sporočite nam takoj! Obrnite se na tajnico tega odbora Josephine Trašnik, 1116 E. 71 st., telefon EN 9991, ali na J. F. Durna, 15805 Waterloo rd., telefon KE 5800, ali na Antona Jankoviča, 14214 Westropp ave.

Na naše rojake v okolici St. Clairja pa se obračamo s prošnjo, da sporočijo temu odboru, če imajo sobe na razpolago. Prošeni ste, da sodelujete z odborom. Stanovanja bodo dobrodošla tudi v collinwoodski naseelbini. Podobno poročilo smo prejeli malo pozneje od sestre Trašnik. Objavljeno bo prih. sredo.

—Ured. J. F. Durn.

VABILO NA VESELICO DRUŠTVA 304 SNPJ

San Francisco, Cal.—Društvo Tabor Slovanov 304 SNPJ vlučudo vabi na veselico dne 3. maja v Slovenskem domu, 2101 Mariposa st. in Vermont.

Naznanjam članstvu, da je bilo sklenjeno na letni seji, da vsak član plača 50c v društveno blagajno in za to vsoto dobi vstopnico za majsko veselico.

Anna Barich, tajnica.

NAROČITE SE NA DNEVNIK PROSVETO!

Cleveland, O.—Podpisani, ki je stalni zastopnik dnevnika Prosvete, ponovno apeliram na člane in članice SNPJ in druge nečlane, da se naročite na ta odkritostni delavski časopis čimprej ko močete, to je še pred prvim majem, kajti po tem datumu bo naročnina zvišana za \$2.

Ob tej priliki ponovno poudarjam, da je Prosveta pod sedanjim gl. urednikom Tonetom Gardnom in njegovim pomočnikom Milanom Medveškom (ali čitate njegove komentarje in dopise? Ali niso eni izmed najboljših?) najboljši slovenski časopis v Ameriki!

Ze s tega stališča apeliram na vse, ki še niso naročeni na dnevnik, da se takoj naročite nanj in ga podprite, dokler ga imamo. Za delavski časopis kot je Prosveta se nam ne sme smiliti nekaj dolarjev. Saj ga človek čita z veseljem in zanimanjem. Torej naročite se takoj. V Clevelandu in okolici se lahko z zaupanjem obrnete name osebno, pisмено ali telefonično. Moj naslov je: Anton Jankovič, 14214 Westropp ave., Cleveland 10, Ohio, telefon Liberty 6603.

DRAMA SIN NA ČIKAŠKEM ODRU 4. MAJA

Chicago, Ill.—Naznanjamo cejnjenemu občinstvu v Chicagu in okolici, da je datum proslave druge obletnice osvoboditve Slovenije, katere se bo vršila pod avspicijoo centralnega odbora SANSovih podružnic, vsled tehničnih vzrokov prestavljen z 11. maja na dan 4. maja 1947. Proslava se bo vršila v dvorani SNPJ, 2657 So. Lawndale ave., Chicago, Ill. Začetek točno ob 3. uri popoldne. Vstopnice za prireditev, ki so že kupljene v predprodaji in imajo datum 11. maja 1947, bodo seveda veljavne za dan 4. maja 1947.

Na programu bo poleg pevskih točk tudi krasna drama "Sin" v štirih dejanjih, katero bodo igrali naši najboljši igralci in igralko, kakor tudi nove igralske moči.

Dramo "Sin" je spisal Engelbert Gangl in je bila menda pred leti igrana po skoro vseh slovenskih odrh v stari domovini, kakor tudi po mnogih naših odrh v Ameriki. Snov je zajeta v majhnem slovenskem mestu in slika propast mladega sina Slemenčeve družine, ki ne more kontrolirati svojih strasti in notranjih konfliktov ter kot slabihi spravi v nesrečo vse tiste, katere najbolj ljubi.

Naslovno vlogo igra Milan Medvešek, ki obenem igra režisura. V igri dalje nastopijo Nick Menger, Andrew Miško, Frances Vider, Helena Kusar, Anton Krapenc, Frances Vimar in Joe Zupančič. Mlajše nove moči pa so: Gloria Bohinc, Stanley Kužnik in Molly Thomas. Igralci so večinoma naši znanci, kar nam jamči, da bodo imeli udeleženci te prireditve par ur lepega užitka in gotovo smo, da ne bo nikomur žal, kdor se bo udeležil.

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Pozdravljeni!
Za centralni odbor podružnic SANSa:

Frank Smith, tajnik.

SEJA PODRUŽNICE SANSa V STRABANU

Strabano, Pa.—Naznanjam vsem skupinam, ki so sodelovale v naši podružnici SANSa in se ustanovo podpirali finančno, da se bo vršila podružnična seja 20. aprila, začetek ob dveh popoldne. Na dnevnem redu bo predložilo nadzornega odbeska o prišpevkih vsake skupine, namreč koliko je doprinesla in prispevala za SANS. Po poročilu pa bo vsaka skupina obveščena, če ima pravico do zastopstva na drugi redni konvenciji SANSa, ki se bo vršila v Clevelandu.

Torej ta seja bo važna za vse, zato je potrebno, da se je udeležite v velikem številu.

John Terčelj, predsednik.

Federacije S. N. P. J.

ZAPISNIK CLEVELANDSKE FEDERACIJE SNPJ

Cleveland, O. — Zadržana seja clevelandske federacije SNPJ se je vršila v soboto, 29. marca.

Predsednik Matt Petrovich odpre sejo ob 8. uri. Zapisnik seje z dne 22. februarja je sprejet kot čitan.

Tajnica Josephine Tratin prečita pismo sestre pianistke Molly Plur, v katerem se zahvaljuje za poslani šolnik v času njene bolezni.

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tako bomo razmetrivali o pripravah za "Slovenski dan". Najvažnejša točka pa bo poročilo zastopnikov in pripravljalec odbora za pennsylvanijski dan SNPJ, kateri se bo vršil 29. junija v Veroni. Na dnevnem redu bo tudi več drugih zadev, na primer poročila zastopnikov o uspehih tekoče kampanje za novo članstvo.

Jacob Ambrozic, tajnik.

SEJA FEDERACIJE ZA OKRAJJA FAYETTE IN GREENE

Vestaburg, Pa. — Seja federacije za okrajja Fayette in Greene se bo vršila 27. aprila pri Joveu Rožancu v Fridecktownu. Sestra Pečjak je naredila malo pomoto, ko je zapisala, da se bo vršila seja pri Drganecu. Pravilno je pri Rožancu. Toliko v pojasnilo, da bodo zastopniki na katerem.

Želeti je, da pošljejo vsa društva na sejo svoje zastopnike, kajti na dnevnem redu bomo imeli važne zadeve in pogovorili se bomo, kdaj bomo imeli federacijski dan in katerega govornika bomo povabili.

Na sejo naj pošljejo svoje zastopnike kot opazovalce tudi tista društva, ki še niso včlanjena v naši federaciji. Torej na svidenje 27. t. m. na hribčku pri bratu Rožancu!

Jacob Baloh, preds. federacije.

SEJA CLEVELANDSKE FEDERACIJE

Cleveland, O. — Ker se vrši konec meseca aprila National Bowling Tournament v Chicagu, Ill., katerega se bo udeležilo mnogo naših

Clevelandčanov, smo bili prisiljeni spremeniti datum naše prihodnje federacijske seje. Vršila se bo v soboto, dne 19. aprila, začetek ob 8. uri zvečer.

Odbornikom sledečih skupin: Clevelandske federacije, atletske lige in pa mladinskega pevškega zbora za naznanjam, da imamo skupni sestanek isti večer par ur pred federacijsko sejo, t. j. ob 6. uri. Namen tega sestanka bo organizirati razne odbore, ki so nam potrebni za izvršitev raznih del ob priliki praznovanja narodnega dneva SNPJ, ki se bo vršil v Clevelandu prihodnje jeseni. Ti odbori bodo predloženi federacijski seji v odobritev.

MATT PETROVICH, predsednik federacije.

ZADNJI POZIV NA FEDERACIJSKO SEJO

Bellaire, O. — Seja bridgportske federacije SNPJ se bo vršila 27. aprila na Windsor Heightsu, W. Va., začetek ob 10. uri dopoldne v Unjaski dvorani.

Dolžnost vseh okoliških društev je, da pošljejo na sejo svoje zastopnike. Na sejo naj pošljejo svoje zastopnike tudi tista društva, ki niso včlanjena v federaciji, da se na lastne oči prepričajo o delovanju federacije.

Po seji pa se bomo po bratsko pogovarjali in zabavali, kajti društvo 407 SNPJ bo preskrbelo prigrizek in pijačo. Zatorej ponovno apeliramo, naj se udeležijo federacijske seje zastopniki vseh društev SNPJ v naši okolici, da z združenimi moči ukrenemo vse najboljšje v korist federacije, društve in jednote. Torej na svidenje 27. aprila na Windsor Heightsu!

Louis Pavlinich, tajnik.

PONOVO VABILO NA VESELICO GOSPODINSKEGA KLUBA

Springfield, Ill. — Zopet se oglašam in vabim na priredbo gospodinskega kluba. V mojem zadnjem dopisu niso imenovane naše nasebine Auburn, Virden in Taylorville. Torej vabimo prav prijazno na veselico tudi rojake iz omenjenih nasebin. Veselica se bo vršila v soboto, 26. aprila, začetek ob pol devetih zvečer v Slovenskem delavskem domu.

Naj omenim, da sta članici gospodinskega kluba v Auburnu Rosie Rupnik in Mary Lapanja prodali vse listke in s tem pokazali, da sta delavci za naš Slovenski delavski dom. Prav lepa hvala!

Zaključujem in kličem vsem rojakom in rojakinjam na svidenje v soboto zvečer, 26. aprila, v Slovenskem delavskem domu! Vstopnina je 50c in 10c zvezni davek.

Antonia Church, predsednica gospod. kluba.

SEJA PODRUŽNICE 33 SANSa IN BRIDGEPORTSKE FEDERACIJE

Barton, O. — Opozarjam članstvo tukajšnje podružnice 33 SANSa, da se bo vršila izredna seja v nedeljo, 20. aprila, v Društveni dvorani v Boydsvillu, začetek ob treh popoldne.

Ker nisem prejel od zadnje seje potrebnih navodil iz glavnice urada SANSa glede volitve delegata za SANSovo konvencijo, zato v ta namen sklicujem sejo, kajti če hočemo, da bo na konvenciji zastopana tudi naša podružnica, moramo izvoliti delegata še ta mesec. Torej pridite na sejo in razpravljajte bomo tudi, ali nam je organizacija SANS še vedno potrebna. Jaz mislim, da je.

V nedeljo, 27. aprila, pa se bo vršila seja bridgeportske federacije na Windsor Heightsu, W. Va. Apelliramo na društva, da pošljejo na sejo svoje zastopnike. Pričetek seje ob desetih dopoldne.

John Viten, taj. 33 SANSa in pred. federacije.

PREMALO ZANIMANJA ZA DRUŠTVO

Yale, Kans. — Društvo št. 9 SNPJ šteje sto članov, lahko pa bi štelo 125 članov in članic, ako bi vpisal v društvo vsak član svojo ženo in vsaka članica svojega moža. Težko je tudi glede članov v mladinskem oddelku. Ves trud je znan in le redko kdaj se mi posreči, da pridobim katerega otroka v društvo.

Potožiti moram malo tudi glede naših sej. Včasih se udeležijo

seje le toliko članov, da jo lahko obdržujemo. Večina članov živi v bližini dvorane, vendar jih ne vidimo drugače na seji kot tedaj, kadar imajo kakšno prošnjo.

Res ne vem, kaj bo z našim društvom. Tisti, ki se udeležujejo sej, se polagoma starajo, mladih članov pa nikdar ne vidimo na seji. Oni pravijo, da je "inšuren" boljši in da pride po prispevke agent na dom. Dasi-ravno je bilo še veliko članov nasumkanih pri komercialnih zavarovalnih družbah, vendar pa vzlje temu bolj hvaljivo inšuren kot pa naša društva.

John Pecar, tajnik.

V SPOMIN PRVE OBLETNICE SMRTI SOPROGA

Nokomis, Ill. — Spominjamo se smrti našega nepozabnega soproga in očeta Franka Gasparaca, ki je preminul 19. aprila 1946. Zapustil je užaloščeno soprogo, sinove, snaha in vnuke. Pozabiti Te ne moremo in z vsakim dnem Te bolj pogrešamo. Počivaj v miru in naj Ti bo lahka ameriška gruda!

Pokojnik je bil dolgoletni predsednik društva 180 SNPJ, a to ob njegovi smrti ni bilo omenjeno v Prosveti. Tudi ostali člani družine so člani SNPJ.

Žalujoloča soproga — Ivanka Gasparac in družina.

Društvene vesti

Ironton, Minn. — Članstvu društva 197 SNPJ dajem na znanje, da mi okolnosti ne dovoljujejo, da bi še nadalje obdržal tajniški urad, zato se naj zvečer obrača od sedaj naprej v društvenih zadevah na zapisničarja Antona Krmotiča.

Peter Smiljanic.

Waukegan, Ill. — Članicam društva št. 119 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo društvena seja vršila v soboto, 19. aprila, začetek ob 8. uri zvečer.

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Antonia Bezek, tajnica.

Zahvala

Ker se ne morem zahvaljevati vsakemu posamezno, se tem potam najprisrčneje zahvaljujem vsem, ki ste me obiskali ali mi poslali izjave sočutja v času moje bolezni, na domu ali v bolnišnici. Le tisti, ki je kaj takega preskusil ve, v kolikoli meri to pomaga olajšati bolečine, ter ve to pravilno centi. Torej iskrena in pristrana hvala vsem! — Pauline Palcic, 1240 So. Main, Greenburg, Pa.

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PRVOMAJNIŠKA PROSLAVA

Arma, Kansas. — Nekaj nekje ne bi bilo prav, če bi kansaška društva SNPJ ali federacija, kot zdaj pravimo, ne preredita svoje skupno prvomajniško proslavo. Prvo tako priredbo smo imeli prviga maja leta 1908, tako bomo prihodnje leto praznovali 40-letnico naših skupnih majniških priredb.

Letošnija majniška veselica se bo vršila v soboto, 3. maja, v Franklinu, v dvorani Community, tam kot lansko leto. Naj omenim za zdaj, da dobimo za to priredbo krasne jednotine slike, ki so bile vzete prošlo poletje v Minnesoti, za časa jednotine konvencije. Slike so lepo delo in bodo gotovo zanimale vsakega. Na programu bomo imeli še druge stvari, kar pač spada na majniško veselico, na priredbo zavednega delavstva.

Ker so postale tako redke te naše društvene veselice, upam da zagotovo pridete na to našo pomembno priredbo. Začetek ob 4. uri popoldne. Začetek ob 4. uri popoldne. Začetek ob 4. uri popoldne. Začetek ob 4. uri popoldne.

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VESELICA KEGLJAČEV

Chicago, Ill. — Kakor je bilo že poročano v Prosveti v angleški sekciji, bo društvo Pioneer 559 SNPJ priredilo veliko kegljaško veselico v soboto zvečer, 26. aprila, v Havličkovi dvorani na 2619 So. Lawndale ave. Ta priredba bo ena največjih, kar smo jih še imeli do sedaj. Torej, Čikažani in okoličani, obiščite nas na ta večer in imeli boste priložnost seznaniti se z drugimi Slovenci, ki bodo prišli iz raznih nasebin. Pričakujemo najmanj 500 oseb izvena Chicaga, na primer iz Waukegana, Milwaukeeja, Detroita, Clevelanda, Pennine in iz drugih manjših nasebin.

Za ples bosta igrali dve godbi, in sicer George Rusch and his boys in Frank Porovne iz Verone, Pa.

Kegljaški odbor je pridno na delu in bo vsem dobro postregel. Važno pa je, da posetniki izven Chicaga pošljejo pravočasno rezervacije za prenočišča. Mi imamo rezerviranih 200 sob v hotelu Morrison, toda pošljite rezervacije direktno na upravo hotela. Naslov: Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Ill.

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Kadar pridete v Chicago, se lahko napotite direktno v glavni stan SNPJ, 2657 So. Lawndale ave., kjer boste dobili potrebne informacije, prav tako boste lahko dobili kaj jesti ali piti, kajti dvorana bo odprta v soboto, 26. aprila, od 8. ure zjutraj naprej, prav tako v nedeljo, 27. aprila. Na ta dan se bo serviralo tudi posebno kosilo.

Sedaj pa nekaj besed članstvu

našega društva. V petek zvečer,

18. aprila, imamo redno mesečno sejo, zato pozivam vse članstvo, da se udeležijo te važne seje, kajti na dnevnem redu bomo imeli več važnih točk. Najvažnejša zadeva pa bo glede dela za kegljaško tekmo, ki se bo vršila 26. in 27. aprila. Ta večer bomo imeli tudi mladinski večer in bo pripravljen dober program za mladiho in odrasle. Mladinski člani bodo dobili darila. Torej, starši, pripeljite svoje otroke, ki so člani mladinskega oddelka, na to sejo. Servirali jim bomo sladoled in sladkarije, za odrasle člane pa dober prigrizek, tako da ne boste zlepa pozabili 18. aprila.

Za odbor: John Simon.

VAŽNA PRIRÉDBA V S. CHICAGO

S. Chicago, Ill. — Poročano je že bilo, da bo Jugoslovanski centralni odbor, sestojeci iz Srbov, Hrvatov in Slovencev v S. Chicagu, priredil zabavo v nedeljo, 20. aprila, v Barney's Grillu, 9231 Houston ave., to je bivša dvorana Eagles.

Ta odbor deluje skupno v naši nasebini še nekaj let in zbrali smo že precej denarja in ga odposlali v pomoč jugoslovanskemu narodu. Tudi čisti dobiček te zabave je namenjen v pomoč jugoslovanskemu narodu.

Na tej priredbi bo imelo občinstvo priliko slišati moža, ki se je bil udeležil vseslovenskega kongresa v Belgradu. On vam bo podal pravo sliko o današnjih razmerah v Jugoslaviji. Imeli bomo tudi govornika v slovenskem jeziku. Občinstvo je vjužno vabljeno na udeležbo. Za žejne in lačne bo tudi dobro preskrbljeno. Vstopnina je samo 50c. Vstopnice si lahko nabavite pri članih podružnice 54 SANSa, prav tako pri podpisanih, ali pa pri vratih.

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Jacob Briljavc.

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kje se nahaja moj brat ALOJZ MARJETIČ, rojen leta 1885 v vasi Zlogaje, pošta Škocjan pri Novem mestu. Kdor koli bi vedel kje se nahaja in ako je sploh še živ, ga uljudno prosim, da mi to sporoči, va kar bom zelo hvaležna. Sporočite na moj naslov: Mrs. Agnes Birk, 1129-2nd Street, Lorain, Ohio—all pa bo sam ta oglas čital, naj piše in se javi svoji sestri na naslov: Tereziya Rak, Zlogaje št. 4, pošta Škocjan pri Novem mestu, Jugoslavija.

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Na dnevnem redu bodo poročila zastopnikov, ki so zastopali federacijo na konferenci Ameriškega slovenskega kongresa, ki se je vršila 21. februarja v Pittsburghu. Prav

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STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—On April 6 at the SNPJ Hall, the Pioneers held their regular meeting with a fine turnout of members. A report was given by Treas. Frank Kaminski on the March 8 and 9 affair, which proved very successful.

Fifteen new names were presented for membership in the Pioneers. Sworn in as a new member was Agnes Golensky.

A report on the American Slovene Day to be held at West View Park was given by Frank Delost, who with Joseph Koklich were Lodge 589's representatives at the meeting held in Pittsburgh.

Elected as Pioneer representatives to the Federation meeting to be held in Avella on April 20 were John Podboy, Frank Podboy and Frank Tomatic. Frank Delost was chosen alternate.

At this meeting also was elected an additional representative to the house committee. Elected was August H. Riska.

The athletic committee announced that a Sunday ball league composed of members from 138 and 589 will be formed and anyone desiring to ball can see Jane Kenowski, Rudolph Krulce, Frank Waminski and Frank Podboy of the athletic committee.

An announcement was made that Frankie Yankovich will play a return engagement in Strabane on May 10 at the SNPJ Hall. The entire proceeds from this affair will go into the fund to pay dues for all members of 138 and 589 who are over 65 years of age. Frankie Yankovich needs no introduction for his fine orchestra is well known. We understand that he will play the "Strabane Polka" which he recently recorded, for all you people who like to polka. So plan to spend May 10 at the SNPJ Hall in Strabane for a good time.

The two dollar award was won by Tony (Basha) Progar. The attendance we said was good, but we still think it can be improved. We should have twice the members present Sunday, at all of our meetings. So let's see a nice, big turnout of members for our May meeting. All members are urged to take notice that beginning with the May meeting, the time will be 7 pm. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 4, at 7 pm. Plan to attend this meeting, it will be important.

Pioneer Patter

Everyone at the club on Sunday enjoyed the music of Frankie Marsek on the accordion, Johnny Speth on the sax and the bass player, whose name we're sorry to say, we've forgotten. It was fine music, fellows, and everyone enjoyed it. At the conclusion of the lodge meeting, the drawing for the \$500 by the Chicago Bowling League was held. The lucky person to win was "Red" Rossell of Canonsburg. It seemed that no one could get enough of the song "One Night in May." It was sung over and over. If you want to see a good bowling match, watch the youngsters from Juvenile Circles 19 and 27 roll on the local alleys on April 20 in the national SNPJ telegraphic tourney.

PUBLICITY COMM. 589.

Cardinals Plan Birthday Dance

BRIDGEPORT, O.—This is just a reminder that on April 26, the SNPJ Cardinals No. 640 are holding their 19th Anniversary Dance, at Boydsville Hall. The Cards are planning a bang-up celebration and everyone attending can be sure that they will have a grand time.

Music will be furnished by Jack Guzel and his Melody Mixers from Bridgeville, Pa. Jack Guzel is famous for his Slovenian polkas, and his modern music is also of the best, so both young and old folks will certainly enjoy hearing his Melody Mixers play.

The Cards are certainly putting forth every effort to assure all members and friends that they will see that everyone enjoys himself to the utmost. BETTY B. SEUSCHEK.

Lodge 304 Slates Dance for May 3

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — We are holding our annual May Dance on Wednesday evening, May 3. We would like all our members and friends from San Francisco and the Bay Area to come to the dance and have a good time. The dance will be held at the Slovene Progressive Home, 2181 Mariposa st., and will begin at 9 o'clock. There will be both Slovene and American music. JUNE BARICH, 304.

N. Y. All-American Lodge 580 SNPJ

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The next meeting of Lodge 580 is to take place Sunday, April 20, at 4 pm at the Slovene Hall. Many important matters will be presented for discussion. All members are asked to make a very special effort to be present.

On the sick list we have Walter Kochevar and Joseph Krizman, due to accidents at work. Speedy recovery is wished for you both. Andy and Elsie Sivec are the latest transfer members from Lodge 190, St. Michael, Pa. Glad to have you with us and hope you will attend our meetings.

Branch 46 SANC will send one delegate to the 2nd convention of SANC on May 30-31 at Cleveland. At the March 28 meeting of the Brooklyn SANC branches' officers many discussions were held. It was decided that the work of SANC must continue because Yugoslavia still needs our support, all contrary propaganda notwithstanding. A beer party will be held on Saturday, May 24, to defray expenses of delegates. You are all invited to attend.

On March 27, a special meeting called by the 1st district vice-president, Bro. John Cebular, was held at the Bohemian Hall, Newark, N. J. Represented were New York City lodges 56, 140 and 580 and Newark lodge 756. The main topics concerned the membership drive, possibilities of organizing a bowling league and a tournament at the end of a bowling season, and to focus some attention towards the organizing of Juvenile Circles. The gathering was an impressive one and would probably have covered more ground if it were held on a weekend rather than a weekday. I was disappointed that the Elizabeth and Manville lodges were not represented especially since the meeting was held in New Jersey. Hope your support can be attained when another meeting will be called.

On Sunday, March 16, Slovan Mixed Chorus had their first concert since the group has been reorganized and made a mixed chorus instead of a male chorus. The program

Little Fort Lodge News

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The regular meeting of the Little Fort lodge will be held Thursday, April 17, at 8 pm. The final touches for the SNPJ national tournament on April 26-27 will be applied and reports on the Little Fort dances will be given.

Because we know that most of the Little Fort sportsmen and women are already itching to grab that club and drive the little ball down the green fairway, movies of last year's golf tournaments will be shown after the meeting. To see your golf strokes on the picture will help to avoid the mistakes this year. You will also see how to aim for that long put that Jack made last year.

Two years ago today I attended mothers - teachers get-acquainted party at our local high school. Our party was just progressing into a friendly chat, when a teacher came in and said "President Roosevelt just died." It was a shock, everyone present looked frozen, finely one by one we quietly departed. Nothing much was said, but we all felt the great loss. "What will happen now?" The man who told us to "fear nothing but fear itself," passed away.

In the past two years we tried not to fear, but more and more we feel the words of Mrs. Roosevelt who said then, "Don't feel sorry for us, feel sorry for the world."

We were at war then, but we knew where we were going, because our leader told us what he meant. Today we are at peace, but we are in chaos. We don't know where we are going, our leaders tell us one thing and mean another. Dr. Shepley says: "Why not say what you mean? If you mean oil, why say Greece, why say Turkey, if you mean gravy?"

Gravy and oil for whom? Certainly not for the benefit of average American, nor average Greek. Help to Greece would be sent to the Greek government, headed by a non-Greek monarchy, which Greeks did not want even in 1924. It would help to kill more Greeks and Americans would be obliged to pay more taxes. Why fry the Greek people in oil, didn't they suffer enough yet? If they were left alone after the war, they would be on the road to recovery today. Oil from the Middle East is no better than American oil, but perhaps labor there is cheaper.

War cries that used to come from Berlin and Tokyo, come from Washington today. To scare American

was skillfully directed by Paul Sifer to the great satisfaction of the entire audience. The operetta "Snu-baci" was most entertaining and all the characters were portrayed very well by all the players. This was a momentous occasion in more ways than one. The next affair of Slovan will be Saturday, May 3rd, in the form of a beer party at the Slovene Hall. Everyone is welcome and as always a good time is assured.

On Saturday, April 19, the American-Slovene Veterans Social Club will sponsor a beer party at the Slovene Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and an enjoyable evening promised all.

The Junior All Americans, Circle 50, will sponsor their Variety Program on Sunday, April 27, at the Slovene Hall at 4 pm. This shall be a very special occasion for the juveniles as this is the first program sponsored by them for one and one-half years and it will introduce many of our newer members gained since our last program. The program will start promptly with the showing of the SNPJ films of the 13th convention. Then the program will be presented by the juveniles covering a variety of entertainment. Then the SNPJ film Slovenia 1939-40 shall be shown and after a try of community singing we shall have a few cartoon comedies for the younger audience. Dancing shall take place after the program.

As always your support is requested, especially where the juvenile members are concerned for they cannot survive without your cooperation and encouragement. The admission is only sixty cents for an afternoon and evening of fun for all. Bro. Joseph Zavertnik has promised to show us the films with his projector and Sis. Frances Rausch has promised to supply the necessary piano music. Please come one, come all!

JENNIE PADAR.

One out of every 13 persons in the United States suffered a disabling injury in 1946 the National Safety Council reports.

COMRADES' NOTE BOOK

By J. F. Fijolt

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—On the sick list: Probably most of you know of the unfortunate automobile accident to Ann Orenick. She is at Huron Road Hospital and will be there for a long time. She is unable to see any visitors but I'm sure she'd appreciate a card or a note. The news of her accident stunned her many friends. Comrades responded most willingly as blood donors, many more called than were necessary. Among those who gave were Frank and Pauline Ross, Pauline Spik, Heine Martin, the writer, John Strifof, Mary and Millie, sisters of Ann, appreciate the interest shown by everyone. They do not know how the many acts of kindness will ever be repaid.

Johnny Stefanic, who was seriously injured in the same accident, was buried last week. Many Comrades who knew him paid their last respects.

Joe Mrhar, former Comrade who also was seriously injured several months ago is back from the hospital, however will be confined at home for a long period yet.

Jean Svetec's trivial injury developed complications and she is still ailing.

General—Easter Day, the Spiks were pleasant hosts at a small gathering. Albina "Lucky" Vehar, copped all honors.

Three girl and two man teams will be with the crowd leaving Cleveland next Friday for the SNPJ national bowling tournament in Chicago.

April 19 the executive committee will meet early to draft preliminary plans for SNPJ Day in September. These will be presented to the rest of the members of the Cleveland Federation later in the evening.

From way out West have come cards from Roy and Leo Hoyt telling us of the grand time they are having heading for Arizona or possibly California.

Cards also received from John and Josie Moeckel telling us of the wonders of Florida.

Dues collection night: Friday, April 25. Don't forget!

Membership Campaign—Lagging somewhat but should pick up momentum the next couple of months. If you have any prospects let me know.

A good time was had by Mike and Jean Preseren when they went back home for a short vacation.

Attention, Members Cleveland SNPJ Fed.

CLEVELAND.—Because many of our members will travel to Chicago to participate in the national SNPJ bowling tournament April 26-27, we find it necessary to change the next federation meeting. It will be held Saturday, April 19, at 8 pm.

Earlier the same evening, committees of the local SNPJ federation, local SNPJ athletic board and Juvenile Singing chorus will meet in the same place for the purpose of selecting committees and preparing plans for the national SNPJ Day celebration. These groups will meet at 6 pm. Please be present.

MATT PETROVICH, Pres.

Golden Eagles Lodge

GIRARD, Ohio.—Our 19th anniversary dance needs a little attention. This dance will take place this Saturday, April 19, at the local Slovene Hall. Music by the Polka King—Joe Umeck and his orchestra. This pertinent information is all one needs to guarantee themselves an enjoyable evening. Chairman Ed Godec will have everything under control. Ed and his aids have completed arrangements for a smooth evening.

Just one thing more about the dance. I believe that the Pittsburgh Morning Stars owe us a trip or two. They would be welcome, and more so, at this dance. Nobody would be in strange territory. The Eagles make good hosts. Sometimes the last minute plans turn out the best. Jump in your cars, Morning Stars, and be with us on April 19.

Meeting Minutes

Stan Hribar took charge of the meeting after he was sworn in. Stan has been discharged from Crile Veterans Hospital and will now devote as much time as possible to the lodge. We had two new applicants, Evelyn Dudek and Nettie Juvancic. Mary M. Matekovich was a transferred member. Hribar and Korjan reported on the federation meeting. No Ohio SNPJ Day is now completed. Interest could not be aroused. It is possible that a picnic will be held on June 29 at Sa-

lem, Ohio. If it is, it will be in conjunction with the Salem lodge. It was also reported that Sharon Lodge 31 was reorganized and is now English speaking.

On the sick list we had Carolyn Prevec, Matt Kogovsek, Frances Thomas and Mamie Zitnik. The Eagles June picnic was canceled so that we could merge forces with Lodge 49 in a combined picnic on July 4. This picnic will mark sixty years of fraternalism here in Girard. An orchestra is planned for the afternoon and evening. Joe Umeck has been booked for the evening session already. The afternoon booking has not been made as yet. Although we will not have an elaborate speaking program, we do intend to have a little SNPJ agitation. It is intended that a Cleveland supreme board member will be called for a few words. All this will take place at the Avon Park Roller Rink. Set aside this day for SNPJ!

Turkey, Greece . . .

The pamphlet, In Fact, has been praised on these pages rather frequently. It seems that it has several subscribers within the SNPJ. It deserves more; many, many more. The SNPJ donates to many causes. I suggest to the executive committee that it subscribe to about one hundred of these pamphlets and have them sent to interested parties within the SNPJ. It would be a

Schedule of Campaign Awards and Quotas

The new membership campaign is known as "THE SNPJ LODGE CAMPAIGN" and is supported by the slogan, BUILD YOUR LODGE; STRENGTHEN YOUR SOCIETY. It is designed as a special contest for the lodges, grouped into three classes, as follows:

- CLASS A—All lodges having over 200 adult members
- CLASS B—All lodges having 101 to 200 adult members
- CLASS C—All lodges having 100 or less adult members

Quota for Every Lodge

Each lodge is assigned a quota of new members, starting with a minimum of FIVE for lodges having 50 or less adult members and graded proportionately upward, using the ratio of one new member for every ten adults until the maximum quota of 25 is reached, as shown in the table below:

Adult Membership	Quota	Class	Adult Membership	Quota	Class
50 or less	5 new members	C	151 to 160	16	B
51 to 60	6 " "	C	161 to 170	17	B
61 to 70	7 " "	C	171 to 180	18	B
71 to 80	8 " "	C	181 to 190	19	B
81 to 90	9 " "	C	191 to 200	20	B
91 to 100	10 " "	C	201 to 210	21	A
101 to 110	11 " "	B	211 to 220	22	A
111 to 120	12 " "	B	221 to 230	23	A
121 to 130	13 " "	B	231 to 240	24	A
131 to 140	14 " "	B	241 to 250	25	A
141 to 150	15 " "	B	251 or more	25	A

Awards for New Members

Attractive prizes shall be awarded to lodges and individual members as inducements for greater enrollment of new members, provided at least six monthly assessments have been paid.

REGULAR PRIZES shall be awarded to the individual members, according to the following scale:

- For each juvenile insured under Plan 1 \$1.00
- For each juvenile insured under Plan 2 or 3 \$2.00
- For each adult insured for \$500 or less \$2.00
- For each adult insured for \$1000 or more \$4.00

SPECIAL PRIZES shall be awarded to the three highest lodges in each class who enroll the most new members over their respective quotas, as follows:

CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
1st \$100.00	1st \$100.00	1st \$100.00
2nd \$ 75.00	2nd \$ 75.00	2nd \$ 75.00
3rd \$ 50.00	3rd \$ 50.00	3rd \$ 50.00

THE GRAND PRIZE shall be awarded to the lodge enrolling the highest number of new members over its quota in all three classes combined. This shall consist of an additional award of \$50.00 and a membership enrollment plaque, emblematic of the highest achievement in the campaign, upon which shall be engraved the names of all the members of the lodge who enrolled 5 or more new members.

The campaign shall have an HONOR ROLL and this shall contain all the lodges who attain or exceed their assigned quotas. Each lodge will receive a CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT at the close of the campaign from the Society.

SNPJ Wolverine News

DETROIT, Mich. — Notice to all Wolverines. The regular monthly lodge meeting will be held Sunday, April 20, at 7:30. This will be a very important meeting as final plans will be completed for the trip to Chicago for the national SNPJ bowling tournament. Wolverines, attend this lodge meeting at the John R. Hall and be on time. Vic Stromar, entertainment com-

mittee chairman, just informed us that plans for the Wolverines spring dance on May 24 at SH, 437 S. Livernois, are almost complete. Bro. Stromar has been very fortunate in booking Eddie Habat and his orchestra from Cleveland to play for this event. This orchestra ranks as one of the best Slovene orchestras in Cleveland and is giving Frankie Yankovich a strong fight for top honors in Slovene music.

Friendly Views: Our Wolverine men's team missed winning the bowling tournament in Cleveland by 18 pins; they lost in the last frame when all 5 members got splits. Al Maccani, our very active Wolverine sports director, lost the all events crown by one pin. If bowlers ever had tough sledding the Wolverines had it in Cleveland and the boys hope to have much better luck in Chicago.

Big Rudy Klucsevsek has promised to bring his accordion along for the trip and Matt Pink will also entertain with his music box. To Snippy of the Jolly Allis, it looks like the Caboose team has left me holding the bag, and I too am wondering who is going to bowl against you. A couple of months ago we had a full Caboose team ready for action and now lo and behold, only one remains, yours truly. But, Snippy, we can always get the Bernicks to give you guys a run for the old brown jug.

Al Padar after competing in the SNPJ tournament, will continue on to Madison, Wis., to participate in the Elks bowling tournament April 27. For information in regard to the train schedule and other details pertaining to the Chicago trip, call Berchie Naprudnik, Al Maccani, Dan Obed or Millie Bernick. Or better yet, get the best and full details by attending the lodge meeting Sunday.

HANK RUPERT.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: Let's see if this new car really will do 100 miles an hour!
FRANK REZEK, 643.

LODGE YOUNG AMERICANS

DETROIT.—Everything is rolling along smoothly regarding our plans for the Chicago tournament. The girls have 4 teams and the boys have 7 teams entered in the coming event. The Wolverines have chartered a coach for this trip. Since they have some available seats, we Young Americans that are going by train will go along with them. Everyone that is going on this coach is anticipating a very good time. Anyone that is interested in going by train and if seats are still available can contact me by phone Tw. 1-0758.

With only one week to go the Y. A. Gremlins are tied for first place with the Croatian Forty-niners. The Sunday league standings have the Y. A. SND in second place. Lots of luck, boys, to the finish. We girls aren't doing so bad either. The Y. A. Comets are in second place and only 2 games behind the SND maulers. The Up and Downs are in sixth place. And our single girls the Georges are still at the bottom. But don't forget Georges, anything that a person starts learning must be started at the bottom of the ladder.

It was voted on at our last monthly meeting April 11, that we buy 8 more SND shares, which gives us a grand total of 40 shares. This is a nice showing, members. We should be proud to be able to show everyone that we are striving to have a new Dom in the near future. Pauline Bence was elected as our additional SND delegate. Don't forget she also sells SND shares along with Joseph Golia.

Due to the resignation of John Jane from the federation, we have elected Henry Kesovic in his stead.

Our "G. I. Bust" was a huge success. Favorable comments are coming from all sides. A great deal of thanks goes out to everyone that made it a bang-out affair. And that wonderful music by Pete Sokach and his Cleveland orchestra made you want to dance even if your feet did hurt. It was discussed that we should have another dance, and get together in the near future.

Juvenile Notes: Our juvenile directors were invited to our last meeting. Dorothy Karun didn't show up due to illness but is feeling better now. But Ann Stromar gave us a nice talk on the juvenile activities. With the national juvenile telegraphic bowling tournament coming up April 19-20, the boys and girls have been busy practicing. They have 1 boys' and 1 girls' team entered in this event. They will bowl doubles and singles at 2 pm Saturday, April 19, and team will be bowled at 10 am Sunday, April 20. Loads of luck, boys and girls.

The children have their parts for the Mother's Day program to be held on Sunday, May 11, at the West Side hall. We adults must get out and give our juvenile directors, Ann Stromar and Dorothy Karun, a helping hand in all the projects they undertake concerning the Juvenile Circle 29.

Sometime in May the Circle is going to hold an SNPJ Quiz. Boys and girls, get out your thinking caps for this contest. I have heard several comments that if we adults got into this quiz we would learn a great deal about our SNPJ.
HELEN STIMAC, 564.

Attention, Juvenile Members Lodge 295

BRIDGEVILLE, Pa.—There will be a meeting of juvenile members of Lodge 295 on Sunday, April 29, at the Slovenian Hall on Fryer's Hill, starting at 2 p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to organize a new Juvenile Circle. The Circle will be formed to create activities and amusements, such as, dances, parties, and sports for the young members of the lodge and, also, to build a greater interest in the SNPJ.

There will be elections of officers and committee for the year, as well as discussions of various subjects which will be presented by your Juvenile Director. This will also be a good time for the young members to become acquainted with each other.

Notices will be sent to all juvenile members by mail, so they will be sure to know about this meeting. I would like to see a big attendance, so let's all come.
ANTHONY TOME,
Juvenile Director, Lodge 295.

A drinking driver doesn't think.
Stop! Look! and Lessen Accidents.

NATIONAL JUVENILE BOWLING TOURNEY THIS WEEK-END

Record Entry of 20 Teams, 31 Doubles and 60 Singles Will Participate; Winners to Receive Attractive Trophies and Medals

This Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, more than a hundred juvenile members of the SNPJ, representing eight different Circles and nearly three times that many lodges, will compete for championship and runner-up honors in the third annual National SNPJ Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament.

A record entry of 20 teams, twelve boys' and eight girls' squads, will see action in this annual kegling classic for juveniles. This is six teams more than the previous high which was established in last year's tournament. Besides the teams, 31 doubles, nineteen of which are boys, and 60 singles, thirty-seven of which are boys, will vie for honors and awards in the individual events. Altogether we have a total of 111 entries, compared with eighty-six in 1946, setting a new record for future tourneys of this kind to shoot at.

Our juvenile keglers, many of whom will be bowling in their first tournament this week-end, will get together on their own home alleys in Strabane, Pa.; Girard, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Sharon, Pa.; Chicago, Ill.; Waukegan, Ill., and Milwaukee, Wisconsin to decide who will be the 1947 team, doubles, singles and all-events champions of the SNPJ in the ten-pin bowling sport.

Each of these tournaments will attract local as well as national attention. The competition will, no doubt, be keen and much fun and excitement will prevail in most of the bowling establishments where these telegraphic tournaments are scheduled to be staged. We hope, also, that large gatherings of members, relatives and friends will turn out to cheer and encourage their favorite teams and bowlers on to higher scores and victory.

After the bowling is over and the complete reports of the tournaments have been mailed to the Juvenile Director at Chicago, there will ensue a waiting period of possibly a week or more before the final results and standings will be known and published in the Prosveta. That will be the week that will try the patience of many of our youngsters, especially of those who will roll good scores and will have reason, therefore, to feel that they stand a chance of being crowned the champions of the SNPJ. No doubt, some of them will wonder, all week long, if anyone else, somewhere else in the Society, bowled a better score than they did, and there will be no way of finding out until the Prosveta reaches their homes, bringing with it the important news they will be waiting to read. Whether or not their hopes will be rewarded, of course remains to be seen.

The SNPJ will again award attractive trophies to the champions of the tournament. The runners-up in the team event of both divisions will also receive trophies, while the second place winners in doubles, singles and all-events will each be given an appropriate medal or other suitable award. In addition to this, three boys and three girls who will bowl high games and an equal number who will bowl high series in their respective divisions, but who will not be listed among the champions, will each be rewarded with a medal. From this it is quite obvious, that as many as one-third of the participants have a chance to share in the final distribution of the trophies and medals for which the Society has donated liberally from the athletic fund.

In order that we will all be better acquainted with them, here is a list of the present title-holders and the scores which enabled them to win the top honors in the 1946 tourney. These are the defending champions and the records our juvenile bowlers will attempt to displace this week-end.

Team	Circle	Score	City	Score
Team—Circle 21, Sharon, Pa.	Circle 7, Girard, Ohio	2475		1646
Doubles—J. Podboy-C. Kaminski, Strabane, Pa.	M. Gregorin-M. Kenik, Waukegan, Ill.	1047		763
Singles—C. Kaminski, Strabane, Pa.	M. Macek, Girard, Ohio	623		448
All-Events—C. Kaminski, Strabane, Pa.	M. Kenik, Waukegan, Ill.	1615		1167

How many of last year's champions will still be champions of the SNPJ when the final results of all local tournaments are known? How many of the old records will remain unbroken? Will the boys team of Sharon, Pa., who won the championship by the lofty score of 2475, be able to repeat without the aid of two of its former stars, Richard Robich and Frank Zickar, who have since been transferred to the Adult Department? Will the girls' team of Girard, Ohio, with a line-up that has been revised with three new bowlers, have the "punch" necessary to make it three titles in a row? (Yes, they won the trophies in 1945 and 1946). . . And what about the individual champs? Will Chester Kaminski of Circle 27, Strabane, Pa. make a clean sweep of the doubles, singles and all-events, just as he succeeded in doing last year, or will he have one of those off-days that, occasionally, plague the best of bowlers and be removed from the list of champions? That's how it can turn out and then again, he might break every one of his own records.

Who will be the new girl individual champions, for here only Mildred Gregorin of Waukegan, who shared the doubles title with Marge Kenik, will return to defend her laurels? Who will finally triumph in the contest between the boys' first teams of the two Strabane, Pa. Circles? Last year, these two teams "battled" it right down to the finish line—the final frame of the last game, before Circle 19 nosed out Circle 27, the pre-tournament favorite, winning by the close margin of only 23 pins. That was a torrid match and from all indications the Strabanites will be in for another real treat when these same two teams get together once more. How will the Detroit and Milwaukee boys and girls fare in their first tournament? Will they be able to break into the win column on their initial attempt, or will they have to wait another year for further seasoning and experience? We have noted a number of familiar names in the line-ups of these teams, sons and daughters, no doubt, of active SNPJers who have participated in many national bowling tournaments and, if "chips of the old block" have anything to do with ability, they'll surely give a good account of themselves when they start blasting the pins, April 19 and 20. . . The following is a record of tournament sites, Circles and lodges, and number of entries in each event:

KEGLING KAPERS

By J. J. Spilar
CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The tensed Cleveland-2 battlers are a step nearer the rainbow's end that leads to the coveted trophy which will be presented to the champions in the SNPJ men's league. Paired against the Loyallite-5 aggregation, the Whip Kids were handed a breather as their opponents had only two men available and forfeited the match. Thus their scanty lead of a half point jumped to three and a half as the second place Utopian-1 gang dropped two tilts to the Lunder-Adamic keglers. The eager ebouiters can clinch the first place berth by winning one game in next week's finale. If the Clevelanders lose four and the Utopians sweep their series, the latter would triumph by a half a point. Don't say it! It could happen here!

Bursting out in an array of strikes, the Lunder-Adamic Hotshots fired a league high 2864 series to wallop the Utopian-1 Red Shirts twice. Tony Primc blasted a 626 set as the larruping Lunders piled up 964, 917 and 983 team scores for the new mark. Joe Matthews had 552 for the losing side.

Sideline slants: Vic Gruden helping himself to a 615 series that included a 236 game that won the crossalley jackpot, the 52 oz. fish-bowl beer and—that's all, brother-in-law! Adolph Perdan startling the boys with a giant cigarette lighter which resembles a blow torch. Only want a light, not a bonfire, Adolph! Whatever happened to the Loyallite-2 team? Didn't hear a sound. Joe Zupanic tickled pink over the singles and all events trophies that now adorn the Zupanic's mantel. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Johnny Simic hitting them, and teammates getting them. Makes you want to talk to yourself, eh, John?

The Cleveland-1 team absorbed their tenth consecutive loss, the longest losing streak possessed by any squad this past season. Frank Gregoric ceremoniously placing a hairnet on Shorty Zedell to keep the locks out of his eyes. After watching Shorty's mates drop three games it looked like all of them had their lined vision. The Loyallites and the Utopians trying to outdo each other with barbershop dit-

Team/City	Bowling Place	Circle	Team Event	Doubles	Singles
Milwaukee	Home Alleys	No. 4	1	1	1
Girard, O.	Home Center	No. 7	1	1	1
Strabane, Pa.	SNPJ Hall Alleys	No. 18	1	1	1
Sharon, Pa.	Richway Center	No. 21	1	1	1
Waukegan, Ill.	Waukegan Recreat'n.	No. 24	1	1	1
Chicago, Ill.	Lawndale Lanes	No. 28	1	1	1
Strabane, Pa.	SNPJ Hall Alleys	No. 27	1	1	1
Detroit, Mich.	Palmer Pk. Alleys	No. 19	1	1	1
Chicago, Ill.	Lawndale Lanes	No. 16	1	1	1
TOTAL			11	11	11

Perhaps, the most colorful meeting of bowlers in the telegraphic tournament will be staged in Chicago, the home of the National Headquarters of the Society. Here Juvenile Circle 26 will match its three teams against the skills of three visiting teams, two from Waukegan and one from the far southside of the city, the latter bowling under the banner of the Trailblazers Jrs. Four boys' and two girls' teams will participate in this tournament. It will be held at the Lawndale Bowling Lanes, 3816 W. 26th Street, with the team events scheduled for Sunday morning, starting at about 11 o'clock. The doubles and singles will be rolled the day before, with each group of juveniles bowling on its home alleys.

Sister Ann Sannemann, District Circle Director, who has done a very good job of organizing this tournament, also reports that Perfect Circle will be the host to the visiting teams at a dinner to take place at Gratchner's Hall, next door to the SNPJ main office building, right after the conclusion of bowling activities on Sunday afternoon. This social event will climax a busy week-end for the Chicagoans, for it will bring together bowlers, members of the Circles and Lodges, parents of the juveniles, and leaders of our youth. It will be, without a doubt, an outstanding success.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

If a substitution must be made for any bowler who, for some good reason(s), is unable to participate in the tournament, make sure first of all that the substitute qualifies under the rules. The name and certificate number of such member shall be forwarded, as soon as possible, to the Juvenile Director.

Each event of the tournament must be rolled across two alleys and no two events shall be rolled on the same pair of alleys by the same bowlers, unless there are fewer than six alleys in the bowling establishment.

All tournament scores must be entered on official score-sheets, showing what each bowler rolled in each frame of every game. The score-sheets must be signed by the tournament secretary. It is very important that reliable persons be engaged to mark score.

As soon as the events have been completed and the scores thoroughly and accurately checked, the tournament secretary shall immediately forward a complete report, along with the official score-sheets, to the Juvenile Director. This should be done not later than Monday, April 21, 1947.

Those in charge of the tournament should try to make arrangements for pictures to be taken of the bowlers as a group, and, also, of the winners, separately. When developed, send them in for publication.

This is all we have for you in the ways of last minute instructions for the tournament. Until we hear from you early next week, may all of you have the best of luck in the third annual SNPJ National Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament, and may the best teams and bowlers share the highest honors.

Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director.

1946 Men's National Bowling Champs of SNPJ



Here we have the men's SNPJ Champions of 1946, representing Utopian Lodge 604, Cleveland, Ohio. This team, comprising of (l. to r.) George Jalinek, who is also the All-Events title-holder, Joseph Marolt, Joseph Glavic, Anton Vrh and Joseph Matthews, won the championship trophy a year ago on a score of 2958, second highest in SNPJ bowling history. Utopian teams have won the title the last two years in succession. Will they succeed in making it three in a row when they come to Chicago next week?

ties after the league session. "Show me the way to go home!"

Albina Vekar of the Comrades posting a 211 game to win the ladies' wrist watch donated by the Shaker Jewelry during the week of March 24 to 30. Matt Lenassi of the Utopians tied for the men's timepiece with 255. To almost make it a complete SNPJ raid, Frances Krall of the Loyallites also cracked a 211 counter the following week, March 31 to April 6, to cop the watch put up by Cerne's Jewelry.

Team Results: Cleve-2, 3, Loy-5, 0. (Forfeit) V. Gruden 615, T. Zedell 539, Euclid 158, 3, Strugglers 0. J. Zgonc 561, J. Pretnar 478. Comrades 3, Loy-2, 0. J. Koren 541, F. Miklich 474. Loy-3, 3, Utop-2, 0. F. Zaman 532, N. Spehar 498, Cordicians 3, Cleve-1, 0. C. Stuzen 536, J. Kuzmic 567. Lunders 2, Utop-1, 1. T. Primc 626, J. Matthews 552. Spartans 2, Loy-1, 1. B. Schlarb 531, F. Zupon 506. Utop-3,

Team	Score
Y. A. Pirates	3714
Wolverines I	2755
Strugglers I	2730
Loyallites II	2719
Utopians III	2677
Spartans I	2673
Utopians I	2668
Strabans I	2664
Strabans II	2603
Consolations	
Utopians V	2554
Y. A. Pickups	2520
Velebit	2459
Utopians VI	2431
Spartans IV	2414
Strabans II	2374
Comrades III	2360
Wolverines III	2182
Spartans III	2183
Y. A. Gremilins	2083
Loyallites VIII	1888
Loyallites VI	1472
Strugglers V	1201
Strugglers IV	1281
Total	\$330.00

Team	Score
Technitsch - Kramer	1193
Marolt - Glavic	1184
Podboy - Kruloc	1138
Zupon - Zedell	1131
Zupanic - Hirsch	1128
Werbecki - Meyer	1117
Krall - Debenak	1118
Leitch - Petrad	1114
Schlarb - Zupanic	1099
Matthews - Stefanic	1095
Plesivic - Borich	1098
Mausser - Krasovec	1092
Trelar - Miklavic	1089
Gregor - Manilla	1087
Honetski - Smoltz	1087
Tomadic - Krause	1067
Bricely - Grum	1063
Benedict - Lokar	1060
Spilar - Cortnik	1077
Krall - Yankovich	1076
Debelak - Zazar	1075
Setan - Gabrenis	1075
Primc - Poklar	1073
Gerchman - Zorman	1073
Progar - Kaminski	1066
Tagliaterra - Zupon	1060
Bernick - Maccani	1067
Krivic - Lenassi	1058
Swigel - Simic	1056
Miklavic - Jelinek	1056
Koren - Beljan	1057
Yuretic - Gruden	1049
Perdan - Kleindienst	1046

Team	Score
J. Zupanic	626
L. Matthews	620
Leo Bernick	617
J. Golla	609
R. Klucic	609
A. Zedell	604
M. Debenak	601
A. Hirsch	599
R. Lisch	595
Tagliaterra	588
Ern. Miklavic	585
A. Kushlan	585
L. Cortnik	585
A. Smoltz	585
J. Marolt	580
O. Ostank	579
J. Kruloc	577
A. Primc	574
Kostevcar	572
P. Sirc	572
C. Krivic	571
J. Vebat	568
F. Manilla	568
J. Simic	568
A. Maccani	565
J. Glavic	562
A. Dusa	562
B. Zupon	562
T. Yuretic	561
F. Yankovich	562
E. Marolt	562
B. Perdan	558
Law Bernick	557
T. Debelak	556
F. Tomase	554
E. Kosec	554
Ed. Miklavic	554
W. Kronik	554
J. Stibil	554
M. Poklar	552
W. Utnik	552
F. Perusek	550
E. Centa	550

Team	Score
A. Progar	546
Zwalski	547
F. Debelak	547
H. Kaminski	546
J. Tomacic	548
Zuancic	538
F. Zaman	538
E. Flazic	535
A. Raines	535
J. Krall	534
Lenassi	533
J. Janetic	532
T. Zedell	532
E. Stefanic	531
F. Celisov	531
A. Wehtolz	521

Men's All-Events	Score
J. Zupanic	1741
Val Maccani	1740
L. Cortnik	1730

HI Game: "R. Klucic" 277
Grand Total Men's Prizes \$247.00
* Denotes trophy.

Women's Team Event	Score
"Napredne Slovenke"	2410
Strugglers I	2323
Spartans I	2317
Utopians I	2228
Comrades I	2222
Comrades III	2202
Consolations	
Strabans Pioneers	2151
Concordians I	2074
Utopians II	2076
Utopians III	1645
Loyallites II	1866

Women's Doubles Event	Score
"Tanko - Primosech"	1001
Senyak - Kenny	999
Tersel - Kencowski	986
Yerman - Naprudnik	960
Blake - Klarich	938
Skok - Vekar	936
Skok - Golob	927
Dusa - Marn	909
Zadell - Shine	904
Znidarsic - Znidarsic	887
Flovianic - Tershel	874
Svoboda - Mersol	870
Valencheck - Anchak	865
Gruden - Recher	860
Rupe - Zazar	857

Women's Singles Event	Score
Primosech	590
Senyak	528
Marn	528
Tanko	527
Skok, A.	502
Son	499
Kleindienst	497
Klarich	493
Spik	484
Gruden	483
Mersol	479
Spensdal	479
Znidarsic, A.	475
Skok B.	471
Kencowski	466
Dusa	464
Kronik	462
Yerman	459
Opeka, S.	458
Rosa	454
Lisch	449
Vekar	448
Slapnik	446

Women's All-Events	Score
"Senyak"	1681
Primosech	1582
Marn	1530

HI Game—"Senyak" 221
Grand total women's prizes \$303.00
* Denotes trophy.
Joseph Matthews, Tournament Sec'y.

Men's Doubles Event	Score
"Technitsch - Kramer"	1193
Marolt - Glavic	1184
Podboy - Kruloc	1138
Zupon - Zedell	1131
Zupanic - Hirsch	1128
Werbecki - Meyer	1117
Krall - Debenak	1118
Leitch - Petrad	1114
Schlarb - Zupanic	1099
Matthews - Stefanic	1095
Plesivic - Borich	1098
Mausser - Krasovec	1092
Trelar - Miklavic	1089
Gregor - Manilla	1087
Honetski - Smoltz	1087
Tomadic - Krause	1067
Bricely - Grum	1063
Benedict - Lokar	1060
Spilar - Cortnik	1077
Krall - Yankovich	1076
Debelak - Zazar	1075
Setan - Gabrenis	1075
Primc - Poklar	1073
Gerchman - Zorman	1073
Progar - Kaminski	1066
Tagliaterra - Zupon	1060
Bernick - Maccani	1067
Krivic - Lenassi	1058
Swigel - Simic	1056
Miklavic - Jelinek	1056
Koren - Beljan	1057
Yuretic - Gruden	1049
Perdan - Kleindienst	1046

A lifetime can be spent in crossing a street, warns the National Safety Council.

Sensible guys are goggle-wise. They keep them on and save their eyes.

1946 Women's National Bowling Champs of SNPJ



Pictured above is the number one woman's team of Young American Lodge 584, Detroit, Michigan, who won the national title in last year's tournament at Cleveland, Ohio on a score of 2387. The members of the defending champions of SNPJ are Isabelle Titchelitch, Josephine Spensdal, Marie Benedict, Frances Russell and Gertrude Blake. With exception of Marie Benedict, who is being replaced by Rosemarie Marn, the team will be intact for the 11th National SNPJ Bowling Tourney in Chicago, April 25, 26 and 27.

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Johnstown Trojans Plan Dance in May

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—The Johnstown Trojans, Lodge 749 SNPJ, will sponsor a dance on the 10th of May at the Moxham Slovene Hall, music by Lou Kopler's orchestra. This will be the first social affair of this newly formed lodge, formerly lodges Friendly City and Flood City. With the consolidation of these two lodges, we now have a much larger and stronger English speaking lodge, which will be a benefit both to the SNPJ and our community. We extend our invitation to all neighboring lodges and to our many friends from Universal, Verona, Strabane, Pittsburgh and others too numerous to mention. Try to arrange to spend May 10 with us, we promise you another of those good ole times we used to have way back before the war days.

Frank and Anne Bombach had a visit from the stork recently and he left them a lovely baby boy. Congratulations, and we're sure that he will be our newest juvenile member. Frank Urbas was operated on recently, but is now back in the groove, we're all glad of that. Mollie Tercek is now on our sick list, and we all wish her a very speedy recovery.

Our bowling days are at an end. The men are in the rolloff in the tenpin league, and here's wishing them lots of luck. In the inter-lodge duckpin league we will also have a playoff between the Bucks and the Bums. Congratulations to Klucik of the Triglav bowling team on his recent high score of 277 rolled in the tenpin tournament in Cleveland. We were also glad that Johnstown had a place on the prize winners' list.

Members, we still hold our meetings on the second Sunday of each month, so try to be present at our next meeting. They are very interesting, and our entertainment committee arranges music for after our meetings and our "Kitty" is getting fatter every meeting. Remember, you must be present at the meeting to win, if your name is drawn. At our April meeting we celebrated the birthdays of both our president and secretary. Congratulations.

The Ladies' Lodge 600 will hold a dance on the 24th of May at the Moxham Slovene Hall. Music by Stan Kobal's Jolly Jesters from Girard. This is a much appreciated orchestra here in Johnstown, for Stan is a former Johnstown, as is his wife. Their younger son will be with the orchestra at this dance, and he will play the piano; their other son plays the saxophone in his dad's orchestra and he is only 14 years old. Stan and Jennie are very proud of their talented sons and well they can be. Congratulations both to the parents and the very nice sons. Reserve May the 24 and spend it with the very congenial hostesses from the Nasa Sloga.

We recently visited with the Bon Air lodge members, and enjoyed a very nice evening. Their place truly is too small for the number of friends they have that would like to visit with you often but know that your club is too small to hold much of a crowd, but also know that they are sure of a good time when they do squeeze in.

We are sorry to have to announce that our much thought of John Loushe has passed away. He was an athletic director for our district and has always been a very active SNPJ'er, he was the type of fellow every one liked, and he was never heard to do as the saying goes, "If you can't say anything good about him don't say anything at all." He will be greatly missed by all of us, and I want to express my most sincere sympathies to the family, and to say he will always be remembered when there is a group of good fellows together, for he was so active in sports affairs that any discussions are bound to include memories of him. **ELSIE CULKAR.**

Proletarec Variety Program Sunday

CHICAGO.—Sunday, April 20, JSP Club No. 1 will sponsor a variety program and dance at the SNPJ hall for the benefit of Proletarec, our weekly labor newspaper, which has been fighting for the rights of the common men for more than forty years.

Zaria Singers from Cleveland will give top honors on the program. Zarias are noted for their pleasing renditions of Slovene songs. This will be indeed a treat for all present at the concert. Other numbers include Prešeren Male Chorus and songs. Perfect Circle members, and many other added features.

Tickets are sixty cents and can be obtained from any member and supporter of Proletarec. We owe to ourselves to attend this spring concert given by the Club for the benefit of this worthy cause. Proletarec deserves our support. We can do our share by attending its program Sunday, which will start at 7 p.m. **COMMITTEE.**

JUVENILE CIRCLES

PERFECT CIRCLES PREPARING FOR BUSY WEEK-END

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circles, especially the bowlers heaved a sigh of relief last Saturday, but only for the moment. Plans for this weekend were completed. The so very important plans concern the SNPJ national juvenile bowling tournament which will take place this Saturday and Sunday, April 19-20.

Perfect Circle has entered both boys and girls in all three events, singles, doubles and the team classes. But we have only started on the activities. The Jolly Juveniles Circle 24 of Waukegan is sending down a boys' and girls' team, and a boys' team from South Chicago will also be on hand to bowl with us. Thus, the juveniles in this vicinity will have a miniature tournament of their own right here, and it looks as if we are going to have a really grand time doing this, too.

The Jolly Juvenile two teams, "Zwozga" and "Tenpin Rattlers," the "Southside Juniors" and Perfect Circle's three teams, "Gutterettes," "Gutter-Getters" and "Gutterboys" will all bowl their team events on Sunday morning at 11:30 at the Lawndale Bowling Lanes, 26th and Avers. We are cordially inviting all parents, relatives and our SNPJ friends to come down to the alleys on Saturday and Sunday to watch the juveniles bowl in this tournament, you'll really enjoy doing so.

After we are through bowling, we will all go to Gratchner's Lawndale Tap, where Perfect Circle is having a bowling banquet, with the North and Southside groups as our special guests. A short program of banquet fun has been arranged to make our guests feel right at home, and we will have a chance to relax before we go on to the next business on this day's agenda.

Next, happens to be the concert and dance sponsored by Proletarec, which will take place at the SNPJ hall at 3 p.m. Perfect Circle members, and their juvenile guests have been extended complimentary tickets for this affair, and it will wind up the day's activities.

To our Waukegan guests who will probably be coming down by train, a welcoming committee will be at the station to meet, and escort you to the bowling alleys, and we will see to it that you are safely escorted back for the home trip, too. Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director, who will also be our banquet guest, is going to take charge of the Southsiders, so we are all set.

Perfect Circle members are certainly looking forward to this coming weekend, and in closing, extend a sincere wish to all SNPJ juveniles for a most happy and successful bowling tournament!

ANN SANNEMANN, Director.

Juvenile Spirits Circle of Detroit

DETROIT, Mich.—Circle No. 29 has selected teams to participate in the national SNPJ juvenile telegraphis bowling tournament, and if results are tantamount to enthusiasm displayed, the Spirits should win some grand prizes.

Our Mother's Day program is now well under way inasmuch as we are diligently working on its preparation. "Mothers On Strike" is the title of our feature attraction to be presented at this program, in addition to recitations, musical numbers and songs apropos for Mother's Day. Music for dancing and refreshments will also be offered. The program in its entirety will be printed in a future issue of this paper.

In a forthcoming issue, we will announce exact date of our SNPJ Quiz Contest. Attractive prizes will be awarded at this contest. More information in this connection later.

Both "Small Fry" and "Teen Agers" are actively working toward attainment of the required number of points which will entitle them to an SNPJ Juvenile Pin. Soon several members will be sporting those lovely pins.

Note All Spirits: Mother's Day program practice will be every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6 and Saturday at 2 p.m. There will, however, be no practice on Saturday, April 26. Your directors will be in Chicago on that date. Should any member desire to contact the directors you may do so by calling either Ann (Twinbrook 1-8204) or Dorothy (Townsend 9-2715).

ANN R. STROMAR, DOROTHY KARUN, Directors Circle 29.

Circle 54 Planning Mother's Day Event

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The members of the Lincolnite Junior Circle are all set for our Mother's Day celebration on May 11, and the nationally famous Proctor Puppets will perform in "Jack and the Bean Stalk" as the main attraction during this most important event. Tickets have been distributed and posters have been placed at the Dom and at Ann Bolka's "Kozy Korner" confectionery. We certainly do appreciate the opportunity Ann has extended to us to advertise our program in such a popular spot for the younger set. Other lodge members have posters on their car windows and from the looks of things everyone is cooperating with us to make this a most successful celebration for our Juvenile Circle. Each of the smaller girls and boys are busy learning their parts for the recitation program and the older girls will do their share by helping with the refreshments after the show.

MARY AIDICH, Director.

"Guess What's in It"—Circle 36

SYGAN HILL, Pa.—Do you have a wonderful cake baker in your town? We have one who is the grandest and most cooperative little brother on our hill. Each time we plan a dance, one of the girls suggests a Guess Cake. Of course, one of us girls has to approach her to "please bake us a cake, Elsie."

Elsie always smiles pleasantly and says, "Sure, I'll bake you a cake. What kind do you want?" "Make it chocolate with 'seafoam' frosting and put something special in it for guessing."

Finally the night of the dance arrives and while we kids gather in the vestibule, Elsie brings that gorgeous offering of goodness for final inspection. A committee of girls sells tickets for the guess cake. Elsie

puts in the bottom of the cake anything from a package of seeds to a piece of thread.

We have lots of fun selling tickets, the buyer has fun guessing and we get a pretty nice income. We thank you, Elsie Demahar, for your kindness in baking all those wonderful cakes. **SYLVIA VISNIKAR.**

Circle 19 Enters Bowling Tourney

STRABANE, Pa.—The older members of Circle 19 held their meeting March 28. We made many important plans, six new members joined and five more were proposed. Our April 5 dance was a great success. We had a nice crowd and the music was wonderful.

Both the girls and boys are looking forward to the bowling tournament which will take place Sunday, April 20 at the SNPJ hall. Two teams of girls and 1 boys' will participate. On the girls' team are Gerry Vercek, Helen Vehar, Lillian Kocian, Josephine Sedmak and Rose Kocian, first team; on the 2nd team are Jacqueline Smerdel, Jean Vehar, Mary Anne Yarkarsky, Jane Lewis, and Dolores Smith. The boys' team include Joe Sedmak, Ray Barbish, Frank Tomasic, Henry Tomasic, Paul Poesga, Cvetko Chesnic, Louis Krajcek, and Jimmy Kern.

On May 18, we will have our Mother's Day banquet and we are now getting prepared for it. We still do not have a name for our Circle. An SNPJ quiz is planned for our April 25 meeting. **JOSEPHINE SEDMAK.**

Perfect Circles Will Participate

CHICAGO.—Sunday, April 12, Proletarec is sponsoring a concert and dance at the SNPJ Hall at 3 p.m. Features will include several members of Cleveland's Zaria chorus, Prešeren male chorus, Perfect Circles, and other numbers. Speaker will be Joško Oven. Perfect Circle members include Judith Zasadil, Milana Medvesek and Rob Ann Sanneemann; also, Myra Beniger and Grace Gerdanc, Ella Mae Selak and Sylvia Trojar, and Dorothy Galavan and Rose Mary Merhaut. It looks like a pleasant afternoon has been planned, so make it a point to be on hand to enjoy it. **ROBANN SANNEMANN.**

Attention, Junior All Star Circle

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Juvenile All Star members, make a mental memo of the following: Juvenile bowling tournament at Rebnick's Alley, April 19, at 8:30 a.m.; bowling begins at 9 a.m. very sharp. This is your last opportunity to get plenty of rest to be ready for bowling.

In the afternoon, a genuine birthday party to celebrate the SNPJ's 43rd anniversary will take place. We will sit back, relax and enjoy our movies. It's a surprise! Time, 2 till 4 p.m. at Rebnick's Hall, 539 S. 6th. Nothing but the best in the line of refreshments. **MARIE ERMENC, Director.**

Lodge No. 358 Meeting April 20, Dance May 3

POWER POINT, O.—Lodge 358 will hold its next monthly meeting April 20. All members are urged to attend. On May 3, the lodge is sponsoring a dance at the Slovene Hall. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock and the music will be furnished by Joe Umcek's orchestra of Girard. A cordial invitation is sent out to all and a good time is in store for those that attend. So keep May 3 in mind. **FRANCES TAUCHER, 358.**

Spirit-o-Grains

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Our April 11 meeting had a good attendance, displaying much enthusiasm for our May 11 dance at Concordia hall. John Lasterini, Pete Kokal and Frank Mahnich distributed the admission tickets and subscription books. We're rearing to go for another joyous successful event. An electric iron will be given away and a large cake to be baked by the Straka Bakery. Pat Mucci's orchestra will play. All we ask of you members is cooperation.

The valentine dance committee gave a grand financial report of \$220 profit. Thanks to the committee, Sophie Vertovsek, chairman, Odella Markoff, and Stanley Herwat for their untiring efforts. Letters were received from Joe Johnson and Jacob Kacin Jr. stationed in Japan, thanking the lodge for the nice box of cookies, candy and personal needs they received.

With our membership campaign now in progress, you should be able to procure new members easily, when you explain the many benefits to your prospects the Society and its lodges offer.—Orchids to our local Slovene organizations for the very splendid way they conducted the banquet and dance honoring their returned veterans. About 300 attended this memorable event. The local Slovenes should be proud and fortunate to have Theresa Speck in their locality, who unceasingly devotes her time for the welfare of our people here as well as in Jugoslavia. We must pay our compliments to the fine crew of co-workers who worked so diligently with her.

Another important date to remember is May 10, the affair held at Concordia Hall sponsored by the SANC branch, all proceeds going towards the Jugoslav relief. The latest films of Jugoslavia will be shown. Get your tickets now.

Personals: Had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Fleming who arrived two months ago from Zagreb, Jugoslavia, under the Rockefeller Foundation, while here he will be studying the modern methods used in the medical world. He is a throat, ear and nose specialist.

Bro. Walter Youngman's grandmother died last week at the age of 85. We extend to the bereaved family our condolences.

Sis. Mary Schmidt's son Carl and his family left by auto and are headed for Alaska where they will live. Sis. Schmidt spent several days in Chicago. Our Prexy Sophie Vertovsek is vacationing in Appolo, visiting a former Spirit member and cousin of the Kacins, Anne Fontana. See. Odella Markoff's husband George is home from work almost two months as he hasn't been feeling any too good and is taking a much needed rest.

We do wish the Avella lodge's benefit dance great success. Little Loretta, we feel certain you will work and play again.—Congrats to the Strugglers on their 20th anniversary. Glad to see the old "Quacks" and others back in action. Keep pitching, Anne! Congrats and best wishes also to the Sunflowers on their 20th birthday.

ANNE SPILLER.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—To all our Integrity members, May 3rd is our 19th anniversary affair. Let's all of us get behind the wheel and do our darndest to put over the dance with real success. It depends upon you, Brothers and Sisters, to see that we do not fail in our venture.

As you all know, lodge affairs like ours are for the benefit of all the members. Then let's share the burden of the work that falls upon us. Sister F. Abram has turned in two books, Bro. A. Roycht turned in one, Bro. Martin Bergles, our skipper, turned in two.

Tickets for the dance should be in the hands of all our members. Sister Agnes Mejasch is in charge of tickets and books. She is handling all this besides the illness in her family that takes most of her time. So please let's give her a hand. I'm sure she would be pleased if you all sell your share of tickets as well as the books. **M. FLEISHACKER, Sec'y.**

Pioneer Juvenile Night April 18

CHICAGO.—Friday evening, Apr. 18, the juvenile members will be guests of the Pioneer lodge. We will have some entertainment. The featured star will be Miss Phyllis Nancy Kaufman, known as "Little Miss Houdini," world's famous child magician. Also some of our own talent, Marilyn Reven, Judy Zasadil, Myra Beniger, Sylvia Trojar, Ella Mae Selak, Dorothy Galavan and Rosemary Merhaut. Besides this refreshments will be served, games played and a surprise gift will be given to each child present. Hope to see you all at the meeting. **MYRA ANDRES.**

Dance at Struthers

STRUTHERS, Ohio.—The Croatian-Slovenian Club is giving a dance at the Croatian Hall, 199 Lowellville rd. here in Struthers, starting at 8 o'clock in the evening. (Date is not given.—Ed) Music by Polkateers from station WGAR of Cleveland. Everybody welcome. Refreshments of all kinds will be served. Let's make this a big night. **JOE CERNICH, S. R. BABICH.**

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO, Ill.—At the regular meeting of the Pioneers this Friday night we will play host to the Pioneer juvenile members. We will have a program with games and contests, of which the special feature will be the appearance of a magician, one which is well regarded and recognized a junior Houdini. Every juvenile member will receive a gift and the ladies in charge will see to it that refreshments are served. Anne Brzezinski is helping Mary Andres and Anne Cartier in preparing these things. To the parents of Pioneer juvenile members we make this appeal that they send their children to the meeting and that they come with them if possible. Everyone is urged to be there at 7:30 pm so that the meeting can get on its way promptly. We'll have a good report on what all has been done for the national SNPJ bowling tournament, about the Pioneer bowling league, and something about our future events. In addition to refreshments for grown-ups, we'll also have the usual cash attendance awards.

Death struck in one of the Pioneer families again this past week. The father of the Gratchners died last Saturday and will have been buried by the time these notes appear in print. In the hours of sorrow we extend comforting words to Joseph, John, Lee (married, Jachino), Wilma, Josephine (married, Townsley), Leo, and Mary Lou. Ever more of our people are finding their resting place in the SNPJ section of the Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Guest artists from Cleveland, O., will participate in the concert this Sunday at the SNPJ Hall which is being held for the benefit of the Slovene labor weekly, Proletarec. After the program there will be dancing. The admission is sixty cents and tickets can be obtained from many Pioneer members, including the Pioneer secretary. A lot of our young people may not recognize it, but the fact stands out that Proletarec has done a mighty lot of good in keeping our organizations properly aligned. It is a labor and Socialist paper and its ideals have been propagated for more than forty years. It has constantly fought for the interests of the common people, for labor unions and for a world of peace. Yes, Proletarec has been the spearhead of the movement for a better social system among our people in this country. The things accomplished in Washington, such as unemployment insurance, old age benefits, collective bargaining, etc., are a direct consequence of continued work on the part of such papers as Proletarec. A certain share of the credit for these benefits must go to Proletarec, too. That's why we hope that the folks here will recognize the value of Proletarec and attend this concert in full number.

A record number of one hundred twenty-six teams are entered in the 1947 National SNPJ Bowling Tournament, according to James Jachino, tournament secretary. James, and his helpers, John Ahic, John Collins, and Frank Zordani, have spent many hours in preparing the schedule which will soon be printed in book form by the SNPJ orintery. It is quite a task to compose the schedule because so many people want to bowl on Sunday and many others have special requests. However, the boys have done a good job and in order to accomodate the out-of-towners, they have had to shove up the starting date to Thursday, April 24. Everything looks very promising for the tournament, Frank Groser did a good job in rounding up many of the Pioneer teams.

We have added Ed Hudale to the sick list this week.—A bouncing baby boy arrived in the family of Herman Zordani. And, a baby girl has been added to the family of Henry Stirn. Congratulations!—A whole squad of twenty Pioneers will bowl in the individual handicap

tourney at the Southwest Alleys operated by William Arbanas, at 7 pm, Sunday, April 20.—James Jachino has been doing unusually well in tournament competition these days, and the best bowler in the Pioneer League, Matt Brinovec, is constantly pounding out good scores. He will be rolling in three tournaments over the next week-end, including the SNPJ tourney.—With John Simon feeling better, Ida Simon will be able to get around to visit the sick, in addition to Mary Hochevar, who will make up this committee until John recovers completely.—The final preparation meeting of the Pioneer National Bowling Tournament Committee will be held Tuesday, April 22, at the Center. Let's have a full attendance.

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OBSERVATIONS

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Lodge 747 Meeting; Circle, Other News

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—All juvenile members of SNPJ lodges are invited to attend a movie consisting of favorite cartoons, Saturday, April 19, at 2 pm at Rebnick's Hall, 539 S. 6th st. It is being sponsored by Junior All Star Circle.

Director Marie Ermenc and her assistants are doing a fine job of organizing the new Circle into a very promising social and educational organization, which will furnish best entertainment, with music, games, and refreshments for all members. Over 100 juveniles attended the first meeting.

I wish to remind the members of Lodge Violet 747 to attend our next meeting April 20, to be followed by entertainment. And let's not forget that SANC No. 56 is holding a card party at Rebnick's hall on Sunday, April 27. This organization is doing a marvelous work for Jugoslaves.

Last of all, those new members you were promising to get. Now is the time to enroll them, during the current membership campaign. **HELEN AMBROZICH, Sec'y.**

Sheboygan Moderns

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—From all hearsay some of the active members are really putting on pressure to obtain new members during the campaign months.

Sunday, April 20, is meeting time. Place, Fludernick Hall, at 2 pm, so let's all attend. Would like to see some of the inactive members show enough initiative to at least attend the meetings. Many important items will be brought up for discussion and vote. Everyone's opinions and thoughts should be presented, so let's have a good attendance.

The men's bowling team has virtually entrenched first place by beating the runners-up two games last Friday night. M. Resnick led the team with a 579 score on games of 161, 161, and a big 257.

Bro. Joe Zaletal recently underwent an operation on his leg and is now recovering at his home, 79 Lighthouse Ct. He agreed to bowl in the tournament at Chicago if his leg healed properly enough by the time the teams made the trip to Chicago. I take any hat off to Bro. Zaletal for the extreme loyalty to the Lodge and hope the other members will follow his fine example of loyalty. Certainly hope that leg heals well enough by April 26.

On March 31, a stag party was held, honoring Edward J. Resnick. He will march to the threshold with Lorraine Wiegand, in a marriage ceremony on April 19. Many of his friends attended and a very enjoyable evening was spent. **MAX RESNICK, 634.**

Avella News

AVELLA, Pa.—A last reminder to all the E. S. federated lodges to make sure there aren't any empty corners in the cars coming to the Federation conference at Avella on April 20, which will start at 2 pm. Remember the benefit dance that will start at 8 pm, music by Frank Perovne. There will be plenty of refreshments for all. We are expecting that noted celebrity to be with us around meal-time.

Route 28 brings you right into Main st. At the Esso gas station turn right and cross the bridge, then turn left and cross another bridge, cross the railroad and at the top of the hill turn left around the curve, and there you are. Let's see you all present and on time.

On April 11, the Sygan bowlers were our guests. Our ladies and men each managed to win one game. Marion Wirant blasted the pins for a game of 207. Very nice going, Marion. We hope to see most of the gang back again. **HELEN RIBARICH, 292.**

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Mr. and Mrs. John Rebnisek are home after spending a week in the hills of Penna. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oblak have transferred to the lodge in Denver, Colo, where they will make their future home.

The stork has again been on the prod. A baby boy has arrived at the home of the John Bohtes. At the home of the Tony Strukels it's a girl. At the Frank Oblucks it's also a girl. Congrats to you all.

Frank Spell has reported well. Those on the sick list are: Pauline Pink, 1513 W. Walker st.; Selma Schneider, 901 S. 28th st.; Margareth Lipovsek, 1213 S. 11th st.; John Mihelic, 914 S. 9th st.; Matt Gaus, 1028 W. Mineral st., and Eleanor Shaffer, 2108 S. 71st st. **SALTY, 584.**

Springfield SWH Dance April 26

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The Women's Club of the Slovene Workers Home will open the spring season by holding a dance on Saturday evening, April 26, at the SWH, 11th and Kansas, at 8 pm, featuring John Gorsek's orchestra. All proceeds from our affairs are used for the betterment of the Dom, and we are planning to make a lot of improvements in the near future. A tablecloth made by Mrs. Josephine Cezmar will be given away. There will be plenty of refreshments. We extend a cordial invitation to all, especially to our friends in the nearby communities. **AMELIA V. CHURCH.**

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Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

(Continued from page 12)

Out of 351 applications for membership in the society, 347 were approved, 1 was referred to the executive committee and 5 were rejected.

All 7 applicants for veteran's special benefit were approved.

In connection with some of the above claims, it was necessary for me to hold frequent conferences with the supreme secretary and the secretary of the sick benefit department in order to properly dispose of them. In addition to this, wherever it was practical to make response by mail I have furnished medical advice to numerous members of the society.

In the event that any matter arise at your meeting which would require my presence in order to give advice from a medical standpoint, I will be glad to attend if you will notify me in advance.

JOHN J. ZAVERTNIK, M. D.

Report accepted.

Secretary reads a letter from director of circle 26 inviting all board members to a Valentine party Feb. 13 in the lower hall; invitation is accepted.

Session adjourned.

SECOND SESSION—FEB. 13 P.M.

President Cainkar calls meeting to order at 1 o'clock; present are all board members as at previous session.

He reads a letter from Bro. John Kobi explaining that because of illness he is unable to attend the meeting; unanimously decided that he be excused.

Secretary Vider submits the matter of paying assessment for members who reach age of 65 or more and are members of the society 35 or more years and are in need. He explains that the convention resolution is not clear; it states that assessment shall be paid for mortuary insurance of \$1000 and \$1 sick benefit, but it does not mention assessment for other funds, namely, disability, expense, convention and special benefit funds; for this reason the executive committee decided to submit this matter to the board meeting; he further states that the original copy of the resolution cannot be found. He moves that assessment shall be paid for mortuary benefit up to \$1000, \$1 sick benefit and all the rest of the funds in which a member is insured and obligated to pay assessment. Bro. Turk seconds the motion.

Bro. Garden, chairman of the convention resolutions committee explains that there is a mistake in the minutes where it reads "and for other funds," which should read "and for other funds," which means disability, expense, convention and special benefit funds, because this was the unanimous decision of the resolutions committee. Bro. Kaferle, member of the same committee, explains the matter in like manner.

Vider's motion unanimously carried.

Secretary reads a letter from Canadian lodges concerning special assessment for sick benefit fund and charter in Canada, so that new members there could again be admitted into lodges. He explains the difficulties with Canadian authorities concerning our business operations; recently the insurance department of Canada issued new directives anent the wording in certificates; further, unusually high charter fee must be paid, an amount almost as much as for all states in the United States; also, difficulties with financial transactions because it is impossible to get money from Canada which is paid by our members there for assessment; the regular assessment into the sick fund does not cover sick benefit payments, and because of this the special assessment for sick benefit fund must still remain in effect.

Lisch moves that the executive committee study this problem carefully to determine whether it would be possible to make an agreement with the Canadian members whereby some sort of compromise settlement would be made, and to report on the matter at the next board meeting; motion seconded. After a brief discussion participated in by Turk, Garden, Lotrich and Cainkar, motion unanimously carried.

Secretary submits a report on income and expenses of combined Eveleth lodges during the convention and explains why the executive committee did not pay the bill as decided by the convention. All board members express the opinion that the executive committee acted correctly in withholding the payment and submitting the matter to this meeting. Sis. Ambrozich explains various items in the bill. Lisch's motion reading: considering unusual conditions that prevailed during that time, the bill of \$1000 as decided by the convention shall be paid upon presentation of detailed and itemized accounts, is unanimously carried.

Secretary reports that another mistake was made in adopting a provision that new members shall be admitted without medical examination who insure for \$500 mortuary benefit and \$1 sick benefit; this decision is not beneficial to the society but cannot be now corrected.

He further reports that the decision to pay assessment for members mentally ill who are insured for sick benefit, as provided in sec. 77; in this are omitted those insured only for mortuary benefit, and in order to insure equality, it is necessary to discuss this matter and accept a corrective clause.

Bro. Turk, who was member of the by-laws committee, explains that it was the unanimous opinion that all members be included, not only those insured for sick benefit; a mistake occurred in the same way as in the case of the resolution concerning aged members. He moves that the board adopt a resolution instructing the supreme secretary to pay assessment for members who are mentally ill and insured only for mortuary benefit from the special benefit fund according to same provision and in the same manner as provided in sec. 77 for members insured for sick benefit. Lisch seconds the motion, which is unanimously carried.

Discussion on sec. 31, per diems, traveling and other expenses of supreme board members on official business, because it isn't clear as to what those board members not on the executive committee are entitled when they travel on official business in their vicinity when they have no special expense with lodging and board.

Lisch moves that since sec. 31 does not provide any per diems for special expenses for non-executive board members who are on official business in their vicinity, said members shall receive \$10 per diem and \$5 for expenses; motion seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

THIRD SESSION—FEB. 14 A.M.

President calls meeting to order at 9 o'clock in presence of all board members present at the previous session. Minutes of the first session approved as read; minutes of second session approved with corrections.

Sis. Ambrozich wishes to know who will decide as to what kind of accounts shall be submitted. Petrovich moves that the executive committee of Eveleth lodges shall determine what accounts the convention arrangements committees of Eveleth lodges shall submit; motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Secretary reads a letter from R. Travnik explaining that due to a death in the family he is unable to attend the meeting; enclosed is also his report; he is excused. His report follows:

It is a great pleasure and honor to again be a member of this body, which will lead our great organization for the next four years. I am firmly convinced that the integrity, honor, and ability is represented in this body along with the intense desire to do great things for our society in the next few years.

Our greatest danger at the present moment is the fact that the reactionary forces are again at work and doing their utmost to destroy labor. I am truly appreciative of the fine work done by the editorial department as reflected in our official organ the Prosveta. I believe that much has been achieved by the additional page granted to the English section and I also doubt that our younger generation has grasped the opportunity to realize the dangers confronting us at this time. I deem it the direct responsibility of each of us to warn our people of the danger and work harder than ever before to preserve the principles of the SNPJ. It is also imperative for our younger generation to grasp this theory, for our older members have entrusted us with their responsibility and our duty is now to carry on and to never let them down.

Sports—I am thoroughly in accord with sports within our Society. However, I am also of the opinion that the supreme board has never been fully informed as to the powers of the athletic board or of their problems or decisions. I am sure that with the war over, their problems will be greater and with competition keener from other organizations it is imperative that the SNPJ stay on the top.

Juvenile Circles—I have spent many happy and enjoyable hours with the juveniles in our city. I know a great deal has been accomplished and more can be expected in the near future. I have surrounded myself with three truly capable assistants, namely, Dorothy Karun, a graduate of our circle, Ann Stromar and Pauline Bence. Only a helping hand was needed and our circle was operating efficiently. We expect another circle in Detroit in the near future. The cooperation we have received from the juvenile director has been wonderful and we wish to thank him for it.

Membership—I believe a membership campaign would be very beneficial to the SNPJ in the near future; however, I am confident that the district vice-presidents will have such a program, so I will rely on their good judgment and help them put it over.

Report accepted.

Secretary states that in accordance with the by-laws the board can elect the medical director and that his salary shall be first determined. The present salary is \$1,200 a year or \$100 monthly; it is necessary to consider the conditions and work of the medical director; in addition to examining applications, the director devotes considerable time to conferences with responsible officers; the present director, Dr. John J. Zavertnik, is willing to continue his services if the board so desires.

Since there is no other candidate for the supreme medical director, Dr. Zavertnik is unanimously elected for this post for the current term of four years.

Turk moves that considering the times and Dr. Zavertnik's services his salary shall be \$1,800 per year, or \$150 per month; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Lisch submits a resolution anent per diems for board members who are not executive officers and who are on official business in their vicinity and moves it be approved.

Kuhel explains that this resolution cannot be approved because according to the by-laws every board member has the right to submit a bill for the amount as provided in sec. 31. Vider states he cannot support the resolution because it is contrary to said section. Turk, Lotrich, Vrhovnik, Zaitz, Cainkar, Maglich and Zupan take part in discussion. Turk states that according to parliamentary rules the chairman has the right to determine whether the provision has been correctly transposed from the minutes into the by-laws. Chairman states that it has always been our practice to compensate non-executive officers while on official business on the same basis as officers who live elsewhere, and that the chairman on the strength of the convention minutes considers that this was the intention of the last convention and decides that it will be so practiced in the future; because of this, all motions in this connection are void.

Vrhovnik asks for a decision whether district vice-presidents' meetings shall be held a day prior to the board meeting. During the discussion that follows it is emphasized that these meetings are important. Polsak moves that the juvenile director shall call such a meeting on the day before the board meeting; seconded and carried.

Zarnick recommends that The Voice of Youth be sent to all board members because of its value, in campaigning for new members; unanimously decided that this shall be done.

Kaferle asks for an explanation anent abdominal operations not included in the by-laws. Cainkar explains that such cases are covered by the last sentence on page 39 in the booklet "Amendments and Changes to By-Laws."

Meeting adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION—FEB. 14 P.M.

President calls meeting to order at 1 o'clock. Present are all board members as at previous session.

Vrhovnik reports that the executive committee has already discussed the matter of a membership campaign at its meetings and accepted a plan which he wishes to submit in behalf of the committee to this meeting for approval. The plan reads:

RULES OF THE SNPJ LODGE CAMPAIGN

The new membership drive is known as "The SNPJ Lodge Campaign," and is designed to revive and stimulate among the members a keener desire to build the weaker lodges and strengthen the strong in every locality where the SNPJ is established. Its slogan is: Build Your Lodge; Strengthen Your Society!

Duration of Campaign and Classes

The campaign will be conducted in both adult and juvenile departments of the Society for a period of four months, beginning March 1 and ending June 30, 1947. It is planned as a contest for all the lodges grouped into three separate classes. The basis used for classification is the adult membership standing on January 1, as follows:

Class A—All lodges having over 300 adult members
Class B—All lodges having 101 to 200 adult members
Class C—All lodges having 100 or less adult members

Quota for Every Lodge

Each lodge is assigned a quota of new members, starting with a minimum of FIVE for lodges having 50 or less adult members and graded proportionately upward, using the ratio of one new member for every ten adults until the maximum quota of 25 is reached, as shown in the table below:

Adult Membership	Quota	Class
50 or less	5	C
51 to 60	6	C
61 to 70	7	C
71 to 80	8	C
81 to 90	9	C
91 to 100	10	C
101 to 110	11	B
111 to 120	12	B
121 to 130	13	B
131 to 140	14	B
141 to 150	15	B
151 to 160	16	B
161 to 170	17	B
171 to 180	18	B
181 to 190	19	B
191 to 200	20	B
201 to 210	21	A
211 to 220	22	A
221 to 230	23	A
231 to 240	24	A
241 to 250	25	A
251 to more	25	A

Awards for New Members

Attractive prizes shall be awarded to lodges and individual members as inducements for greater enrollment of new members, provided at least six monthly assessments have been paid.

Regular prizes shall be awarded to the individual members, according to the following scale:

For each juvenile insured under Plan I.....\$1.00
For each juvenile insured under Plan 2 or 3.....\$2.00
For each adult insured for \$500 or less.....\$2.00
For each adult insured for \$1000 or more.....\$4.00

Special Prizes shall be awarded to the three highest lodges in each class who enroll the most new members over their respective quota, as follows:

Class A	Class B	Class C
1st—\$100.00	1st—\$100.00	1st—\$100.00
2nd—\$ 75.00	2nd—\$ 75.00	2nd—\$ 75.00
3rd—\$ 50.00	3rd—\$ 50.00	3rd—\$ 50.00

The Grand Prize shall be awarded to the lodge enrolling the highest number of new members over its quota in all three classes combined. This shall consist of an additional award of \$50.00 and a membership enrollment plaque, emblematic of the highest achievement in the campaign, upon which shall be engraved the names of all the members of the lodge who enrolled 5 or more new members.

The campaign shall have an Honor Roll and this shall contain all the lodges who attain or exceed their assigned quota. Each lodge will receive a Certificate of Achievement at the close of the campaign from the Society.

Miscellaneous Provisions

Transfers from the juvenile to the adult department shall not count as new members in the campaign irrespective of the amount of plan under which one is insured.

The provisions of the Annual Awards Plan for Lodge Secretaries remain in full force and effect; that is, under the plan the lodge secretaries will receive credit at the end of the year for all new members enrolled during the campaign.

The standing of lodges only will be publicized in the official organ during the progress of the drive. Individual members will receive honorable mention in weekly reports, but their complete record will not be published until the campaign is concluded.

Although this membership building effort is a lodge contest, it will, nevertheless, be necessary to keep a record of all individual participants. Therefore, each membership application, forwarded to the main office by the lodge secretary, shall be accompanied by a credit card showing who secured the member.

Medical examination fees up to \$2 for new adult members and 50c for juveniles shall be paid by the Society. However, no examination is required for adults insuring for \$500 or less, if under 35 years of age, or for juveniles, unless insurability is doubtful or questioned.

All applications for new members, secured in the final month of the campaign, shall be mailed to the main office of the Society not later than the 5th day after the official closing date. The postmark shall determine the mailing date.

"The SNPJ Lodge Campaign" shall be conducted under the supervision of a committee of three executive officers, namely, Supreme President Vincent Cainkar, Supreme Secretary Fred A. Vider, and Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik as the Campaign Director.

Lisch moves that the plan be approved. Shular seconds. Motion unanimously carried.

Vrhovnik further submits an outline for a conference of juvenile circle directors which was to have been held before the convention but which was postponed because of existing conditions and difficulties. The plan was approved by the executive committee and is here submitted for approval:

OUTLINE PLAN FOR CONFERENCE OF JUVENILE CIRCLE DIRECTORS

The conference of the Directors of active Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ shall be held during the time of the National SNPJ Day in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 29 or 30, 1947.

The primary purpose of the conference is to provide the Circle Directors with an opportunity to meet in the same place to discuss their problems, exchange ideas and suggestions, and work out practical plans for the increase and improvement

of worthwhile activities and projects for Juvenile Circles.

The Directors of all active Juvenile Circles shall be eligible to attend the conference. Each Circle will be entitled to one representative. If for good reason the Circle Director is unable to attend, then the assistant in that case shall be his alternate.

Each Circle Director attending the conference will be entitled to round-trip railroad coach fare (not Pullman or first class) and two per diems at \$10 each.

Directors of Juvenile Activities, who are not Circle Directors, will be entitled to attend the conference, but will receive no compensation from the Society for traveling or per diems.

A number of Circle Directors will be invited to prepare reports on selected topics, these to be read by them and discussed at the conference. It is also suggested that some one well versed in youth activities be engaged to address the group, besides a number of supreme officers.

Talented juvenile members from the local SNPJ lodges and circles, and some from other localities where active Circles are established, should (shall) be invited to participate in the National SNPJ Day program.

In conjunction with the conference it is proposed to have a handcraft exhibit for juvenile members. Achievement awards shall be offered for the outstanding group (lodge or circle), and individual exhibits.

Lotrich moves that the outline plan be approved in principle and the juvenile director should prepare a complete program and submit same to the executive committee for approval; motion seconded.

During discussion all speakers emphasize importance of such conference so that youth will be educated according to the principles of the SNPJ and that the society will thus continue its progress on these precepts; it is brought out how difficult it is to get juvenile directors who would lead youth on the path charted by the SNPJ pioneers.

Vider states that a lack of progressive ideas among youth is more and more evident, such as are necessary in a workers' fraternal benefit society and which are the driving force for the progress and growth of the society. Reactionary forces as well as the clergymen are spreading their propaganda against everything that is progressive and for the improvement of economic conditions. Since youth is unfamiliar with these things and lacks experience, it is natural that they are successful among them. It is our duty to be on guard in the interest of our youth and against detrimental influences if we want this organization to remain in the hands of progressive labor elements also in the future. It is not too late and our youth is not yet lost, but it is necessary that we act and lead our youth on the right path, so that it will not be later disappointed and condemn us by saying that we neglected our duty towards them.

Lotrich states that it is regrettable to see how little labor feeling there is among our youth and that education in this respect is being neglected; in some lodges they don't even want to hear about it; it is necessary to get such directors who would lead juvenile circles in accordance with the principles charted by their pioneers; it is necessary to emphasize the importance of education of our youth in true labor spirit.

Grum states that perhaps it would be better to invite directors of inactive circles to the conference in order to get them interested in juvenile work; also, it is necessary to consider that in some circles assistants perform more work than those elected as juvenile directors; if the assistant in such cases is ignored it would harm the circle.

Vratarich explains that there are instances where the adult members should get interested in organizing circles; when adult members are ready to cooperate there won't be any difficulty to form circles; it is also important that educational reading material is sent to circles, also plays and recitations for programs, and above all, labor songs.

Vrhovnik states it wouldn't be advisable to invite some directors to the conference and omit those who are active. Perhaps inviting directors of active circles will spur the indifferent ones to action. Various labor songs and other material is being prepared for publication in booklet form and will be sent to the circles.

Shular, Trojar, Polsak, Garden, Cainkar, Kumer and Zaitz speak on the subject. Lotrich's motion unanimously carried.

Vrhovnik reports that the term of the athletic board has expired and this meeting shall elect a new board; there are 22 candidates from seven districts. Unanimously decided to hold elections; chairman names Zarnick and Fifolt as tellers.

Elected are the following: 1st district, James Trofino (749); 2nd district, Lawrence Cassol (680); 3rd district, Joseph Matthews (604); 4th district, Joseph Golia (564); 5th district, Martin Dragan (105); 6th district, Lukas Groser (559); 7th district, Marco Shappeck (584).

Vrhovnik moves that the board give a vote of confidence to the outgoing athletic board members for their work; motion carried. He further moves that the athletic board members be compensated as follows for the expired term: Lawrence Cassol, \$50; Louis Tercek, \$35; Joseph Golia, Frank Lotrich and Marco Shappeck, \$25 each; seconded and carried.

Lisch wishes an explanation about voluntary contributions to the fund for the erection of a memorial in Collinwood for fallen soldiers in the last war, and whether the executive committee received an appeal to that effect; if so, what action was taken.

Vider explains that the appeal was presented to the executive committee but was not considered because it was of a local nature; if we would support such undertaking in one community, we would be unable to refuse help to others; other executives confirm Vider's explanation.

Godina presents matter of the daily and states two ways of solving a threatening deficit due to higher expenses: increase the subscription for all subscribers \$2 or drop the Friday issue of the daily and discharge one assistant editor; there is no other alternative if we want to retain the daily.

The unanimous opinion of all present is that the daily must be retained as long as possible; it was the daily that helped to build up the society until it surpassed all other Slovene societies; increase in subscription will be unpleasant to all subscribers but there is no other way since every one knows that prices have gone up for everything.

Vidrich states that it is no use to consider omitting one issue of the daily because one hears constant demands for the Saturday issue; he moves that the subscription be increased \$2 to all subscribers.

Kuhel explains that this matter has been discussed at several executive meetings; although the executive committee has the power to regulate the subscription rate, the problem was submitted here so that all board members will get a clear picture of the situation.

Kaferle states if the price is increased Prosveta's subscription price will be the highest of all our papers which will be unfavorable for getting new subscribers; it would be advisable to increase the price \$1 and he so moves; motion seconded.

Godina explains that other Slovene dailies have already increased their subscription prices and that until now Prosveta's subscription has been the lowest; it appears that they will again have to increase their prices soon in order to exist. Our estimate foresees an annual deficit of about \$18,000; increased subscription would bring approximately \$12,000; therefore, the deficit would still be about \$6,000, which would have to be covered from the reserve fund; if expenses will continue to mount, the deficit would be correspondingly higher.

Garden states that the most important question is how to cover the deficit; increase of subscription price of \$1 wouldn't help at all; if we want to cover the entire deficit a \$3 increase would be required; the \$2 increase would partially cover the deficit.

Kuhel states that the deficit is the result of higher prices for newsprint and higher printers' wages; in this all papers are affected, not only our daily.

Zaitz states that the only problem which must be solved is how to get funds to cover the deficit caused by higher prices and higher printers' wages; even if subscription is increased the reserve will be used up because the deficit will have to be covered by the reserve until funds from new subscriptions will be coming in.

Lotrich states that the income of the daily could be increased through ads which could be secured if we tried; it would be necessary to have special agents to collect ads.

Godina explains that during the early years Prosveta carried many ads from firms which are sending their products throughout the country, but those times are gone because advertisers are no longer dependent on foreign language papers; now those firms advertise mostly in local papers with greatest number of subscribers; he further explains that our agents collect what ads they can get; nevertheless, we must not forget that Prosveta's subscription price is still the same as it was when the daily was founded and has never been increased; all other Slovene papers have long ago increased their rates as did also the English papers in most cases by 100% although they have a million subscribers.

Shular states that the increase would perhaps reduce the number of subscribers and the getting of new subscribers would be more difficult; in spite of that he has no fear that the number of subscribers would be greatly affected, if it is explained that there is no other way out of the dilemma; he is convinced that if this is done that subscribers will understand and retain their subscriptions.

Vider states that prices have indeed increased, but we cannot overlook the fact that Prosveta is still the best advertiser for SNPJ as well as defender of its principles. As far as salaries in the offices are concerned they have always been pictured as being high, but no one ever said anything about the high wages in the printery; also, if the printery would have more orders, operating expenses would be also lower.

Vidrich's motion that the subscription price to the daily Prosveta be increased \$2 is unanimously carried.

Petrovich states that the question is how long Prosveta will be able to exist because of the steadily declining number of readers and subscribers; he thinks that its life can be prolonged and moves that the executive committee be instructed to investigate the possibility of printing Prosveta in Cleveland and report back at the next board meeting; seconded and carried.

F. Gradisek reports that the Westmoreland federation in Pennsylvania decided to purchase a summer camp and would like to know how the convention resolution dealing with this matter is interpreted. Lisch, Petrovich, Godina, Vrhovnik and Vider speak on the subject; unanimously decided that the federation submit a definite plan of the proposed purchase to the executive committee for study; committee will then present it to the board at the next meeting.

Polsak asks why Bro. Meznarsic was first invited to attend the convention as a guest and then the invitation was canceled.

Vider and Vrhovnik explain that Meznarsic did not have the prescribed number of new members with paid assessment at the end of the campaign, as provided in the campaign rules, and which would entitle him to a seat at the convention as an honored guest; this unpleasant fact was discovered shortly before the convention.

Turk submits a question in behalf of the supervisory committee concerning the certified public accountants who ask \$2,000 for each semi-annual audit of books and accounts including the audit just concluded; heretofore they charged \$1,450.

Lotrich, Vider, L. Gradisek, Kuhel, Vrhovnik and Zaitz participate in the discussion. Turk states that the supervisory committee discussed this matter and finally agreed that audit shall be semi-annual. Lotrich moves that the supervisory committee shall obtain the best possible contract with the accountants; seconded and carried.

Godina moves that board members living in Chicago and vicinity approve the minutes of the third and fourth session; seconded and carried.

Session adjourned at 5:30.

SPECIAL SESSION, FEB. 18 P.M.

President calls meeting to order at 7 o'clock; present are Cainkar, Vider, Kuhel, Godina, Vrhovnik, Zaitz, Turk, Zupan and Lotrich.

Minutes of the third session approved with corrections; minutes of the fourth session approved with corrections.

Lotrich moves that minutes be printed in sufficient number and sent to each board member; seconded and carried.

Zaitz moves that Cainkar with the rest of the executive officers prepare minutes for publication in Prosveta; seconded and carried.

Unanimously decided to publish the minutes in the official organ serially.

Session adjourned.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President
F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary
PETER BERNICK, Recorder

CORRECTION

Ed. note: On Page 11 in the supplement, Report of Secretary of Sick Benefit Dept., under heading Disbursements of \$2 class, should read as follows:

Total	\$ 60,401.00
Six months surplus	17,706.42
Balance June 30	103,679.92
Balance December 31	\$121,386.34

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held February 13 and 14, 1947 at Headquarters, 2657 South Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois

OPENING SESSION, FEB. 13 A. M.

Supreme president calls meeting to order at 9 o'clock and calls attention to important matters which must be solved in accordance with the decisions of the 13th convention. This is the first board meeting after the convention at which the newly elected board members participate who with the other board members will continue the work begun by our predecessors. I welcome the new board members into our midst.

Roll call shows all members present except Bro. Ray Travnik, 1st vice president, and Bro. John Kobi, member of judicial committee.

- Order of business accepted:
- 1—Call to order
 - 2—Roll call
 - 3—Time of sessions
 - 4—Urgent motions
 - 5—Reports
 - 6—Discussions
 - 7—Unfinished business
 - 8—General business
 - 9—Miscellaneous
 - 10—Adjournment

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Report of Supreme President

We have assembled here at the first board meeting since the 13th regular convention. It is customary that we first submit our reports and hear results of our activities for the past six months. This custom will be followed also at this meeting because the saying that practical experience is the best teacher holds for us as well.

It is necessary that we assess our past activities and study various needs and problems of the organization and try to make our decisions for future action according to our best judgment. This is our solemn duty expected of us by our membership, and only by so doing will we be worthy of the trust given us by the convention, which elected us to the leadership of the organization for the next four years.

As you know, the last convention adopted several resolutions and decisions and instructed the executive committee to put them into effect. This has been done, that is, everything that was possible and necessary, and the rest will be carried out in due course of time.

One of the important instructions given by the convention was the arrangement of the by-laws, that is, to coordinate the changes made by the convention into the old by-laws. We have succeeded in incorporating the changes according to the wishes of the convention, and submitted them for approval to the insurance department as demanded, and saw to it that they were sent to the commissioners of the several states in our jurisdiction.

As usual after each regular convention, we tried to publish the complete-by-laws as soon as the changes were inserted and arranged for printing. However, due to shortage of paper and help it was impossible to do this. The only way out was to print the amendments in a special booklet and send a reasonable number to local lodges with an explanation why it was impossible to print the complete by-laws, and that these changes should be considered valid; otherwise, the old by-laws shall be followed.

As always we have also last year endeavored to interest our lodges in various activities of the society, for example, membership campaign, new subscribers to the daily, sponsoring anniversaries and other activities with fitting programs, athletic tournaments, etc. As you know, our soldier-members have returned home and the work went on quite well everywhere; there were signs that our lodges would renew their activities such as we had in prewar days. However, it is regrettable that because of the war our economic conditions are not favorable and we will have to be satisfied with small-scale activities. New directives were issued concerning the rationing of food and beverages, there were still housing and transportation difficulties. Because of shortages we were forced to abandon many plans, including our national SNPJ day celebration scheduled for last Labor day. As a result, it was necessary to carry out our plans on regional and sectional basis only.

As you know, last year we conducted a membership campaign launched the previous year in celebration of the 20th anniversary of English speaking lodges, which closed March 31, 1946. The drive helped a great deal so that at the end of last year we were able to point to an increase in membership. Since we have had no campaign since then and because this is known to be the only effective means of securing new members, it is advisable that we launch another campaign this spring for a period of three or four months. The executive committee has already discussed this matter and a plan will be submitted to you at this meeting.

The executive committee has also discussed the proposal of the SNPJ Day celebration and steps have already been taken to hold this great affair in Chicago over the Labor day weekend on Aug. 30 and Sept. 1st. The Cleveland federation has promised to take complete charge of this affair in order that we will after a lapse of several years due to the war, again be able to sponsor our traditional large-scale event fittingly and successfully. The federation merits our full recognition and sincere thanks.

In connection with the SNPJ Day affair we will have athletic contests as well as other events, as formerly. In addition, a conference of juvenile new directors is being planned in accordance with the convention decisions; this will be a new step in our society and it is hoped that the results will be satisfactory.

Bro. Vrhovnik will give you a detailed report

on our athletic activities as well as our juvenile activities.

As you have been informed through the executive committee minutes, the union of the office personnel asked for a 35% increase in salaries and a shorter work-day to seven hours, as well as for longer vacations and other changes. In view of the fact that the cost of living has gone up considerably since the last increase, we had planned an increase but not as high as they have asked for. We have finally agreed to a general increase of 25% in salaries and seven and a half hour work-day; we have also agreed on other minor items, but there are still several questions which will have to be settled before the contract is signed.

As already mentioned, last year we had a campaign for new subscribers to the daily on the occasion of the paper's 30th anniversary, and the result was favorable in spite of the fact that our Slovene readers are rapidly thinning out. Details on this and other financial matters pertaining to the paper will be given by Bro. Godina, manager of our publications. From this report you will see how seriously the present high prices have affected our newspaper, so that something will have to be done in order to increase our income and preserve the daily. The executive committee has already discussed this matter at length and arrived at the conclusion that it is necessary to raise the subscription price as the only solution.

All other information will be given by the supreme secretary, treasurer and secretary of the sick benefit department; this pertains to our financial status, benefits, operations and disability benefits, etc. These reports will also show our assets and membership.

Relations between the main office and lodges are excellent as well as between executives and the office personnel. The society is in very good condition.

VINCENT CAINKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Second Vice-President

For the past five years I have been serving the members of the SNPJ in the capacity of district vice-president. I tried to fill this office entrusted me to the best of my ability. The past five years were difficult as we all know, and activities were curtailed.

At the 13th regular convention the delegation bestowed me a still higher honor by electing me second vice-president. During my term as district vice-president, I am happy to say that the relationship between the executive and supreme board members has been very friendly. All our membership is interested in our board meetings, at which time we map out new plans and ideas for the good of the SNPJ. This interest is creating inspiration for new activities in the society.

I read in the Prosveta where juvenile circles are continuously being organized and I wish at this time to comment on the excellent job that our juvenile director, Michael Vrhovnik is doing. Credit is also due to the numerous circle directors. Steps were taken at the last convention to widen the scope of activities of interest to the juveniles, giving them more financial aid in order that they may participate in more activities such as sports, etc. Circle awards are highly cherished by the members. One for the highest attendance during the past years was won by Circle 47, in my locality, and I see just how proud the members are of the trophy they received.

On New Year's Day, I attended the duckpin bowling tournament held in Carrick, Pa. The affair was well planned and carried out, and the attendance was good considering the weather we had and the road conditions. Since this affair, I read where future tournaments will be held in the spring. I am glad of this change for it is sure to bring a still better attendance and lodges from a greater distance will be able to participate. The amount of work and planning that goes into a successful tournament is unmeasurable and we all should remember to be grateful to the few that handle these affairs so well. The various tournaments are good salesmen for the SNPJ.

We will, at this meeting, select athletic directors for this year. The selection will be a difficult task because the men are all good active members and since we are limited, some good workers will be let out. I do believe that the ones selected should be asked to serve for more than one year. It seems to me that they no more than get the swing of the job given them, than it's time to select over again. One year, to my estimation, is not enough time for these athletic directors to prove what they really can do in the way of promoting sports activities in the SNPJ.

I have recently investigated the consolidation of the two English speaking lodges 684 and 712 in my district. We had here in this small community these two lodges neither one numbering more than 70 adult members, and as in most lodges I presume, a selected few that are active. We had the condition here where new members hesitate to join either of these branches, not wanting to be partial, etc. I could go on indefinitely giving reasons for the good of this merger, which will prove to be a boost in many ways amongst the English speaking members of the SNPJ in this district.

With the above, I tried to present a summary of my activities as a district vice-president. I wish to express my sincere hopes that this meeting will work in harmony and bring before this board progressive ideas so as to achieve even greater successes in the future of the SNPJ.

J. L. CULKAR.

Report accepted.

Bro. John Cebular, 1st district vice-president, explains that since he took his office Jan. 1 and since he hasn't received any instructions from the main office, he has no report for this meeting.

Bro. Frank Gradisek, 2nd district vice-president, likewise has no report for the same reason.

Report of 3rd District Vice-President

My report for the six-month period ending Dec. 31, 1946: It is interesting to note that as the months roll by that there is an upward trend in SNPJ activities and spirit. The return of members from service together with 1946 being a convention year were a factor to consider for the trend.

In western Pennsylvania, to name a few successful affairs, we may consider the last annual Pennsylvania SNPJ Day celebration, the softball program, the national duckpin tournament and the local tournament. Also a number of lodges have plans to organize juvenile circles and some have already done so. I have offered my assistance to any lodge where it may be needed.

I recommend a membership campaign for 1947. Plans should be prepared and considered at this meeting and the program put in effect at once.

In spite of increased personal business and work I attended and was active in many affairs and always for a better SNPJ.

JAMES M. MAGLICH.

Report accepted.

Report of 4th District Vice-President

I have the following comments to offer for my first report as vice-president of district 4:

Activity: One only has to read the Prosveta to find out how active a supreme board member is. Those of you who do read the paper can pass judgment in my case.

District 4 comprises many lodges and a great deal of territory. One would have to be a centipede to cover all functions and doings. It is my hope to compile a roster of all the lodges in district 4, attempt to visit them, attend as many of their affairs as possible, if not correspond with them and publicize their events.

Lodge Comrades, of whom I am secretary, is one of the most active in Cleveland. Thru its activity it has aroused a friendly interest of other lodges, which is good for the organization.

Cleveland Athletic League: Along sports line Cleveland is active thru its athletic league. Members bowl on Friday and Sunday nights. Members participating this year is the largest ever. An eastern invitational tournament will be sponsored in April. Plans are also being made for a large crowd to descend on Chicago for their national bowling tournament. This together with social activities on the part of individual lodges keep the public conscious of the SNPJ.

SNPJ Farm: Thru the efforts of the writer, the present president of Lodge Comrades intends to take over as caretaker of the SNPJ Farm, which should revive more interest in this spot. The president, his family and relatives numbering around 30, all belonging to the organization really represent a solid SNPJ family.

Lodge Comrades have always taken the lead, which no doubt will be followed by other lodges, in going ahead to furnish the farm with some playground equipment, so that in time it will be completely equipped.

SNPJ Juvenile Singing Chorus: The Juvenile Singing Chorus in Cleveland is holding its own, neither gaining ground or losing. Mrs. Josephine Tratnik, present secretary of the Cleveland federation and guardian angel of the chorus, deserves a great deal of credit for the time and effort she spends with the group. Revived interest on the part of active members in Cleveland, particularly the supreme board members, we hope will bring about signs of increased interest in the chorus.

At present the group is busily engaged in preparing for their annual concert, Sunday, Feb. 23, which we hope will be more successful than last year.

G. I. Banquet and Dance: In an effort to show our appreciation to the boys that were in the service, a group of lodges on St. Clair as well as in Collinwood, have banded together to sponsor a huge G. I. banquet and dance on Saturday, March 1. This is another step bringing home to the boys, desirability of belonging to an organization such as the SNPJ. In addition, individual lodges have expressed their appreciation and thanks in other ways.

Prosveta: Many members in Cleveland have inquired from the writer as to why more of the supreme board members do not take the time to write in the Prosveta. As leaders of the organization, they feel this is part of their duty. As to the why, this can be answered by those involved.

The English section of the Prosveta can stand some improvement. More pictures, of active workers, etc. should be used. Particularly is this true in the case of new writers. Everything possible on the part of the editors should be done to give the newcomers a good sendoff.

Complaints: I have been asked by Sis. Josephine Mochnik to personally contact the chairman of the supervisory committee and request a formal answer as to the legality of the voting at the last convention, as regards her position. She feels that an injustice was done.

District Vice-Presidents: It is my recommendation that procedure in past years, in having the district vice-presidents meet a day prior to the board meeting, be continued in the future.

General: Some criticism was received from members in Cleveland as to the lack of SNPJ pins, and why these could not be secured.

Several of the secretaries contacted the writer regarding the lack of new forms which were to be ready Jan. 1, for signing up new applicants for \$500 or less, without medical examination.

Very soon, in some lodges it has already happened, members have paid up their insurance and now only remain in the sick benefit class. The 22c SNPJ assessment together with the individual lodge assessments makes the rate too high. Some decision should be reached as to procedure to follow in the way of reducing the amount.

Lodge Pioneers of Strabane have recently announced a policy of paying dues for their members after they reach age 65. Question has been asked whether the policy was cleared with the main office. Is it something good for the organization or will it cause any criticism? Should it be pushed by the main office, with the hope that other lodges follow this practice.

J. F. FIFOLT.

Report accepted.

Report of 5th District Vice-President

Today as the newly elected supreme board convenes at its first session there are among us some to whom this will be a new experience.

I trust that we, the newly elected body, will constantly strive for the welfare of the SNPJ and its members and that our deliberations will be in fraternal harmony.

With lodge activities back to normal, the field work for the district vice-presidents should be wide open in adding new members, organizing circles, and reviving some of the dormant lodges.

On Oct. 9-10, I attended the Missouri Fraternal Congress in Kansas City, Missouri. As in the past the sessions were more of a social and religious nature than participating in constructive fraternal work.

During my stay in Kansas City I visited the officers of lodge Hearts of America. This lodge is fairly active and with a little effort much can be gained for the SNPJ. My report to the executive committee covers my trip to Kansas City more thoroughly.

On several occasions I received requests from various SNPJ lodges in my vicinity to speak at Yugoslav relief rallies. Knowing that the SNPJ was one of the first in realizing the importance of such a movement I fulfilled all said requests, as well as giving assistance to lodges and members wherever possible.

JOHN SPILLER.

Report accepted.

Report of 6th District Vice-President

Since our last board meeting I received several complaints from lodges in my district. One lodge secretary informed me that it was impossible for her to carry on the duties as secretary of her respective lodge. She reported to the lodge at the December meeting that they were faced with the difficulty that no other member wanted to take this office work, and that the other officers of this lodge were contemplating to resign. This matter was brought up to me on several occasions before. By appealing to the officers I was successful in having them carry on and this kept the lodge alive. I mention this case for the sole reason that our society will have to face such situations and inaugurate a new system in order to hold our membership.

I, as chairman of general arrangement committee of our 13th regular convention, which was held in Eveleth, Minn., in August 1946, wish to report to you the following:

It is well known to all of you that the Eveleth SNPJ lodges had the full responsibility of arranging for the said convention. The work was tremendous, and the members worked very satisfactorily. Our arrangements and plans were somewhat disrupted which made it very unpleasant for our local members.

Our expenses were greater than anyone could anticipate. Due to conversion of our food supplies, meat at this time disappeared from the market. Refreshment merchandise also was very scarce. In order to be assured the mentioned merchandise we went scouting and paid the same price this merchandise was sold for. This was done for the purpose of accommodating our delegates. For the above stated reason we had no profit. We also had other expense which ran into large figures such as street decorations with our SNPJ emblem, flowers and program expense.

Arrangements were made for a large parade to add a finishing touch to the convention and more so to advertise our society. Bands from various Range cities were invited to participate in the parade. They accepted the invitation. The bands arrived and were assembled for the parade, but due to rainy weather the parade was canceled. Our local band played on four different occasions during the convention. Our school orchestra played at our banquet. These preparations were made to entertain them for the excellent cooperation shown us, but as stated before, due to rainy weather, most of the band members being unaware of our plans, left for home.

I mention this in order to give you the picture of why our expenses were so enormous and for this reason the Eveleth lodges appealed to the convention for financial aid to help defray some of the expense. After the convention we waited and hoped to receive the donation granted by the convention. Not hearing from the main office regarding this, the secretary, J. A. Ambrozich, of the preparation committee, wrote to the supreme secretary, Fred Vider, regarding this. No doubt Bro. Vider will report and give you the details of their correspondence on this matter. We have many other unpaid obligations, which should be covered with the convention fund.

I have been very much depressed since the convention because of the action taken by the executive committee in refusing to pay the Eveleth lodges the amount granted to us by the convention.

My record of activity in the society will show I have participated in many membership campaigns and the cash awards which I received I have always donated to our lodge or our local juvenile circle. This shows that my interest was for the welfare and betterment of the society, and that my aim was not to discredit the society. For

this reason I feel more faith should be bestowed in me.

We have about 700 adult members in Eveleth, all conscientious SNPJ members. Their aim is not to collect this amount for their own interest.

Our juvenile circle 48 has a new director who is a young progressive school teacher. I look forward that under her leadership this circle will be very outstanding. The circle had a very nice yuletide party and program which filled the SNPJ hall seating capacity. Their expense was over \$50. To help towards the expense lodge 130 donated \$20, lodge 69 \$10 and the balance was paid by the circle.

In conclusion I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to the executive committee for the \$25 check awarded me for conducting the above mentioned circle in 1946. With this amount, on Feb. 11, I arranged a party for the juveniles, and the balance I gave to their treasurer.

(More later on the \$1,000 when brought up for discussion, also any other information you desire.)

URSULA AMBROZICH.

Report accepted.

Report of 7th District Vice-President

My report is going to be short. As you know I have taken the office at the first of the year.

I have visited lodges in Fontana, Calif. As I see it there is great opportunity to increase membership of the lodges in Fontana. If lodge members and officers of the lodges cooperate, we will reach our goal. As I understand the lodges in Fontana are planning to build bowling alleys which will bring youth into the organization and help increase the young membership.

Our local lodge 615 in Los Angeles is organizing a bowling team, and the lodge has asked me to ask for some financial support.

In the near future I will visit as many lodges as time will permit, to spur up cultural and athletic activities.

This concludes my report to this meeting.

JOHN PETRITZ.

Report accepted.

Bro. Frank Polzak, 8th district vice-president, states he has no report because he took his office Jan. 1.

Report of Supreme Secretary

The convention is over but there are various problems ahead which require our attention as well as action if we want to cope with the rising tide of commercial insurance which is trying to cripple the last stand of fraternal competition. They are conducting a systematic campaign by saying that it is a waste of time to attend lodge meetings which are one of the factors of our administrative system. This false gospel is gaining followers among young people who do not see any attraction in meetings. Moreover, indifference and widespread mental lethargy is gaining ground among the people who are waiting for a new Messiah to spare them of all trials and tribulations of the present economic system.

You may have noticed that never before was there so little interest at meetings and in the paper as after the last convention regarding our decisions. With the exception of a few correspondents who think that the readers would badly miss their writings if they wouldn't write weekly, all was quiet. This silence undoubtedly appeals to many members; but in me it arouses a fear of the future, because where there is no interest there cannot be life. Wherever the situation among members is such; that is, that there is no concern about the convention decisions, it can be concluded that everything decided by the convention was either satisfactory or that the members have become indifferent. It should be our duty to find out whether the latter is a fact; if it is, we will be forced to take definite steps to revive our activities and to awaken the membership and interest them in our work, especially the younger generation, because if we fail in this we know what the consequences will be.

In the present circumstances and conditions when the country is in the throes of extreme conservatism, the work of progressive individuals or organizations is indeed difficult. However, since nothing is lasting according to the laws of evolution, we will bridge also this era without serious difficulties, provided that the people along with our members will awaken and discard the illusion that someone will do everything for the benefit of humanity.

Not wishing to repeat what I said in the official organ recently, I want to state briefly that during the annual elections of lodge officers serious difficulties arose in some lodges in obtaining candidates for lodge posts. The work of a lodge secretary is not pleasant and many a secretary is unjustifiably criticized; this, in addition to the difficulties I mentioned in my articles, is also responsible for the fact that it is getting harder to obtain members for this post. As long as immigrants were coming from the old country who were willing to accept lodge responsibilities because of our society's principles, things were considerably different in this respect than today when we have to depend on the younger generation. Idealism among them is lacking as it is lacking among American working people generally; if this situation will not improve soon, we will be forced to follow the example of American fraternal societies; that is, lodge elections will be replaced by appointments of regional representatives.

Concerning membership, I can report that the society during the last half of 1946 registered an increase of 558 members in both departments, which was largely due to merger with society Lily, which was largely due to merger with society Lily. The merger with Lily, incorporated in Wisconsin and located in Milwaukee, with one lodge, was completed last September; its assets, membership and obligations were taken over by our society.

Total assets in cash and government securities were \$40,933.59 exclusive of sick benefit fund, for which a special agreement was made as required by the insurance departments of both states.

I wish to state that all officers and some members of said society, with the exception of the former secretary, cooperated with us fully and they deserve our sincere thanks.

Status of membership is as follows:

Table showing membership statistics for Adult and Juvenile Departments as of June 30, 1946 and December 31, 1946. Includes categories like New admitted, Transferred, Deceased, and Canceled.

There were 68 fewer deaths in the adult dept. last year than in 1945 and 7 more in the juvenile dept. in 1946 than in the previous year, or 61 death less last year than the year before.

REPORT ON DEATHS

Table listing causes of death and the amount of insurance paid. Categories include Heart disease, Cancer, Apoplexy, Hemorrhage, Tuberculosis, etc.

The number of operations has increased by 134 over the previous year, mostly appendectomies and ruptures, as is shown below. To get a clear picture as to the future of the disability fund, we have compiled the average age of members operated for various causes and have found that the average age is 15 1/2 years.

Report on Operations and Disabilities

Table detailing various medical operations and disabilities, such as Appendectomy, Hernia, Abdominal, Hemorrhoidectomy, etc., along with the number of cases and benefits paid.

All funds of our society have good reserve and our finances show general progress, as is shown in the financial report. Increase in assets during the last half of 1946 was \$329,115.92 and total assets at the end of 1946 were \$12,848,814.46.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the period from July 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946 ADULT DEPARTMENT

Main financial statement table for the Adult Department, showing income and disbursements for Mortuary, Disability, Sick Benefit, Building, and Expense funds.

Table listing various expenses including Salaries of Finance Committee, Salaries of Judicial Committee, Salaries of Supervising Committee, etc.

Table showing the Status of Funds, including Reserve, Mortuary Fund, Disability Fund, and Sick Benefit Fund.

Table detailing Assets, including Home Office—Land and Building, Real estate—First mortgage loans, FHA Mortgages, etc.

Table for the Juvenile Department, showing income and disbursements, and a summary of assets.

Table showing Public Utility Bonds, Real Estate—Second Mortgage, Cash, and other financial items.

Table titled ASSETS OF DEPARTMENTS for December 31, 1946, listing Adult and Juvenile departments and other funds.

MISCELLANEOUS: Editing of the convention minutes and by-laws showed certain irregularities which, we hope, will not cause any undue difficulties or disputes between members and the main office.

Table showing the number of members who were Suspended, Suspended After 1 dues, Reinstated, Canceled, or Canceled After One Payment.

These figures show that we must constantly strive to secure new members if we want to see our society progress and grow in membership also in the future; we must replenish losses caused by death and cancellation.

Report accepted. Report of Supreme Treasurer: The financial report of our Society for the past year is again favorable. The assets of the insurance department have increased considerably.

Table showing assets invested in various banks and institutions, including Harris Trust & Sav. Bank, Continental Bank, and Bank of Montreal.

During this period the return on our regular investments and the profit on bonds sold or matured and stocks sold brought us a net return of \$193,281.31. During the first half of last year this income amounted to \$228,468.04.

I want to express my thanks to all members and lodge officers. The work at the main office has been satisfactorily executed without additional help.

Report of Assistant Secretary

Following the rule that work must be done in circumstances demand, the time since the last board meeting at Eveleth, Minn., has passed rapidly. Work is constantly mounting; as soon as one job is done there is another waiting.

Table showing the number of members who were Reinstated, Canceled, or Canceled After One Payment.

Table listing various financial items such as Read Estate sold on Contract, First mortgage loans, and U. S. Government bonds.

Total insurance departments and Minors: \$12,713,218. Assets of Prosveta and Printery: \$135,594.

During the last half of 1946 the cash turnover of the insurance department amounted to \$2,343,320.08; the deposits were \$1,121,202.09 and the withdrawals \$1,121,117.99.

Table showing interest on insured Savings and Loan Associations certificates, interest on mortgage loans, and interest on Real Estate sold on Contract.

The details on various transactions in connection with our investments will be seen from the report of the Finance Committee, while the changes of the status of our funds you have seen from the report of the Supreme Secretary.

working days with the activities of the Slovenian American National Council. Although I am still the secretary of that organization, I am performing as much of its work as possible during spare time.

Report accepted.

Report of Secretary of Sick Benefit Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SICK BENEFIT FUNDS July 1, to December 31, 1946

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Disbursements for \$1 Class. Receipts total \$150,377.63. Disbursements total \$110,345.40. Balance June 30: \$23,032.23. Balance December 31: \$563,749.24.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Disbursements for \$2 Class. Receipts total \$78,107.42. Disbursements total \$60,401.00. Balance June 30: \$17,706.42. Balance December 31: \$121,386.34.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Disbursements for \$3 Class. Receipts total \$9,593.78. Disbursements total \$7,977.50. Balance June 30: \$1,616.28. Balance December 31: \$18,600.75.

In the second half of last year we registered financial progress in all three classes. As usual, the \$1 class is again in first place. The assessment of all classes amounts to \$226,995.70, special assessment \$855, interest \$10,195.53, returned assessment \$33.50, total income \$238,023.90; sick benefit paid \$178,723.90, surplus \$59,354.93, balance of all classes Dec. 31, 1946, \$703,736.33.

Since the last report income increased \$13,133.94 in spite of the fact that interest brought about two thousand dollars less. Sick benefit paid amounted to \$32,359.85 less, which added to the excellent surplus of \$59,354.93. As can be seen, the standing of the sick benefit funds is good. Since the by-laws, with minor exceptions, have remained unchanged I have no recommendation at this meeting.

I wish to mention that I have a new assistant and it will take quite some time before she will be able to take care of sick benefit applications because accuracy and special care is required. Because of this change more work has fallen on my shoulders and it is necessary to work evenings to avoid delay. In these times good wages are paid everywhere, which means that it isn't easy to get competent help, especially at our office where new help is rarely hired. Cooperation between officers and employees is necessary and if we will all stick to this rule, the work will proceed smoothly.

Report accepted. LAWRENCE GRADISEK.

Report of Juvenile Director

My report covering the final six months period of 1946 and referring also to a few phases of my work in the first half of the year, is as follows:

Juvenile Circles and Activities. The "prosperity trend" predicted for Juvenile Circles and activities of the SNPJ, since before the end of the war, has not materialized to the degree anticipated, but indications are strongly

present that the trend is finally getting under way and gaining a foothold in several localities where, heretofore, there has been little sign of juvenile activities of any kind. To no small extent this statement is based on the number of Directors of Juvenile Activities who have recently been elected by the local lodges. This, as you know, is the new lodge office created by the last convention. So far, 165 lodges have designated some one to fill this important local office. Included, also, are those lodges who are parent to active Juvenile Circles of which there are, at the present time, twenty-six, and most of them setting excellent records in their respective localities.

It is still too early to forecast how many lodges, who have elected Directors of Juvenile Activities, will also organize a Circle, but we can state that our immediate success is that we were able to get 165 lodges to elect Juvenile Directors and, perhaps, once again as many to consider its merits, pro and con, whether they eventually elect some one or not. We have reason to believe that some of these lodges will in time organize a Circle. That, at least, will be our ultimate objective in every prospective locality. Where we can't succeed in attaining this goal, our next step will be to induce as many lodges as possible to actively engage in a suggested program of Juvenile activities originating from the Main Office. We have prepared instructions on the preliminary procedure of this work and also an outline program for the year, copies of which have been sent to all local Juvenile Directors.

Consistent with the program of Juvenile Activities, approved by the 13th regular SNPJ convention, we have begun the work of enlarging the booklet containing the rules and regulations governing the Juvenile Circles. We are also constantly on the lookout for worthwhile material for the juvenile library. Mimeographed bulletins on suggested programs for certain occasions of the year have been and will continue to be prepared and made available to all local Juvenile Directors.

Remuneration for services rendered by Circle Directors which, heretofore, has been awarded at the close of the year, usually a few days before the Yule holiday, will be paid quarterly from now on in amounts up to \$5 per month—more, if one is deserving of higher reward for his work. We feel that this change is a step for the better and should bear good results. The total amount paid to circle directors in 1946 was \$790, while all other expenses in connection with juvenile activities, including the "Voice of Youth" contests, amounted to approximately \$1,375.00.

District Circle Director. Recently we had occasion to put into effect another provision of the Program of Juvenile Activities. This has to do with appointment of qualified members as District Circle Directors whose duties shall consist mainly of organizing and promoting Juvenile Circles and related activities in designated localities. The first of two Circle Directors, who received such appointment and accepted it, was Ann Sannemann, member of Lodge 1 (Slavija), Chicago, who has very ably directed the activities of Perfect Circle 28 in the past four years and is fully qualified for this position. It is to be understood, however, that this will entail only part time work outside the Main Office and will not entitle the District Circle Director to any fixed compensation or salary. Remuneration will be based on results obtained, somewhat in the same manner as that of a Circle Director. When assigned promotional work will take the District Director from Chicago, he will be entitled to traveling expenses. Our plans are to appoint several such District Directors, having in mind Western Pennsylvania, Cleveland, and one or two other active centers. If we can convince the right people to accept these appointments, we stand to gain much for the Society.

Conference of Circle Directors. In line of the Program of Juvenile Activities accepted at the last convention, it is proposed that a conference of the Directors of active Juvenile Circles of the Society be held during the time and at the place of the National SNPJ Day on August 29 or 30. It is believed that that event will be the most appropriate occasion for a gathering of this kind. The purpose of the conference, as outlined to you once before, will be primarily to provide the Directors with an opportunity of meeting under the same roof where they can discuss their problems together, exchange ideas and suggestions, and work out practical plans for the increase and improvement of activities for Juvenile Circles and, of course, to get better acquainted with each other. An outline of what such a conference might consist has been prepared and will be presented to you later.

Membership Campaign. It will be a year next month (March) since our previous membership campaign was concluded. That campaign, you will recall, was conducted in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the English-Speaking Lodges of SNPJ. It lasted six months and during that period a total of 3052 adult and juvenile members were admitted into the Society. The total cost, including awards, medical examination fees, and printing of campaign literature, amounted to approximately \$7,750. Per new members enrolled, this, perhaps, was our most expensive campaign. However, we maintain now, as we have in the past, that First Year Preliminary Term mortuary assessment, which is paid by the new members, is much more than sufficient to cover all campaign expenses. Furthermore, the records prove that unless we have a membership drive, the Society shows little or no gain—usually a loss, especially in the Juvenile Department from which nearly a thousand members transfer to the adult class annually. We don't have to go back any farther than 1946 for a good comparison. Comparing the first half, which had four campaign months, with the last half which had none, we find a net gain of 1263 as of June 30, and only 45 for the six months ending Dec. 31. At the request of the Executive Committee, an outline of a simplified campaign plan, one which will follow the usual procedure of assigning to each lodge a reasonable quota of new members and one which will stress competition between lodges rather than individuals, has been prepared and approved in principle for this meeting. The main outline of the campaign plan will be presented to you for your approval or rejection, with or without amendment.

Sport Activities and Expenses. We, undoubtedly, had more sport activities in the six months ending Dec. 31, together with the first six months of 1946, than in any similar period in the last five years. No less than ten tournaments were staged, six of them coming in the first half—all bowling tournaments, and four in the last half—two golf, one balina, and the first Juvenile Field Day. These ten tournaments attracted about 1500 participants in all and, altogether, cost the Society \$1,981.65. Donations for bowling shirts, approved for 26 different lodges, totaled \$1,575.00. These payments averaged \$60.00 per lodge, ranging from a low of \$9.00 to \$222.00 for the top amount. Five hundred and twenty-five (\$25) members, who

bowl on SNPJ teams in local league competition, benefited by these donations at the rate of \$3.00 per shirt—good for two years. It is estimated that half as many more members bowl under like conditions, but did not apply for the subvention this season.

Softball teams financed to the extent of \$869.40, with eight lodges and three Juvenile Circles receiving the entire amount. These and other expenses, including \$307.90 paid to members of the National Athletic Board for mileage, per diems and year service, reach a total of \$5,019.29, exceeding the maximum annual appropriation for sports by \$19.29. However, we must not overlook the fact that \$200.00 was used for the 1947 National Duckpin Tourney.

The outlook for sport activities this year appears to be quite promising. We expect many old records to be equaled or surpassed. The National Duckpin Classic, held at Carrick, Pa., on Jan. 1, established a new mark in total entries and prizes. The National Tenpin Bowling Tournament, scheduled for Chicago on April 25-26-27 under the auspices of Pioneer Lodge 559, is expected to do likewise, and the same is predicted for the Juvenile Telegraphic (April 19-20) and the Eastern Invitational Tournament at Cleveland on March 21-22-23. Softball, balina and golf will very likely witness expansion in league as well as tournament play. The National SNPJ Day will be the year's biggest attraction and the first since 1942. More time and effort will be devoted to the promotion of Juvenile Field Days and other juvenile sport and recreational activities. All indications are very bright for a busy year in the field of sports.

National Athletic Board. Since the previous meeting of the Supreme Board, we have increased the number of athletic districts from five to seven, with one representative for each district. The election of the seven representatives, who will serve on the Athletic Board for the ensuing term of one year, will take place at this meeting. The call for candidates resulted in the nomination of 25 members, three of whom have since caused their names to be withdrawn from the ballot, leaving a total of 22 candidates whose names will be submitted for election at a later session.

Statement of Athletic Expenses for 1946. Table with 4 columns: 1946, 1st half, 2nd half, Total. Total expenses: \$2,762.47 (1946), \$2,256.82 (1st half), \$5,019.29 (Total).

Conclusion. In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the Supreme Board and employees of the Main Office and to the members and officers of the local lodges and Juvenile Circles for their fine cooperation and assistance. As for this meeting, I have the utmost confidence that, before it will have adjourned, much of real benefit for the Society and its membership will be accomplished.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK. Report accepted.

Manager's Report

My report for the last six months of 1946: Prosveta—The Wednesday (official organ) issue is printed in about 100 copies more than in the first half of the last year, including the daily. The daily is printed in 7,350 copies, that is, in 550 copies more than in the first half of 1946. This increase is mainly due to our campaign for 1000 new subscribers, which closed in October and brought a total of 1,082 new subscribers.

Most of the credit for this goes to our good and diligent campaigners and contestants as well as individual lodge officers and members who have helped according to their ability in this campaign. The names of contestants were published from time to time and at the end of the drive, the names of all who cooperated in the campaign. The grand award went to our old representative of Prosveta, Anton Jankovich of Cleveland, Ohio. The amount paid for awards totaled \$413.50. In addition, we paid to contestants a 25% commission for new subscribers. After the payment of awards and commission the paper did not show a big financial gain, but we are hopeful that this will be repaid in the future by retaining most of the newly acquired subscribers. A very small percent discontinued their subscriptions, especially those who subscribed for half a year and are now renewing their subscriptions; how the rest who subscribed for a year will react after their subscriptions expire, will be seen later. With a few exceptions subscribers are very prompt in renewing subscriptions and as you can see in Prosveta, NEW subscribers just about replace those who for some reason drop out.

Due to prevailing conditions, income from advertisements has somewhat decreased in recent times. Most of the ads were help wanted ads, which have since considerably reduced. Ads are an excellent financial help to the paper.

During this time there was no change in the office personnel. As can be seen from the financial report, there was a small profit in this period, but it is doubtful if this will continue. The reason that the profit was not bigger is partly due to the issuance of a supplement which cost \$700. The high prices which began during the latter part of 1946 and are still mounting are a problem and Prosveta and the entire labor press will be greatly affected thereby. This year our cost will be above \$18,000 more than in previous years, and means will have to be found to cover the additional expense in order that we may continue the daily at least for some years to come. I will dwell on this more specifically later. I wish to add that we owe our Ljubljana correspondent Franjo Ales the amount of \$200 for four months of last year.

The Voice of Youth—Our juvenile monthly is now being printed, with small exception, in the same number of copies as in the first half of last year; the magazine, as far as I know, is popular and respected by the young people. I wish to mention at this time that it would help the manager's department greatly if lodge secretaries would report CHANGES a little more promptly; that is, if they would send to our office all the names of those who cease to be members of the

juvenile department. I trust that this plea will be considered.

Printery—There were no changes in the printery; as far as work is concerned we are carrying on to the best of our ability, the prevailing high prices are seriously affecting our business. All printing material is much higher—at least 25% to 100% and even more. The same is true of workers wages in the printery. The price of newspaper has increased \$20 per ton, and as we use over 300 tons a year, this alone means more than \$6,000 increase. Various other materials for the printery have gone up and are still going up, which means at least two thousand dollars more annually. This represents \$8,000 higher expenses. In addition, the printers' wages towards the end of the year increased \$8,796.32. If we add all this together, we find that expenses in the printery this year will increase over \$14,800, which means that we will have to distribute this amount for work done for the main office, for the juvenile magazine, while the greater part will be borne by the Prosveta. It is necessary to increase the subscription price to cover the increased cost of printing. Fortunately, we were careful enough in past years to build up a reserve for the printery and Prosveta. However, if we were to cover the higher expenses from reserve alone, it is clear that this would suffice only for a few years. We must also consider the possibility of having to replace a linotype, for which we must have available funds.

Let us go back to Prosveta. To make it clear, let me mention several important increases in expenses. The editorial and manager's personnel is being paid from income from Prosveta, which has its own fund and it is necessary that everything is in order and properly disbursed.

Increase in salaries in the editorial department: head editor's increase \$1,131 annually, three assistant editors \$1,970 annually, or total increase \$3,107 in 1947; increase in salaries in the manager's department: manager \$910 annually, three employees \$1,636 annually, total \$2,548. Total increase in both departments amounts to \$5,655.

Increased expenses in printery, that is, printing material, newspaper and transportation to the post-office will amount to about \$12,000, or, together with the editorial and manager's departments and printery plus other expenses, the annual increase for Prosveta will amount from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Because of this, if we want the Prosveta to continue as a daily in the future at least as long as we older members like to read in our language, it is necessary to take definite steps without any delay.

Therefore, I recommend that this board meeting empower the executive committee to determine as soon as possible an increase in subscription rate for all subscribers without exception as to the nature of subscription; that is, whether there are five, four, three, two or only one member in a family, as well as nonmembers, and the same for the city of Chicago and its vicinity, and foreign countries—\$2 for ALL, so that the subscription for one year will be \$8, for Chicago \$9.50 and for foreign countries \$11. This, if we base our figures on 7,000 subscribers, would bring approximately \$14,000. Of course, from this amount we must discount commission of 20% to which our representatives are entitled and our traveling agents a little more, which amounts to about \$2,500. Therefore, the net amount for Prosveta would be only about \$11,500. This is not much but nevertheless a considerable help so that the reserve would not be exhausted so soon.

The alternative would be to decrease number of issues from five to four per week. This would reduce the expense about \$150 per week or \$7,800 a year. This would of course require discharge of one assistant editor, which would save \$3,172 in salaries, or a total of \$10,972. Besides this it will be necessary to watch other minor expenses in connection with the issuance of the daily. Frankly speaking, I know of absolutely no other way than what I have stated. Let me mention also that all other Slovene papers raised their prices from one to two dollars quite some time ago.

This concludes my report. The books have been audited as usual. The financial report, which follows, shows our operations. At this time I wish to thank the office personnel as well as all lodge officers and Prosveta representatives for the excellent cooperation with my department. If desired I shall be at your disposal for any further explanation.

Report accepted. PHILIP GODINA.

SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY PRINTERY

Financial Statement for six months ended December 31, 1946

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts total \$40,438.49. Disbursements total \$38,976.08. Less work in process Dec. 31, 1946: 909.16. Total: \$40,438.49.

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Table with 2 columns: Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Accounts Receivable, Materials Inventory, Work in Process Inventory, Investments, Real Estate Mortgage, Machinery and Equipment, Unexpired Insurances, Mailing Department Inventory, Publications Postage, Postage Inventory, General Factory Inventory. Total: \$130,253.78. Less Reserve: 53,039.42. TOTAL ALL ASSETS: \$77,214.36.

Table with 2 columns: LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES. Accrued Wages, Social Security Tax, Unemployment Compensation Tax, Accounts Payable, Withholding Tax, Employees' Vacation Reserve, Allowance for Depreciation, Original SNPJ Investment. Total: \$130,253.78. Less Reserve: 53,039.42. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH: \$77,214.36.

SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE VOICE OF YOUTH

Six months ended December 31, 1946

Table with 2 columns: RECEIPTS. Subscriptions—Daily, Subscriptions—Weekly, Advertising, Maintenance Fund for Magazine, Editors' and Office Service for Magazine, Interest on Securities, Dead Accounts Paid Up. Total ALL RECEIPTS: \$51,977.48.

Table with 2 columns: DISBURSEMENTS. Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising, Cost of printing Prosveta and The Voice of Youth, Editors' and Office Salaries, Stationery and Office Supplies, Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures, General Expense, Audit Fee, Rent, Postage and Shipping Expense, Second Class Postage (Prosveta and The Voice of Youth), Publishing Expense, Social Security Tax, Unemployment Compensation Tax, Subscriptions Campaign, Dead Accounts. Total: \$51,348.07. Profit in department for six months: 629.41. Total: \$51,977.48.

Table with 2 columns: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS. Cash in Northern Trust Co. Bank, Accounts Receivable—Weekly subscriptions due from SNPJ, Accounts Receivable—Advertisers, Deposit—Second Class Postage for Prosveta, Deposit—Second Class Postage for The Voice of Youth, Securities, Furniture and Fixtures (at cost). Total ASSETS: \$71,778.31.

Table with 2 columns: LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS. Accrued Salaries and Wages, Accounts Payable, Social Security Tax, Unemployment Compensation Tax, Reserve for Withholding Tax, Reserve for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures, Surplus. Total: \$71,778.31.

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

\$71,778.31

ITEMIZED STATEMENT DISBURSEMENTS FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Six months ended December 31, 1946

Table with 2 columns: Disbursements. Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions, Commissions and Discounts on Advertising, Printing—Daily, Printing—Weekly, Printing—Magazine, Office Salaries, Salaries of Editors, Printing Supplement, Stationery and Office Supplies, Elliott Addressing Machine Co., Philip Godina (Freight—stencils), SNPJ Printery, L. C. Smith and Corona Typewriters, Inc., Underwood Corp., Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures, General Expense, Audit Fee, Rent, Postage and Shipping Expense, Second Class Postage—Newspaper, Second Class Postage—Magazine, The Federated Press, Overseas News Agency, Inc., Subscriptions to Magazines and Newspapers, SNPJ Printery (cuts), Anton Garden (petty cash), Frank's Bindery, Proletarec, Western Union & Telephone charges, Ernestine Jugg, Jennie Pader, Gedge Harmon, Ann Sannemann, McAlister Coleman, Peter Elish, Social Security Tax, Unemployment Compensation Tax, Subscriptions Campaign, Dead Accounts. Total DISBURSEMENTS: \$51,348.07.

Editor's Report

The work in the editorial department has not changed since the last board meeting. Material must be prepared each day for the daily as well as for the juvenile magazine The Voice of Youth each month.

There is always plenty of letters and the most popular with readers are the letters from the old country. As you know, we finally succeeded in getting a correspondent in the old country, Franjo Ales.

Thus far we have not succeeded in getting suitable material from the old country for the improvement of the Slovene section of the juvenile magazine. I have written to several persons in Ljubljana, but they all failed to reply.

Our juvenile magazine has several good contributors, the latest being Peter Elish, who is well known to readers of the English section of Prosveta.

In accordance with the convention decision, the English section of the official organ has been enlarged by one page devoted to informative and educational material.

Let me add that our senior lodges are using the English section more and more for their lodge notices because they have among them members of the younger generation.

You have read in the executive committee minutes that the work-day in the main office has been shortened. This will affect the editorial department most because of pressing work which cannot be accomplished in shorter time than the present work-day.

In connection with the shorter work-week, it was suggested that larger type and larger headings be used, which would take less time to finish the work.

The financial standing of Prosveta was reported by the manager. Expenses have drastically increased and a deficit is unavoidable even if we raise the subscription price for the daily two dollars.

Therefore, the best way to solve this problem would be to reduce expense elsewhere, which would also be the best way for the paper and the society.

Report accepted.

ANTON GARDEN.

Report of Judicial Committee

Our report covers the period since the last board meeting. During this time the number of complaints and disputes was again unusually low.

During the last half of 1946 our committee reviewed two disputes; one concerned a member whose sick benefit was rejected because it was clear that he had received all he was entitled to according to the by-laws.

Two complaints were returned because they were not settled before the lodge jury as required by the by-laws.

There were several questions submitted by members; these pertained to special benefit and

sick benefit, and were disposed of without the participation of the entire committee. This is our joint report.

ANTON SHULAR, Chairman, FRANK VRATARICH, ANDREW VIDRICH, JOHN KOBI, CAMILUS ZARNICK. Report accepted.

Report of Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you the report of our committee including a detailed review of all purchases, sales, and other changes which have taken place in the list of our investments during the six-month period ending Dec. 31, 1946.

Purchases: New securities acquired during the six-month period covered by this report have a face value of \$645,750, and they were acquired at a cost of \$649,205.85. They could be classified in the following manner:

- 1. U. S. government bonds \$253,000.00
2. Public utility bonds 225,000.00
3. Certificates of Sav. & Loan assns. 160,000.00
4. Canadian government bonds 4,000.00
5. Real estate contracts 3,750.00

U. S. Govt. Bonds: Of the U. S. gov't. bonds acquired, some were the so-called savings bonds, series F which are discount bonds and were obtained through the merger with the society Lily, Milwaukee, Wis.

The next largest proportion of our available funds was invested in public utility bonds. These bonds are distributed among eight large public utility companies and have a face value of \$225,000.

A sizeable, or \$160,000, of our available funds was invested in gov't. insured certificates of 32 savings and loan assns located in various parts of the country.

Report accepted.

An investment of \$4,195 was made in bonds of the Canadian gov't., and \$3,750 is represented in a land contract obtained by the sale of a small property in Chicago, Ill.

Securities Disposed Of: A large amount of securities was disposed of and the detailed record of these shows a net profit of \$10,499.38. Our committee has sold \$135,000.00 of U. S. treasury 2 1/2% bonds which were purchased for \$139,484.38.

Maturing securities amount to \$69,000. Included are \$15,000 of Cicero school dist. 5% bonds which show a loss of \$1,250.25. This is not a real loss since the bonds were purchased on a 4 1/2% basis, and the premium paid has been liquidated through the larger interest payments received by us during the life of the bonds.

Municipal bonds are another type of security in which no investments were made for some time. Many states are expected to sell large issues of bonds in the near future for the purpose of payment of bonuses to veterans of their respective states.

This is a joint report of our committee and a detailed review of all these transactions is given below. We shall be glad to furnish any additional information which may be desired by the members of the supreme board.

MATT PETROVICH, Chairman.

Report accepted.

S.N.P.J. FINANCE COMMITTEE

SECURITIES ACQUIRED JULY 1-DECEMBER 31, 1946

Table with columns: Description, Par value, Cost, Date, Vendor. Includes U.S. Treasury 2 1/2% due 12/15/68-63, U.S. Treasury 2 1/2% due 12/15/72-67, U.S. Treasury 2 1/2% due 12/15/62-59, U.S. Savings Bonds Series F due 12/1/53, etc.

Total governments \$253,000.00 \$251,698.35

Table with columns: Description, Par value, Cost, Date, Vendor. Includes Dominion of Canada, 3% 7th Victory Loan due 2/1/62-59, Brooklyn Union Gas Co., 1st Mtg. 2 1/2% due 7/1/76, Buffalo Niagara Electric Corporation 1st Mtg. 2 1/2% due 11/1/75, etc.

Total Public Utilities \$225,000.00 \$229,562.50
Total bonds \$482,000.00 \$485,455.85

Real Estate Contract—8317 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago \$ 3,750.00 Aug. 1 (Real estate sold)

Federally insured Savings and Loan Associations:

Table with columns: Name, Par value, Cost, Date, Vendor. Includes Chicago Savings and Loan Association, Chicago, Illinois; Citizens Building and Loan Association, Silver Springs, Md.; Clyde Savings and Loan Association, Cicero, Illinois; etc.

Total insured certificates \$160,000.00

Summary:

Table with columns: Description, Par value, Cost. Includes U.S. Government bonds \$253,000.00 \$251,698.35; Canadian bonds 4,000.00 4,195.00; Public Utilities 225,000.00 229,562.50; Real Estate Contract 3,750.00 3,750.00; Savings and Loan Associations 160,000.00 160,000.00

Grand total \$645,750.00 \$649,205.85

SECURITIES DISPOSED OF

Table with columns: Description, Par, Cost, Consideration, Profit or Loss, Disposition and Date. Includes U.S. Treasury 2 1/2% due 6/15/56-54, U.S. Treasury 2 1/2% due 12/15/68-63, Cicero, Ill., School Dist. #99, 5% due 1946, Greater Peoria Sanitary and Sewer Dist., 4 1/2% due '46, Holmes County, Miss., 4 1/2% due 1946, National Gas and Electric Corp. 5 1/2% of 1953

Table with columns: Description, Par value, Cost, Date, Vendor. Includes Wisconsin Electric Power Co. 3 1/2% of 1968, Detroit City Ice & Fuel Co. 4's due 1948, Detroit City Ice & Fuel Co. common stock, Real Estate No. 5—Vacant at 123rd & Yale, Chicago, Real Estate No. 9—8317 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Real Estate No. 11—Vacant, 24 E. 127th St., Chicago, Real Estate Contract No. 168, 1658 Pasadena, Detroit, Mich., Mortgage No. 4—Slov. Workmen's Home, Cleveland, FHA Loan 9—Chicago, Ill., 20—Chicago, Ill., 24—Cleveland, O., 39—Chicago, Ill., 53—Chicago, Ill., 80—Chicago, Ill., Mortgage No. 160—Cleveland, O.

Totals \$258,500 \$289,591.73 \$300,161.25 \$10,449.38
(1) Tax and legal \$96.02 (2) Legal

Report of Supervisory Committee

We began the audit Feb. 10 and concluded our work in three days. The financial statement of all society's departments was submitted by the firm of Philip B. Heller & Co., certified public accountants, whose president was present half a day. Members of the executive committee and the bookkeeper cooperated with us fully.

We examined the financial statement of lodge Lily of Wisconsin, which was prepared by said firm; the treasury of this lodge at the time of merger with our society was \$40,933.59.

Assets of all departments: The executive committee submitted financial reports on financial transactions. The following report shows total assets of all departments and how they are invested:

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Percentage. Includes U. S. Bonds \$ 8,468,112.68 65.92%, Canadian bonds 50,220.00 .39, State bonds 344,463.28 2.68, Municipal bonds 2,258,587.07 17.58, Public utility bonds 556,505.00 4.33, Industrial and other 8,758.13 .07, Real Estate—home office net 46,089.15 .36, Real estate acquired 5,301.08 .04, FHA real estate 1st mgt loans 204,476.27 1.59, Other real estate mgt loans 88,589.47 .69, Real estate sold on contract 29,132.39 .23, Real estate 2nd mgt loans 600.00 .00, Common stock 9,780.00 .08, Savings & loan assns shares 469,000.00 3.65, Cash on hand 7,140.06 .06, Cash in banks 205,106.40 1.60, Certificate loans 83,017.42 .65, Miscellaneous receivables 846.33 .01, Other assets—net 9,875.25 .07, Department accounts

Total assets \$12,845,349.98 100.00%

Total assets of all departments during second half of 1946 increased \$341,727.37. Investments, cash, etc., belong to the following departments and for obligations:

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes Minors' beneficiaries \$ 161,556.82, Mortuary fund, adult dept. 10,451,691.44, Mortuary fund, juvenile department 809,004.90, Sick benefit fund 703,736.33, Disability fund 226,248.83, Special fund 198,856.79, Expense fund 95,822.67, Building fund 54,165.25, Convention fund 7,013.35, Minors' beneficiary fund 1,449.36, Prosveta and printery 135,504.44

Total assets and obligations \$12,845,349.98

Expense Fund: Detailed report on expenses from this fund was given by the secretary. Total expenses in the second half of last year were \$13,041.66 more than in the first half of 1946; these pertain mostly to various campaign expenses which were \$17,686.66 higher in the second than in the first half of 1946.

Under "campaign expense—new members" are included also items which in reality were not used for campaign purposes. Awards to lodge secretaries included in this expense item amounted to \$11,607. Further, various expenditures for "The Voice of Youth" contests are also labeled as "campaign for new members." Total expenses labelled "campaign for new members" in the second half of 1946 amounted to \$19,737.45 and in the first half of last year to \$2,000.79.

Due to increase in salaries of officers and employees and because of higher prices, this year's expenses will be \$24,600 higher than were regular expenses in previous years, according to the secretary's budget.

At present there are nine employees in the secretary's office; the lowest salary is \$45 per week and the highest is \$65 per week; new employees may be hired at \$30 per week. According to the agreement between the union and the executive committee, the work-day has been reduced.

For advertising during this period the amount of \$1,253.02 was spent. Of this amount \$270 was paid for advertising in program booklets, \$200.97 for pocket calendars, \$154.50 for book matches, \$180 financial aid to the Cleveland juvenile singing chorus, \$275 for ads in Prosveta, \$97.55 for films and \$35 for ads in other publications; a total of \$2,256.82 was spent for athletics in the second half of 1946 and \$2,762.47 in the first half of last year.

Legal expenses in this period were \$1,000.04 and \$478 in the first half. Traveling expenses were \$771.49 for speakers at lodge affairs, to our representatives at fraternal conferences, representatives to the Slav congress, etc.

Convention expenses: Total expenses of the 13th convention were \$66,532.45. This year an additional amount of \$450 was paid from the convention fund to the printery for printing of the convention minutes. Railroad fares to convention members amounted to \$32,214.48, per diems totaled \$31,955, convention officers' \$775, printing material \$885.50, convention recorders \$180; other expenses concern various minor items.

On Dec. 31, 1946 the convention fund had \$7,013.35. Before the convention the amount of \$14,611.45 was transferred from the expense fund into this fund.

Expenses of merger convention in 1941 in Pittsburgh amounted to \$71,952.47 or \$4,970.02 more than the last convention. Railroad fares to the Evelevh convention cost \$12,450.48 more than those of the 1941 merger convention; on the other hand, per diems of the 1941 convention amounted to \$16,615 more than the 1946 convention; the reason being that the merger convention lasted longer and had more delegates.

Publications & Printery: The manager reported on the income and expenses of the press and Prosveta. We examined the books and the manager and editor on the problems of the magazine, received \$250 for his articles since end of last year. Our committee has some objections on the necessity of having contributors of the magazine outside of our membership; editor thinks such writers are necessary to magazine from an ideological point.

Due to increased salaries and other high expenses of Prosveta will be about \$111 higher annually, according to the manager's estimate.

We found accounts of all departments in 1946 this has also been attested by the accounts who found books of all departments in excellent order. The executives cooperated with us fully.

J. R. Z.: As usual at the beginning of a year we examined the accounts and books of 1946 there has been no change since last year. Assets of JRZ amount to \$3,381.06; of this amount \$3,000 will go to the children's hospital in Ljubljana.

After the first world war we gave support to the republican movement in Slovenia and Jugoslavia with a loan of \$10,000 to the Ljudska skarna in Maribor. JRZ carried on its work the old country until it was definitely decided what form their government shall have. As it was repeatedly reported, the loan remained and it was decided to continue support of the program.

During the last war allied bombers damaged the printery in Maribor heavily; they reported it had to be completely repaired; that is, it had to be torn down, and machinery also damaged. At the same time the print was taken over by the new government in accordance with its planned economy, as have most enterprises of all types within the state. Trustees have appointed a representative for investment to maintain contacts.

Special Fund: Various relief funds have been collected under the supreme president's vision; amounts sent to him for the child hospital in Slovenia and for SANS have been turned over as intended at the end of the half of the year. He is still in charge of the fund amounting to \$2,000 and the sum \$10 for Russian relief contributed during the second half of the year; these funds are in the hands and all accounts are in perfect order.

Hall Income: As usual, we examined the manager's accounts and found them in accordance with the income of hall in the second half of 1946 amounting to \$828; of this the manager's commission is \$80.00; the rest is net income of the hall.

Complaints: There was only one complaint this period. In accordance with a former decision of the board, we examined rejected manuscripts although we are not the final authority on these matters; nevertheless, we express our opinion on this subject at each board meeting.

Our committee received a letter from Ivan Lek, former editor of Prosveta, in which he stated that he tried to defend himself in Prosveta against the decision of the convention committee which accused him of sophism, instead of trying to solve the real cause of the dispute. Since the supervisory committee, as already stated, cannot decide anything according to the by-laws, when violations are so serious that they come under its jurisdiction, it cannot consider such complaints because the matter has been decided by the proper authority, the executive committee. However, we advised the head of that whenever he considers a matter closed should not allow anyone to needle those still concerned. Only in this way will it be possible to avoid unpleasant polemics that were common and because of slanderous remarks resound anew.

Because of the fact that the supervisory committee does not wish to have the task of examining rejected manuscripts, it is advisable that meeting decide to void former decision. Of course any member can send his complaint to our committee which will then investigate only complaints pertaining to manuscripts. The best is that we act according to the by-laws.

Examinations of Accounts: The by-laws of that our committee shall examine the accounts twice a year and that it can hire certified public accountants for this purpose. At our audit we have discussed how much would be saved if audit by the accountants would be omitted. It was unanimously decided that the present system of auditing be continued until we arrive at different findings.

The firm that performs this work charges \$10 every half year. It has informed us that it no longer performs this work for this amount in the future, including the recent semi-annual audit the charge will be \$2,500, or \$250 for only one audit would be \$3,250, or \$250 more than semi-annual audits. As stated above, committee is unanimously of the opinion that present system is good, however, we would like to hear your opinion also.

This is our joint report.

FRANK ZAITZ, Chairman

MICHAEL KUMER, MATTHEW J. TUBS

LOUIS KAFERLE, ANDREW GRUM

Report accepted.

Secretary reads the following letter submitted by the medical examiner: As all of the members of the supreme board undoubtedly know, during the war and even the present postwar era, physicians have been overburdened with work due to the fact that they served in the armed forces. Nevertheless, they have made some sacrifices I have been able to form the usual duties of supreme medical director and hereby report the following for the period covered from July 1, 1946 to Jan. 1, 1947.

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