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ENGLISH SECTION

Those who would give essential liberty to pursue a little temporary safety.
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FOR MEMBERS OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY AND AMERICAN SLOVENES

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A Fitting Commemoration

This year, and particularly this month, progressive workers throughout the world are paying their tribute to the memory of a man whose contribution for the emancipation of the masses is of lasting value. That man was Karl Marx who died in London fifty years ago this month. He was the greatest social and economic thinker of modern times. Therefore it is our duty as workers and members of this organization to pause and dedicate to his memory a few timely thoughts.

Today as we are witnessing the sick capitalistic system crumbling in the midst of one of its worst and most devastating periodic crisis, Karl Marx stands out among the workers of all the civilized nations more than any other man born in the last hundred years. He is the father of scientific Socialism. As we hurriedly scan the important historic events we find that history has no parallel to the rapidity with which Marx's ideas have penetrated the consciousness of the masses throughout the world. History tells us that it took Christianity three hundred years before it was able to show its face in a comparatively limited area. (On the other hand we find that Marxism is the first truly international labor movement in culture and politics. And Socialism is only seventy years old.)

In the main, the philosophy of Marx revolves around social revolution; he has built his structure on the existing facts. It is this single fact that makes him a unique figure in all the history. He was the first to scientifically analyze the capitalistic society and the first to set up the laws on which it developed. He also showed that in social history Capitalism is but one phase which, upon

reaching its zenith, must make way to a new system. This is the natural law, the law of evolution—historic materialism which controls and shapes all the social forces. This was the sole factor of all former social orders which preceded the present capitalistic system.

The principal facts of Marx's philosophy are manifesting themselves before our very eyes every day. Everyone can see them. His philosophy is not based on idealism as were all other philosophies before him; it is based on materialistic conception of facts and is congruent with the natural laws of evolution in all its aspects.

The present economic system which is essentially capitalistic, is in an awful mess—just as Marx had figured it would be fifty years ago. After his death there were at least five major economic disasters, and each one was more terrific in its dimensions than the previous one. The present economic dislocation is a new evidence that Karl Marx analyzed the capitalistic society masterfully and that he equally well traced its development from the beginning to its inevitable end. The inevitable successor is the much saner—Socialism.

It is no small wonder that in the face of the present upheaval the adherents of the new system today more than ever before are more firmly convinced that they are on the right path which leads to victory. No worker who accepted the great truth as discovered by Karl Marx, doubts that the future belongs to Socialism or industrial democracy. Let us hope that the time is not far off when the new system will be gradually instituted and its main exponent will live in everyone's memory as the emancipator of the masses.

Young Americans' News

Detroit.—Detroit SNPJ Federation mass meeting will be held March 24 at 116 E. Six Mile rd. at 7 p. m. All delegates to the coming convention must attend. The SNPJ membership is urged to come and bring proposals and discuss on the needs for SNPJ.

On March 25 the Young Americans will sponsor a double feature, two basketball games and a dance. Games are to start at 6:30 p. m. at the Highland Park high school. The dance will be held at 242 Victor avenue. Since either the Pioneers or Silver Stars are not coming to Detroit, the Wolverines Boys and a fast Girls' team will be scheduled.

Lodges and clubs are asked to keep April 22, 1933, open as the Women's Club of the Slovene National Home Society will sponsor an elaborate affair at 116 E. Six Mile road.

On April 2 the English Sections of Soc. Club 114 and 115 will sponsor a play entitled "RUR." Many months of practice has been put into making it a success. An architect has just finished the drawings and plans for the stage. The electrical engineer has also been on the job. The stage will be made with scenes and electrical effects as no Slovene stage has ever been made up before. Buy your tickets now while they are at a low price.

At the meeting of March 8, the Young American Lodge gave their delegate full authority to represent them, as he sees best. The lodge went on record in favor of accepting candidates for members born in the United States and Canada, also to make the daily an official organ, to discontinue the Mladinski List and give the Juveniles some space in the Prosveta.

There has been many write-ups about our investments. Some suggest that we should invest more money in government securities where the Society could liquidate upon short notice or rather when the money is needed. At the last convention a resolution was adopted to loan money on first mortgages to members. At that time there was prosperity, and the resolution was in order and is still a good thing but

will have to be revised. Instead of making 50 per cent loans we should make only 25 or 30 per cent of the valuation. If one should look up the reports from many large insurance companies, one will find that they hold more first mortgages than all other investments. For example, the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of California has mortgage loans for over 89 millions of which only 5 millions is on farms. They have 34 million in bonds, 9 million in real estate, 6 millions in collateral loans and 2 millions of preferred stock. Total invested assets are over 143 millions. If these large companies invested such large amounts in first mortgages, I am sure that SNPJ should continue investing money in first mortgages. Although, I would not recommend more than one third of the Society's assets to be invested in first mortgages.

Much criticism is given because of the first mortgage loans, but those who criticize should look back, previous to last convention, and see how many bonds and other investments were bought by the Society which are in default now. This mortgage business is new and this depression has hindered its progress, although there is much more work in handling such investments and of course the profits are more. The present amount of first mortgage investments the SNPJ holds requires more attention than it has been receiving in the past. Sending out notices of payments due, or overdue, expiration of insurance policies to owner and to agent representing the Society checking up on tax payments, and many other items. This will require more clerical work, of course.

Some argue the point and recommend that we buy only government bonds. Buying government bonds will not help the farmer or a small home owner in mining towns to pay off his home or farm. (As we don't at the present.) I recommend that the SNPJ continue to loan on first mortgages but revise the present system and not invest more than 1/3 of the present Society's assets in them.

Andrew Grum Jr.

Obligatory Prosveta

THE DAILY PROSVETA

Chicago.—Much is being written in Slovene but very little in English in regards to how our organ, the Prosveta, should or should not appear as a daily in the future. Some are for obligatory daily, that all would be bound to subscribe to the daily, and that every issue would contain one page of English. The last would be in order and worthy of consideration as Youth needs more English reading matter in the organ. The next convention shall decide the question and may it decide it well.

Let me offer the following suggestions that the Prosveta, as a daily, would be taken care of in this manner: Every member would be obligated to pay 10c every month, as we are now doing making no difference how many are in the family. The daily would be composed of four pages including the Wednesday issue, so that the member would receive two daily issues of 4 pages each week instead of 1. Where there are 2 members in the family that belong to the Society and would therefore pay 20c a month, they would receive four daily issues a week and would most probably be glad to give 10c more a month to receive the six daily issues a week. Where there are three members in a family the daily would be paid without any additional cost. In this manner the daily would cost less than it does now, as the 20 per cent commission would naturally drop which is now being paid to collectors or subscription collectors. It would eliminate the debts and trouble in collecting subscription money which now exists, as this would be paid with the monthly assessment. Prosveta then would not be compulsory and at less cost. It would be its own agitator and advertiser.

It is understood that this would give the secretaries a little more work, but when once in order it would be run smoothly and without unnecessary effort, especially where a locality has but one lodge. The organ would, therefore, have the majority of members as readers of the daily. If one side would be devoted to English, it would become more desirable to the younger generation also. Now most of the married younger generation do not read the daily and would read it if this would come into effect. Even more so would it be advisable as the older generation promises the youth the reigns of the Society in the future. In this manner Youth would expand

and become educated in our movement and therefore become more capable to work for the betterment of our organization. This plan would increase the circulation, more members would be readers of it, a greater understanding would arise among the members and the cost would be less.

An approximate estimate of a 15,000 daily average issues would not be far from correct. In a few words, where 10c would only be paid a month, two daily issues would be received; where 20c is paid, four daily issues would be received; for 30c six daily issues; a family of four and five members would leave an average to the organ; or a family of six or seven members would be able to receive two issues of each daily if they wished to do so. As it is now, a family receives four, five, six, etc., weekly issues for which they pay \$4.80, 6.00, \$7.20 a year. Why receive and pay for an overage of something which they do not need? According to this plan, each issue would cost a little over 1c per member or \$3.60 per year. If it would not be sufficient, it could be raised to 1 1/2 which would amount \$5.40 per year, which is \$1.80 less than it is now.

If the membership and the delegates to our next convention regard this suggestion favorable and worthy of consideration, express your opinions and suggestions.

Alice Artach.

CANNOT INCREASE ASSESSMENT

In last week's Prosveta Bro. Godina gave us a picture of the daily Prosveta as an official organ, its cost, etc. He states that an increase of 10c per month per member will be necessary to carry out this plan. I am not in favor of this plan because of the increase. We cannot, at a time like this, increase the assessment, and think that Bro. Godina could work up another plan where only each home would receive one daily and where the Mladinski List publication funds would be transferred to the Prosveta, and Juveniles to be given an allotted space in the Prosveta each month. To some of our members, this increase would mean nothing and to about 95 per cent of them it would be a great hardship. Members who are out of work for years are struggling along to pay the present assessment, and should not be forced to pay one cent more.

Andrew Grum Jr.

Progressive Patches

By Fals Inc.

Essex, O.—Don't forget that our Senior Lodge, Zvezdni Sosedje, is sponsoring a dance at the Slovene Society Home, Saturday, April 8. All Progressives and friends are cordially invited. Remember that they gave us support, so let's repay them.

Fifth Anniversary

The Progressives are having their Fifth Anniversary on May 28, 1933. Remember, we set that date aside for your convenience and we hope to get your cooperation. We hope to have as many out-of-town visitors as we possibly can. If your lodge is planning to attend we would appreciate it very much if you let us know in advance. The committee is planning to have an All Radio Request Program if possible, and we would like to know if you are with us. Drop us a line so we will know where we stand.

Basketball News

Last Wednesday the Progressives Cagers defeated the Serbian Club at the St. Clair Bathhouse by a score of 31-17. The team is making a good finish and they request the members' support. The Loyalties were defeated by the title contenders, Clairwoods, in a thrilling game which ended by a score of 33-13. It looks as if the Loyalties will be in the running for the championship and the Progressives offer them loyal support.

Pennsy News

PENNSY PIONEERS

Strabane, Pa.—The campaign for new members being made by the Pioneers is getting along better than expected. The boys' team is slightly in the lead and when the campaign is ended they expect to have a huge lead over the girls. Members of these teams should attend these meetings being held every week.

The undersigned would like to see all the members of the Pioneers lodge attend the monthly meetings, if possible, at the next monthly meeting. The Pioneers are to have a minstrel, all members should cooperate to make this minstrel a success. The cast for the minstrel is nearly completed and any member wishing to display their talent should try to take part in this minstrel. Mr. Dominik Mandine is to direct the minstrel and may also join the cast to give added entertainment to the audience.

The Pioneers' basketball team has

been in training since January 2, playing out-of-doors in warm weather and indoors in foul weather at Podboy's auditorium. The basketball team elected Frank Rozman to succeed John Kutich as manager of the team. Frank Podboy was elected as financial manager and Jacob Cheenic as captain. The basketball team is going to try to get John Kutich to be coach of the team. The team is in good shape in is out for a successful season. We have a pitcher on the team who takes the mound barefooted; he is none other than Albert Florjancic, the vice president of the lodge. The basketball team is trying to organize a band to travel with the team to keep the players pepped up. John Progar, the outstanding player of the year, is not for another big year. Next week we will continue the writeups of players. Members of the team, do not be surprised to see your name chosen for the writeup.

The Pioneers.

FLASHES

By Incognito

Three new adult members were initiated at last Friday's meeting of the Pioneers. In addition, three passive members have been reinstated and five in February. However, two members dropped and three others were placed on the passive list. The fact that three new members were secured in one month is still evidence that new members can still be gotten.

The attendance record fell to 88 which is far under normal. Those present heard an interesting 20 minute lecture about the World's Fair and then danced until past midnight to Ralph Townsley's accordion melodies. Quite a group were centered in the "subway," where Frank Sodnik dished out the refreshments.

Last month we had twelve sick members. Four of them recovered since, but we have added on more, so that our present list numbers ten. Sickens seems to be rampant. Keep your dues paid up to date, Pioneers.

April 8 is only two and one-half weeks away, Pioneers. If we are to obtain some revenue from this April 8 dance we must work now to draw our crowd. Many of you attend other dances. There is no better place to agitate for your own dance than at other group gatherings. Make it your business to let others know of your dance. To date we have held our own and we must muster our full forces for the April 8 Spring Rally.

Put that old "never die" spirit to work once again. Make certain that each of your various groups arranges to attend. In this respect Doris Colless and Frank Groser excel all others. There are others who can do as much, if not more, so let us unite and rally to the call again.

Although the Pioneers were eliminated from the final competition of the wide Chicago American Tournament the Evening American's frequent mention of the power 1932 SNPJ Pioneer champion team.

Pretty soon it will be time for door baseball (softball). Our team should call in their uniforms and get them in readiness for the coming season. The Pioneer girls have succumbed only in the championship game last year, should go thru to finish in the coming tournament. A full page picture of Steffa Marz the Chicago American was of tremendous value to our lodge.

The next meeting of the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ will be held Thursday evening, March 23, at the SNPJ Hall. Every representative is urged to attend. Everything pertaining to the membership mass meeting of Mar. 31 shall be taken up.

Five gallons of the Pioneer "creme de spirits" was contributed to the SNPJ unemployed club by their intended money raising social April, by the Pioneers. The meeting of the Unemployed Club shall be held Thursday, March 23.

A big variety program honoring the memory of Karl Marx, probably the most brilliant thinker of all times, is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, at the SNPJ Hall. All the program we will have dancing. Every Pioneer and every worker is urged to attend. Admission 40c.

Spirit-O-Grams

By Whoosil

St. Louis, Mo.—The Yugoslav Sokol of St. Louis, Mo., will publish a historical book "Life and Works of Jugoslavs in the United States". This is the first attempt to portray the life of the Southern Slav immigrants to the U. S. In this significant portrayal efforts will be made to include as many individuals, organizations and public institutions as circumstances will permit. Every Yugoslav man and woman, boy and girl, can register and have his or her name inserted in the book. Any Yugoslav organization or public institution can write its history, and it will be included in the book. The Editorial Staff is composed of sociologists, doctors of philosophy, historians and other qualified men.

This historical document will be written in Slovene, Croatian, and Serbian language, later to be translated into English. In the near future representatives and field directors will be sent throughout the country and they will organize groups and individuals for the work. The Spirit of St. Louis will do their share, and will act jointly with the leaders as the Headquarters for English Speaking lodges.

who are going to contribute to the cooperations.

On March 26 at the Sokol Auditorium (at 7:30 P. M.), 1439 Champlain, a historical banquet will be held which will be sort of "laying a cornerstone" for this significant historical book. Over 400 tickets have already been sold so you can predict a most important event. The program: Master John Spiller, pres. of Spirit-O-Grams; Vincent Budovic, pres. of Jugoslav Sokols; actors by Sokol girls and boys. Solo by Planinski Raj (SNPJ) of Louisville. Soprano solo by Mileva Syant, solo by that ever popular entertainer Joe Kalafatic. During the supper hour the Sloboda Tambura orchestra will entertain.

Speakers will be Prof. Frank Bruma, Sociologist at Washington University; Geo. Kovacevic, Vice Vokovich, Editor, Bro. Frank Zupcic, pres. of Planinski Raj (SNPJ) of Louisville. After supper the Primorac Tamburitza orchestra will play for the dancers. Admission 50c.

The Reveliers' Column

Ambridge, Pa.—How about you and me doing a little chinning? You take the listener's role. It doesn't matter what I talk about. There is no subject on which I can speak with knowledge and authority. I'd like to speak authentically, but I couldn't measure. Be overlook discrepancies. Listen and forget.

What of the 30 hour week? Norman Thomas, as well as the American Federation of Labor, think well of the plan. When you mention either, you know each have their followers, interested followers. Folks consider their opinions. I mean folks outside of Washington. At the Capitol, the less contact they have with you or me, or our opinions, the more pleased they seem to be. You or I don't figure— we get the consequences. And are politely told to like it. I wouldn't mind liking my own business, but I haven't got one; nor the job that petered out so long ago. (Sweet memories.)

To get back to the 30 hour week. Remember way back when you and I had what was known as a job? And there was something else besides a used handkerchief or stray match in our pockets? And at times we hoped (we used to) to get a little rest from the long, daily grind of 10, 11, 12 hours? And how sure we used to be when we had to report on a Sunday morning to rush that certain job? And lots of times we had to rush back (like that one time from Library) in the dawn, hastily change garments and begin a new day without sleep? Recall those days when we had to do less sleeping in

order to find time to spend and make the money earned? Then came temporary lay-offs, lengthy lay-offs, the morning when job was no more. Wouldn't a better economic 30 hour week be better than the pendulum of the present? One stage too much work, at the other there is none. The two should be merged. One must have work. One should have leisure. Tasting a bit too much makes it bitter. Why not a reasonable solution?

Perhaps, you'll think the plan terrible, or like it (?) Perhaps you'll think too much was said and not enough. Perhaps, it all could be said better. Perhaps, probably, you're right.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING Mr. Jar's current piece is getting round of applause from Cleveland scribers. This corner joins in the Smitty's three year old Berlin's quite talkative already. The mathematically wrong she says, daddy has four girl friends, and my mother? . . . Rudy Kahl, who is up at Far Rockaway, N. Y., is a Preserver, thanks to the Revs looking over the situation locally. Many fields are undated because of the Ohio overflow . . . Bill Radojevic and Liposky bring the Veronians to print again. Veron is the place for the next E. S. Federation, to be held April 23 at the National Home. There is a dance planned in (Ambridge) with the word "Revolution" on it. The Revs are not behind on it. How do, Strings! . . . till again, so long. Louis Kahl.

