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Sovjetska Rusija se pridružila Ameriki v zadevi Palestine

Višinski pogorel, ko je predlagal umik Amerike in Anglije iz Grčije ter nadzorovanje relifa po Z. N.

Lake Success, N. Y., 14. okt.—Prvič po dolgem času se je zgodilo, da Amerika in Rusija soglašata v kakšnem vprašanju, ki je pred skupščino Združenih narodov. To vprašanje je Palestina. Na včerajšnji seji palestinskega odbora se je tudi Sovjetska Rusija izrekla za razkosanje Palestine v dve državi, arabsko in židovsko. Njeno stališče je podobno stališču Amerike, ki ga je zadnjo soboto orisal Herschel Johnson.

McNeilu, predstavniku Anglije in dejal: "Vidva, gentlemana, bosta seveda odklonila to resolucijo. Toda če to storita, se to ne bo zgodilo vsled tega, ker se bojita, da bo ta komisija vam v napotje pri izrabljanju te ekonomske pomoči v namene, ki so direktno prepovedani po čarternju Z. N."

Ko mu je McNeil segel v besedo in omenil oživljenje kominterne, ga je Višinski hitro zavrnil. Dejal je, da je imel "privide," ko je čital o sestanku predstavnikov devetih evropskih komunističnih strank, "da diskuzirajo v svrhu informacij. Toda mr. McNeil," je nadaljeval Višinski, "kominterne ni nikjer. Kominterne je imela veliko večjo člansko bazo kot jo pa ima devet komunističnih strank. Vi, mr. McNeil, ste v strahu zato, ker imate halucinacije. Imate privide. Zakaj ne vzamete nekaj valerijskih kaplic ali adrenalina? Najboljše je, da vzamete medicine; da si potolažite svoje čezmerne strahove."

Nov orkan zadel Florido

Potniško letalo zašlo v viharne vrtnec

Miami, 14. okt.—Južno Florido je zadnjo nedeljo zopet zadel orkan, ki je brzel 70 milj na uro in prizadel kraje močno poškodoval. Največji škodo je povzročilo silno neurje, ki je poplavlilo stotine hiš. Najbolj prizadete so bile bogate farmarske pokrajine okrog jezera Okeechobee, kamor je orkan izlil cele reke vode. Orkan se je k sreči zasakal in odbrzel na morje. Za njim se je spustilo več vojaških letal, da vanj natresejo tisoč funtov suhega ali umetnega ledu.

Pravi peklo je doživelo 26 potnikov in štirje člani posadke velikega potniškega letala, ki je nehote zašlo v središče tega orkana. Letalo je brzelo iz Kube v Miami in dobilo napačne oziroma pomanjkljive informacije o vremenu. Pilot je mislil, da se bo orkanu izognil, toda z letalom se je nenadoma zakačnil vanj. Mogočni vrtnec je delal z letalom kot s kunjjo in ga po zraku premetaval sem in tja, gor in dol. Enkrat je letalo tresčilo tisoč čevljev kvišku in zopet padlo. Vsi potniki s posadko vred so bili silno prestrašeni in nekateri so se oklenili sedežev kot okameneli.

Odivne ladje za prevoz živil

Washington, D. C., 14. okt.—Senator Brewster, republikanec iz države Maine, je izjavil, da bi morala Amerika dati odvišne ladje evropskim narodom, namesto da bi zgradila nove ladje za prevažanje živil. Poudaril je, da bi to prihranilo Ameriki par milijard dolarjev. V ameriških pristaniščih je sedaj približno dovolj ladij s tonažo 20 milijonov ton. Te ladje počivajo in rjave v lukah. Brewster je rekel, da bo v tem smislu izdelal načrt in ga predložil kongresu v sprejetje.

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"Svobodni" Trst se znašel na poti umiranja

Preti mu gospodarsko uničenje; kvečjemu bo mogel ostati "svoboden" pet do deset let

Trst, 14. okt.—(Poroča Thomas F. Raynohls Chicago Sunu.)—Komaj je preteklo mesec dni, odkar je Svobodno tržaško ozemlje dobilo status legalne države, se je Trst že znašel v obtemneli gospodarske paralize, ki mu prinaša smrt. Smotren študij tega lepega modernega mesta, ki zelo sliči San Franciscu, pokazuje sledeča dejstva:

V obstoječih okoliščinah je to svobodno ozemlje politična nezdržljivost in ekonomska neuporabnost. Nobenega izgleda ni za izboljšanje položaja, dokler med Združenimi državami in Rusijo ne pride do kakšnega sporazuma za mirno sožitje.

Strah visi kot moreča megla nad vsem teritorijem. Italijani, ki predstavljajo 300.000 izmed 375.000 prebivalstva (te številke niso točne—ured.), poročajo, da sem pa tam najdejo kakšnega nacionalističnega Italijana, ki je bil misterijozno umorjen. (Enako se dogaja tudi z jugoslovanskimi pristaši, Slovenci kot levčarskimi Italijani—ured.)

Na drugi strani trdi slovenska manjšina, kakor tudi vsa prokomunistična levica, da zavezniška vojaška vlada na vsej črti kooperira s staro bando biznismenov in trgovcev, ki so vedno vladali Trstu in da situacija drvi v naraščajočo popolno ekonomsko katastrofo.

To je resnica. Ampak temu je kriva tudi po komunistih dominirana levica, ki je iz strateških razlogov leta 1945 odklonila povabilo zavezniške vojaške vlade, da pristopi v svetovno vlado. Levica zdaj zahteva reprezentacijo v tej vladi, toda zavezniška vojaška vlada se je znašla v precepu Vzhoda in Zapada in neče o tem zdaj nič slišati.

Ob strani pa priznava, da se ta teritorij ne more vzdržati na svojem sedanjem statusu več kot pet ali deset let.

Delavski kandidati nominirani

Detroit.—Pri zadnjih primarnih volitvah je bilo nominiranih vseh pet kandidatov za mestni svet CIO. Od kandidatov, ki jih je indorsirala Detroitška delavska federacija (ADF), so bili nominirani vsi razen enega. Največ glasov, 110.000, je dobil George Edward, predsednik mestnega sveta in član krajevnega odbora 174 UMW. Državni senator Stanley Novak je prejel 40.000 glasov in je na desetem mestu izmed 18 kandidatov.

Cilejska vlada razbija stavko rudarjev

Santiago, Čile.—Čilejska vlada se je z vso furijo vrgla na razbijanje stavke 18.000 rudarjev, ki se je pričela pred par tedni za povišanje plače. Arbitrala je 30 unijskih voditeljev, češ da so komunisti. Nad stavarje je poslala vojaštvo in bojni letala. (Prejšnji teden je izgnala tudi dva jugoslovanska diplomata, vsled česar je Jugoslavija pretrgala diplomatske odnose.)

Stavka tekstilnih delavcev v Argentini

Buenos Aires.—Čez 150.000 tekstilnih delavcev je zastavkalo v Argentini z zahtevo, da tovarnarji odprejo 200 tovarn, ki so jih zaprli, ker je vlada za mrznila cene. Ampak policija se je vrgla tudi na razbijanje stavke, ke je delavski departement izjavil, da vlada "ne bo tolerirala nobenih stavk."

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Veletrgovci odrekli prodajo blaga unijam

Vzrok je, ker ne prodajajo za profit

Detroit.—(CNS)—Pet izmed šestih veletrgovin, ki prodajajo živež in drugo blago na debelo, je odreklo prodajo blaga raznim unijam CIO, ki so se v tem mesecu spustile v trgovino vsled velike draginje. V neke vrste "zadrudne" trgovine, v resnici v nakupovalne klube so se spustile razne avtne unije, ki kupujejo blago na debelo in ga v svojih dvoranh prodajajo članom (navadno ob sobotah) brez vsakega profita.

Te vrste neprofitne trgovine se je zadnje čase oklenilo več unij v raznih krajih dežele. Tako tudi avtva unija CIO v Evansvillu, Ind. Glasilo te unije je vnaprej napovedalo, da razni "free enterprizerji" ne bodo gledali prijazno na ta eksperiment.

"Veletrgovci in tovarnarji se ne bodo navduševali za te vrste antiprofitarske ideje," pravi unijski list. "Toda če bodo odklonili prodajo blaga tem neprofitnim trgovinam, bodo storili le dobro delo, kajti s tem bodo demonstrirali članom CIO potrebo zgraditve trajne zadrudne organizacije, ki bo lahko kupovala od velezadrudnih trgovin (wholesalers) ter od zadrudnih tovarn, ki tudi poslujejo na neprofitni podlagi."

V Port Huronu, Mich., so unije CIO in ADF sklicale konferenco za organiziranje konzumne zadrude, prav tako je akcija v teku tudi v Lansingu, kjer je bila zadnje dni odprta moderna zadrudna trgovina.

Italijanska vlada bo dobila zlato

Zasegla ga je ameriška armada

Washington, D. C., 14. okt.—Michael McDermott, uradnik državnega departementa, je naznanil, da bo Italijanska vlada dobila zlato v vrednosti \$25.000.000, katerega so Nemci v vojnem času ukradli iz italijanske državne banke.

Zlato je našel in zasegel peti zbor ameriške armade v Fortezzi, Italija, v maju leta 1945. Skrili so ga Nemci pred umikom iz Italije.

McDermott je dejal, da sta se Amerika in Velika Britanija sporazumeli glede izročitve zlata italijanski desničarski vladi, katere predsednik je Alcide de Gasperi. Vlada bo lahko z zlatom plačevala nakupe žita in premoga prihodnje zimo. Zlato ji bo pomagalo tudi pri kontroli inflacije doma.

Jugoslavija odrekla vizo duhovniku

Belgrad.—Jugoslovanska vlada je zadnje dni odrekla obnovo vize monsignorju Albertu J. Murphyju, ameriškemu direktorju katoliškega relifa v Jugoslaviji. Vzrok je, ker je Murphy insistiral, da osebno nadzoruje razdelbo relifa med posameznike. Jugoslovanske oblasti so to smatrale kot insult Jugoslovanskemu rdečemu križu, o katerem je znano, da deli pomoč nepristransko. Program ameriške pomožne katoliške akcije je določal \$2.000.000 relifa za Jugoslavijo.

MURRAY POSTAVIL POGOJE ZA ZDRUŽENJE CIO IN ADF

Boston.—(FP)—Philip Murray je v svojem letnem poročilu, ki ga je predložil deveti redni konvenciji CIO, orisal tudi pogoje, pod katerimi se je CIO pripravil, da se združi z ADF. V svojem poročilu kot predsednik CIO je izrazil upanje, da bo "v Ameriki mogoče izoblikovati združeno delavsko gibanje, ki bo imelo moč, korajžo in vizijo."

Murray je orisal razgovore, ki so se vršili meseca maja med predstavnikoma CIO in ADF in naglašal stališče CIO kot prvi korak, ki naj vodi k združenju obeh delavskih federacij. Ta korak ali pogoj je, da mora med obema organizacijama najprej priti do enotne politične fronte za "obrambo članstva proti zločesti zakonodaji, ki stremi za uničenjem delavskih pravic." Ta fronta naj sestoji iz formiranja skupnih odborov na vrhu, za vsa dežela, kakor tudi po državah in po mestih in v to fronto naj se pritegnejo tudi vse druge progresivne sile.

Ko bo enkrat dosežena ta fronta za boj proti Taft-Hartleyevemu zakonu, tedaj naj se prične "nadaljnji razgovori o organski združitvi" in takojšnji odpravi "vseh jurisdikcijskih stavk ter medsebojnega krade-nja članov."

skupnega delavskega gibanja, ki bo imelo "moč, korajžo in vizijo," je pristanek CIO in ADF na "gotove specifične demokratične unijske principe kot podlago za nadaljne diskuzije o organski spojitvi. To vključuje sporazum, da mora nova organizacija dati polno priznanje principu industrialnega unionizma, dalje da bodo avtonomne pravice pridruženih mednarodnih unij povsem upoštevane v novi strukturi, kakor tudi, da mora nova organizacija kreirati efektivno mašinerijo za politično aktivno in svrhu promoviranja legislativnih ciljev organiziranega delavstva pred volitvami in med volitvami, prav tako tudi vključevati smernice CIO glede sodelovanja v Svetovni delavski federaciji."

Murray je delegaciji poročal, da je "ADF odklonila ta program... Odbor ADF je vztrajal, da je edino vprašanje organsko združenje v okviru ADF in obstoječih smernicah te organizacije."

"Članstvo CIO se v polni meri zaveda," je nadaljeval Murray, "velikih preizkušenj, pred katerimi se nahaja organizirano delavstvo zdaj in se bo v bližnji bodočnosti. Uverjeni smo, da je enotno delavsko gibanje zaželjeno in tudi dosegljivo in pri tem

tudi ostanemo. Naši sovražniki so enotni. Sile organizirane po-zrečnosti ni njih politične opredeljenosti z združenimi močmi kombinaciji, povsem odločeni, da uničijo ameriško delavstvo. V urujemo z vso iskrenostjo, da je edini odgovor proti tem silam enotna akcija vsega delavskega gibanja. Skupna borba in skupne žrtve v borbi proti reakciji bodo porodile solidarnost, na kateri bo mogoče zgraditi zdravo in delavno enotnost."

Na drugi strani prav tako dogmatično zagovarjajo svoj program organskega združenja tudi voditelji ADF. Dokler ne bo nobena stran hotela popustiti niti za las, toliko časa bo organsko združenje CIO in ADF le-pobožna želja. Izgleda, da je vse skupaj le manever z obeh strani.

To se je pokazalo tudi zadnji ponedeljek, ko je Philip Murray prvi dan konvencije CIO brzojavno pozval ADF, ki zboreje v San Franciscu, na ustanovitev skupne politične fronte za poraz "delavskih sovražnikov" pri volitvah prihodnje leto. William Green je ta poziv takoj odklonil in dejal, da mora prej priti do—organskega združenja obeh federacij. Murray je poslal enak poziv tudi samostojnim železničarim bratovščinam.

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V zadnji obilnatni Prosveti je bil zaključen zapisnik prve konference direktorjev in direktorjev naših mladinskih krožkov. Zdej, ko imamo pred seboj vso sliko te konference, lahko sklepamo, da-li je bila uspeh ali ne.

Kdor je prečital ta zapisnik, si je lahko ustvaril merodajno sodbo. In naša sodba je, da denar, ki ga je jednota investirala v to konferenco, ni bil proč vržen, prav tako tudi ne čas naših članov in članic, ki so se udeležile tega zborovanja. Nasprotno! Čas in denar sta bila zelo dobro investirana, kajti ta konferenca je bila zelo dobra šola za kader naših mladinskih direktorjev in direktorice. In lahko je dobra šola tudi za vsa naša društva, kajti v tem zapisniku imajo pred seboj cel niz idej, kako organizirati in voditi mladinske krožke. Zelo dober pregled celotnega dela ne samo konference, marveč tudi poslovanja in aktivnosti mladinskih krožkov ter nalog in vlog, ki jih igrajo njih načelniki ali načelnice ter tudi društva.

Ker do zdaj nismo imeli nobene kompozitne slike o delovanju naših krožkov in kvaliteti njih načelstva, smo bili veselo presenečeni, ko smo čitali referate, podani na tej konferenci. Veselo smo bili presenečeni, ker so bili referati na splošno dobro zamisljeni in posebno nekateri bogati po vsebini. Prav tako so tudi diskusije o referatih pokazale, da naš direktorski kader sestoji iz cveta našega članstva.

Rekord tega zborovanja prikazuje veliko predanost svojemu delu s strani mladinskih direktorice in direktorjev. V resnici je to tudi pogoj za obstanek in napredek vsakega krožka. Ako je vodstvo malodušno, površno in avtomatsko, tak krožek bo samo živočaril in kmalu izginil. To je sicer resnica pri vsaki organizaciji. Tudi pri društvi. Kjer je vodstvo mrtvo, bodo tudi društva mrtva. Mladinski krožek pa v mrtvi atmosferi sploh ne more živeti, kajti mladina in mrtvilo ne gresta skupaj! Mladina, ako je zdrava, je po svoji naravi polna življenja, polna energije in tudi sposobna ustvarjati, ako ji daste priliko, ako je pod sposobnim in dinamičnim vodstvom. In kjer je mladina, kjer je življenje, tam se še stare kosti pomlade!

Vprašanje je, koliko bo ta konferenca dala spodbude našim društvom, da se bolj pozanimajo za mladinske krožke. Priznati je treba, da bi v naši jednoti lahko imel več mladinskih krožkov kot jih imamo. Mislimo seveda aktivnih krožkov. Kot ste lahko razvideli iz konferenčnega zapisnika, imamo le 36 aktivnih krožkov, kar je za tako veliko organizacijo in za toliko naselbin kot jih obsega naša jednota malenkost. Morali bi jih imeti vsaj dvakrat, trikrat toliko. Zdej imamo le en krožek na 17 društev. Imeli bi jih še manj, da v zadnjih mesecih ni bilo ustanovljenih pet ali šest novih krožkov, kar je dobro znamenje.

Po več letih je to sploh prvi razmah naših krožkov. Toda če nočemo spet zaiti v stagnacijo, je potrebno, da se ta razmah nadaljuje, da se ustanovljajo novi krožki. In sicer bi morali imeti mladinski krožek v vsaki naselbini, kjer imamo večje ali srednje veliko društvo. Tega danes ni. Lahko bi imenovali naselbine, kjer ima jednota prilično močna društva, tudi po več društev, toda o kakšnem mladinskem krožku ni sluha ne duha. Starejša članstvo se pritožuje, da je mladina brezbrizna za jednoto, za društvo, sploh za vsako socialno pomembno stvar. Prihaja tudi vedno več tožb, da na letnih sejah ne morejo dobiti odgovornih uradnikov, posebno ne tajnika.

Dejstvo je, ako starejša društva ne bomo skušali poživiti z mlado krvjo, ni več daleč čas, deset, petnajst let, lahko tudi manj, ko se bomo v marsikateri naselbini znašli pred vprašanjem, kaj storiti z društvom, ki je prišlo v popolno stagnacijo, se znašlo na slepi cesti, ko ne bo moglo dobiti uradnikov ne med stari niti med mladim članstvom. Med stari članstvom ne deloma vsled izčrpanosti in deloma vsled zredčenosti med nekaj aktivnimi društveniki, med mladino pa ne vsled tega, ker jih nismo znali vpeljati v društveno in jednotno življenje.

Kaj bomo v takih primerih storili? Enotavno poslali poslovne knjige v glavni urad in dejali: Tukaj imate naše društvo, zdaj pa storite, kar hočete.

Morda bo kdo rekel, da smo preveč pesimistični, da gledamo preveč črno. Toda kdor gleda v bodočnost, lahko vidi, da se bodo v desetih, petnajstih, sigurno pa v dvajsetih letih znašle vse organizacije tujerodce pred resnimi problemi samohrane. Ako pogledamo okrog sebe, vidimo, da se naša tujerodna generacija zelo hitro stara. Pretežna večina nas, ki smo bili rojeni onkraj morja, smo že ali bi bili lahko stari očetje in stare mamice. Tudi naše vrste se bolj in bolj hitro redčijo. Z vsakim letom nas je manj.

Z drugo besedo, edina rešitev za naša starejša društva je, da si med mladino vzgoje kader aktivnih članov, ki bodo pripravljene prevzeti društvene urade. Ampak vprašanje je, kako jih vzgojiti in pritegniti v društva. Boljšega sredstva za dosego tega zdaj nimamo in ga tudi ne bomo imeli kot so mladinski krožki. Po naselbinah, kjer imajo mladinske krožke, se jim ni treba bati za bodočnost njih društev, to je, ako poskrbe, da krožek ostane pri življenju iz leta v leto, za kar so povsod dani temeljni pogoji, kajti vedno doruča nova mladina. Mladino se da pritegniti v društva tudi skozi atletiko, toda sigurnost za nasledstvo je vedno boljša tam, ako se mladina vzgaja in uvaja v jednotno življenje skozi mladinske krožke. Komur je samo za atletiko, se bo v aktivno društveno življenje bolj težko včlavel.

Pri tem je seveda treba gledati, da se mladini omogoči, da se

Glasovi iz naših naselbin

SREBRNI JUBILEJ
DRUŠTVA 450 SNPJ

Euclid, O.—Leta 1922 so se zbrali v tukajšnji tedaj še redko naseljeni okolici zavedni možje in ustanovili društvo SNPJ, ki je dobilo številko 450. Ime so mu dali po tej naselbini "Cvetoci Nobel".

Kakor sem že omenila, je bila ta okolica tedaj še zelo redko naseljena. Tedaj še ni bilo veliko vozil in hodili so po ure daleč, predno so dospeli na svoj cilj. Toda dela še niso ustrašili, kajti zavedali so se, da je vsak pričetek težak. Danes, po 25 letih, živijo samo še trije ustanovitelji, vse druge pa krije črna zemlja. Ti so: Anton Janžič, Frank Istenič in John Jamnik. Pokojniki pa so zapustili živ spomin, katerega moramo čuvati in ojačiti, da bo društvo res vredno imena, katerega so zbrali ustanovitelji.

Yes, naše društvo resnično cvete! Razcveto se je v bujno cvetko, za kar skrbijo naši napredni člani. Še bolj pa bi se lahko razcveto, ako bi se vsi zavedali svoje dolžnosti. Danes je še vedno polje obirno.

Da bomo res dostojno praznovali ta pomemben jubilej, je članstvo sklenilo, da podamo lep in pester program in igro enodejanko. Slavnost se bo vršila v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher ave. v Euclidu, O., v nedeljo, 2. novembra, začetek ob štirih popoldne. Zvečer pa se bo vršila prosta zabava in ples, za katerega bo igral dobro poznani orkester "Polkateers". Ta orkester igra dnevno na clevelandski radio-postaji WGAR.

Program bo vseboval sledeče točke: Pozdravni govor društvenega predsednika, govor gl. odbornika Matta Petrovicha, nastop mladinskega pevskega krožka SNPJ, Joe Gombač igra na violino, zapojeja Tony Podobnik in Mary Gregory, na harmoniko pa ju spremljata Joe Kušar in Anton Malovašič, zapoje mešani zbor Adrija, harmoniko in seksophon Herman Sluga in Fred Martin ml., zapoje solo Anthony Mihelich, zapoje mešani zbor Jadran, harmonika Stanley Poropat, solo zapoje Betty Senkine, nastop moškega pevskega zbora Slovana, nato pa bo sledila enodejanka "Dete je živo".

Torej program bo pester, vreden vstopnine, ki je samo 75c za program in ples. Samo za ples pa 65c. Kar se pa tiče potrebe, bo tudi izvrstna, kajti pripravljajni odbor je pridno na delu, tako da bo za vse preskrbljeno. Apeliramo na vse društvene člane in članice, kakor tudi na članstvo sosednih društev in občinstvo v splošnem, da nas poseti na ta dan in z nami praznuje srebrni jubilej.

Torej na svidenje v nedeljo, 2. novembra! Društvene tajnice, katerim sem poslala vstopnice, pa prosim, da mi vrnejo neprodane vstopnice ali pa denar še pred priredbo.

Mary Dodic, tajnica.

KARTNA ZABAVA IN SEJA
PROGRESIVNIH SLOVENK

Milwaukee, Wis.—Društvo 16 SNPJ bo priredilo kartno zabavo dne 9. novembra v dvorani S. S. Turn, 725 W. National ave. Bratje in sestre, odbor vas prosi, da greste na delo. Sam odbor ne more vsega izvršiti. Priskočimo mu na pomoč. Opminjajte člane in članice, da dobio kaj daril, ki jih bomo oddali na kartni zabavi. Prinesite darila tajniku. Daril potrebujemo veliko, kajti pričakujemo veliko udeležbo. Midva z možem jih bova preskrbela devet. Potrudite se tudi vi in preskrbite vsaj enega.

Kartna zabava se bo vršila ravno na Martinovo nedeljo. Pričetek ob dveh popoldne, zve-

lahko vživi v društvo. Pri angleško poslujočih društvih to ni noben problem, kajti tukaj ni jezikovnih težkoč. Vse drugače pa je pri starejših društvih, ki poslujejo v slovenskem in v nekaterih primerih tudi v hrvaškem jeziku. Ako ta društva ne bodo začela misliti, kako aktivizirati svoje članstvo iz tukaj rojene generacije s tem, da jo vprežejo v odgovorne pozicije, tudi v tajništvo in predsedništvo ter preidejo na dvojezične seje ali pa tudi zgolj na jezik, ki ga obvlada mladina, se bodo znašla na slepi cesti. Zanimivo je, da se je več društev že začelo baviti s tem problemom. O tem se

čer pa se bo vršila prosta zabava in ples. Kdor bo zelo srečen, bo dobil "pressure cooker" ki bo oddan pri vratih. Torej vsi na delo!

Nadalje opominjam članice krožka 8 Progresivnih Slovenk, da se bo vršila prihodnja seja 21. oktobra v Lenkotovi dvorani. Pripeljte s seboj svoje prijateljice, da nas bo toliko več. Članarina je samo 30c mesečno. Pridite, da se seznanite z delom in smernicami Progresivnih Slovenk. Potrebno je, da se žensktvo izobrazuje in doprinese svoj delež v korist vsega, kar je naprednega.

Na veselo svidenje 9. novembra na kartni zabavi društva 16 SNPJ in 21. oktobra na seji Progresivnih Slovenk!

Mary Gornick.

IZREDNA SEJA
SLOVENSKE ZADRUGE BO
ODLOČILA O ZDRUŽITVI

No. Chicago, Ill.—Izredna članska seja No. Chicago Consumers zadruga se bo vršila v nedeljo, 19. oktobra t. l., začetek ob pol dveh popoldne v prostorih Slovenskega nar. doma. Ta seja bo odločila o predlogu združenja naše zadruga s Co-op Trading zadrugo v Waukeganu. Ideja združenja je bila prvič odfobna na članski letni seji meseca marca t. l. Sprejet je bil tedaj predlog, ki je dal direktorjem nalogo priti v stiko z odborniki ostalih zadrug v naši naselbini in jih obvestiti o predlogu naše seje. Co-op Trading zadruga je sprejela našo povabilo in se strinjala z našim predlogom. Direktorji obeh zadrug so nato šli na delo in izdelali načrt združenja, o katerem se bo glasovalo prihodnj. nedeljo.

Naš odbor je v pismu na članstvo zelo dobro pojasnil pogoje, ki so v zvezi z združenjem in koristi, ki jih bomo dosegli z združenjem. Pismo je vredno, da ga vsak član skrbno prečita in dobro preudari. Od moje strani vam hočem tu podati izjavo, da se strinjam z vsem, kar odbor navaja v pismu.

Jaz se zavedam že dolgo, da če bi se dve zadrugi združili, bi mi imeli takoj najmanj dvojn. korist. Prvič, nudile bi se nam večje ugodnosti pri nakupu blaga v večjih množinah, drugič, znižali bi se upravni stroški. Posledica temu bi bila boljši pogoji pri tekmovalnih cenah blaga, ki ga naši člani in odjemalci kupujejo od nas, ali z drugimi besedami: obstajala bi možnost nižjih cen v naših trgovinah.

Kar me posebno veseli glede združitvenega načrta, je dejstvo, da nam bo mogoče po združitvi poslati skor. dočela tako, kakor poslujemo sedaj, namreč da bo naša zadruga postala slovenski okraj v novi večji zadrugi. Mi bomo lahko tudi v bodoče vodili naše seje v slovenskem jeziku. Nadalje bomo volili svojega okrajnega predsednika in tajnika. Poleg tega bomo izvolili tri direktorje, ki nas bodo zastopali v direktoriju 12 odbornikov skupne organizacije. Udeleževali se bomo lahko tudi vseh članskih sej kot pravomočni člani združene organizacije.

Dejstvo, da so direktorji in članstvo Co-op Trading zadruga pristali na našo zahtevo za tri direktorske zastopnike v odboru nove organizacije, je dokaz, da žele naše popolno sodelovanje v novi organizaciji. Nova zadruga bo štela 6000 članov, naša sedanja zadruga šteje pa okoli 650 članov, izmed katerih je 175 že včlanjenih v Co-op Trading zadrugi. Tako bo imela naša desetina članov eno četrtino direktorskih mest za naše okrožje. To dejstvo lahko

pomiri dvom čes, "da ne bomo imeli ničesar reči v novi organizaciji".

Na pomislek, o katerem se sliši tu pa tam, "da bomo darovali našo trgovino na Deseti cesti Co-op Trading zadrugi," vam hočem pojasniti tole: Resnica je, da bomo spojili ali strnili našo imovino z imovino Co-op Trading zadruga. Ampak če bodo Co-op Trading zadruga člani prejemale obresti in koristi od naše imovine, bomo mi obratno deležni obresti in koristi od njihove imovine.

Kako se imovina obeh zadrug primerja? Tridesetega junija t. l. je skupna imovina Co-op Trading znašala \$614,000, istega dne je naša skupna imovina znašala \$81,000. Zemljiška vrednost Co-op Trading zadruga znaša \$66,000, poslopja \$87,000, oprema \$143,000. Vrednost zemljišča, poslopij in opreme naše zadruga je \$29,000. V novi organizaciji bomo solastniki določene imovine (to so zemljišča, poslopja, stroji in oprava) v vrednosti \$325,000 in skupne imovine v vrednosti \$695,000. Iz tega je razvidno, da mi ne bomo nikomur ničesar darovali, ampak da so združitveni pogoji le nam v korist.

Polnoštevilna udeležba članstva na seji bo odboru in meni, poslovođji vaše zadruga, zelo po gođu, zaradi tega vam priporočam, da se seje v nedeljo če le mogoče udeležite, ter prisostvujete tej nadvse važni končni odločitvi. Na seji vam bo dana prilika za natančno razmotrivanje vseh zadev, tikajočih se združenja. V slučaju, da se vam seje ne bo mogoče udeležiti, vas opozarjam, da pismo odbora pazljivo prečitate ter izrečete svoje mnenje na poslani vam glasovnici, katero nam vrnite s pošto. Da bo veljavna, mora biti v rokah tajnika ne pozneje kakor v soboto, 18. oktobra.

Ker sem prepričan, da bo združenje članstvu in zadržnemu gibanju v vsestransko korist, upam da bo načrt združenja sprejet in s tem združenje odobreno.

Math Ogria, poslovođja
No. Chicago Consumers
zadruga.

MAŠKERADNA VESELICA
V YUKONU

Yukon, Pa.—Naznanjam članstvu društva Novi dan 117 SNPJ, da je bilo na seji sklenjeno, da priredimo jesensko maškeradno veselico dne 25. oktobra v Slovenskem domu, začetek ob devetih do ene po polnoči.

Sklenjeno je bilo tudi, da mora vsak član in članica plačati vstopnino, pa če se udeležijo veselice ali ne, kajti veselica se bo vršila v korist društvene blagajne. Za ples bo igral znani Frankov trio. Igral bo lepe polke in valčke za stare in mlade. Na ples vabimo tudi članstvo društva "Silver Star" in drugih društev iz sosednih naselbin. Pridite v maškeradnih oblekah, da bo kaj šale in zabave. Najlepa in najgrša maska bosta dobili nagrado.

Pridite v čim večjem številu. Kdor ne bi mogel plesati, mu bomo pa v spodnjih prostorih postregli z vsemi dobrotami sveta. Torej na svidenje 25. oktobra. A. Kovačič, članica.

VINSKA TRGATEV
SLOVENIJE 26. OKTOBRA

Oakland, Cal.—V Prosveti z dne 1. oktobra je bil priobčen moj dopis, v katerem sem tudi vabil na vinsko trgatve kluba Slovenije, ki se bo vršila na 26. oktobra v Slovenskem domu na 2101 Mariposa st., San Francisco, pričetek ob dveh popoldne. Korektor pa je spregledal datum in tako je bilo vabilo priobčeno, ne pa datum.

Torej danes ponovno vam na vinsko trgatve kluba Slovenije ki se bo vršila v nedeljo, 26. oktobra. Imeli bodo kratek program na odru, po programu da bo sledila trgatve grozdja in ples.

Anton Tomšič.

VINSKA TRGATEV
DRUŠTVA 13 SNPJ

Bridgeport, O.—Vabim vse članstvo društva 13 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo vinske trgatve, ki se bo vršila 25. oktobra v Slovenskem domu na Boydsyville. Veš dobiček je namenjen za božičnico, katero bomo priredili za otroke društva 13.

Na vinsko trgatve še posebej vabimo članstvo društva 640, ker njim tudi mi radi povrnemo. Pridite in se zabavajte! Društveni odbor bo skrbel za lačne in žejne, muzikanti vam bodo pa zaigrali poskočne polke in valčke.

Drugi posebnih novic ni v naši naselbini, omeniti pa moram, da vsi občutimo naraščajočo draginjo, sedaj pa je sam predsednik Truman svetoval naj manj jemo. Po moji pameti bi bilo boljše, da bi predsednik svetoval vladnim in drugim birokratom, naj jedo manj, kajti oni so tisti, ki navijajo cene, ne pa revno delavsko ljudstvo, ki si že sedaj ne more kupiti dovolj živeža.

Pred 25 leti sem šla v trgovino z veliko košaro, a v žepu malo denarja, sedaj pa za \$10 grocerije nimaš kaj spraviti v žep. V Ameriki se unčji veliko živeža in če bi samo tega poslali, pa bi bili vsi na boljšem. Upam, da bodo šle vse gospodinje na stajko za znižanje cen živežu in drugim potrebščinam. Bodite pametni in ne kupujte stvari, ki so predrage!

S tem zaključujem moj dopis in kličem na veselo svidenje na vinski trgatvi v soboto, 25. oktobra! Mary Potnick, tajnica.

NAŠE KULTURNO PRIZADEVANJE
IN KONCERT PEVSKEGA
ZBORA PREŠEREN

Chicago, Ill.—Ko je listje dol padalo, se je dekletko jokalo... To pa ne v Chicagu. Naša dekletka so v vselem in živahnem razmahu, odkar so se organizirala v krožku Progresivnih Slovenk. Menda še ni nobena nova postojanka tako hitro rasla kot ta. Čul sem, da jim je že enkrat zmanjkalo vpisovalnih pol.

Čestitam vam, ženske in dekleta, ter vam želim obilo uspeha in napredka! Mislim, da v skupnem delu boste lahko mnogo storile za vsestransko korist naroda tu in onkraj morja. Ob enem pa vas vse vpljudno vabim na jesenski koncert pevskega zbora Prešeren, ki bo v nedeljo 9. novembra t. l. v dvorani SNPJ. Poleg raznoličnega programa, bo tudi šaljiva dvodejanka "Trije tički." Kaj več o programu pozneje.

Ne vabim pa samo naše Progresivne Slovenke, pač pa vso slovensko javnost iz Chicaga in okolice, da rezervirate ta dan za Prešerna.

Še nekaj: V nedeljo, 26. oktobra t. l., bodo Sansovi igralci iz Chicaga gostovali v La Sallu na odru SND z dramo "Sin". Vsem iz La Salla in okolških mest priporočam, da posetite to igro. Igro sem videl tu v Chicagu in moram reči, da gre vsa čast vsem igralcem in njih režiserju Milanu Medvešku za tako imenitno dovršeno delo.

Samo premajhno vstopnino imate v La Sallu! Ako bi bila ta igra podana na angleškem odru, bi bila vstopnina ob \$2 naprej. Podpirajte slovensko kulturno delo kjerkoli je vam mogoče! Dajte moralno in gmotno pomoč onim, ki se še ukvarjajo s tem težkim, a vendar potrebnim delom. Narod brez kulture zelo nizko cenijo.

Anton Udovich.

PLESNA VESELICA
DRUŠTVA 484 SNPJ

New Philadelphia, O.—V nedeljo, 26. oktobra, bo društvo 484 SNPJ priredilo plesno veselico v Miners Hall, Roswell, O. Za ples bo igral orkester "Dale Goudy and his Blue Sky Buckeros". Ta godba je tako živa da bo vse mrtve oživila.

Podpirajni vabi vse prijatelje in prijateljice, da nas razveselite s svojim posetom, ob priliki jim bomo pa vrnili. Ker nismo imeli veselice že več let, upam, da bomo imeli lepo udeležbo, kajti veselica se bo vršila v počast

vojnim veteranom SNPJ. Ples se bo pričel ob dveh popoldne in trajal do polnoči.

Kažipot: Miners Hall, Roswell, O., je na 39. cesti—6 milj severovzhodno iz mesta New Philadelphia. Ko pridete v New Philadelphia na "square", vzemite East avenue tri bloke in pridite na križišče, kjer sta dvogagalinski postaji, ena na levi, druga na desni. Tam boste videli Route 39. Vprašajte na galsolinski postaji, kako pridete v Roswell. Na dvorani bo napis SNPJ. Na veselo svidenje.

William Pongratz.

PRVA DRUŽABNA
PRIREDBA PROGRESIVNIH
SLOVENK

Chicago, Ill.—Na zadnji redni seji krožka Progresivnih Slovenk je bilo sklenjeno, da priredimo prvo domačo zabavo, na kateri se bo servirala tudi večerja po zmerni ceni. V zadnji odbor so sprejele večje kuharice in pridne delavke, za kar ste lahko prepričani, da bo postrežba prvovrstna.

Zabava se bo vršila v dvorani SNPJ v nedeljo, dne 16. novembra, in ker se bo servirala večerja, se zabava prične že ob štirih popoldan. Najeta je posebno dobra godba, ob katere zvokih se bomo prav po domače vrteli. Vstopnina k tej prireditvi je prosta!

Z zadovoljstvom lahko tudi poročam, da je bilo na naši zadnji seji predlaganih nadaljnjih 13 naprednih slovenskih žena za pristop in dve celo iz Grand Havena, Michigan, kar znači, kako se naše žene in dekleta zanimajo poleg kuhinje tudi za druga kulturna in socialna vprašanja. To je lepo, kakor tudi potrebno, ker slabe ekonomske razmere dežele v mnogih slučajih huje prizadenejo ženske kot moške.

Za prihodnjo sejo, ki se bo vršila 5. novembra, po prosvetni odsek skušal dobiti kakšnega govornika, da nam bo kaj zanimivega ter koristnega povedal.

Pričakuje se, da se članice omenjene seje udeležijo v obilem številu in s sabo pripeljejo tudi kaj svojih prijateljev za pristop. Več podrobnosti o naših aktivnostih bodo pa še poročale članice prosvetnega odseka.

Frances Vider, predsednica.

KJE SE NAHAJAJO?

Franc Mali (Frank Mally) doma od Novega mesta, odšel v Ameriko 1914. Njegov zadnji naslov je bil Box 88, Liggett, Kentucky; dalje Rudolf Mally (Mali), njegova sestra poročena Janak, ki je nekoč živela v New Yorku in Washingtonu, ter Rudolf Zupančič in njegova sestra Valentina Zupančič. Išče jih nečakinja in sestrična Marija Geršina, rojena Mali, Ljubljana, Gosposka ulica 6/II. Če sami to čitajo, odnosno ako kateri izmed čitateljev ve za katerega izmed omenjenih, naj naznani v glavni urad SANSa, 3424 West 26th Street, Chicago 23, Illinois.

SEJA ŽENSKEGA ODSEKA

Detroit, Mich.—Naznanjam članicam ženskega odseka, da se bo vršila seja 19. oktobra, začetek ob štirih popoldne. Seja se je imela vršiti 12. oktobra, toda je bila odložena, ker se bo na ta dan vršila vinska trgatve podružnice Sansa v Delavskem domu na S. Livernois ave. Prosim članice, da upoštevajo to naznanilo.

Anna Sordoner, tajnica.

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Glasovi iz naselbin

O SLOVENSKEM RADIJSKEM PROGRAMU V ZAPADNI PENNI

N. Braddock, Pa.—V nedeljo, 5. okt., se je vršila v Slovenskem domu v Pittsburghu zelo važna seja raznih društev, organizacij in posameznikov, ki so včlanjeni v odbor "Ameriško-slovenskega dneva".

Kot vam je gotovo že znano, se vrši vsako nedeljo od 10.30—11. ure slovenski radio-program pod okriljem "Ameriškega slovenskega dneva".

Ta postaja je jako močna. Imenuje se WLOA. Na vašem radiu naravnajte kazalec na številko 1550, na starejših aparatih pa na 155. Program se bo oddajal ob istem času kot do sedaj, namreč od 10.30 do 11. ure dopoldne.

Sedaj pa želim še omeniti, da se bo vršil koncert tamburašev univerze Duquesne v nedeljo, 26. oktobra, v Slovenskem domu na 57. ulici in Butler, Pittsburgh. Dirigent tega tamburaškega orkestra je profesor Matt L. Gouze.

Vse točke na programu bodo slovenske. Ves čisti dobiček je namenjen v dijaški sklad in za radijski program. Koncert se bo pričel ob štirih popoldne. Zvečer pa se bo vršila prosta zabava in ples. Vstopnina za koncert in ples samo \$1.

KAZALEC URE NAJ KAŽE ENAKO SKOZI VSE LETO

Cleveland, O.—Društvo V boj 53 SNPJ je razpravljalo o priporočilu bankirjev in onih profesionalcev, ki žele spremembo časa s tem, da bi se kazalec pomaknil za uro nazaj ob dveh ponoči zadnjo nedeljo v aprilu vsako leto in bi tako ostala sprememba poletnega časa do druge ure po polnoči do zadnje nedelje v mesecu septembru.

Tak dodatek ali amandment bo predložen volilcem v odobritve dne 4. novembra, da volite zanj z da (yes), ali da ga zavrzete z ne (no).

Ker pa smo društveniki z majhno izjemo vsi delavci, ki moramo zgodaj vstajati in iti na delo v zgodnjih urah, in ker je v poletni vročini trudnemu delavcu težko zaspati v zgodnjih večernih urah, in ker je sedanjih clevelandskih čas 40 minut pred sončnim časom, priporočam društvu 53 SNPJ vsem rojakom v Clevelandu, da grede 4. novembra na volišče in volijo z "ne" k dodatnemu amandmentu mestnega čarterja za spremembo časa, ali da se bi porinil kazalec ure zadnjo nedeljo v aprilu za eno uro naprej do zadnje nedelje v septembru ter bi tako imeli zmešnjavo glede časa v Clevelandu.



ne nedelje v septembru ter bi tako imeli zmešnjavo glede časa v Clevelandu.

Mi kot meščani mesta Clevelanda upamo, da boste upoštevali naše priporočilo, ki je v korist zdravju delovnemu človeku. To priporočilo je bilo sprejeto v navzočnosti članstva na redni seji društva 53 SNPJ dne 12. oktobra.

F. Barbič, predsednik, J. F. Durn, tajnik, Vinko Starman, blagajnik.

SLOVENSKEM DEKLETOM IN ŽENAM V MILWAUKEEU

West Allis, Wis.—Poročano je že bilo, da je bil ustanovljen v naši naselbini krožek št. 8 Progressivnih Slovencev. Prihodnja seja krožka se bo vršila 15. oktobra, to je tretjo sredo v mesecu, v Lenkotovi dvorani, 739 W. National ave., začetek ob 8. uri zvečer.

Želimo, da se udeleže seje vse članice in da bi s seboj pripeljale tudi svoje prijateljice. Več kot nas bo, laže si bomo začrtale naše bodoče aktivnosti. Člani.

Federacije S. N. P. J.

SEJA MILWAUKEE FEDIKACIJE

Milwaukee, Wis.—Zastopnikom milwaukee federacije SNPJ na znanje, da se bo vršila prihodnja seja 26. t. m., začetek ob pol dveh v običajnem prostoru. Udeležite se, ker bomo imeli na dnevnem redu več važnih zadev.

narina je samo 30c na mesec, kar je malenkost.

Anna Puncov, tajnica.

Opomba uredništva: Vaš dopis je došel v uredništvo v torek, 14. okt., torej prepozno za priobčitev v tokovski številki. Nekje je pomota glede datuma vaše seje. Sestra Mary Gornick poroča v današnji Prosveti, da se bo vršila seja Progressivnih Slovencev 21. oktobra. Sestra Musich je tudi pred časom poročala, da se vršijo seje vašega krožka vsak tretji torek v mesecu. Torej nam ni bilo jasno, ali se bo vršila seja to sredo, 14. oktobra, kot poroča sestra Puncov, ali se bo vršila prihodnji torek, kot poroča sestra Gornick.

POPRAVEK

Windsor Heights, W. Va.—V sredini Prosveti z dne 8. oktobra je bila pomota v mojem poročilu. Glasiti bi se moralo, da so se udeležili našega plesa tudi iz Glencoeja, O., ne iz Barber-tona. Toliko v pojasnilo.

F. Kolenc, tajnik 407 SNPJ.

Nemški dokumenti o izdajstvu Draže Mihajloviča

Nürnberg.—AFP poroča, da so pri mednarodnem sodišču v Nürnbergu našli zaboj dokumentov, ki nosijo označbo "OKW 044—strogo zaupno". Med temi dokumenti so številna tajna poročila nemške protispijonaže na Balkanu, poslana vrhovnemu poveljstvu nemških oboroženih sil, iz katerih je razvidno, da je bil bivši jugoslovanski kraljevski general in vojni minister begunske jugoslovanske vlade v Londonu Draža Mihajlovič od decembra 1943 dalje v nemški špijonski službi.

SEJA MILWAUKEE FEDIKACIJE

Nadalje opozarjam na 35-letnico društva Venera 192 SNPJ, ki se bo vršila 2. novembra v dvorani S. S. Turn. Članice tega vrlega društva vedno sodelujejo povsod in za vsako napredno stvar, zato jih moramo upoštevati in tudi mi sodelovati z njimi. Torej udeležimo se njihove proslave v velikem številu.

Društvo Slova 16 SNPJ pa bo imelo kartno zabavo 9. novembra v istem prostoru.

Chas. Kramer, tajnik federacije.

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJE ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN PENNO

Girard, O.—Federacijska seja se je vršila 28. septembra v Power Pointu, O. Brat predsednik odpre sejo ob 2:40 popoldne v prostoru Slovenskega kluba. Odborniki so vsi navzoči. Zastopana so sledeča društva: 49, 262, 358, 476 in 643. Zapisnik zadnje seje sprejet kot čitan.

Tajnik in blagajnik poročata, da znašajo dohodki od zadnje seje \$181.93, stroški pa \$20.95. Prenos od zadnje seje \$188.41, ostane v blagajni \$349.39. Federacija je prejela polovico prebitka od piknika, ki se je vršil v Salemu, O. Ta vsota znaša \$180.93.

Poročilo tajnika in blagajnika ter nadzornikov sprejeto. Sprejete je predlog, da se federacija zahvali društvu v Salemu za vsestransko sodelovanje ob prireditvi piknika, ki je prinesel lep prebitek v blagajno. Tajnik naj društvo obvesti pisмено.

Zastopnika društva 49 poročata, da je umrla članica Angela Archon (?). Dalje priporočata, naj federacija skuša dobiti od SANSa filme iz stare domovine, da bi jih predvajali po okrožju. Društvo 358 bo priredilo vinsko trgatve dne 4. oktobra; pridobili so tri člane v odrasli oddelek in šest v mladinski. Društvo 476 bo imelo 25-letnico prihodnje leto. Pri društvu 643 so pridobili dva člana v odrasli oddelek; jescensko veselico bodo imeli 1. novembra, za ples pa bo igrala godba Kobal-Raich. S tem so poročila zastopnikov izrpana in vzeta na znanje.

Br. predsednik pozove navzoče, da vstanejo v znak sožalja za umrlo članico. Br. Hribar izva-

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ja, naj bi gl. tajnik pojasnil v Prosveti vsa novejša zavarovanja, na primer 20-letno plačevanje in 20-letno obdarilno zavarovanje.

V zadevi filmov naj tajnik piše na urad, kdaj bi jih lahko dobila naša federacija. Valentinčič priporoča, da darujemo v sklad za svobodni tisk. Sklenjeno, da darujemo v ta namen \$15, za Družinski koledar za oglas pa se odobri \$10.

Prihodnja seja se bo vršila v nedeljo, 28. dec., začetek ob 2. uri popoldne v Girardu. Zaključek seje ob 4:20 popoldne.

John Rovnan, zapisnikar.

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PHILIP GODINA, upravitelj. V Prosveti so dnevne svote ne in delavke vesti. Ali želite vsak dan?

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Pojasnilo:—Vselej kakor hitro kateri teh članov, ki so prištetni, preneha biti član SNPJ, ali če se preseli proč od družine in bo zahteval sam svoj list tednik, bode moral tisti član iz dotične družine, ki je tako skupno naročena na dnevnik Prosveto, to tako naznaniti upravnitvu lista, in obenem doplačati dotično vsoto listu Prosveta. Ako tega ne stori, tedaj mora upravnitvo znižati datum za to vsoto naročniku ali pa ustaviti dnevnik.

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Mesto Družava Nov naročnik Star naročnik Kadar se preselite, vselej naznanite svoj stari in novi naslov!

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STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—Well, here we are back again after quite a spell of no contributions to the Prosveta. We've had a hard time writing much of an article due to the somewhat inactive summer months. But, now during these fall and approaching winter months, things have picked up and once again there are many things that will provide both entertainment and recreation for all of the SNPJ members in this vicinity.

Bowling News

To begin with the local SNPJ Bowling alleys are open and bowling is now in full swing. Besides a Pioneer team entered in the local city and county leagues, and doing some fine bowling, the Pioneer Ladies and Men have formed bowling leagues. Both have gotten off to a fine start.

In the ladies league, there are eight teams competing for the lodge championship and at this writing the Cardinals are out in front with 9 wins and three losses followed in order by the Braves 8-4, Bucs 7-5, Bums 7-5, Phillies 6-6, Giants 5-7, Cubs 4-8, Reds 4-8. The league bowls at 7 and 9 p. m. every Tuesday at the SNPJ alleys.

In the Men's Division, also eight teams are competing. Bowling takes place each Sunday evening at 6 and 7:15 p. m. After the first night's bowling we find three teams tied for first place. The team standings are as follows: Infantry 2-0, Tankers 2-0, Swabies 2-0, Cavalry 1-1, K P 1-1, Marines 0-2, Air Corps 0-2.

Social Notes

As a reminder to all members of Lodges 138 and 589, district SNPJ lodges, there is music for your dancing and listening pleasure at the club every Sunday night. The music is provided by Klemenc orchestra consisting of two piano accordions, bass and banjo. They can play your favorite polka in the style you like and have made a big hit with club patrons. They will be appearing at the club each Sunday evening for the next few weeks.

And as a tip, you had better come early if you desire a table and the room fills up early and you'll be out of luck if you come late. Music by Klemenc begins at eight and if you can go by last Sunday's crowd, you had better get there before that time to get a table. So come to the club if you want a Sunday evening of fine entertainment. Also if you desire to bowl, the alleys are open for your bowling pleasure.

Lodge 589 will hold a Halloween Party on Halloween night, Oct. 31, for members only. And you must come masked. The committee promises a lot of fun for all members who attend. Remember, Pioneer Halloween Party on Oct. 31st at the SNPJ Hall.

Pioneer Patter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Christy who recently became proud parents of a son. . . . On Saturday Nov. 1st at the SNPJ Hall in Strabane you will have the opportunity to hear the Vagabonds, who play swell polka music on WPC at Sharon. They will be playing for a dance sponsored by Strabane Baseball Team. . . . Remember our next monthly meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2nd at 8 p. m. PUBLICITY COMM., 589.

Lodges 106-716 Dance Saturday

IMPERIAL, Pa.—The two local SNPJ lodges, Lodge 106 and Lodge 716, are giving a combined dance Saturday, Oct. 18, in the Slovene Hall, Imperial. All lodges and friends are cordially invited to be with us that evening.

The music for this occasion is the popular Al Medafor and his orchestra. So for an evening of enjoyment keep this date in mind and attend in large numbers. There will be plenty of refreshments for all.

The next E. S. Federation meeting will be held in Ambridge, Sunday, Oct. 19, and will start at 2 p. m. Have your lodge represented. A lot of important business is to be discussed. FRANK OPEKA, Pres.

Lodge No. 347 Gives Polka Dance Oct. 26

McKEESPORT, Pa.—The SNPJ Lodge 347 will hold a fall dance Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Main Pavilion at Rennie Park, McKeesport. Music by Eddie Faulk and his orchestra. Wonderful music for slow and polka pieces. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and friends far and near to attend this dance. Plenty of refreshments and Polkas. MARKO SABICH, Sec'y.

Universal Comets

UNIVERSAL, Pa.—Dates to remember:

Oct. 19—Slovene Radio Program will begin broadcasting over station WLOA, 1550 K. C., from 12:15 to 12:45.

Oct. 19—Regular quarterly meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania at the Slovene Hall, Ambridge, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Oct. 25—Dance by Morning Stars Lodge 665 at the Slovene Hall, 57th and Butler, Pittsburgh, featuring Frankie Perovne's orchestra.

Nov. 1—Dance by E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of Western Pennsylvania at the SNPJ Hall, Verona, featuring Frankie Perovne's orchestra.

News and Views

Joan Koprive of the Victorians lodge of Chicago spent last Wednesday with us.

Last week's Prosveta carried announcements of Peter Elish as the Democratic candidate for Treasurer of Washington County, and Frank Rezek as the Democratic candidate for council-at-large for Girard, Ohio. They are both SNPJ members, but this is not their real qualification for support. Their right to active support is because they possess a long and consistent record of progressivism; of loyalty and devotion to the common man. They will prove real servants of the people.

Last Monday Frank Previc, member of the Comets lodge, and Carolyn Kukovich, member of the Manor Cadets lodge, were married in Pittsburgh. At present they are honeymooning in Virginia. Congratulations and best wishes to them.

The column by Louis Jartz "Third Party and Why I Am Against It" was read with a curious interest. Curious because I clearly recall when Louis did not possess a frustrated complex; and interest because I am always eager to participate in political discussions, and especially to speculate on the prospects of a third party.

Louis has left little to debate. He has not attempted to defend either of the old parties. By his own admission, he does not fully accept a party in which there is a Taft and Morse (Republican), and a Hague and Pepper (Democratic). I believe he would fully accept a realignment of political parties that would include Morse and Pepper in one party and Taft and Hague in the opposing party. But his frustration with immediate and positive results has developed into an indifference with future possibilities.

My discussion here will be limited to why we need a third party, or a realignment of political forces that will earmark one as progressive without reservation and the other as reactionary without reservation. I will not discuss its exact pattern, or who it "would have to have," except to say that it would have to be a mass movement of Labor.

American history of our national economy under the administration of either of the old parties reveals that we have been, periodically oppressed with depression and war. Currently hardly anyone denies that we are rushing headstrong into another depression. It is generally admitted, even by our official representatives, that there is entirely too great a spread between wages and prices. The result can only be unemployment, and our official representatives have commitments that disallows them, even if they know and choose to take radical steps to prevent the catastrophe.

A realignment of political forces dedicated to Labor and the common people would have a mandate to take whatever action necessary to insure a healthful economy. It would not hesitate, if necessary, to say that it is a man's right to control the economic machine that serves him and not leave it to the accidental play of competing or monopolistic, conflicting and unregulated forces. It would say that this is not merely a practical necessity but a sound and hopeful course to follow to guarantee a full life for the American people.

We are face to face with grave national and international problems. We cannot deny the obvious. Our pocketbooks feel it; we see it in the bitter expressions at the U. N. conference. I believe firmly that the control of the two old parties rests in the bosom of small and powerful industrial and financial interests that are inadequate to the task before us because the situation requires drastic action that would be strange to them and against their interests. The tremendous problem of economic organization which faces the world today is fundamentally a challenge to the adventurous spirit

of man and to his moral nature, and that is only as such that the challenge can be met and the problem solved.

We must throw ourselves body and soul into this tremendous effort, and this requires straight away a political organization managed and controlled by the people; one without fear; one without obligation to small and powerful interests. This requires faith; faith in a great cause, a cause greater than ourselves. I do not believe that Americans are without this cause; I believe it could be the secret of our country's greatness.

It is a cause of right of justice, of man's right to be free and to be a good neighbor; of a standard of living equal to our productive capacity. I believe only that the cause needs to be given inspiration, and our new political organization can serve as the vehicle to inspire. The spirit of national unity and confidence that swept the New Deal into Washington is still there, but sometimes it is perhaps at the back of our minds rather than in the forefront.

We of the SNPJ have our special contribution to make to struggle for order and against chaos, and to building a better and more rational social order from which poverty, insecurity and economic motives of war will have been removed. Let us keep ourselves fitted mentally and otherwise for that noble struggle. MICHAEL KUMER.

Lodge 117 Holds Dance October 25

YUKON, Pa.—Here is our program for our members of SNPJ Lodge 117, known as the Novi Dona. First of all I must explain that this is a Halloween dance and is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Slovene Hall at Yukon. All members must donate at least to one ticket if you want to make this affair a success. The music will be provided by Frank's Trio and dancing will be from 9 till 1.

The Silver Stars are asked to come and enjoy themselves at our dance. We thank you in advance for helping us back on our feet, and so may we be your hosts this time!

We'll also welcome all other lodges to attend this Halloween program. Be prepared for a real good time. Come in costume and have a gay time. So don't forget the date Oct. 25. Maybe you better mark that calendar with some kind of special symbol. FRANK KOVACIC J. V. Pres.

Buckeye Dance

BARBERTON, O.—This is a reminder that the Barberton Buckeyes, Lodge 626 SNPJ, will hold their Fall Dance this Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Domovina Hall on 14th street, starting at 9 p. m. and ending at 1 a. m. The Melody Makers' orchestra will play for dancing. Refreshments will be served. Be sure



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NEWS AND COMMENTS

By J. F. Fjolt

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Comrades' monthly meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 21. In addition to our regular business we will run movies of the last national SNPJ bowling tournament held in Chicago, also films covering the previous tournament and the national SNPJ Day held in Cleveland. Members and their friends together with members from our sister lodges are invited to be with us that evening.

Halloween Dance Oct. 25

On Saturday, Oct. 25, Comrades are having a Halloween party and dance at the SNPJ Farm, Heath rd., Chardon. The sensational Mauer boys will be on hand to provide the music, starting at 9 p. m. Lou and Betty Jartz together with Frances Preseren will have charge of the games. Tony Kerze is arranging for the corn stalk decorations. The Weeders on Bishop rd. have some that we can pick up. Tony will also have the logs ready for the fire.

The affair will be a costume shindig. A plaid shirt, pair of jeans, straw hat and a mask is all you need if you do not care to go in any elaborate costume. Prizes will be awarded for those dressed the most novel, the prettiest, etc.

The fireplace will be ready for operation also and the hall will be boarded up by the 25th so have no fear if the weather turns out to be on the cold side.

Shorty Zedell will be on hand to take charge of part of the festivities. You, your friends, also members from other lodges are cordially invited to be with us on Saturday, Oct. 25, down on the farm, to gander with the goblins and partake of the spirits.

Lodge 600 Plans Birthday Dance

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—SNPJ ladies' lodge Naša Slova No. 600 will celebrate their 21st anniversary with a dance in Moxham Slovene Home, Lorain Borough, Nov. 1st. There will be a new orchestra from Library playing for this occasion under Paul Dolinar, first time in Moxham, if I am right.

What we hear Paul can play good old polkas and waltzes. So come and enjoy an evening with us and see for yourself. We want everyone to have a good time. Our committee in charge will have plenty of good refreshments, that is eats and drinks.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends as well to all neighboring lodges. Hope to see you all in Moxham Nov. 1st. Tickets may be bought from our members or at the door that evening. MARY UKMAR.

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FLASHES

By Donald J. Letrich

CHICAGO.—Moving pictures taken during the 1947 national SNPJ bowling tournament which will include pictures of the committee, actual bowling, groups at the alleys, bowlers dance scenes and those of the headquarters will be shown after the regular meeting Friday, Oct. 17. Brother Michael Vrhovnik has been asked to show these pictures and he willingly responded and explained that these pictures are very good and are considerably better than those of the past years. The meeting will contend with other regular matters and reports on bowling, the anniversary meeting, the Atlas Prager party, the Federation, and other activities. Ida Simon will prepare refreshments and the usual cash attendance awards will be made. With fall and winter weather coming on, Pioneer members should manage to attend the lodge meeting every month. Start on Friday, Oct. 17.

A baby boy arrived in the family of Stanley and Agnes Maly. They have named him Robert Stanley and we hope to have the membership application executed for the meeting Friday. . . . We have taken James Jachino, Joseph Zvokel, and Clara Bakule from the sick list. This leaves us with Frank Klanecnik, 648 Webster ave; Louise Cuder, St. Anthony's Hospital; Louis Kramer, 3245 Sunnyside ave., Brookfield; Rosemary Zbanik, 1800 S. 58th ave., Cicero; Mimi Omahen, 221 Third st., Downers Grove, Ill.; Filip Kmetec, 2414 S. Central Park; Anton Cherenik, Southtown Hospital, and Angela Zlogar, 1507 S. 58th ave., Cicero, on the sick list. . . . Andrew Grum Jr. of Detroit spent a vacation at Tecumseh, Ontario, with the Shawnee Gun and Country Club. . . . Helen Skoff was recently married and will henceforth be known as Mrs. Pokoy.

On my recent short trip to Wisconsin I was able to visit such sprawling towns as Wausau, which, by the way, is the only town of any size that has a mountain large enough to enable all types of winter sports. My destination was Minocqua, which is classed among the best resort sections of the Middlewest. The lakes and woodlands present a pretty picture. Only ten miles from Minocqua, Anton Konchan, one of the two partners of Badger Tool and Manufacturing Co., has a beautiful summer home right on Trout Lake, supposedly the deepest lake in the

Visit Remodeled Club Rooms of Lodge No. 41

IRWIN, Pa.—Stop, look, listen! Lodge No. 41 SNPJ of Pleasant Valley invites you all to get the biggest surprise of your life by coming to visit our recently remodeled club rooms and to dance in the new Blue Chrome Room, with rainbow lighting, comfortable modern furnishings, smiling faces and plenty to eat and drink at moderate prices. We extend you and your friends a big welcome and assure you a pleasant Saturday night or Sunday afternoon and night. FRANK WODNICK, Sec'y.

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Lodge 265 Planning Dance on Nov. 15

SOUTHVIEW, Pa.—Lodge 265 SNPJ is sponsoring its first fall dance on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the local hall. We are inviting all of the neighboring lodges to make this dance a success. So come all you folks, young and old, and dance to that good music of Jackie Martincic and his Slovenian band. Once you hear his music you will attend all the dances where he plays. You probably have heard Jackie's recordings and now you have a swell chance to dance to his new orchestra, which he just recently started after getting out of service. So please remember this date for our dance. I am referring to Bishop, Midway, Cuddy, Sygan, Burgettstown, Strabane, Imperial. You are all welcome. Dance begins at 9. JOHN KOSEM, 265.

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J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, Pa., via Akron—With a record of nine years of attending the J. Z. Jr. meetings without the missing one, the writer had the opportunity of attending her first meeting this year on October 1st.

First of all please remember that on Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, the J. Z. Jr. will be celebrating their 15th anniversary. This birthday occasion requires a real celebration.

The committee in charge have not completed the plans for the day but we do know that for your dancing pleasure the Vagabonds from Shavers will do the honors.

Delegates to the English Speaking Federation meeting on Oct. 19 in Ambridge are Frank Ambrosic, Chas. Waggett, Dave Sadler and Alvin Ocepak.

This is a That—Very interesting reading were the minutes of the first SNPJ Juvenile Circle Directors' Conference.

If the SNPJ fraternalism isn't inherited as it was years ago one will find that the new generation will not be interested to take up where others left off.

What do you say, Library, get a Circle started! Things are a lot less complicated now than they were back in 1940.

If the Ohioans want to dance to their Frank Yankovic's orchestra they will have to come to Pennsylvania as he certainly is making his rounds there.

Here is a Halloween Party date for the members of the Library E. & E. Home, Saturday, Oct. 25.

The J. Z. Jr. have expressed their desire to go along with the other lodges and club in sponsoring a New Year's eve party for their members.

While sitting around the table enjoying the "treat" after the meeting we found that our members after trying the knot have scattered all over the globe.

The Likars had a pleasant visit from my mom and pop back in June and then another from Nadine Cicic and her friend on Sept. 14.

Our Federation recording secretary, John Ujicich, did very well on the Slovene program on Sept. 28.

Bethel High vs. Snowden High (my alma mater) football game was quite a thriller with Bethel victorious 7-6.

Lodge No. 16 to Give Card Party Nov. 9

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—SNPJ Lodge No. 16 will hold a card party Nov. 9 at the S. S. Turn Hall, 725 W. National ave.

Perfect Circle Hardtime Party CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle No. 26 held a regular meeting last Saturday morning.

Juvenile Circles Of the SNPJ

Jr. All Stars Give Halloween Party

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Attention, all Jr. All Stars! Saturday, Oct. 18, is the day of our meeting and Halloween Party.

At this meeting we will decide on all activities such as hikes, hayrides, etc. So, come with plenty of ideas and remember: Come in costume.

Every week of bowling gives way to an improvement of scores. High bowler on Saturday was 12-year old Donald Polesnik.

HELEN RUPPE, Pres.

Circle No. 60 Plan Halloween Party

IMPERIAL, Pa.—Just a little note from Juvenile Circle No. 60. All juveniles who wish to have a Halloween party on Halloween night

First of all, observe the instructions given on the cards that have been mailed to you.

Our Circle meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at the SNPJ Hall.

POLLY SLADICK, Director.

Juvenile Spirits Halloween Fun

DETROIT.—The Teen-Agers of Circle 29 are now well into the swing of bowling and have, at this writing, two boys' teams and two girls' teams.

As in the past, the Circle meetings are held at 2 p. m. the first Saturdays of each month.

On Halloween night, Oct. 31, the Circle is sponsoring a "Grown-Up" Party to which all circle members

ANN STROMAR, DOROTHY KARUN, Co-Directors.

Circle 19 to Have Halloween Party

STRABANE, Pa.—A nice crowd gathered at the Circle 19 dance held on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Full details of our proposed "Spirits' Amateur Frolic" night, scheduled for Nov. 8, will appear in the next edition of the paper.

ANN STROMAR, DOROTHY KARUN, Co-Directors.

Perfect Circle Hardtime Party

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle No. 26 held a regular meeting last Saturday morning, and the business discussed was brief and to the point.

Most people are under the impression that only the Circle members are the ones who must come dressed in old, or hard-time clothes.

but this is not so. The general public must also adhere to this stipulation, or else be fined accordingly.

Plans are going very well for this affair, and you will do well to keep the date in mind, and plan to attend.

After all the business was cleared up, the members got down to the serious business of making the decorations that will be needed for the affair.

There will be no meeting Saturday, Oct. 18, due to circumstances beyond our control.

Perfect Circle had a good turn out of bowlers last Sunday morning. The children are now more interested in perfecting their bowling form.

ANN SANNEMAN, Director.

Circle 10 Wiener Roast Is Success

SALEM, O.—Members of Circle 10 and their parents got together recently and had a wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kordan.

Before the swimming season ended four cars filled with Circle members and parents made a trip to Firestone Park in Columbiana.

JOHN J. POKLAR, Sec'y.

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FRANCES PETRO, Director.

Jenny Lind News

JENNY LINDS, Ark.—Death has taken another active member from our Lodge No. 24 SNPJ, namely, Brother Albin Klinc.

Survivors include his wife, Angela, two daughters, Doris and Ella Mae, one son, Edward, all of them at home; three brothers, Frank of Jenny Lind, Matt, Helper, Utan, and Joe Klinc in Jugoslavia.

Our next meeting will be held Nov. 2. We would appreciate if more members would attend our meetings.

FRANK GRILLC, Treas.

Sheboygan News

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—Our next meeting date is Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 p. m. at Fludernick's Hall.

Posters for the dance on Saturday, Nov. 29, with Frankie Yankovic and his orchestra have been received, and will be distributed as soon as possible.

ANN ALDAG, 634.

Midwest Ath. League Meeting October 26

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The next meeting of the SNPJ Midwest Athletic league will be held in Chicago at the Slovene Labor Center, Sunday, Oct. 26, at 10:30 a. m.

Midwest sports activities have revived slowly after the wartime lag and bigger and better activities are in sight for next year.

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Wolverine Harvest Dance Oct. 18

DETROIT.—The Wolverines are one of the first to bring about our social activities for the winter months. Undoubtedly all those who have been to the Slovene Home or even know a Wolverine member, know about this coming gala event.

Rudy Masser and his orchestra will give out with the music for young and old dance enthusiasts.

The one thing we're all looking forward to, is the big drawing to be held later in the evening.

Another talked about event is the "Amateur Frolic" to be given by the "Spirits of Detroit" Circle 29.

A newly organized circle orchestra under the direction of Frances Napotnik will furnish the music.

There will be no admission charge. All that the juveniles ask is that all of the parents, friends and members of our adult lodge attend.

Bowling news as of Oct. 5: On the top of the list for our Wolverine gent's is the Power House team 5 with 10 won and 2 lost.

For the girls the "Piccolo Five" hold first honors followed by the Sparklers, Strugglers, M a p l e Queens, Misfits, and T. N. T. in respective order.

FRANCES L. RAK, Sec'y.

Lodge 223 Will Hold Annual Dance Oct. 18

GREENSBURG, Pa.—SNPJ Lodge 223 will hold its annual Fall Dance on October 18 at Grandview Park.

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LOUISE PINK, 677.

Adrija to Present Concert and Dance

EUCLID, Ohio.—Rehearsals are in full swing for the concert and play to be presented Sunday, Oct. 19, by the Adrija Choral Club at the Slovenian Home, Recher ave.

JOHN STEBLAJ is directing the play "Navihan Studentje". The cast consists of Carol Zaller, Marjorie Matjasic, Val Grill, Joseph Ivanec and Art Neumann.

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Farm Machinery Co-op Approved

BELLEVILLE, Ohio (CNS)—Appropriation of half a million dollars for a co-op foundry for farm machinery production has been approved here by directors of the National Farm Machinery Cooperative, Inc.

JOHN W. SIMS of the Ohio Farm Bureau Cooperative Association was elected president of the farm machinery co-op, succeeding I. H. Hull of Indiana.

ANN MAVOR.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—At this time we wish to express our deep sympathy to the family of Sister Agnes Mejach Lushina, who died Oct. 3 at the age of 98.

P. S. W. A. News Morning Stars

CHICAGO, Ill.—September 17, 1947, was an eventful day for the Progressive Slovene Women in Chicago, for on that day, Josie Zakrajsek, national secretary of P.S.W.A. was here and organized us into a somewhat large Circle.

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WALL STREET AND YOU

By THE ECONOMIST—Federated Press

Price Conspiracies Veto Supply-Demand "Law"

Supposedly by the law of "supply and demand," prices start to slump as production falls off, but contemporary business seems to have slipped a veto into the works. Production has been declining since March—but prices keep right on sky-rocketing.

A couple of concrete examples illustrate the trend. Take shoes. High prices cut demand so sharply that in the first six months of this year production dropped 20%. Formerly, shoe manufacturers would have noted that drop in demand and started trimming their prices. Instead, retail prices just jumped another 50c to \$1 a pair.

Then there's men's clothing. Prices are so high that trade reports indicate production will fall 20% to 25% by next spring. But retail prices will go up an average of about \$5. The suit that cost \$32.50 to \$35 in 1941 will retail at \$50 to \$55.

With living costs at an all-time peak and still shooting upward, the Justice Dept. has at long last begun an investigation of conspiracies to raise the prices of food, clothing and housing. The department admitted that "the relative ineffectiveness of past (anti-trust) enforcement policies, together with the soaring high prices now continuing in the food, clothing and housing fields... require a new and more vigorous approach."

The new approach is to be criminal prosecution of price racketeers with jail sentences and fines for convicted price conspirators. To that extent, the investigation by the Justice Dept. is belated recognition by the government that its campaign of "moral suasion" to lower prices is a complete flop.

Inflation will be halted only if the government takes effective action against the monopolies which are raising prices to increase their already swollen profits.

Giant Corporations Squeeze Profits

The Justice Dept. admitted this in its statement when it stressed that "one of the greatest threats to our welfare lay in the increasing concentration of power in the hands of a small number of giant organizations... We find that to a greater extent than ever before whole industries are dominated by one or a few large organizations which can restrict production in the interest of higher profits and thus reduce employment and purchasing power."

Evidence on one phase of the monopolistic price conspiracy was furnished by the Federal Trade Commission. It charged that the dominant steel corporations controlled and manipulated steel prices. The FTC stated that the industry uses a monopolistic pricing system which results in the delivered prices of all steel products being the same "as though all the mills were under one ownership and control."

At about the same time, the Justice Dept. filed anti-trust suits against leading tire companies and the color motion picture industry. In both cases, the government charged conspiracies to fix prices.

Price boosting and price fixing conspiracies make a mockery of the "free competitive enterprise system" that is extolled daily by the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers. The only thing free about it in these days of monopoly controls is the right of the consumer to do without the necessities of life if he can't afford to pay the extortionate prices demanded by the giant corporations.

Our Fair City

Edited by Robert S. Allen. Vanguard, \$3.50

Review by Alexander Lang

Robert S. Allen's "Our Fair City" is a bitter book. Its 387 pages contain the stark, jolting story of the shame of the American city. From North to South, from East to West, this story of the American city has remained unchanged for half a century; big houses controlling ruthless political machines, businessmen working in cshoots with criminal elements, corruption and graft, horrendous slums, dirt and filth, disease and vice, incredible waste, scandal.

Allen has gathered together in this outspoken volume contributions from 17 cities. The contributors make clear in their own way the colorful differences in regional background, tradition, economic occupation, and psychology of the cities of which they write. Yet these interesting differences do not predominate in the characterization of any of the cities. The pattern prevailing from New York to Los Angeles and from Birmingham to Butte is compounded of a cheap standardization, competition, false pride, and a vicious commercial spirit that blots out all human values. Politics exists on a shady borderline, and very often operates outrageously in the criminal sphere.

The book does not present any comprehensive program for changing the condition of affairs of the cities, but a point of departure may be taken from Lincoln Steffens' words quoted in the introduction: "The typical businessman is a bad citizen. If he is a 'big businessman,' he is twice as bad... He is a self-righteous fraud. He is the chief source of corruption... There is hardly an office from U. S. Senator down to Alderman in any part of the country to which businessmen have not been elected; yet politics remains corrupt and government bad. The businessman has failed in politics as he has in citizenship. Don't try to reform politics with the banker, the lawyer, and the merchant..."

The American city stands as a splendid illustration of the consequence of a pattern of culture which has as its motivating force the unceasing search for the dollar. Ultimately the overhauling of the American city will be possible only with a complete reorientation of the economic and political system.

(Available to members of the Progressive Book Club at the membership price of \$2.00. For information please write: Progressive Book Club, 587 Third Ave., New York 16, N. Y.)

Why Not?

The teacher was giving her kindergarten class a lesson in cubes, and she asked for examples. Each child in turn named something shaped like a cube—a box, a block, a cake of ice—and finally one little boy shouted, "I know—a half pound of butter."

"Yes, that's good," said the teacher. "Now let's have one more."

The class was silent, apparently having exhausted its originality, until another little boy raised his hand. "The other half pound of butter," he said.

Did He Mean Sally?

Professor: "Who was Talleyrand?"

Student: "A fan dancer, and you can talk plainer than that."

UN VETO: 'SYMPTOM NOT CAUSE' OF WORLD'S WOES

By PETER MORTON

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—(ALN)—Although the U. S. press uses reams of paper to prove that abolition of veto power in the United Nations would cure the world's ills, a man who should know, UN Sec. Gen. Trygve Lie, thinks otherwise. "The veto issue is more of a symptom rather than a cause of current world problems," says Lie.

Originally proposed by President Roosevelt at the Yalta meeting, the veto principle can't be called "un-American." The U. S. constitution, providing for a Presidential veto, is one precedent for the device.

The veto concept was written into the UN charter in a clause providing that the Security Council—highest UN body—shall act by an affirmative vote of seven of its 11 members on all questions other than simple procedure. Cornerstone of that clause is that the Big Five, the U. S., Britain, France, Soviet Union and China must agree.

At the UN's first meeting in San Francisco Sen. Tom Connally (D. Tex.), chairman of the Senate foreign affairs committee, flatly declared that without the veto Congress would never ratify the charter. He frankly acknowledged that the American people would never permit a majority of other nations to vote U. S. troops into action on any front.

The U. S. position was also influenced by the fact that the constitution grants Congress alone the power to make war. U. S. entry into any organization that might commit us to military action could have been accomplished only by a constitutional amendment. Such a procedure would have been a long, perhaps fruitless, job.

Another reason for the veto was the recognition that peace in the world, despite all high-sounding words and phrases, actually depends on the ability of the Big Five to solve differences by discussion and compromise.

As recently as Oct. 30, 1946, Warren Austin, U. S. representative to the UN, realized the value of the veto in aiding compromise, saying: "The unanimity requirement tends to discourage the taking of stubborn positions and to encourage the achievement of agreement through compromise. In the long run decisions unanimously accepted by the Big Five are likely to produce better results than decisions which find them divided."

To those who say that the veto increases possibilities of aggression, realistic observers point out that with or without it, if the U. S. or Soviet Union seriously violated the charter by unilaterally using military force, the Security Council could not stop it—except by war. For this reason they insist that compromise and discussion must continue and that the principle of unanimity as expressed in Austin's remarks must remain part of the charter.

In the same speech Austin declared that "the U. S. considers that unanimity of the permanent members of the Security Council is wise and necessary at this stage in the development of the international community."

Since this declaration the Truman doctrine has been enunciated as part of the get-tough-with-Russia policy.

Sec. of State George C. Marshall's recent proposals for restricting use of the veto is a result of the get-tough policy which in practice conflicts with the unanimity principle.

Pointing out that the world's problems won't be solved by eliminating the veto, ex-Under Sec. of State Sumner Welles wrote that "the future of the UN will depend upon the capacity of the U. S. to transform a diplomacy which today is largely negative into a diplomacy which seeks the constructive solution rather than the showdown." He added that if the latest U. S. proposals are accepted by the General Assembly "such action might well transform the UN into an anti-Russian alliance."

From Walter Lippman, leading conservative commentator, came the solemn warning that if the State Dept. persists in its present policy either the UN will be cast aside like the League of Nations or it will be transformed into an anti-Soviet coalition. In either event the UN will be destroyed."

POT-AND-KETTLE STUFF IN PRESS OF TWO NATIONS

By Kenesaw M. Landis II

I'm afraid the Russian people will get the wrong idea from our official protest of an article in the Soviet press criticizing President Truman.

The general who is our ambassador to Moscow told Foreign Minister Molotov that he was "thoroughly shocked," and demanded a disavowal by the Russian government.

Well, everyone knows that generals are easily aroused, especially by "insults" to the commander-in-chief.

If that was all we could let the incident pass, but Ambassador Smith, with the approval of the State Department, took it upon himself to speak for all of us.

"I must assure you in the most solemn terms," he told Molotov, "that every fair-minded American citizen, regardless of his political opinions, will be deeply affronted by this article."

It seems to me that our military ambassador has exaggerated the number of Americans who were affronted by what Boris Gorbatov said in the Moscow Literary Gazette.

Especially do I think he went out on a limb when he took it upon himself to object to Gorbatov's reference to Truman's good friend, the president of Brazil.

From all this, the Russians must naturally assume that criticism of the chief of state is as taboo in America as it is in Russia, and that

there are even rules against reflecting upon neighboring potentates.

The fact is that few Americans are interested in protecting the president of Brazil from insult, and that next year will be open season on the American President.

Judged from the kind of mud that is flung in a political campaign, Gorbatov's article is somewhat jovial.

Truman is described as "a man who loves bow ties, wears his pants two inches shorter than ordinary, and who has no other external marks of distinction."

Part of the article, where Truman is described as "Pendergast's errand boy" and Wall Street's "errand boy," reads like a toned-down rehash of Chicago Tribune editorials.

In discussing Truman's anti-Communism crusade, the article says that "the haberdasher from Jackson vies for the laurels of the little corporal from Munich."

That's terrible. But last week Time Magazine said that Vuhinsky's voice was the voice of Hitler. It called Gromyko "an almost perfect neo-paleolithic specimen." Stalin is rarely complimented in our press, and one of our largest newspaper chains habitually speaks of "Red Fascists."

Of course we can say that our

THE UPPER CRUST



... and we must never make the mistake of letting price controls come to our country...

GREEN URGES FIGHT TO REPEAL TAFT-HARTLEY LAW

WASHINGTON — (FP) — ALF Pres. William Green's annual Labor Day message featured a call for American workers to fight to repeal the Taft-Hartley act and declared "the AFL has just begun to fight."

Green's message follows: This year Labor Day finds the nation's workers existing under the ominous shadow of the most oppressive anti-labor law ever enacted by Congress.

There can be no real hope of future progress and the enjoyment of the free, American way of life for the wage-earners of our country while the Taft-Hartley act remains on the statute books.

As yet, the full impact of this reactionary law has not been felt by labor, but as time goes on its provisions will stifle the growth of organized labor, weaken the trade union movement in our land and make it increasingly difficult for American working men and women to keep their heads above water.

The AFL does not propose to submit to such oppressive and repressive conditions.

On this Labor Day, I call upon every member of our organization to join in an unrelenting campaign for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley act.

As true Americans, the members of the AFL will rally to meet this challenge. We are determined not to let our freedoms be throttled. We are ready to fight with every legitimate weapon at our command to protect our rights to improve working and living conditions for ourselves and our fellow workers. We will not willingly or supinely permit the forces of reaction to capture control of our country.

Let me make this clear. The AFL has just begun to fight. We will use our economic strength to the fullest extent to protect the rights of our members in contract negotiations with employers. We will take advantage of every opportunity to challenge the legality of the slave labor law in the courts.

But even such measures are not enough. In the coming year, labor must exert its political strength as never before in history. We must unite to defeat for reelection every member of Congress who voted for this obnoxious law. We must join in electing to our national and State law-making bodies candidates who are truly representative of the will of the people and will not succumb to pressure by the selfish, big-business interests now dominating the 80th Congress.

Only in this way can we bring about the prompt repeal of the Taft-Hartley act. Only in this way can we succeed in the enactment of social justice legislation which is so acutely needed by the American people like health insurance, an adequate housing program and a minimum wage measuring up to the standards of health and decency.

Today full employment has become a reality in America. The goal of sixty million jobs has been

reached. But this surface prosperity is based upon a number of temporary factors, such as the huge export demand and consumer shortages resulting from the war. Now is the time to build for permanent prosperity in America, a prosperity shaded by all of our people, a prosperity which will eliminate poverty and needless human suffering.

This kind of prosperity is within our grasp. It requires the fullest cooperation between free labor and free management, with Government intervention limited to the establishment of minimum standards which will assure decent homes, decent wage floors and decent health conditions for the American people.

In fighting for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, labor is striving for the attainment of these goals.

PORTLAND, Ore.—(FP)—"I cannot believe that the heroes of Stalin-grad have become the villains of the Kremlin suddenly and overnight. There is something funny somewhere," Sen. Glen H. Taylor (D. Ida.) told the Oregon CIO convention here.

"The something funny," Taylor said, is the American foreign policy, which he charged was bolstering reaction all over the world and depriving us "of every friend we ever had." The State Dept. has been turned over to the military with a Wall Streeter second in command, Taylor said, demanding: "Do they want to get us into war, or do they want to keep us just short of war so that there will be billions spent on armaments?"

The U. S.-supported regimes in Europe, South America and China are cardboard governments which do not represent the people, Taylor charged. "In Greece we sent money and guns to support such a government; in Indonesia, the French and Dutch are using our arms against the people." Even in South America, he went on, "the people would seize the chance to kick over the reactionary regimes we have kept in power, and would not lift a hand to help us."

Taylor, who left after the convention for a speaking tour, said he was prepared to warn the nation of what is happening in Washington, even if it means his political defeat. "I would a thousand times rather go back on earning my living as a metal trades worker than sit in the Senate serving any other interests than those of the common people," he declared.

The convention, which gave Taylor an enthusiastic reception, assured the reelection of Stanley Earl as state CIO executive secretary. Earl was the sole nominee for the post in each of the state's four district caucuses. Tommy George of Local 8, Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, will run it off with John B. McKenna, American Newspaper Guild member and present incumbent for the presidency.

Taylor Says Stalin-grad Heroes No Overnight Villains

By Federated Press

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WILL RELIEF STOP SOCIALISM IN EUROPE?

COLSTON E. WARNE

(Prof. Warne recently returned from leading a group of Americans studying Labor Governments in Europe.)

If members of Congressional junkets quit banqueting with European reactionaries long enough to assess what is really happening abroad, they will find that the capitalist system which they so worship is slated for early abandonment in the basic industries of most European countries.

What the N.A.M. calls "free enterprise" is irrevocably dead unless the American army or America's relief grant serves to change the European political complexion.

In the minds of most Europeans, the question of who shall own the mines, the steel mills, the public utilities, and the principal banks has been resolved in favor of the state. Everywhere extensive economic planning is the rule. Traditional ownership rights are being uprooted both in the Eastern and Western areas.

Private, cartelized groups played their cards too closely with the Nazis to enjoy high favor. Assets were too scrambled by the German occupying forces to be re-established equitably in private hands. Perhaps more important, the postwar Marxian trend has been too strong to permit of the re-establishment of the order which had none too savory an inter-war record.

In each nation the socialist tide is running high. In general, however, it is not assuming a vigorous international form but is rather built upon the development of national states. Abstract arguments for the economic unity of Europe have lost force when confronted by problems of adverse trade balances, currency inflation, repatriation of populations, and internal reconstruction. Moreover, the hostilities bred by war have continued so strong that Germany's neighbors share a marked distrust of any plan—good or bad—which might make that country the future hub of a unified Europe.

In Eastern Europe, the trend toward socialization and economic planning is proceeding with a minimum of outside interference. The old culture pattern has been rather completely uprooted by the new systems of corporate ownership and land tenure. Most discontent finds expression in agrarian circles and is remote from the orbit of American power.

In Western Europe, however, the contest is now nearing a climax. America has badly needed food, at a time when 1947 harvests proved meagre. America has machinery for reconstruction. America has coal. And, for reactionary forces, America has military power which can protect against the tide of socialization. In the light of these circumstances; it is no accident that the dollar has become a vigorous element in European politics. Under the Marshall plan, we are being requested to invest \$30,000,000,000 as an insurance policy against European radicalism.

The campaign to "stop communism" is already under way. From present appearances, we shall in the next three or four years be spending at least \$15,000,000,000 in this undertaking. Our liberals will stress the humanitarian aspects of the venture; our militarists will deem the money well spent in holding territory that might otherwise become communist dominated. All will expect the Europeans to be deeply appreciative of the monetary sacrifices that Americans have made for their salvation. It remains to be seen whether Europeans will in the long run be appreciative. This will be especially true if our Congress seeks to the strings to our relief grants, as will undoubtedly be the case. Our State Department, now operated by those who have demonstrated scant sympathy with European socialism, is itself radical compared with the Congress. In the process of assisting Europe we shall unquestionably ally ourselves with the most reactionary forces and will seek to stand in the way of those movements which are now framing socialist programs for development.

Britain is a question in point. It desperately needs food. Its socialist government is making an open bid for our assistance in exchange for serving as an outpost against communism. Internally, however, this

same government is pressing toward central economic planning, radical land reforms, public housing projects, and drastic social insurance schemes. In its present precarious trade position it feels it necessary to make compromises. Nowhere has there been indication that Britain has abandoned its desire to pursue a basically socialist course. In the long run it must trade both with countries in the Soviet orbit and with the capitalist world. We may slow its pace of socialization and strengthen those elements in Britain which are hostile to socialization. We shall find it difficult indeed to move Britain into a status as a satellite capitalist state. Once our grants have run out our influence will speedily wane.

The French situation is even more complex than that of the British. Its three major parties are all dedicated to the principle of socialization of basic industries. France is a continental country and cannot permanently ignore extensive trade with the Eastern zone. The Communists, the largest party in France, will not lose their Marxist faith by grants of food. The more conservative parties are too uncertain of their policies toward the rest of Europe and faced with too difficult a national situation to rebuild France as the center of an anti-Soviet bloc. We cannot depend on its allegiance.

Italy offers even poorer material for rebuilding than France. Its unions, like those of France, are predominantly communist in leadership. Its workers, too, are militantly to the left. Its economy is now dependent on our resources. Its central ideology is oriented toward Eastern Europe. The Vatican has been so weakened by its past links with Fascism that its support appears of doubtful long-run value. Italy may then be kept precariously in the State Department hands while the feeding continues. When it ends we shall need, as in Greece, to employ military power if we are to offset the will of the Italian people.

In Northern Europe the leftward trend is not as marked. One may even find in Sweden a social-democratic party which believes in allowing capitalist enterprise to exist as a yardstick to secure the greatest socialist efficiency. Sweden would, however, scarcely be a fashion-plate for the National Association of Manufacturers. It has its national budget grounded on full employment. It has extensive socialization and a thriving cooperative movement. Its employers operate without benefit of a Taft-Hartley Bill.

America's second great European venture has already cost us more than \$200,000,000,000. We entered the war to eradicate Nazis and, hopefully, to erect a democratic peace. Our national leadership has, however, unfortunately become prone to spend its funds in creating a barrier against the spread of socialism and Soviet power. If in the end Europe seems unappreciative of our substantial gifts, we should realize that our formula for the rebuilding of Europe is at fault. We may wish them to adopt our planned economic system and may loudly herald its virtues. European countries prefer socialism. Whether they move steadily toward a moderate democratic socialism or revolutionary Marxism will depend on the difficulty of transition.

If we block the moderate forces and give aid to reactionaries, one may be confident that the result will favor the communists.

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PHILIP GODINA, Manager.

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Held August 14 and 15, 1947 at Headquarters, 2657 South Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois

OPENING SESSION, AUG. 14 A. M.

Supreme President Vincent Cainkar calls meeting to order at 9 o'clock and asks for constructive deliberation on important matters which will be submitted at this meeting.

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. Roll call shows all board members present except Bro. James Maglich and Sis. Ursula Ambrosich, 3rd and 6th district vice presidents, respectively.

REPORTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Report of Supreme President

The time for the semi-annual meeting of all supreme board committees has come again. All of us, Brothers and Sisters, to extend fraternal greetings and to welcome you to this assembly. We have assembled here to hear reports of individual board members and committees concerning their activities and efforts for the Society since our last meeting, and to consider various problems and find a solution that will reflect justice according to our best ability. This is in compliance with the by-laws and it is expected of us by the membership which entrusted us with the leadership and responsibility of the Society, to safeguard its interests, to increase its ranks and to lead the organization to further progress, imbued and strengthened with its lofty principles and ideals on which it was founded. These, Brothers and Sisters, are our duties and I am convinced that we will carry out our deliberations in the spirit of brotherhood and that our decisions will be sound and constructive.

As will be seen from the reports of the secretary, treasurer and other functionaries, our administration during the first half of this year was quite successful. With the exception of a few minor items, there is considerable increase in all funds, as well as in membership, and the state of the Society in general is good.

The assets of the mortuary fund are steadily increasing; they are in complete accord with the insurance laws and the reserve covers all obligations. All this shows that our organization is built on the right ideological as well as sound economic basis.

As was expected, we lost a number of members during this period; the older the organization becomes, the more members proportionately die each year. This is a logical expectation as a result of the law of nature, which is constantly creating and changing, which inevitably affects us also. That's why it is inevitable that in our plans for the future we should always be alert and try to replace our losses with new members and also to increase our ranks, so that our Society will grow not only in assets, but also in membership and thus become bigger and better in every respect.

As you know, new members are not so easy to secure and certainly not in the manner of years ago. When nationality and language played such a big part, and was in fact the reason for our formation. Our older people eligible for admission are nearly all enrolled in one or the other fraternal society. There are no new immigrants and obviously there will not be any appreciable number in the future. Due to this fact, our field is almost entirely limited to youth. That's why, in order that our Society will be more attractive to young people, we are promoting sports activities, organizing juvenile circles with juvenile directors, holding conferences and other similar activities.

Of course, all this costs the Society a considerable sum of money. In the old days this was not necessary; we were able to get new members with our enthusiasm for the organization, through patriotism and idealism. I am mentioning this because there has been some criticism among the older members to the effect that we are squandering the Society's money for such unnecessary things as baseball and other sports activities, while there is no money to aid old members. Of course, this is not so, because old and needy members get help according to our ability, nevertheless there is criticism because some members cannot comprehend the real needs of our organization.

One of the most important activities during this period was the membership campaign conducted from March 1 to June 30. Although it was in progress only four months, its results were exceedingly good. It brought us 2,650 new members. It is especially noteworthy that a majority of lodges participated in the drive. This is the best information that our members understand and are increasingly interested in the organization. As long as this is so, the SNPJ will prosper and its future is certain.

At the main office we did everything possible for the success of the campaign by publishing articles and sending literature to the lodges and members, urging them to enlist as many new members as possible. However, most credit for the successful campaign results goes to local lodges and individual members who have worked so unflinchingly for the cause. The main office, the supreme board and the entire organization are sincerely grateful to them.

As I mentioned before, the field for new members is mostly limited to our youth, but youth does not mean only for us; trained agents of various insurance companies are constantly on the lookout for young prospects and go from house to house trying to induce parents in various ways

to buy insurance for children by offering all sorts of advantages and making promises.

Since they are trained, their work is comparatively easier, although they are selling much less than what is offered by our Society. Sooner or later we, too, will have to take steps to mobilize our forces so that we will be able to send out better equipped field workers, competent to explain the advantages of our fraternal insurance to new prospects. The SNPJ offers safe and sound protection to men, women and children at the lowest rate possible. It is necessary to explain these features to potential members, because they are better than those offered by ordinary insurance. This is becoming more and more important every day.

Other more important activities of the year will be reported by the juvenile director. Concerning lodge anniversaries I am sorry to say that there is still too much indifference as a result of the war when we were forced to postpone many activities; nevertheless, there are healthy signs that we shall gradually shake off this lethargy, which is not limited to our lodges only, and will resume our normal prewar trend concerning lodge celebrations. To a certain extent this concerns also our federations.

This year we shall celebrate our first postwar national SNPJ day on a scale as large and worthy of our Society as in the years before the war. Last year's SNPJ day had to be postponed due to various government curtailments. This year's celebration, as you know, will take place in Cleveland on Labor Day. The local federation is in full charge of the three-day event and deserves our sincere thanks. The affair is in experienced hands and the program promises to be exceptionally interesting; we are confident that the celebration will be a great success.

As you know, we are planning to have a juvenile circle directors' conference in connection with the SNPJ day; it will take place the day before the celebration; reports will be given by several board members and circle directors.

This is in accord with the decision of the last convention and the board deemed this occasion as the most appropriate for the conference. In this way the conference will be staged in a festive atmosphere, it will assume greater importance, and at the same time expenses will be smaller. Details will be given by the juvenile director.

You also know that last spring the second convention of the Slovene American National Council was held in Cleveland. The society and its official organ were also represented at this convention; present at the convention were also supreme board members who were on the SANC executive committee. It is not necessary to mention the convention in detail since you have read about its proceedings in the papers. Three board members were again re-elected to the executive committee of SANC. Some object to this, and I wish to emphasize that we did not like to accept these offices; we have done so for the purpose of saving the organization. We remained in SANC committee because it was the desire of the convention and because we considered that this was necessary.

Those of you who were in the supreme board prior to the last convention know that we have discussed the problem of building new and larger headquarters on several occasions and that this question was also submitted to the last convention in a resolution. The convention approved the plan and empowered the supreme board to erect a building as it deemed necessary and when conditions will be favorable. As we have been stating for years, we are crowded for space. Our business is constantly increasing and we need more and more storage space for documents and other official papers; the crowded condition entails loss of time and the administration work is retarded. Conditions after the convention were not favorable for building and it has been necessary to wait. Building material until now was hard to get and prices extremely high. But it does not seem advisable to wait much longer. We must consider the fact that the question as to where the new building will be erected must be submitted to the membership in a referendum; this will take considerable time and before the final plan is made and approved, it is possible that prices of building material will go down and that conditions will become normal.

From the executive committee minutes sent to you and published in the organ regularly, you are quite well acquainted with the details of our administration; you can see how various matters were decided and what our financial condition is. You are also acquainted with the work of the finance committee from its minutes, how it carries out its duties, what the investments are and how the assets of the organization are invested.

The work at the main office is executed efficiently and promptly as well as satisfactorily.

This concludes my report; any further information desired by the board, will be gladly given.

VINCENT CAINKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of First Vice-President

It is now one year since this body was elected to lead the SNPJ for a period of four years. The accomplishments which have taken place this year are really a credit to our organization.

The membership campaign recently closed was a decidedly successful one, for which all the participating members and lodges can well be proud. The SNPJ benefited to the approximate amount of 2,650 members which is remarkable when you consider the campaign was of a short duration and which had been growing steadily at its conclusion. Brother Vrhovnik and the district vice presidents can well be proud, along with the general membership.

The national bowling tournament held in Chicago in April was also a tremendous success, one of which all the SNPJ can well be proud. All of which all the SNPJ can well be proud. All of which all the SNPJ can well be proud. All of which all the SNPJ can well be proud.

competently and all bowlers had their just try in attempting to win the various championships. Due credit must be given to the Pioneers.

The national SNPJ day which will be held shortly in Cleveland, also promises to be an outstanding event. It is fitting, too, that Cleveland be the city which is to revive the SNPJ day since the first SNPJ day was held in that city quite a few years ago. It is important also that all supreme board members try to be there in honor of our great organization on its day.

Recently I had the pleasure of attending a picnic sponsored by the Westmoreland County Federation of Penna. I was agreeably surprised by the huge crowd, and the militant speeches presented by Bros. Gradisek, Culkar and Vider. I am firmly convinced that these speeches made a deep impression upon the people who listened intently. I am just as convinced that there is no room for reactionaries within our great organization, an organization upon which countless members look for intelligent, progressive leadership. Those who attempt to destroy these ideals in our Society should not be permitted membership in the SNPJ.

It is well that we have a progressive and enlightened publication such as the Prosveta. Bro. Gaden and his staff are doing a creditable job and many favorable comments can be heard from the people who read the Prosveta. I have purposely asked union people outside of our organization to read and to comment on our paper and to date I have received nothing but praise, which is a tribute to our editors and to the SNPJ.

In the very near future the SNPJ juvenile circles will again be back in the spotlight. Since vacations are about over, activities will naturally be boosted by our younger element, which is so vital to the SNPJ. All of us should give every encouragement to our younger generation who within a short time shall be the leaders of our organization. Bro. Vrhovnik cannot alone be expected to carry the load, nor can the juvenile directors in various localities. Each one of us is responsible to a certain degree, and we must not fail in our duties.

I am convinced that the future of the SNPJ is very bright and if each one in the SNPJ does his or her duty, even a brighter future can be predicted.

RAYMOND TRAVNIK.

Report accepted.

Report of Second Vice-President

I wish to again present my report of my activities on behalf of the SNPJ for the past six months. During the war years it was almost impossible for me to attend and take part in different lodge affairs to which I had been invited, but now that things are more normal, it is a little easier for me to get away, and so I was able to attend the following affairs: In May I was asked to speak at the 25th anniversary of the Tire Hill (Pa.) lodge 289, and wish to comment on the well arranged evening of entertainment. I also tried to get them interested in organizing a juvenile circle, and I have faith in the progressiveness and ability of their lodge officers to have a circle organized in the near future.

In June I was a speaker at the newly organized juvenile circle's first affair of Lodge 3, Johnstown, Pa. The affair was well attended, and I'm sure this circle will grow to be one of our larger circles in due time. On June 26, I attended the English speaking federation of western Penna picnic. This was truly an affair worthy of praise. The lodge Veronians, of Verona, deserve recognition for the part they took towards making this affair as successful as it was. Donald Lotrich was guest speaker at this affair and he was well received.

Circle 47 of Johnstown celebrated their fifth anniversary in May. Bro. Michael Vrhovnik was guest speaker, and on the program were different acts from five circles from this locality, the most distant coming from Latrobe. A large crowd witnessed the celebration, and I must say this wasn't anticipated; this affair had a very responsive audience. I was very pleased to see so many parents attend this affair, which was well presented.

On July 13, I was invited to speak at the Westmoreland County Federation picnic. Sec'y Fred Vider was their principal speaker. A well rounded program was presented and a large group of old-time SNPJs were present, and I'm sure anyone not already a member, who attended this affair, will become one in the near future.

On July 20, I attended the English speaking federation of western Penna meeting, and was pleased at the progressiveness and fraternalism shown by this group.

With the reactionary Congress we now have, in establishing and passing laws restricting the activities so essential to the working class of people, I believe that we are negligent in stressing our original principles and ideals of the SNPJ which, to my estimation, are now more than ever needed to be revived, with our every effort. The Prosveta does print articles relative to our principles from time to time, but that alone is not sufficient. I believe our ideals should be stressed more at our local lodge meetings and activities.

This is my first report in the capacity of 2nd vice president, and I have and will continue to do my best for the good of our SNPJ.

Report accepted.

JOSEPH L. CULKAR.

Report of 1st District Vice President

For the past six months I have centered most of my activities in my own locality. I believe, in order for me to start various activities in my district where there are none, I must have them in my own lodge first.

We have organized a bowling team for men and women and it has been rather successful and interesting activity to all concerned. It has helped to bring in some new members and this Fall I expect it will bring some more.

Some time during the coming Fall I expect to

call another meeting of the New York and New Jersey lodges. The first meeting called was not very effective. In fact, I was criticized for calling the meeting in Newark instead of New York City. The reason I gave at that time was that it was centrally located but the main reason was that I knew from friends that the Newark lodge was very weak and rapidly fading. This I could not say publicly at that time but I did tell a few at that meeting. It was my belief by holding the meeting in Newark that it might help to strengthen the Newark lodge and bring it back to where it was a few years prior. The matters discussed at that meeting were the build-your-lodge-campaign, and the juvenile and sports activities. The minutes of that meeting were published in the Prosveta some two or three weeks later.

In the past membership campaign I enrolled 28 new members. My recommendation for future campaigns would be SNPJ information forms similar to what I had prepared for myself in the last campaign. A copy of this form is attached to this report. This form, of course, would be revised in whatever manner necessary. The forms would be distributed to the members at the lodge meetings for them to send to prospective members. I believe that a form such as this would be a good initial step in bringing in new members. It would be surprising to know how many of our members know that the SNPJ is a good organization but can't tell why.

In behalf of the Society I have been active with the American Slav Congress of the Philadelphia area.

I wish to make another recommendation which occurred to me while reading an article by Bro. Vrhovnik which appeared on the back cover of the Voice of Youth in the July issue. The article read in part, "An important birthday is being celebrated by our juvenile magazine members this month." You could almost hear the juvenile members shout with joy as they hurried to find their mothers with, "Look, mother, look, they printed it!" Scenes, joy, excitement, surprise, and gratitude brighten up the faces and light up the minds of our juvenile members as they turn the pages of the Voice of Youth.

This recommendation is that the Society could have its own birthday cards with Society information on them and to be available to local lodge secretaries for release. You would have the same identical story of scenes, excitement, joy, surprise and gratitude. The children would exclaim to their mothers that the SNPJ didn't forget their birthday this year and some of their best friends did. Children always remember their childhood days and when they become adults they will make good SNPJ members.

Report accepted.

JOHN CEBULAR.

Report of 2nd District Vice President

This is my first report as district vice president for the newly created second district. I have no official business to report, that is by order of the supreme board, or by the executive committee.

I spoke at the annual affair sponsored by the Westmoreland County Federation of the SNPJ lodges held in Beechwood Park. Brother Vider was the main speaker and Brother Culkar, of Johnstown. Brother Ray Travnik addressed the crowd as a visitor. This affair was both morally and financially a success.

In my district there are quite a number of lodges and a large territory to cover. I attend as many lodge affairs as possible, but due to the nature of my work on the majority of Sundays, this prevents me from attending more social doings promoted by the lodges in my district.

The recently completed SNPJ lodge campaign for new members was a huge success; campaigns of this type are a great benefit and a necessity for the progress of our organization. Officers and lodges have made an excellent record in securing new members.

On the local front the merger of lodges 613 and 87, of Herminie, has temporarily fallen through; the two lodges are unable to agree on the selection of a branch number.

At the last supreme board meeting I made a report that the Westmoreland county federation is going to purchase a summer camp as a recreation center for its members. The federation committee has inspected a few locations, but reports them to be unsatisfactory. Money has already been earmarked for this project by the Federation.

A mass hysteria is gripping the United States today and the SNPJ is being attacked by certain individuals and organizations for its stand on social and economic problems confronting us. The editor of the Prosveta and the supreme officers should be commended for their pro-labor stand, which is inherent in the SNPJ since its inception, as a worker's fraternal organization. It has always championed the rights of the workers.

In conclusion, I wish to report I will continue to work earnestly as a loyal member and uphold the ideals and principles of this great fraternal organization.

FRANK GRADISEK.

Report accepted.

Report of 4th District Vice President

Fraternal activity in district 4 since our February meeting has been intense, varied and interesting. If one wanted to be at all the affairs, he would have to be six persons in one at times. All of the events did a good job of advertising the SNPJ. The writer can only elaborate to any great extent on the activities of lodges close to home. This does not reflect on the activity of lodges in Detroit, Girard and elsewhere in district 4. Reading the Prosveta one can see that most of them have also been on the beam.

Athletics.—With the return of our service men there has been a considerable spurt in athletic

activity. Bowling seems to be the sport involving the greatest number of participants. In Cleveland the athletic league sponsored the eastern invitational bowling tournament. Seventy-eight teams with approximately 1000 lines bowled, set a record for this event.

In April the national SNPJ bowling tournament was held in Chicago, under the auspices of the Pioneer lodge. Cleveland alone sent over 250 participants to the affair. The event was well handled by the Pioneer Lodge and proved a successful affair.

Baseball does not seem to have the drawing power in our section as in years gone by. Balina and golf seem to be occupying more and more attention.

A very successful bowling season was climaxed last season by the Cleveland athletic league. Plans are progressing to make this season a greater success than ever. The number of teams that will participate will far exceed that of any previous year.

Chorus and Circle 2.—The activities of these two groups go hand in hand as most of the members of the chorus belong to the circle. While still small in number it is beginning to be noticed. The group has appeared at various lodge anniversaries, performed before individual lodges and is being called upon more and more each month. The director and her assistants are to be commended for their efforts.

G. I. Affairs.—With World War II hostilities ended, lodges of the SNPJ saw to it that our service men were not immediately forgotten. G. I. affairs sponsored by groups of lodges or individual lodges in Cleveland and elsewhere in district 4, drew considerable in number. Comments heard were to the effect that affairs of this nature demonstrated the desirability of belonging to our organization. Considerable credit must be given to individuals and committees that sponsored these events and worked hard to see that the boys were given due recognition.

Membership Campaign.—As brought out by Juvenile Director Vrhovnik, the past membership campaign proved to be very successful. This campaign as well as others again demonstrated that concentrated drives must be made to increase our membership, also that we must keep pace with our rival organizations. Lodges and individuals in district 4 played a prominent part in insuring the campaign being a success. Those involved in plugging away deserve our thanks and appreciation.

National SNPJ Day.—National SNPJ day will be held in Cleveland, Aug. 29, 30, 31 and Sept. 1. Despite the bad housing situation existing, a large attendance is expected. Circle 2 is taking charge August 29, the Cleveland athletic league on Saturday at the National Home, also the athletic events throughout the various days. The Cleveland federation will be responsible for the musical review Aug. 31 and a gala picnic at the SNPJ farm Sept. 1st.

At this time we extend to the entire supreme board a cordial invitation to be with us these days, also that when they go back they inform the various lodges that this invitation also applies to all their members.

S.N.P.J. Farm.—All of you supreme board members are familiar with what Cleveland is attempting to do in building up the SNPJ recreational grounds. This project was started some years ago with the purchase of ten acres of land, approximately 25 miles from Cleveland, having some cabins and a wooden dance hall that crumbled to the ground a few years later. Immediate talk was started of rebuilding the hall, fixing up the grounds and providing complete recreational equipment. The war came along and our plans were stymied. With the end of hostilities and thru the help of our veterans it was possible to secure a permit to proceed with the erection of the hall.

The structure 80 ft. x 36 ft. aluminum roof, a fireplace on the north side, concrete dance floor, 4 ft. high brick walls will be completed by national SNPJ day. The building together with other required improvements, additional land purchase, will run into an expenditure of around \$10,000 to \$12,000. This will be in addition to the \$5,000 to \$7,000 previously expended. With around \$2,000 on hand it took considerable courage on the part of a few individuals to get ahead with the plans. These people, however, can foresee that when this project is completed it will be worth double the amount spent. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the grounds will pay for themselves in time.

Part of the money to go ahead with the building has been loaned by lodges or individuals, payable back at the rate of 3% interest. Many lodges and individuals gave outright donations.

In a few years it is hoped that a playground second to none will be available. One of the lodges in Cleveland has already started the ball a-rolling by purchasing and installing regulation swings. This soon will be followed by teeter-totters, sand boxes, merry-go-round, etc., which will be donated by other lodges.

Much work has been done, much has to be done. The advertising that the SNPJ is receiving and will receive is unlimited. We believe no other section of the country has a similar project. When completed it will be something that the organization will be proud of. Certain individuals belonging to our rival organizations have expressed themselves that if their group had such a place, their organization would not hesitate to finance it completely.

The grounds, when completed, will be available at least ten months out of the year, not only for picnics, but for other affairs. Crowds of from 500 to 2000 will be the rule rather than the exception each week.

The writer could go on and elaborate in detail what has been done, what there is still to be done, who the individuals are making the final realization of this project, the time some members are spending, however, space does not permit. The thing to be remembered is this, that the group behind this project is not working for themselves,

not for any particular lodge, but for the SNPJ as a whole.

Before I conclude my report I might also add the following. The possibility of using these grounds by the SNPJ in promotional work is unlimited. Years ago I believe it was Don Lotrich who brought up the subject of some sort of session for lodge secretaries, or a get-together every so often to exchange ideas. The idea of having our juvenile directors meet from time to time. Possibility of a National Juvenile gathering, giving vacation prizes to outstanding campaigners; these are some of the ideas that could be worked on in years to come. The SNPJ Recreation Grounds as being built up, with the proper backing from the Main Office, would provide an ideal gathering spot for such affairs.

In view of the above, I therefore submit for your consideration and so move that a donation of at least \$2,000 be granted to the SNPJ farm board to show that the SNPJ believes the money will be well spent for advertising, that they are back of the plan and appreciate the efforts of the good SNPJs carrying the brunt of the burden.

JOSEPH F. FIFOLT.

Report accepted.

Report of 5th District Vice President

Since our last supreme board session I have devoted considerable time in making an effort to revive lodge activity in the more dormant lodges.

Through the cooperation of Bro. Vrhovnik and the executives, I arranged a three lodge rally in Granite City, Ill., for the purpose of intensifying lodge and membership campaign interest. The officers have given me their fullest cooperation with this program.

Despite the fact that the attendance was rather small, it did arouse sufficient interest among its members that developments are shaping into the merger of two senior lodges, which would be to the Society's advantage in this community, opening a way for a juvenile circle.

In general the campaign results have been surprisingly good, especially when one takes into consideration that the SNPJ has had several membership campaigns in succession which in some instances the membership potentialities have been already well depleted and the campaign folly being stagnant.

Throughout the history SNPJ has been quite successful in its membership drives, and in all of its endeavors in the practice of fraternalism.

Today we find ourselves in rather a difficult position with many of our local lodges where members who have been officers for many years are unable to carry on their duties due to age, sickness, etc.; although they are forced to carry on to the best of their means in order that their lodge remains intact, while other members who are able to fulfill such positions are not sufficiently interested to participate actively in their local lodges.

At the present time, sports have been used by our SNPJ as an added incentive to perpetuate lodge interest. Though it has achieved some success through this medium, the solution to the problem is not complete. Possibly local or district conferences held periodically would be a stimulant in creating a greater lodge interest amongst the membership, thus developing material for future local lodge leadership.

I suggest that the SNPJ issue attractive pins of award for 5-10-15, etc., consecutive years of service to an officer in his or her lodge. At present the secretary is the only officer who receives recognition for his or her merits.

We must streamline our members and lodges into more active components of the SNPJ, otherwise in not a too distant future we will be compelled to practice the insurance company system, which will ultimately destroy our progressive ideology which already is knocking on the door of many progressive institutions.

Within the six month period I was called upon by several lodges of my district to assist them in their problems. Through the cooperation of the executive board I was able to straighten all such matters to satisfaction.

JOHN SPILLER.

Report accepted.

Report of 7th District Vice President

As district vice president of the 7th district, I wish to report that my work has been very interesting and I have always considered it a privilege and a pleasure to meet and assist our members when possible. During our last campaign I have contacted several lodges in my district.

I have assisted lodge 615 to organize juvenile circles. My invitation to the lodges in Fontana, California, for the Yugoslav Relief received favorable response. I spoke on behalf of our Society. They have raised over seventeen hundred dollars with which they have purchased a jeep and medical supplies. Also at this time lodge 615 has organized a bowling team.

I have no special recommendation at this time to make in my report. It isn't my intention to have a long report, and I think this should be sufficient.

In closing I wish to state that my efforts have been for the best interests of our Society.

JOHN PETRITZ.

Report accepted.

Report of 8th District Vice President

As vice president of the 8th district since Jan. 1, 1947, I can state that although my record was not exceptional, nevertheless some time and effort has been spent for the growth of the Society.

I have made several week-end trips throughout the state of Montana. My work has been very interesting so far, and I feel it is a privilege to work for an organization like our Society.

We have invited members of all the lodges in our vicinity to the showing of the SNPJ films. The primary purpose was to create harmony among our lodges, and this was done on two different occasions.

In the recent membership campaign there were only seven states that have beaten us in obtaining larger number of total new members. They were Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Colorado, Michigan, and Illinois.

In my district, our lodges are so few and far between, therefore, I would like to see the day when we would have a state SNPJ day, where once a year all the lodges would have a field day. Say at Red Lodge, Mont., a summer resort. Their hall is located on a good trout stream, which would be a very good drawing feature.

To this end I shall continue to work.

FRANK POLSAK.

Report accepted.

Bro. Fifolt submits the following report and recommendations adopted by the conference of district vice presidents held Aug. 13 at the main office.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS

The meeting of the district vice presidents was called to order at 9:45 a. m. by Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik as chairman. Present were John Cebular, Frank Gradisek, Joseph Fifolt, Frank Polsak and John Petritz; absent were James M. Maglich, John Spiller and Ursula Ambrozich.

The deliberations of the meeting took place during morning and afternoon sessions at which reports were given and discussions held on various questions and suggestions. The district vice presidents agreed unanimously to submit the following recommendations to the supreme board:

1) That a form letter be prepared by the main office for local lodge secretaries, giving important information as to why individuals should join the SNPJ.

2) That birthday card or cards be designed for the organization for local lodge secretaries to send to their juvenile members, such cards to be available to lodges who desire them.

3) That the Society donate from the special benefit fund the sum of \$2,000 to the treasury of the SNPJ recreational grounds (farm) in Cleveland, Ohio, as a project worthy and beneficial to the Society.

4) That in view of the fact that the present endowment certificate for juveniles provides for too small an endowment at maturity, the Society issue juvenile endowment certificates providing endowments in amounts of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250.

Joseph Fifolt, Rec. Sec'y, John Cebular, Frank Gradisek, Frank Polsak, John Petritz.

Report accepted; discussion on proposals will take place at regular order of business.

Report of Supreme Secretary

In order not to repeat various society's activities already known to you and to the membership, I will limit myself in this report only to a few important matters.

First of all, I want to report with satisfaction that the membership campaign, which closed June 30, was a huge success in spite of the fact that it was one of the shortest in our society's history. This means that a well conceived plan

for the success of the drive is of much greater importance than a long campaign period.

During the first six months of this year a total of 2099 new members were admitted into the society; if we add the 901 members secured during the drive and were admitted July 1, the total number is three thousand.

For this excellent increase we owe our sincere thanks to our industrious and diligent members, because without their cooperation we would not be able to register such an outstanding success. It is necessary to add to this also the fact that in addition to attractive awards offered in the drive, the ideological factor plays an important part especially among the old generation, which one notices when talking with them, and sports among the younger generation. Therefore, it is our duty to spread among members and the people in general sound principles about social problems because prosperity is advantageous also to cooperative fraternal institutions as exemplified by our organization.

Status of membership is as follows:

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Membership Dec. 31, 1946	49,518
New admitted	696
Transferred from juvenile dept.	426 1,122
Total	50,640
Deceased	260
Canceled and withdrawals	441 701
Membership June 30, 1947	49,939
Increase	421

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Membership Dec. 31, 1946	18,731
New admitted	1,403
Total	20,134
Deceased	7
Transferred to adult dept.	46
Canceled and withdrawals	4-3 876
Membership June 30, 1947	19,258
Increase	527
Increase in both dept's in six months	948

Operations and disabilities are listed according to states, which will perhaps be more interesting to you and the membership as it will acquaint you with corresponding payments of benefits.

States	OPERATIONS		DISABILITIES		Total
	Cases	Amounts	Cases	Amounts	
Arkansas	1	\$ 80.00	---	---	\$ 80.00
California	12	780.00	---	---	780.00
Colorado	18	1,300.00	---	---	1,300.00
Illinois	77	5,335.00	---	---	5,335.00
Indiana	6	410.00	---	---	410.00
Iowa	5	470.00	---	---	470.00
Kansas	11	780.00	---	---	780.00
Michigan	28	1,840.00	3	355.00	2,195.00
Minnesota	49	3,565.00	2	450.00	4,015.00
Missouri	1	35.00	---	---	35.00
Montana	27	1,825.00	---	---	1,825.00
New Mexico	5	480.00	1	400.00	880.00
New York	8	615.00	1	300.00	915.00
Ohio	133	8,915.00	2	425.00	9,340.00
Oregon	1	50.00	---	---	50.00
Pennsylvania	144	10,285.00	1	300.00	10,585.00
Utah	10	620.00	---	---	620.00
Virginia	1	50.00	---	---	50.00
Washington	9	480.00	1	25.00	505.00
W. Virginia	4	285.00	---	---	285.00
Wisconsin	39	2,670.00	2	75.00	2,745.00
Wyoming	13	905.00	2	600.00	1,505.00
Canada	4	275.00	---	---	275.00
Total	606	\$42,050.00	15	\$2,930.00	\$44,980.00

The number of deaths is also listed according to states.

States	Number of deaths	Amount of Insurance
Arizona	2	\$ 3,000.00
Arkansas	1	250.00
California	8	6,600.00
Colorado	16	12,400.00
Idaho	1	500.00
Illinois	20	14,900.00
Indiana	8	5,500.00
Iowa	1	600.00
Kansas	6	6,800.00
Maryland	1	1,000.00
Michigan	14	9,850.00
Minnesota	16	11,650.00
Missouri	2	2,100.00
Montana	5	4,200.00
Nebraska	2	1,800.00
New York	7	4,950.00
Ohio	46	34,650.00
Pennsylvania	80	53,964.50
Utah	2	1,500.00
Virginia	1	250.00
Washington	3	1,750.00
W. Virginia	2	1,150.00
Wisconsin	12	8,350.00
Wyoming	3	2,700.00
Canada	1	1,000.00
Total	260	\$191,264.50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1947

ADULT DEPARTMENT		Income		Disbursements	
Mortuary Fund					
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	\$10,451,691.44				
Unpaid Death Claims Dec. 31, 1946	93,307.84				
Assessment	301,007.23				
Net Income from Investments	146,149.50				
Transfer of Mortuary Reserve to Juvenile Dept.	325.36				
Death Claims Paid		\$ 227,314.74			
Compromissory Claims Cash Surrender at Age 70		1,567.30			
Cash Withdrawals		408.81			
Transfer to General Fund		13,181.25			
Unpaid Death Claims June 30, 1947	56,507.30				
Balance as of June 30, 1947		10,694,909.61			
	\$10,994,481.37	\$10,994,481.37			
Disability Fund					
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	226,548.82				
Assessment	45,782.82				
Interest	3,210.60				
Disability and Operations paid		44,980.00			
Balance as of June 30, 1947		230,562.25			
	\$ 275,542.25	\$ 275,542.25			
Sick Benefit					
\$1 Class					
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	563,749.24				
Regular Assessment	138,406.20				

Special Assessment	385.00	
Special Assessment from Lodge "Lily"	4,940.00	
Interest	7,984.91	
Sick Benefit Paid	133,537.94	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	581,927.41	
	\$ 715,465.35	\$ 715,465.35
\$2 Class		
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	121,386.34	
Regular Assessment	73,671.80	
Special Assessment	444.00	
Interest	1,730.05	
Sick Benefit Paid	76,912.40	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	120,319.79	
	\$ 197,232.19	\$ 197,232.19
\$3 Class		
Balance Dec. 30, 1946	18,600.75	
Regular Assessment	8,762.70	
Special Assessment	18.00	
Interest	266.16	
Sick Benefit Paid	9,414.50	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	18,233.11	
	\$ 27,647.61	\$ 27,647.61

Special Benefit Fund		
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	198,356.79	
Assessment	19,684.38	
Legacies	537.21	
Repaid Loans for Assessment	631.02	
Interest	2,811.35	
Assessment of 65 Years of Age, 35 Years Members	1,284.65	
Special Benefit to Crippled Veteran Members	575.00	
Special Benefit and Assessment Loans	8,529.54	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	212,131.56	
	\$ 222,520.75	\$ 222,520.75
Building Fund		
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	54,165.25	
Rent of Office and Hall	4,786.00	
Interest	765.22	
Salary of Janitor	1,909.00	
Heat and Light	1,191.52	
Cleaning	211.73	
Repairs	107.88	
Taxes	1,565.14	
Water tax and various license fees	25.88	
Insurance	112.79	
Depreciation of Building	1,351.02	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	53,241.51	
	\$ 59,716.47	\$ 59,716.47
Convention Fund		
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	7,013.35	
Assessment	5,876.24	

Interest	99.82	
Expenses for Amendments and Changes in By-Laws	450.00	
Subvention to Convention Committee in Eveleth, Minn.	1,000.00	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	11,539.41	
	\$ 12,989.41	\$ 12,989.41

Expense Fund		
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	95,822.67	
Assessment	38,418.11	
Interest	1,374.09	
Transfer from Mortuary Fund	13,181.25	
Transfer from Juvenile Department	13,762.39	
Sale of lodge supplies	258.99	
Salaries of Executive Officers	12,819.20	
Salaries and various expenses of Finance Comm.	1,366.06	
Salaries and various expenses of Judicial Comm.	635.75	
Salaries and various expenses of Supervising Committee	992.50	
Salaries and various expenses of Supreme and District Vice Presidents	960.00	
Salary of Supreme Medical Examiner	850.00	
Salary of employees	13,686.09	
Medical examination of New Members	618.50	
Traveling exp. of Supreme Officers on Official Business	520.54	
Expenses—FHA Mortgages	570.95	
Exchange	64.15	
Insurance Department's fees	540.32	
Rent of Secretary's Office	1,650.00	
Rent of safety deposit boxes	216.00	
Books and Magazines	328.41	
Stationery	4,977.44	
Office Supplies	581.42	
Rent of IBM Tabulator	1,498.04	
Printed Matter for Campaign	77.00	
Awards and various expenses for "The Voice of Youth" Contest	353.53	
Subvention to Juvenile Circles	781.16	
Calendars	811.38	
Advertisements	1,090.97	
Postage and Express	1,381.99	
Telephone and telegraph	322.05	
Lodge Supplies	999.54	
"The Voice of Youth" Supplement to Official Organ "Prosveta"	385.00	
Supreme Board Meeting	2,450.79	
Litigations	2.72	
Actuary and Accountants	3,345.30	
Office furniture and fixtures	648.57	
Social Security Tax	284.97	
Unemployment compensation tax	246.77	
National Fraternal Congress membership dues	60.00	
Surety bonds of Supreme Lodge Officers	876.96	
Insurance of Office Equipment	177.50	
Various subventions	327.50	
Subvention for athletics	3,086.53	
Balance as of June 30, 1947	95,718.60	
	\$ 162,817.50	\$ 162,817.50

Status of Funds			
RESERVE:	Dec. 31, 1946	June 30, 1947	Increase/Decrease
Mortuary Fund	\$10,451,691.44	\$10,694,909.61	\$243,218.17
Disability Fund	226,548.82	230,562.25	4,013.43
Sick Benefit:			
\$1 Class	563,749.24	581,927.41	18,178.17
\$2 Class	121,386.34	120,319.79	1,066.55*
\$3 Class	18,600.75	18,233.11	367.64*
Special Benefit Fund	198,356.79	212,131.56	13,774.77
Convention Fund	7,013.35	5,876.24	1,137.11*
Expense Fund	7,013.35	11,539.41	4,526.06
Building Fund	54,165.25	53,241.51	923.74*
Total Reserve	\$11,737,834.06	\$12,018,583.23	\$280,749.17

Liabilities:			
Unpaid Death Claims	\$3,307.84	\$ 56,507.30	\$ 53,199.46*
Official Organ "Prosveta"	4,531.90	5,218.70	686.80
Social Security Tax reserve	182.91	283.94	101.03
Real Estate Tax reserve	572.80	171.94	400.86*
Fund of insane members, SSPZ	490.73	454.07	36.66*
Reserve for fire insurance	100.28	156.68	47.40
Withholding Tax reserve	336.70	602.90	266.20
Automatic Loan Reserve for members "Alliance Lily"	574.85	.00	574.85*
Total Liabilities	\$ 100,116.61	\$ 63,291.96	\$ 36,824.65*
TOTAL RESERVE AND LIABILITIES \$11,837,951.27 \$12,081,875.24 \$243,923.97			

Assets	
Home Office—Land and Building	\$ 44,718.13
Real estate acquired	5,301.08
Real estate—First mortgage loans	108,221.59
FHA Mortgages	181,962.07
Membership certificate loans	

years old. In connection with this it seems proper to mention that at the end of 1946 we had 2885 members, whose age was 65 years or over. Out of this group 74 were 80 or older, 386 in ages of 75 and up, 1470 in the 70s or higher and 2515 were 65 to 70 years old.

In the line of suspensions, cancellations and reinstatements no conspicuous change took place during the six month period. Although there were 157 suspensions less than in the previous period, the number of canceled was larger by 7 members than in July-Dec. 1946 period. There

were 146 less reinstatements from suspension than in the last six months of 1946. Only 157 were reinstated from 598 canceled members, 150 were reinstated from 591 canceled during the previous six months. This is really the dark part of the picture, 882 members out through cancellation or withdrawal is a high number of lost membership within a year. In postwar time the number of canceled and withdrawals per year has increased considerably and a serious attempt should be made to curtail these losses. The following table shows just how these changes have taken place.

1947	Suspended	Suspended paid 1 assess. remain susp.	Reinstated fr. susp.	Canceled & with-drawals	Canceled paid 1 assess. remain canceled	Reinstated canceled
Jan.	262	24	150	86	7	18
Feb.	233	23	145	84	2	17
Mar.	182	26	143	133	—	40
Apr.	223	17	129	112	3	28
May	233	19	128	72	3	21
June	190	9	162	101	4	33
Totals	1323	118	857	598	19	157
July - Dec. 1946	1480	133	1003	591	16	150

Looking at these figures, one must become aware of the fact that a constant lookout for new members is needed in order to maintain a steady growth in membership. The loss per year is close to 1400 members, if we add the number of canceled, withdrawn and the deceased; this includes the adults only. In the records of our last drive for the new members we find a splendid proof that SNPJ still is attractive, and that there are members who are willing to go out and work for improvement of SNPJ, provided a fair inducement is offered. Since we have no regular agents, except the local lodge officers, frequent campaigns are advisable and necessary, because this is one source through which we can secure a new influx and thus replace the loss. Let us, therefore, utilize every possible means to keep our membership growing and spread the good old spirit of SNPJ. With this in mind, I extend my greetings to you and to all members of SNPJ.

home office building, where the expenses, outlays and depreciation exceeded the income by \$1,688.96. The interest on members' certificate loans was not computed for the first six months upon the insistence of the Insurance Department that the interest of 4% be charged annually.

Various benefits paid to the members during this period amounted to \$513,023.99, while the cost of running the Society and other outlays amounted to \$75,083.82. Payments of sick benefits and death claims during this period were abnormally high and may be accounted for by sicknesses caused by abnormal weather this winter and spring as well as by payment of accumulated death claims to beneficiaries in Europe. The latter payments amounted to \$34,951.27.

Total checking account deposits for this period amounted to \$1,034,867.76, while the withdrawals of \$1,070,657.33 exceeded the deposits by 35 thousand dollars. Total cash resources in banks on June 30 amounted to \$126,777.67, as shown below.

Surplus funds were carefully invested, as will be shown in the report of the finance committee. The ratio between our total assets and the investment return is continually dropping and it will continue doing so as long as high coupon bonds are maturing or being called, mortgages being repaid ahead of their term and as long as no comparable new investments bearing the required yield are available. The finance committee is continually on the alert for possible improvement of the investment yield, but at the same time is exercising utmost care and necessary precaution not to jeopardize the safety of the newly invested principal. On the other hand, the required legal reserves of members' benefit certificates are continually increasing, and while the prescribed interest on the assessment is not attained, the mortality saving is making up the difference. This, of course, reflects on the growth of the mortality surplus. This is the problem today not only of the SNPJ, but of the entire insurance world. We should therefore be gratified that our surpluses and contingency reserves are sufficient to overcome this deficiency and enable the Society to maintain the assessment rates at their present low level.

I have no recommendations to make at this time, except that I support the recommendations and suggestions that will be made on behalf of the entire Executive Committee.

My office has been administered with due care and punctuality as the circumstances have permitted, and I have officially, personally and otherwise done my best to further the interests of our Society.

STATEMENT OF SNPJ CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

	Harris Trust & Sav. Bank	Continental Nat'l Bank	—Bank of Montreal— Chicago - Toronto	—TOTAL—
Balance Dec. 31, 1946	\$137,138.78	\$ 8,603.93	\$12,400.79	\$ 162,567.25
Net deposits	734,230.80	243,754.53	52,237.69	1,030,867.76
Withdrawals and charges	\$871,369.38	\$252,358.46	\$64,838.48	\$1,178,457.33
Book balance June 30	\$ 84,324.74	\$ 34,251.98	\$ 2,158.35	\$ 126,777.67
Outstanding checks	70,831.59	22,000.51	19,998.39	113,137.25
Bank balance June 30	\$15,553.15	\$ 12,251.47	\$ 22,158.35	\$ 30,362.97

Balance Dec. 31	\$121,386.34
Deficit in six months	1,066.55
Balance June 30	\$120,319.79

\$3 Class

Receipts:

January	\$ 1,404.30
February	1,457.00
March	1,531.40
April	1,390.20
May	1,478.16
June	1,501.64
Total	\$ 9,136.86

Disbursements:

January	\$ 1,673.00
February	1,575.50
March	1,380.50
April	1,768.50
May	1,590.00
June	1,517.00
Total	\$ 9,504.50

\$2 Class

Receipts:

January	\$11,892.80
February	11,943.30
March	12,697.80
April	12,102.20
May	12,004.60
June	13,031.10
Total	\$75,897.85

Disbursements:

January	\$13,283.00
February	11,795.50
March	12,972.50
April	15,114.50
May	13,315.50
June	10,483.40
Total	\$76,964.40

The assessment of all classes in the first half of 1947 amounts to \$220,660.70, interest \$9,981.12, remaining reserve of lodge Lily \$4,940, special assessment \$847, returned benefit \$239.14, total income \$236,667.96; sick benefit paid \$220,103.98, balance of all classes June 30, 1947, \$720,480.31.

The regular assessment or income decreased by \$6,335 in this period and interest has also somewhat decreased. The \$1 class shows a surplus of \$18,178.17, the \$2 class a decrease of \$367.64, the net surplus in this period amounts to \$16,743.98, which, in view of the fact that during this period the benefit paid amounted to \$41,380 more than in the previous six month period, is considered good.

There were no other special changes. I have more work than it is possible to perform during the regular working hours, but with the good will and cooperation of lodge officers all work is done on time and satisfactorily.

Report of Juvenile Director

In reviewing briefly some of the work of my office during the past six months, I will first report on Juvenile Circles and activities. Since last January, ten new Circles have been organized, three others have been revived, while three have ceased to function, leaving a total of thirty-six active Juvenile Circles in the Society. Not only has the number of Circles been increased in this period, but many of them have greatly improved and broadened their scope of activities. Written accounts of their affairs and accomplishments have provided many columns of interesting news for the Prosveta and The Voice of Youth. The reports of the Circle Directors are encouraging and further evidence of the splendid work they are doing to rejuvenate the spirit of SNPJ through our juvenile members.

Plans for the Circle Directors' Conference which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning Friday morning, August 29, 1947 are now near completion. As of this date, twenty-seven Directors have notified me of their intentions to be present. In all probability this number will increase to thirty by Conference time. Special topics have been assigned to eight Circle Directors. Prepared reports will also be given by the Supreme President, Supreme Secretary, and Juvenile Director. In conjunction with the Conference there will also be a handcraft exhibit and, in the evening of the opening day, a variety program, including cultural and educational features for entertainment and information of all in attendance, with the Cleveland Circle in the role of host. We are looking forward to many interesting discussions with our Circle Directors. The details of the Conference, with respect to preliminary preparations and results obtained thus far, have been or will be published in the Official Organ.

As reported at the previous meeting of the Supreme Board, one of our most active youth leaders, Ann Sannemann, was appointed District Circle Director in the greater Chicago area, this primarily for the purpose of promoting and developing more inter-Circle and inter-lodge juvenile activities and organizing new Circles. Some good progress has already been shown. The Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tourney, the Midwest Juvenile Field Day, and getting the members to participate in and attend various affairs and programs sponsored by local branches of the Society are examples of success, much of which can be credited to her efforts.

We also have directors of juvenile activities in many lodges who are not parent to an active Circle. These were elected for the first time this year in accordance with a new provision of the By-laws approved at the 13th Regular Convention. Response from the great majority of them has been poor. Exceptions are the lodges who have organized new Circles and a few others who have promised similar action when conditions become more favorable. We expect, however, to keep in touch with the Lodge Juvenile Directors from time to time, reminding them of their responsibilities and urging them to organize activities, especially for lodge anniversaries and outstanding holiday occasions.

Expenses incurred in connection with Juvenile Circles in the first half of the year, including remunerative awards to the Directors, donations to newly organized Circles, and a few miscellaneous items amounted to \$1,151.16, besides \$295.55 spent for "The Voice of Youth" contest awards. We expect these expenditures to be tripled during the second half of the year, approximately two-thirds of which will be expended towards transportation and per diems of the Juvenile Circle Directors' Conference.

The Membership Campaign

The Lodge Campaign, which began March 1 and ended June 30, was one of the Society's shortest and most successful membership drives. A total of 2659 members were enrolled in the four month period. These included 1,444 juveniles, 929 new adults, and 285 transfers from the Juvenile to the Adult Department. Nearly sixty percent of the lodge participated. The response of the lodges and members, therefore, was excellent. It can also be stated here that the membership records of the Society, as of June 30, 1947 do not include the gains of the final month of the campaign, which means that more than one thousand members, who were accepted into lodges in June and to whom certificates were issued by the SNPJ as of July 1, will not be counted in the official records for this meeting. Including these members, the combined adult and juvenile membership of the SNPJ is now over the 70,000 mark.

It is encouraging to note and to report that one of our smallest but active lodges, numbering only twenty-five members when the campaign started, won the highest honor and awards, cash prizes totaling \$150 and the membership enrollment plaque. This is Lodge No. 725, Latrobe, Pa. The handicraft method of allocating quotas, using size of membership as the basis, has once more proved helpful and enabled many small lodges to secure a place of recognition among the prize winners in the final standings. The winners of special prizes (\$100, \$75 and \$50) in each class and the grand prize of \$50 and plaque were as follows:

- CLASS "C" Members**
- Lodge 725, Latrobe, Pa. 102
 - " 665, Pittsburgh, Pa. 59
 - " 634, Sheboygan, Wis. 42
- (* Winner of grand award.)
- CLASS "B" Members**
- Lodge 292, Avella, Pa. 94
 - " 89, Midway, Pa. 85
 - " 604, Cleveland, O. 51
- CLASS "A" Members**
- Lodge 138, Strabane, Pa. 89
 - " 589, Strabane, Pa. 67
 - " 584, Milwaukee, Wis. 46

The large enrollment of new adult members in the Lodge Campaign can be attributed to two main factors, first because the field of prospective members was greatly increased by the return of young men from the military forces and, second, because non-medical applications were used for the first time, permitting persons under thirty-six years of age to join the Society without a physical examination. I would venture the statement that about one-third of the adults secured in the last campaign became members because of the simplified method of entry. However, it is my opinion that a reasonably accurate record should be kept in the Main Office of the mortality rate of members insured through the non-medical applications and, likewise, of payments made to them in the sick and disability benefit class, so that sufficient statistics will be available for the next convention to make any changes deemed necessary and beneficial to the Society with respect to privileges granted under the non-medical application forms.

We are proud of the cooperation given the campaign by the lodges who were active, and equally proud and grateful to the officers and members who did the actual work of soliciting new mem-

bers, filling out the applications, etc. The members of the Campaign Committee, the Editor of Prosveta, and other members of the Eupheme Board kept the campaign before the eyes of the membership in the proper light through publications, letters and "front line" participation. It was this all-around, unselfish cooperation and service which made possible the success of the campaign. To every lodge and member, who helped to build the membership of the SNPJ in the Lodge Campaign, go our sincere congratulations and thank you.

The Sport Activities and Cost

The trend of sport activities continues to improve, especially in bowling, ballina and golf, events which are now attracting more participants than any time in the years prior to the war. The same, however, is not true of softball. Progress in this sport has been slow and will probably take several years before it will reach pre-war levels.

The outstanding sport activities in the first six months were bowling tournaments—the 13th Nat'l Duckpin Tournament, sponsored by the E. S. Federation of Western Pennsylvania, the 11th Nat'l Tenpin Tournament, conducted under the auspices of Pioneer Lodge 559, Chicago, Ill., the Eastern Invitational Bowling Tournament held by the Cleveland SNPJ Athletic League, and the 3rd annual Juvenile Telegraphic Tournament, each of which established new records and were highly successful as social and sport attractions.

We are now in the midst of final preparations for the national athletic events which will be staged in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 30-31 and Sept. 1, in conjunction with the Nat'l SNPJ Day celebration, the first in five years. Softball, ballina and golf will be the three featured sport events. Despite lateness of publishing and sending out the entry blanks we, nevertheless, expect a large entry of contestants, particularly from lodges in Ohio and the neighboring states and, in spite of lack of hotel accommodations for all who would like to attend, the three day reunion and celebration will in all probability attract the largest attendance of any post-war SNPJ event to date.

In addition to national events, we are also having a number of sectional tournaments—the Eastern Golf Tournament and the Midwest Juvenile Field Day on August 17, and the Midwest Ballina and Golf Tourneys on August 31. The latter two conflict, to some small extent, with the National SNPJ Day program, but with no deliberate intention of doing this on the part of the local committee. We are strongly of the opinion, however, that sectional events of this kind in the future should not be held during the same week-end as the Nat'l SNPJ Day.

The cost of athletics (local, sectional and national) in the first half of the year amounted to \$3,086.53, approximately two-thirds of which was expended for bowling tourneys. This does not include the donation of \$250.00 for the Nat'l Duckpin Tourney held January 1 and paid just before the end of 1946. It is estimated that expenses for athletics for the entire year will amount to about \$7,500 or \$2,500 more than was spent in the previous year. Had softball activity reached the pre-war high peak, the estimated expenses for the year would be at least \$1,500 greater and very close to the maximum of \$10,000 approved by the Convention. It appears likely that some curtailment of expenditures for sports will be necessary in the not too distant future, if we are to remain within the limit set by the Convention. Just how and where this can be achieved, without diminishing useful recreational activities, is a problem the National Athletic Board will have to solve.

Miscellaneous

As instructed by the Supreme Board in February, I called a meeting of the District Vice Presidents. This was held yesterday, in forenoon and afternoon sessions, in the presence of five of the eight Vice Presidents. The results of the meeting will be submitted in their combined report of recommendations. In addition to the recommendations, many other questions pertaining to the insurance business of the Society, Juvenile Circles and sport activities were discussed. Such meetings can be useful, because of the exchange of ideas and suggestions which takes place. There are problems in every district which the Vice Presidents can help to solve, by bringing same and recommendations to the meetings and learning through the common process of free and open discussion what is the best solution for the welfare of the Society.

While there are a number of other matters which could be touched upon in this report, for example, the four special trips to Ohio and Pennsylvania as guest speaker and to show movies, the SNPJ film library, important anniversaries on the way, etc., but it is already much too long and, so, I bring it to a conclusion confident that this meeting will reach many decisions good for the continued and healthy progress of SNPJ.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK

Report accepted.

Manager's Report

My report for the first six months of 1947: Prosveta—The Wednesday (official organ) issue is printed in 34,400 copies, or 700 copies more than in the last half of 1946. This increase is mainly due to the membership campaign which was very successful, and at the beginning of August additional 400 copies were printed, or a total of 34,800. At the end of June the daily was printed in 7,150 copies, or about 200 less than at the end of 1946. Some subscribers dropped the paper due to advanced age, some died and there were some who subscribed to the paper for a short period during the campaign last year. Of course, there were some who dropped the paper because of increased subscription, which is understood and it is possible that more will do likewise when subscription expires.

During this period we noted a financial decrease due to increase of salaries in the editorial department and the manager's office and higher cost of newsprint and other supplies in the printery, as well as higher wages paid to linotype operators and shorter working hours. Income from advertisements has also somewhat decreased and we cannot expect improvement in this respect in future.

There was no change in the personnel, except that the third clerk in my department is now being paid directly from the Prosveta fund since we hired an apprentice who is partly doing the work of the former. As will be seen from the financial statement, expenses have increased and are still increasing, while income is not increasing. As far as increased subscription is concerned, which went into effect May 1, 1947, this did not affect our standing much in the first half of this year, since payments according to the new rate for those whose subscriptions expired in this period began in June. There were about 450 of these and we can expect that there will be several thousand who will pay the increased rate which will somewhat increase our income; however, this will not be sufficient to cover in-

creased expenses, and it will be necessary to continue to cover the deficit from the Prosveta fund as long as possible and then from the reserve of the printery.

The Voice of Youth—Our juvenile monthly is now being printed in 11,800 copies. Here we are registering an increase since the last campaign which brought so many new members into our juvenile department. There were no other changes. The magazine is a great favorite among the young people.

Printery—There were no changes in the printery, except the fact that, as mentioned above, we hired an apprentice; otherwise the same personnel remains as before. Wages have increased considerably and at the same time working hours are shorter. The cost of all supplies is still rising and we are having great difficulty in obtaining newsprint. It frequently happens that in spite of the fact that we place our order two or three months in advance, they fail to deliver the paper on time and we are forced to ask other printeries to help us out, which they do very reluctantly due to paper shortage and they charge us more—30 to 50% more than we pay for the paper according to the contract which will be in effect until the end of this year. A printery which I recently asked to print our official organ when we had no newsprint on hand, demanded three times the cost for the paper; however, we were fortunate in obtaining service from another firm at half the price. You can readily see what difficulties we are encountering, which are unknown to the membership. Similar conditions prevail almost everywhere and many a paper is forced to reduce its size or even fails to appear because of inability to obtain paper except on the black market at extremely high price. As far as I can see, there is no sign that this situation will improve in the near future but will rather grow even worse. However, I hope that this will improve towards the middle or at the end of 1948.

I wish to mention that illness forced me to undergo a serious operation from which I was fortunate to recover and return to work, thanks to the good physician.

I wish to sincerely thank all lodge secretaries and officers and representatives of Prosveta for the understanding and cooperation with my department, as well as to subscribers for reasonably prompt payment of subscriptions and all others connected with this work.

The books have been audited as usual by our supervisory committee and public accountants; as far as I know, everything is in excellent order. If desired I shall be at your disposal for any further explanation.

SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY PRINTERY

Financial Statement for six months ended June 30, 1947

RECEIPTS:

Publications Sales—Prosveta and The Voice of Youth	\$37,126.05
Sales to SNPJ	8,439.02
Sales to Customers	2,109.22
Sales to Prosveta	351.27
House Sales	123.61
Total receipts for completed work	\$46,449.17

Waste Paper Sales	34.25
Cash Discounts Earned	88.90
Interest on Securities	687.53
Interest on Mortgage Loans	27.34
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$46,827.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paper Purchases	\$11,066.16
Ink Purchase	329.00
Miscellaneous Materials Purchase	1,912.16
Publications Postage	1,053.65
Factory Pay Roll	24,730.35
Rent	1,800.00
Fire Insurance	88.02
Depreciation	268.74
Power	471.98
Liability Insurance	152.60
Stock Handling Expense	44.00
Department Machine Expense	805.83
Work in Process December 31, 1946	909.16
Total Factory Expense	\$43,319.25
Less Work in Process June 30, 1947	595.46

Manufacturing Cost of Sales	\$42,723.79
Shipping and Mailing Department Expense	175.10
Advertising Expense	305.00
Office Salaries	1,532.80
General and Office Expense	154.10
Postage	247.42
Social Security Tax	264.88
Unemployment Compensation Tax	211.90
Audit Fee	200.00
Total Expense	\$45,814.99
Profit in department for six months	442.19
TOTAL	\$46,257.18

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank	\$18,343.70
Accounts Receivable	5,762.23
Materials Inventory (Paper and Ink)	3,113.75
Work in Process Inventory	595.46
Investments	46,962.96
Real Estate Mortgage	391.15
Machinery and Equipment (at cost)	55,767.43
Unexpired Insurances	244.96
Mailing Department Inventory	110.45
Publications Postage	234.42
Postage Inventory	77.71
General Factory Inventory	9.91
Total	131,104.13
Less Reserve	53,305.16
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$77,798.97

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES:

Accrued Wages and Salaries	\$ 263.00
Social Security Tax	248.53
Unemployment Compensation Tax	141.56
Accounts Payable	500.51
Withholding Tax	462.60
Employees' Vacation Reserve	227.47
Allowance for Depreciation	53,305.16
Original SNPJ Investment	50,000.00
Surplus	25,950.30
Total	131,104.13
Less Reserve	53,305.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$77,798.97

RECEIPTS:

Subscriptions—Daily	\$10,782.87
Subscriptions—Weekly	29,351.24
Advertising	4,451.81
Maintenance Fund for Magazine	5,589.60

Editors' and Office Service for Magazine	760.00
Interest on Securities	457.53
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$1,217.53
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising	\$ 2,023.52
Cost of printing Prosveta and The Voice of Youth	37,126.05
Editors' and Office Salaries	13,586.55
Stationery and Office Supplies	362.92
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	19.78
General Expense	67.20
Audit Fee	150.00
Rent	300.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	192.73
Second Class Postage (Prosveta and The Voice of Youth)	2,254.64
Publishing Expense	944.40
Social Security Tax	136.26
Unemployment Compensation Tax	109.00
Loss in department for six months	5,861.00
TOTAL	\$57,273.05
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:	
Cash in Northern Trust Company Bank	\$19,600.03
Accounts Receivable—Weekly subscriptions due from SNPJ	5,215.76
Accounts Receivable—Advertisers	180.06
Deposit—Second Class Postage for Prosveta	15.35
Deposit—Second Class Postage for The Voice of Youth	32.39
Securities	35,333.13
Furniture and Fixtures (at cost)	6,328.24
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$66,704.98
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS:	
Accrued Salaries	\$ 105.19
Accounts Payable	5,332.00
Social Security Tax	141.21
Unemployment Compensation Tax	76.16
Reserve for Withholding Tax	253.59
Reserve for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	6,241.59
Accrued Publishing Expense (Franjo Aleš)	425.00
Surplus	54,130.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$66,704.98

...tive in their communities and secured so many new members.

In conclusion I wish to mention that difficulties in regard to the mail from the old country still exist. A number of dispatches sent by our Ljubljana correspondent was lost. They blame our government and as a proof state that mail service between Yugoslavia and Canada is faster and regular, while our postal authorities blame "irregular conditions." We are also of the opinion that the fault is on this side of the ocean, because there is no reason why, for instance, a letter sent to Slovenia by air mail should take more than two months—from March 28 to mid-June. Back of this slow mail service, of course, are bad political relations, with which our high diplomacy is trying to punish Tito's regime.

This concludes my report; if any explanation is desired, I shall be at your disposal.

ANTON GARDEN.

Report of Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you the report of our committee including a detailed review of all purchases and other transactions which have taken place in the list of our investments during the six-month period ending June 30, 1947.

Purchases—The securities purchased during the six-month period covered by this report have a par value of \$425,000. The cost of these securities was \$428,066.66, which represents a premium of \$3,066.66. The purchases were made in the following amounts and classifications:

Type	Par Value	Cost
1. U.S. Government Bonds	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
2. Municipals	75,000.00	75,837.99
3. Public Utilities	125,000.00	127,228.67
4. Insured Certificates	125,000.00	125,000.00
Total	\$425,000.00	\$428,066.66

U.S. Govt. Bonds—Our only investment in the obligations of the federal government was our purchase of so-called U.S. government saving bonds, series G, which bear 2½% interest and mature in twelve years. There is a purchase limit of \$100,000 in each calendar year for this type of bonds.

Municipal Bonds—Our entire investment in municipals is represented in two purchases of revenue bonds. This type of bonds is issued by divisions of government created for the purpose of operating public utilities. The largest amount, or \$50,000, was placed in the obligations of the Pennsylvania Turnpike commission, which operates the road between Irwin and Harrisburg, Pa. Both, principal and interest, in these bonds is payable from the revenues obtained from the operation of this road. The smaller amount, or \$25,000, was placed in the obligations of Public Utility District 1 in Cowlitz County, Wash., which owns property, and makes and distributes electricity in that county.

Public Utility Bonds—A somewhat larger amount, or \$125,000, was invested in First Mortgage Bonds of five different public utility corporations, all of them engaged in production and distribution of electrical power in large industrial communities. An equal amount of \$25,000 was placed in each company. The average yield on this type of security is 2.60.

Federally Insured Saving & Loan Certificates—Another \$125,000 was invested in saving and loan certificates which are insured by an agency of the federal government. This amount was placed in twenty-five widely scattered banks with a limit of \$5,000 in each one of them. The net return on these certificates is 3%.

Investments Disposed of—Securities with a par value of \$87,000 were disposed of. Of this amount \$64,000 were called and \$23,000 have matured. A net loss of \$994.48 was incurred but this only a book loss. Everett Washington bonds, for instance, were purchased at a premium on a 3.25 basis, and the premium paid has been liquidated through the 4% interest which was received by us during the life of the investment.

There were no bonds sold during the first six months of 1947.

Real Estate Mortgages—Three real estate mortgages were paid off in full and no new investments were made in this type of security during the six-month period covered by this report.

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

Date	Par value	Description	Vendor
April 3	\$100,000	U.S. Savings bonds Series G 2½% due April 1, 1959	\$100,000.00 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Jan. 16	25,000	Cowlitz County, Washington, Publ. Ut'y Dist. 1, Revenue 2.40%, due 6/1/68	24,587.99 M. B. Vick & Co.
Jan. 10	50,000	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Turnpike Revenue, 2½%, due 12/1/76	51,250.00 Al. O'Gara & Co., and Mason, Moran & Co.
Jan. 15	25,000	Gulf States Utilities Co., 1st Mtge 2½%, due 5/1/76	25,187.50 Halsey, Stuart & Co.
Feb. 19	25,000	New York State Electr. & Gas Corp. 1st Mtge 2½%, due 1/1/77	25,582.50 Halsey, Stuart & Co.
June 26	25,000	The Toledo Edison Co., 1st Mtge 2½%, due 4/1/77	25,791.17 First Boston Corp.
June 19	25,000	Utah Power & Light Co., 1st Mtge 2½%, due 5/1/76	25,187.50 First Boston Corp.
Jan. 16	25,000	Wisconsin Electric Power Co., 1st Mtge 2½%, due 6/1/76	25,500.00 Ames, Emerick & Co.
Total	\$300,000		\$303,066.66

FEDERALLY INSURED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES

Date	Name and Place	Amount
Jan. 13	Avondale Savings & Loan Ass'n., Birmingham, Ala.	\$ 5,000.00
Jan. 13	Big Sandy Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Paintsville, Ky.	5,000.00
Jan. 13	Home Building & Loan Ass'n., Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
Jan. 13	North Philadelphia Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
Jan. 13	Unity Building & Loan Ass'n., Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
Jan. 13	Kinnickinnic Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Milwaukee, Wis.	5,000.00
Jan. 13	Penn Treaty Building Ass'n., Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
Jan. 13	Southern Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Pine Bluff, Ark.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	Compton Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Compton, Calif.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Jasper, Ala.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	Philadelphia Suburban Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	United Building & Loan Ass'n., Fort Smith, Ark.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	Columbia Savings & Loan Ass'n., Milwaukee, Wis.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	Jefferson Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Birmingham, Ala.	5,000.00
Feb. 20	Alice Savings & Loan Ass'n., Alice, Tex.	5,000.00
June 20	Bonne Terre Building & Loan Ass'n., Bonne Terre, Mo.	5,000.00
June 20	Commonwealth Savings & Loan Ass'n., North Hollywood, Calif.	5,000.00
June 20	First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Clovis, New Mex.	5,000.00
June 20	First Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., East Los Angeles, Calif.	5,000.00
June 20	First Granite City Savings & Loan Ass'n., Granite City, Ill.	5,000.00
June 20	Sheffield Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Sheffield, Ala.	5,000.00
June 20	Union Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Los Angeles, Calif.	5,000.00
June 20	Alvin Progressive Federal Savings & Loan Ass'n., Philadelphia, Pa.	5,000.00
June 20	Industrial Savings & Loan Ass'n., Richmond, Calif.	5,000.00
June 20	United Savings & Loan Ass'n., Glendale, Calif.	5,000.00
Total in Savings & Loan Associations		\$125,000.00
TOTAL NEW INVESTMENTS		\$428,066.66

INVESTMENTS DISPOSED OF BONDS

Date	Description	Par value	Book value	Consideration	Profit Loss
Jan. 1	Winnett, Mont., Ref. 2% (M)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ —
Jan. 1	Montgomery County, Md. 3½% (M)	10,000	10,195.73	10,000.00	195.73*
Feb. 11	Chicago Park Dist., 4½% (C)	3,000	3,000.00	3,000.00	—
Feb. 11	Chicago Park Dist., 4% (C)	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
Feb. 11	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission 3½% Revenue Bonds (C)	20,000	20,037.50	20,800.00	762.50
Feb. 11	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission 3½% Revenue Bonds (C)	5,000	4,993.75	5,200.00	206.25
March 1	Retail Properties, Inc., Debentures, due 1959 (C)	4,000	3,892.50	4,000.00	107.50
March 1	Hollywood, Fla., Ref. 2% (C)	1,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	—
April 1	Cumberland Co., Md., 5½% (M)	10,000	10,000.00	10,000.00	—
June 1	Putnam County, Fla., 4% (M)	2,000	2,000.00	2,000.00	—
June 20	Everett, Wash., 4%, due 1951 (C)	30,000	31,675.00	30,000.00	1,675.00*
TOTAL		\$87,000	\$88,994.48	\$88,000.00	\$994.48*

MORTGAGE LOANS

Date	Loan No.	Place	Amount
Feb. 7	59	Cleveland, O.	\$ 649.69
Apr. 4	7	Chicago, Ill.	2,767.74
May 9	11	Chicago, Ill.	4,200.28
Total			\$7,617.73

Report of Judicial Committee

During the past six months our committee settled three disputes, two concerned misunderstanding with the lodges and the defendants were found not guilty; the third concerned sick benefit. In the latter case we confirmed the action of secretary of sick benefit department in paying only partial sick benefit.

The chairman of this committee received many other complaints which are being kept on file. These mostly concerned sick benefit and a few charges of personal character, which, however, cannot be considered because they were not first submitted to the lodge.

In these cases we explained to the complainants the Society's system of benefit payments and where they should ask for benefit; they were obviously satisfied since there were no further complaints.

The work within our committee is executed without unnecessary delay. This is our joint report to this meeting.

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

Report of Supervisory Committee

We began our audit on Aug. 11 and concluded our work in three days, as usual. Present were all committee members except the first day when Frank Zaitz was absent because of other duties.

The financial statement of all Society's departments was prepared by the firm of Philip B. Heller & Co., certified public accountants, which was again hired by our committee. We met with them Aug. 12 and heard their reports and recommendations. We are convinced that they have done their work well and have prepared reports of all departments for our information and yours.

Assets—Financial statements of individual departments for the first half of this year were prepared by executive officers and by the finance committee, therefore, we will not repeat them here, but will submit as usual statistical comparisons and various changes of income and expenses of individual classes and funds.

Total assets of all funds and departments of SNPJ on June 30 amounted to \$13,104,572.25, or \$259,222.27 more than in the second half of last year.

Investments in U.S. bonds amount to 65.39% of total assets; in the second half of 1946 these bonds amounted to 65.92%. Therefore, our investments in other bonds have slightly increased.

Investments in public utility bonds during the last six months in comparison with the previous six month period have increased by \$125,000 and represent 4.53% of our total assets.

Investments in municipal bonds amount to 16.97%, or \$35,482.74 less than in the second half of last year. All other bonds represent various smaller investments.

Status of Bonds—In various bond transactions our books show a loss of \$2,070.73 which, however, is not a loss but our system of entering bonds according to purchase value which is often higher than their nominal price. This means that if we pay more for bonds the interest is proportionately lower and when the bonds are exchanged, the difference is entered as a loss.

Investments of all departments are now entirely safe as long as the country as such remains solid. We still have some non-ledger assets from the war years or since the depression which were renewed during reorganization. The accountants advise us that we should cancel the \$7,533.33 non-ledger assets of the Edinburgh Consolidated Independent S/D Tex., since they are worthless and non-payable, as is also worthless our investment in the Town Center Building corp., which should also be canceled.

Accountants' Remarks—Our accountants mention every error they find whether it concerns over- or under-paid accounts. They suggest that all disbursements be checked twice, which has already been done many times, but because of complaints that this would cause additional expenses our committee did not insist on this method in all cases. But it is advisable that this be practiced at least in cases of major payments, as this would be better for the credit of our administration. A considerable number of payments were made to members' beneficiaries in Yugoslavia. The accountants called our attention to the fact that only a few receipts had been received at the time of audit, but it is possible that these arrived later and will be reported after the next audit. We asked the responsible executives about this and were told that benefit payments are sent only to beneficiaries in Yugoslavia after the authorities there establish their identity or that of their legal beneficiaries entitled to these benefits according to international law. Payments to beneficiaries in Yugoslavia are made through the minister of labor.

Of course, official vouchers confirming receipt of amounts paid to beneficiaries in Yugoslavia are issued in their language and the accountants state that they were able to examine the paid amounts but were unable to understand the wording. Our committee found the wording correct but on recommendation of accountants is of the opinion that in the event of various new state examinations it will be necessary to translate these papers into English. The secretary said that this will be done only if necessary because translation would mean additional work and expense.

Expense Fund—Income of expense fund during this period was \$68,682.74 and expenses were \$66,099.36.

Salaries of officers and employees at the main office were \$26,505.29, or \$6,363.39 more than in the second half of last year.

Salaries of other supreme board members amounted to \$4,804.31, or \$1,512.91 more than in the second half of 1946.

Total increase in salaries in comparison with the previous half-year period amounted to \$7,876.20.

Traveling expenses of speakers at lodge and federation affairs and other traveling expense were \$509.74, or \$261.75 less than in the previous six months.

Actuaries and accountants received \$3,345, or \$1,970 more than in the second half of last year.

Expenses for the February 1947 supreme board meeting were \$2,450.79, or \$1,475.79 more than in the second half of last year. This difference was due to the fact that last year's semi-annual meeting was held at Eveleth, Minn., for which traveling expense was added to the convention cost, and because of higher per diems, and the increased number of supreme board members.

For advertising during this period the amount of \$1,090.97 was spent. Under "advertisement" are listed expenses for films, financial aid to the Cleveland juvenile singing chorus (twice \$90), ads in the official organ and in other publications. Details of expenditures from the expense fund are listed in the secretary's report.

Convention Fund—Expenses from this fund during this period were \$1,450, that is, \$450 for the printing of minutes and \$1,000 was paid to the Eveleth lodges for their expenses. Total expenses of the 1946 SNPJ convention held at Eveleth, Minn., were \$68,121.61.

On June 30, 1947, the convention fund had \$11,539.41, or \$7,013.35 more than on Dec. 31, 1946.

Building Fund—Income of the main office was \$4,786, or \$515.30 more than in the second half of last year. This increase can be ascribed to the hall which brought more rental.

Expenses of building (fuel, cleaning, caretaker's wages, depreciation, taxes, water, insurance, electricity, etc.) were \$6,474.96, or \$2,203.42 more than income. This fund has \$53,241.51, or \$923.74 less than at the end of last year.

Special Benefit Fund—We examined all payments made from this fund and objection was made to giving aid to fire victims where it wasn't ascertained whether they could have insured their property or not. We voiced similar objections or criticisms on previous occasions, especially in one case which we investigated and found that the member concerned could have insured his property fully; after the fire he turned for aid to the society and received it in considerable measure.

It is the opinion of our committee that the ex-

ecutive committee should first find out definitely about the veracity of the applicant for aid before any aid is decided upon.

Minors' Beneficiary Fund—In this fund there is still \$61,110.62, obligations to beneficiaries totaling \$58,077.20, surplus \$3,033.42.

Publications and Printing—The primary operating without a loss, but the profit is small; it is solvent, well equipped and was established for the purpose of lowering cost of the society's publications.

Due to present conditions expenses of Prosveta and the juvenile magazine have increased considerably, as you learned from the manager's report. On June 30, 1947, the assets of Prosveta were \$54,130.33, or \$5,861 less than at the end of 1946. The reason for this are higher prices and high salaries of editors, manager and employees.

Subscription to Prosveta has been raised due to these facts, but it will not be known before the end of the year, as to how much this has raised the situation.

Assets of Prosveta are comparatively good, if they will continue to decrease from five to a thousand dollars each half a year, they will be exhausted in a few years, particularly because newspaper and paper costs are steadily rising.

Special Funds—Bro. Cankar is in charge of \$2,010 fund, of which \$2,000 is intended for aid to workers in strikes and \$10 for Russian relief.

Hall Income—As already stated, income of hall in this period was \$1,235, of this the management commission was \$123.50. In this period the hall has been rented oftener than in the past several years.

Miscellaneous—Our committee decided at meeting that our accountants must not be hired for any work at the main office other than which they have been authorized by our committee.

We have had similar motions before us several times before, but reconsidered them for real reasons. At this time it was definitely decided that our committee instructs the accountants whoever is hired in the future, that they must not accept any work at the main office other than to examine the books and to report to supervisory committee.

We informed the supreme secretary of this decision at our meeting and asked him what he thinks about this. He said that he agrees with this decision and that it is much more expensive for the society to hire these accountants who are acquainted with the organization administration than to hire new accountants who would have to first get acquainted with our system. On this recommendation it was decided that in every such case either the secretary, president or some other executive should notify chairman of the supervisory committee who should authorize our accountants for the specified work.

Complaints—There were two complaints. Fr. Barbič, member of lodge 53, filed a complaint because his article sent to Prosveta was rejected.

Barbič sent a written complaint and appeal before our committee in person. We explained to him that our committee has no right to judgment on matters of rejected articles, cause the by-laws state that all complaints of nature against the editor of the organ must be sent to the executive committee; if the complainant is not satisfied with the executive committee decision, he has the right to send a new complaint to the supreme board; the decision of latter is final.

It is true that the supervisory committee examined rejected articles for a time—on motion that it report to the supreme board whether editor in our opinion is executing his work correctly or not. At the last board meeting this decision was voided. But correspondents may appeal to our committee according to the laws, that is if the case belongs to our committee, that is if the case belongs to our committee also at this time and our committee is of the opinion that the editor acted according to judgment, as we have concluded in our previous reports.

Matthew J. Turk, member of our committee, complained that he was ignored when the insurance examiners called a meeting and did not report on the state of the society, the official organ, etc. The meeting was held downtown, our main office was notified, as the chairman of this committee has been informed, that the supreme board members shall be invited. It was explained that this would cause board expense and suggested that only board members living in Chicago and its vicinity would attend.

It was so decided by the executive committee and all were invited to meet with the state insurance auditors, except Bro. Turk. He said in his complaint that he lives almost across the street from the main office and he was ignored and maintains that this was done deliberately.

At a hearing before our committee, the statement of Cankar and secretary Vider, their statement failed to make satisfactory explanation, but the blame for this was passed from one to the other. Because of this our committee decided to propose to this meeting that the executive committee shall always decide who among its members shall call such a meeting or conference that there won't be any doubt about the result.

The second complaint of Bro. Turk was that he failed to get the report of the state examiners returned in full in the original and no photostatic copies were made. We have equipment for this and if only the critical paragraphs taken it wouldn't have cost much, stated Bro. Turk in his complaint, saying that he was discriminated against also in this case.

The supervisory committee did not make a decision in this case because it considered the board members concerned will report on this matter. However, we discussed this matter for length. The bill sent by state examiners for work was \$4,590 and there were other expenses in addition, we heard unofficially that the lack of real cooperation among executives during the examination. We are mentioning this here in order to clarify them rather than harmful rumors spread around.

A dispute concerning the society's insurance and surety bonds was brought before our committee. We discussed this matter twice. It was presented by M. J. Turk. F. A. Vider replied and explained the situation.

It has been the policy of the supervisory committee since it is being presided over by the executive chairman, and perhaps even before, that supreme board members should be supreme board members only and that they should not be members of the society in commercial business. Because the society in commercial business follows small orders might lead to bigger and disappointing accusations, bad feeling and dissatisfaction among members. At this time there is no affair as yet.

In spite of this, from these disputes we see to the conclusion that it is necessary to submit the following for approval:

No member of the supervisory committee stated in the by-laws, can be employed at main office and no one is.

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