





# Stvari za konvencijo

**Prilagoditev za konvencijo**  
 Konvenciji pripravljamo...  
 Učenci...  
 Priredba...  
 Glasovali naj bi o predlogu,

izkušene člane v svoji sredi...  
 Dopsniki imajo tudi razna...  
 Gl. odbor...  
 Vsak gl. odbornik...  
 Pasivnost naj bi bila uvedena...  
 Naslednjo nedeljo sem se odpravil...  
 Pravila naše jednote naj bodo...  
 Eden glavnih problemov na konvenciji...  
 Glasovali naj bi o predlogu,

da li naj jednota izdaja dnevnik...  
 Nekateri priporočajo...  
 Glede reprezentacije...  
 Razna priporočila  
 Canon City, Colo.—Naj tudi...  
 Člen V, točka 1. Naj se spremeni...  
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vanja bolniške podpore, ne moremo pričakovati novih članov...  
 Priporočam konvenciji, da nekaj ukrene...  
 Posojila na posvetva  
 Cleveland, O. — Čitamo razna priporočila...  
 Glede bondev je br. Garden in Chicago poročal...  
 Bolniška podpora naj se plačuje...  
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 Št. 277—Franciška in John Pogacnik, en mesec.  
 Št. 287—John Leskovic, dva meseca.  
 Št. 288—Kathryn Odorich, dva meseca. Rudolf Bribar, tri meseca.  
 Št. 289—Alice P., Isidor in Fabian Horvat, tri meseca.  
 Št. 291—Joe Zelenšek, en mesec.  
 Št. 299—Dimitri Bell, dva meseca. Joe Zuder in Matt Cianak, tri meseca.  
 Št. 307—Anthony Singer, dva meseca.  
 Št. 308—Joe Surina, en mesec.  
 Št. 312—Joe Kariš, en mesec. Pauline, Mary in Max Kopal, dva meseca.  
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 Št. 577—Michael J. Grabyan, tri meseca.  
 Št. 581—Stjepan Voljak, dva meseca.  
 Št. 583—William Coffey, dva meseca.  
 Št. 586—Cecilia Artac, en mesec.  
 Št. 629—Anselmo in Mary Dukich, dva meseca. Dora in Steve Lukenič, tri meseca.  
 Št. 639—Elizabeth in Anton Vidic, tri meseca.  
 Št. 675—John Kozalvechar, tri meseca.  
 Št. 685—Mary Krants, dva meseca.  
 Št. 707—Math Marentič, tri meseca.  
 Št. 711—Joseph Mihajlevich, dva meseca.  
 Prošnje za izredno podporo:  
 Št. 17—Peter Rahotina, \$20.  
 Št. 27—Frank Krajnc, \$25.  
 Št. 32—Mike Tausar, pet mesecev assessment, \$7.50.  
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 Št. 67—John Valentin, \$20.  
 Št. 89—Frank Izmovič, \$20.  
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 Št. 323—George Jelich, \$15.  
 Št. 326—John Ribič, \$15. Peter Pavlovich, \$5.  
 Št. 334—Mary Kuzlarich, \$20.  
 Št. 411—Martin Južnik, \$10.  
 Št. 426—Frances Drnach, \$25.  
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The Society shall insure to its members personal freedom of religious, philosophical, ethical and political creed.

# PROSVETA

ENGLISH SECTION

Those who would give essential liberty to mankind a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

## Tenth Regular Convention

The Tenth Regular Convention of the Slovene National Benefit Society, largest Slovene fraternal organization in America, will convene in Chicago next Monday at the Society's headquarters. Since 1921 our conventions are held quadrennially; they attend to important current problems, adopt new by-laws, review the Society's business and elect its executives.

Since our organization's inception twenty-nine years ago, the conventions deal not only with the Society's internal administrative and financial problems, but also with cultural and social questions. This is easily comprehended since we are NOT MERELY AN INSURANCE COMPANY but a fraternal, humanitarian and educational institution. That is why, since the beginning, the SNPJ has championed FREE-THINKING PRINCIPLES and A RADICAL LABOR PROGRAM. In that spirit all the past conventions met, and that should be the spirit of this convention. Indeed, now more than ever!

We are living in a time of economic and social stress over which we have no control. Economic conditions during the last four years have been the worst since the Civil War, and have put a severe strain upon our members and our Society. We are faced with unprecedented problems which demand immediate and FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION if we are to insure our organization's existence and replenish losses brought about by the present crisis.

A mighty task awaits the coming convention. Foremost in the list of things to be done will come these problems:

1. Insurance. A radical change is called for in order that we do away entirely with special assessments. Since levies cannot be increased it is inevitable that all benefits must be reduced.

2. Investments. How to invest the organization's moneys in future so that the SNPJ will maintain its solvency? A very important question.

3. Passiveness. This question is rather complicated. It is our duty to work out a plan whereby the great number of passive members will be able to return to the active list.

4. Old and young members. There are two sides to this question: How to get the youth into the organization and how to hold the pioneers who are today in distress and no longer able to pay their assessments.

5. The Society's publications. This is the cultural side of the organization and a very important one for its future.

These and many other exigencies will come up before the delegates. What is needed most is DISCRETION and SINCERE CO-OPERATION. Let us hope that every delegate and executive is fully aware of the importance of the manifold convention problems and of the all-important role each will play at the Tenth Convention.

In this spirit we greet our delegates! THE TIMES ARE SERIOUS—LET YOUR WORK BE SERIOUS ALSO!

## Preconvention Comments

The time of the Tenth Regular Convention of the SNPJ is drawing near, in fact it is here. When our distant members will get this issue of the Prosveta in their hands the convention will be constituted and in full swing.

It would not be extravagant to say that only one thing is definitely settled concerning the convention—the delegates will meet May 22 at the Society's Headquarters in Chicago.

The delegates will number around 200 and they will take the responsibility of acting for the entire membership, at a time when our organization, along with all the other bona fide labor organizations, faces serious problems.

Depression, with its attendant evils of unemployment, decreased earnings, shrinkage of values, and all their kindred ills, will at best put our delegates and executives to a severe test.

In addition to the pressure from without, our organization has an internal strain that must not be minimized. Like other fraternal organizations, we are failing to hold up in numbers, and a way must be found to check this retrogression and to retrieve our losses.

What is most needed now is cool, calm, level-headed and hearty co-operation for constructive ends which will benefit the organization and its membership.

All communications intended for the Tenth Regular Convention of the Slovene National Benefit Society, which meets on Monday, May 22, should be forwarded to the following address:

Convention Hall of the Slovene National Benefit Society, 2637 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

## West Penn SNPJ Federation News

Universal, Pa.—A logical manner of procedure in attempting an analysis of the merits of an organization is by a comparison of its accomplishments with those which would probably have been otherwise attained by the individual units of which that organization is composed. Let this Federation be considered as an example.

Stated briefly its purposes are: (1) Regulating interlodge activities, (2) promoting fraternalism, (3) aiding members in distress, (4) building a better and stronger S. N. P. J.

In the regulation of activities the Federation has been quite successful. Conflicts which have arisen in matters pertaining to the arrangement of social activities have been the fault of those lodges rather than of the Federation. Certainly the Federation has acted promptly enough in giving official notification of social activities which have been properly called to its attention. In like manner the sports programs and others have been satisfactorily handled by the Federation.

The matter of fraternalism has been a natural outgrowth of the profusion of activities and lodge contacts for which the Federation is largely responsible. The many members of the various lodges who now call each other by their first names (and other names) will readily admit that the Federation must receive much credit for having made this possible.

One place where it must be admitted that the Federation has fallen down is in its failure to aid members in distress. The blame for this however cannot be laid at the Federation's doors. It lies rather in the

chaotic conditions of the times. It takes no expert in economics to readily see that it would not take more than one day to deplete the Federation treasury if aid were extended to all of the members who really need it. Yet even this would not help them since it would only tide them over for perhaps a month. Then what? Obviously cold logic must determine action in this case rather than maudlin sentimentality even though it does arouse sympathy.

This depression naturally has curbed the growth of the S. N. P. J. in this district in the membership of the existing lodges and in retarding the emergence of new lodges in vicinities where they would otherwise prevail. It must be said, however, that the Federation has helped to hold the interest of members in the various lodges and kept the membership intact by supporting the morale through the feeling of solidarity and strength which naturally exist in larger bodies of people.

In conclusion one is justified in making the terse statement "The Federation is all right."

In dwelling briefly on various matters which were discussed at the April 23 meeting the writer will adhere somewhat to the adage: "It is a good policy to leave a few things unsaid." This adage would probably have been disregarded had this article been written several weeks ago. There are some questions which the writer would like to ask, however, as:

Would one term as 'ruthless selfishness' the vigorous attempt of the president to have the Federation pay one month's due for a family which holds membership in his lodge in

view of present circumstances as previously stated in this article? (The writer hesitates in asking this question as he does not wish to offend the family in question whom he considers friends of his, but it is necessary.)

Would one attribute 'bitter vindictiveness and retaliation' on the part of the president and 'asinine thoughtlessness' on the part of the delegates who followed him later to their act in voting down a motion to merely delegate by proxy persons in the vicinity of Chicago to the Tom Mooney Congress being held there? (No explanation should be necessary concerning this Congress.)

What caution do lodges exercise in choosing delegates to a Federation, when such delegates have no greater conception of fraternalism than they exhibited in again discriminating against a lodge which extended an invitation to meet at its meeting place in July? And why did the president remain silent on this matter when he saw fit to relinquish his gavel and do battle on other occasions? (No offense is meant here to the lodge which was awarded the meeting place except that it might have been more considerate.)

Another question: Is it lack of abdominal instincts (or guts) which necessitates the use by one writer of this district of a ghost writer?

There is an adage which runs: "If you want to be continuously happy you must know when to be deaf, when to be blind and when to be dumb." The writer doesn't want to be continuously happy. Verily! he is becoming a regular crank.

Yours for some good quick answers,  
Max G. Kumer.

## FLASHES By Incognito

The Pioneers say, welcome! delegates to the tenth regular convention. We hope that your deliberations shall result in bringing about greater progress and success for the SNPJ. You are meeting in a period of uncertainty, a period in which no scheme or system has any guarantee or assurance that it may not be blotted out. So it is essential that you give your united devotion to the cause that is before you. The Pioneers greet you and wish you every possible success.

On Friday, May 19, 1933, the Pioneers will hold their regular monthly meeting at the SNPJ Hall. We urge our members to be present in full numbers because we anticipate the visit of many out-of-town English speaking delegates and members and we certainly want them to go away with good impressions. We will have reports of some of the recent trips and in particular to La Salle, Ill., to visit—Mallie-Vogrich and Co.

Every Pioneer who will attend the convention doings is urged to purchase his or her tickets from one of the following members: Oscar Godina, John Bak, John Kopach and Donald J. Lotrich. Each of these has an assortment of tickets. We urge you to buy the season ticket which will save you quite some money over the individual purchases.

Only eight members have signed up thus far for the contemplated gym class. We must and should have at least a dozen.

All of the labor newspapers have reveled with the satisfying and inspirational news of the Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction. The latest report states that the minutes of the proceedings have been read into the Congressional Record in Washington, D. C. Some day, when the workers obtain possession

of the government, that document will be equally as prominent as the documents of the First Continental Congress and the new Declaration of Independence will be equally as important and effective as the original Declaration of Independence.

Although all of the Washington, D. C. newspaper gave this new Congress first page publicity it seems that the rest of the capitalist newspapers have tried to ignore and evade the vast gathering. How much weight and bearing this Congress shall have on the people will depend a whole lot upon the reception each of the State sessions of the Congresses receive. It is our duty to make it as worthwhile as possible.

That moonlight picnic of the Pioneers hasn't taken a back seat at all. To the contrary, if anything it has taken a great leap to the front. Every member should have tickets before this time. If you don't have them inquire from the secretary. The committee met last Friday and made further plans to make this picnic pleasant and enjoyable.

For those who do not have autos to bring them to the grove, we are arranging trucks at ridiculously low fares. For 15c you will be transported to Kegels Grove in Willow Springs and for another 15c you will be brought back. That's cheaper than ever. Will you go, now? Of course you will. Get in the movement with the Pioneers for the Moonlight picnic.

A tentative date. The Pioneers will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, July 22, 1933. Please reserve the time.

### CONVENTION DOINGS

Following the custom of long standing, Chicago's SNPJ lodges have arranged a program for the enjoyment and relaxation of the delegates to

the Tenth Regular Convention. Because of abnormal times however, the number of social and educational functions have been reduced to a minimum. This should satisfy everyone, including those with the desire to completely curtail such functions.

The first event will take place Wednesday evening, May 24, at 8 P. M. when the Dramatic Division of Club No. 1 JSF shall dramatize "Mrak." Integrity's orchestra will play during and after the drama.

On Thursday night we will have a lecture. Subject—SNPJ and its future.

All of the delegates and Supreme Board members will be guests of Chicago's lodges at a banquet Saturday evening. Music shall be furnished by a string orchestra.

A big concert will be held Sunday, May 28. Three prominent Slovene Choruses of Chicago will render a brilliant array of likeable melodies. The Monarchs of Melody will fill in and remain for the night to entertain the dancers. We will have music in the lower hall for dancers also.

The program of events shall be concluded on Tuesday, Memorial Day, May 30, with a complete Juvenile program by the students of the Pioneer Juvenile Slovene School. Johnny's Merry-makers will play during and after the program. We will also have dance music in the lower hall.

The admissions are as follows: "Mrak"—drama—May 24—40c. Lecture—May 25—Free. Concert—May 28—75c. Juvenile Program—May 30—40c.

All three tickets may be purchased together as a season ticket for \$1.20—you save 36c by so doing.

Banquet—May 27—\$1.25. A souvenir program book free.

All of these events shall take place at the SNPJ Hall.

The program is arranged for the delegates, members and friends so we urge you all to respond and partake of them.

Pub. Com.—DJI—

## Loyalite News

Cleveland, Ohio.—Interlodge Day turned out to be the success that was planned and the Interlodge Committee surely deserve credit for a great affair.

The Loyalite basketball club who copied the Interlodge championship, were presented with personal trophies and a beautiful trophy as token of the championship.

The pictures of last last year's Interlodge day and various games were also presented during intermission. They were a rare treat bringing back memories; these, I greatly enjoyed.

The banquet dinner prepared for the teams and honored guests were great, incidentally being prepared by our own Slovene girls. The music was great, enjoyed by every one. The S.S. also was present, and how it flowed!

Fat Murphy, our well liked athlete,

was not present at the banquet as he was seriously stricken with acute appendix and was rushed to St. Alex hospital where he was operated on. Friends may visit him there.

Activities for the Loyalites have slowed down to a standstill due largely to warm months, and to cut-throat competition amongst various groups of small clubs who spring up over night. A group of fellows get together, plan to make some cash, so to city hall, get their permit and reduce admission prices to a minimum, and to make a few dollars ruin chances and good plans of good chartered organized lodges and clubs. I suppose we'll just have to take a back seat for the time being and await developments. No sense in going in the red on socials and dances.

As social news is lacking this small article must come to a close.

August Pramick.

## Buckeye's Bite

By Oh

Barberton, Ohio.—We wish to see all of the Buckeye members in front of the Sonoff home on Wooster ave., Sunday, May 21, at 5. You remember, the much-talked-about hike is to take place at that time. Each person will bring something to eat. Some of the Zipperers are expected so we're sure we'll all have a swell time.

Baseball plans are nearly complete. But the girls are on the lookout for a manager. If anyone wants the job of managing the team, tell us about it.

What happened to some of our writers in the Prosveta? Among the missing in last week's paper were Agebe, Preseren, Saint & Sinner and Kosela.

## A New Declaration of Independence

Adopted May 7, 1933, at the New Continental Congress, Washington, D. C.

Text of the new Declaration of Independence, adopted in the closing hour of the Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction:

"More than 150 years ago our forefathers proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence that the supreme function of government was to make secure for each their inalienable right to live, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"Moreover, the fathers declared that

"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of those ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and institute a new government, laying its foundations in such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

"Such are the two basic principles of human liberty and genuine Americanism laid down by the founders of this Republic.

"It has come to pass that there has grown up in this nation a system of business, industry and finance which has enthroned economic kings and financial barons over our lives vastly more powerful, more irresponsible and more dangerous to human rights than the political kings whom the fathers overthrew in our American revolution of 1776. Those economic rulers now have such absolute control over the economic life of the people as to threaten the very foundations of this Republic.

II.

"Under this system of production for private profit these rulers have created conditions that are intolerable.

"They have drawn billions of profit, rent and interest; and they have slashed our wages and the price of our farm products.

"They have used the marvels of the machine age not to lift the burden of toil from our shoulders, but to speed up beyond human endurance, and to throw us jobless upon the streets.

"They have taken the products of our labor, and not paid us enough to buy back the goods we have produced.

"They have wasted our natural, technical and human resources, and led us into ever more tragic periods of industrial chaos.

"They have mortgaged our farms, and then sold them from under us.

"They have lived in mansions, and evicted us from our homes.

"They have led us to trust in their banks, and then have stolen our savings.

"They have invaded our civil liberties, and thrown our leaders into jail.

"They have entrenched themselves in power by controlling the schools, the press and the government.

"They have spent millions on bombs and battleships while we have gone cold and hungry.

"They have forced us to bleed and die in defense of their loans and markets abroad, and to kill our fellow workers in other countries.

"They have done these things as part and parcel of a profit system which places the few in control of gigantic monopolies, and puts profit above human life.

"Since the first Declaration of Independence the American people have discovered and created the source of unearned wealth. Wide rivers have been tamed to provide electric power, huge mountains have been harnessed to give ore for the creation of new and marvelous machines, and the prairies have been made to yield rich crops. Man's power to produce wealth has been increased a hundred fold, until a life of security and abundance is possible for all.

"But today the nation starves in the midst of plenty. The gigantic machines stand idle, and crops lie in warehouses or rot in fields.

III.

"The system is collapsing before our very eyes. It is destroying itself with a destruction that threatens the historic gains of human rights and the achievements of human civilization. It is for us, workers and farmers of America, to build now a new economic system of justice and freedom. Only through an organized power can mankind be freed from the crushing and needless bonds of poverty and insecurity.

"We, the representatives of workers' and farmers' organizations, in Continental Congress assembled, do upon all those who toil to organize to achieve our supreme aim—a new economic system based upon the principles of cooperation, public ownership, and democratic management, in which the planlessness, the waste and the exploitation of our present order shall be eliminated and in which the natural resources and the basic industries of the country shall be planned and operated for the common good.

"Farmers and workers of America! The wealth and knowledge of one hundred and fifty years of achievement are at our command if we will organize for power. We shall not starve in the midst of plenty. We are the majority. Workers and farmers everywhere, unite! Agitate, educate, organize! We have a right to win!"

## What Socialists Seek

By Wilhelm Liebknecht

We seek justice and hate injustice.  
We seek free labor and attack wage-slavery.  
We seek prosperity of all and struggle against misery.  
We seek education of all and fight ignorance and barbarism.  
We seek peace and order, and combat the war of people, the class war, and social anarchy.  
We seek the Socialist People's State and attack the despotic class State.  
Whoever desires these things and struggles for them, let him unite with us and work with all his strength for our cause—for the cause of humanity for the cause of humanity, whose victory will be gained.

# STRUGGLERS

By Lindy

Q.—This being a pre-announced issue it is deemed advisable to write about one's suggestions through the years of trying to get the following suggestions in proper place while they may not seem so to every one, but you have the SNPJ at heart with the times you will see we need to continue our stride with the fraternal success in the fraternal today. Bear with us that we save our youth, our future and the SNPJ. Remember that youth the SNPJ will not let you go our English lodges years ago our English lodges and grew like wild fire, it seems to your writer, a first depression has crept into the ranks. Why and what for, to be answered and will in all ability be a vital discussion in the SNPJ and file of the 10th SNPJ delegates-elect. Youth encouragement and a teacher is the loyal backbone of the leaders in the movement to their required food to con-

some other fund and not have our budget irregular.

**The M. L. and Prosveta**

That the Mladinski List or Juvenile Magazine be discontinued and one page of the Prosveta which at present is English section be allotted to the Juveniles as a Juvenile Page. This would enable our younger members to see the older youths' ideas and help bring direct contact between the juveniles and our present day youth. This will also save plenty of dollars to our organization.

**Sick Benefit**

A serious problem which must be solved by our delegates will be the sick benefit scale and I think that the \$2 and \$3 daily sick benefit classes be discontinued, because they are a drawback to our organization, especially the \$3 class. These high daily sick benefits are found only in foreign language societies, and if one stops to figure it out he can readily see. The one problem of vital discussion will be the sick rate scale.

**Property Loans**

As to loaning money to our members on homes I say it to be satisfactory, but a new system must be used for loans made to members. Only members that have been in good standing and without any serious offense, (2) members who belong to our organization at least 10 years, (3) no loans be made over \$5,000 and that includes "no exceptions," (4) all properties to be appraised by official appraiser licensed by state, (5) loans to be made only on 1/3 of appraiser's quotation. The following is the reason: Many of our members who become hit by sickness or unemployment maybe have a small mortgage on their home and who probably have spent their lifelong savings thus far in it, as a member who can realize, I suggest "yes," according to the above strict ruling.

**The 10-Day Limit**

Youth as it is and present ideas, I suggest that the benefit scale of a 10-day extent be legal be cut to a five (5) day and the other five days added their required number of days, a member is worthy to draw his benefits because many worthy members are in sick-bed over ten days for serious cause.

**Operation Costs**

I have stated before, our organization's operation benefit scale is high and has been too high that reason I suggest that we cut takes effect, except in a serious operations only 30%, this voted by supreme medical ad-

**Electing Delegates**

convention should go on record change its membership quota basing all lodges, having 100 members, one delegate, and lodges over 400 members two delegates. This would help us save thousands of dollars and transpose our present convention fund into

**Miscellaneous**

Our hats are off to the Loyalties, Interlodge basketball champions, real honest sportsmanship behind a real lodge. Congratulations boys!

**Don't Forget**

Progressives' 5th Anniversary on May 28 and Gowanda Boosters' Sport Dance May 20.

## Progressive Patches

By Pala Inc.

Q.—All roads are turned to the Home at Recher Sunday, May 28, for the Progressive's Fifth Anniversary Celebration. How many lodges are planning to attend? Will your lodge help in the affair a success? Rememg admission is only 35c and we engaged Jack Nagel and his Crusaders for the evening. Comrades, Beacons, Loy- and New Eras are requested notice.

The individual members of the Champs and also the runner-ups, Clairwoods, were presented with small basketball statues and belts and buckles with the Inter-Lodge engravings. Rudolf Lisch of the Pioneers was toastmaster and he called on various city officials, editors, managers and friends to express themselves.

After the banquet we all danced to the music of Jack Nagel and his Modern Crusaders in the upper hall and Joe Kalister in the lower hall. Everyone had a good time, and wish to thank the committee for arranging such good entertainment as Inter-Lodge Pictures and the singing of the popular Five Foot Harmony Four.

**Congratulations**

Inc. take this opportunity to salute the Loyalties and their Bro. Prusnik, for winning Inter-Lodge Basketball Champion. Any team that worked so well with such cooperation with manager deserves to win the title in hand.

**Our Visitor**

We are happy to say that our visitor, Bro. Herman Preseren of Yukon, seems to have a very good impression of Cleveland. He attended the Inter-Lodge affair and seemed to be very pleased with the crowd.

**Thanks**

Half of the Progressives and Progressives' Basketball Team wish to thank Mr. Louis proprietor of Euclid Dairy, for cooperation with the team in his trucks to transport players to and from all games. They expressed their thanks to what they really appreciate the and cooperation.

**English Speaking Federation**

It seems to us that a very long time is taken to organize the English Speaking Federation. Come on, gang, let's get going.

**Inter-Lodge Day**

Saturday the members of the Inter-Lodge Basketball Team at the Inter-Lodge Banquet and the banquet was held in the hall of the SNH on St. Clair. The Champion Loyalties were crowned with a beautiful trophy.

**Baseball**

This year the Progressives are planning to again join the Inter-Lodge baseball league in the B Division. Announcements for definite arrangements will be issued later.

**P. S.:**—We wish to express our thanks to "A Friend from the Hills" for the wonderful poem in last week's issue, called "Progressives SNPJ."

## Silver Stars of Yukon

Q.—Back home after a two-week stretch of a vacation in Slovene metropolis, Cleveland. No person can choose a better vacation among friendly people. No other place has as many plays, concerts, etc., in Cleveland. It's a week-end that passes couldn't visit a dance, a concert among the Slovene and singing clubs and if you have never visited do so before you go any- and I'm sure you'll enjoy more than I did.

tors. It is an achievement that the Slovenes of Cleveland should be proud of. The whole credit goes to Heinie Antonic, the leader of Inter-lodge doings.

**Concert, Play and Dance**

The following day a concert which was followed by a play and dance was held by the singing society Cvet in Newburgh. They tell me that the concert was a "wow" and I'm sorry I missed it, but as for the play, I saw it and surely can prove that it was good. With Max and Ann Traven, two English speaking members in their mother tongue and the Senior people with their European manner the play could be no other than a success. Johnny Baughich and his Melody Pilots produced the music for the dance.

**Interlodge Day**

Saturday, May 6, this visitor from Traven attended the Inter-lodge dance held in the National Club on St. Clair. No better sight was witnessed than at this dance. The hall was filled to capacity with SNPJ, SSCU, CPU, and many other well known societies who mingle to see brother or sister. A preceded the dance and the dance intermission movies were shown. Inter-lodge olympic was Joe Jar, Lindy Lokar, and Steiner, and many more members started as movie ac-

**Thanks! Thanks!**

And a hundred times thanks to all who helped make my stay in Cleveland an enjoyable one. Particularly to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Traven and Mr. and Mrs. Lokar Sr. Also to Lindy, Max Traven, Johnny Aynik, Steve Trebec, John Prosveta, and many others whom I can't just think of for the present.

Andrew Gram Jr., Sec'y, Lodge 544.

# J. Z. Jrs. Broadcasting

Library, Pa.—It is without a definite subject in mind that I sit down to write this space waster. I wonder how many other contributors feel the same way as I do when they wish to write an article.

I find that it is a simple matter to write an article when I want to criticize or give credit to some one else's articles. Why shouldn't it be, for you have something to work on. Perhaps that is why so many contradicting articles appear in the Prosveta. Don't forget I said "perhaps."

In trying to write something that pertains more to the human being than the lodge, I may be all wet, but here goes. I believe all of us know the value of the personal being and that we have something that would be of more value to us if we have that certain something to go with it.

Many authors write books telling us we are to blame if we do not make good in this grand and glorious world when so many opportunities confront us. Yet one may be intelligent in some line of work, but there is something in his personal being that is hindering him. It may be that his face is the kind that make other people keep away from him instead of helping him or he may be unable to wear clothes to an advantage regardless of what he pays for them. The greatest drawback is the lack of personality in speech and manners. If any one thinks he can improve the works of nature his financial worries are over. Any way you look at it, it takes more than brains to get what you desire, be it a happy life, health or a job. A Member.

## Verona Views

Verona, Pa.—Here it is, folks, the Girls' Muehball Party that is going to be held tomorrow, Sat., May 20, at the Lone Star Club. For only a quarter you can have one of the grandest times. There will be dancing, and the girls say there will be cake and tea, mind you, and that's free. Many members will recall this place, as many of them from various lodges have spent wonderful evenings there. So if you haven't any place to go come out and visit us. I am sure the girls will show every one a good time. And remember, there will be dancing from 8:00 till —? Which means (I guess) until you are plenty tired, for the Lone Star is a private place.

The Veronian boys thank all the different lodges that turned out for their dance; special thanks to the Oakmont Ramblers for their wonderful co-operation.

The muehball league has been organized and the home folks will get to see some snappy playing. With twelve teams in the league there will be plenty of opposition for the boys this year.

Don't forget the Girls' Muehball Party Sat., May 20.

Michael Lipsky.

## Young Americans

Detroit, Mich.—Another May day demonstration has passed, but this one will never be forgotten because it was the greatest labor demonstration in Detroit. The Grand Circus Park was too small to hold all the demonstrators as there was such a huge crowd. Speakers from various political and labor organizations spoke, but not one attacked the other. The Communists paraded from their various quarters to the park. There was no police interference during the demonstration.

Five Slovenes, four of them members of the SNPJ from Detroit, attended the Continental Congress for Economic Reconstruction, held at Washington, D. C. S. Kavac represented the Young Americans; E. Menton and R. Travnik the Soc. Club 114, and A. Steffler, a Wolverine, represented the Soc. Club 118. Young American Lodge is the only SNPJ lodge that sent a delegate. A brief report of the Congress was given by Bro. Kavac at our last meeting, but a full report will be given at the next meeting.

The attendance at our last meeting was small due to an error by me in the Prosveta that the meeting was to be held May 8 instead of the 10, which I believe was the cause. Membership dues to JSE Educational Department for one year was approved at this meeting. Four passive members were reinstated and two new members were initiated. We also had one transfer from the Wolverine Lodge, and a transfer from our Juveniles Department, and a member proposed. Baseball is to be given the credit.

The Young American baseball team lost their first game, in the Detroit Federation League Sunday, May 7. The score was 13-1. Schedules of games and the box scores are published in all the local newspapers. Members are urged to come out and root for their team. Equipment for the team has been a problem and we hope that our team will not have to withdraw from the league for that reason.—(Your suggestion to publish the names of E. S. delegates was a bit tardy.—Ed.)

Kenosha, Wis.—Things are being done! At our last meeting much interest was displayed. If only the few members that were absent knew how very interesting the meeting was we feel certain our ambition of having that 100% attendance would become a reality.

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Our entertainment committee—Rose Pavlik, Joe Kazin, and G. Turk—have just completed plans for a Card and Bunco party to be held Friday, May 28, at Robell's Hall. Come and join us. Valuable prizes will be given the winners, the best of refreshments are promised, and dancing will follow the party. So you must be there. Music will be furnished by Joe Kazin and his melodious quartette of music makers. And just think of it! Here is your chance to get all this entertainment all for the small sum of twenty-five cents.

Joe "Kringelien" Lvoncek hasn't missed a dance since no one knows. He is hopefully awaiting another trip to Milwaukee. Alex Pohizek is gaining in circumference. The gang blames it on three point two. Rose Pavlik has already sold ten tickets to our Bunco and Dance party, and her sister Lee promises to bring two carloads from Racine.

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The writer is planning a trip to Chicago during convention week. He is hopeful of meeting "Speedy" Spiller and others.

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**Dynamic Detroit**

By Billy

Detroit, Mich.—In an effort to keep sports at the Young Americans, the committee has arranged a Dance at 242 Victor, Sat., May 20. One of the features will be the Senators orchestra. Don't forget to attend as the baseball team needs backing financially as well as morally.

June 3 will put an end to indoor dancing as far as the Y. A.'s are concerned, so come out and make these dances successful.

Another item of importance is the first annual Track Meet between the YA's and the Wolverines. Tony Steffler will take charge of the Wolverines and the writer will see to it that the YA's are ready for the first annual outdoor track meet.

Any member who has or has not any track experience to report at Forda Field at 6 p. m. Friday, May 19.

The Sub-branch will again stage R. U. R. ("Rossum's Universal Robots") May 21 at the Bohemian hall. See any Sub-branch member for full details, as they are putting the play on in one week's notice.

**Pioneer News**

Strabane, Pa.—Our lodge membership campaign had lasted two months with the boys ahead of the girls by a small margin. When the monthly meeting had appeared, they decided to have the campaign last one more month. The girls were in a lead till the last week, then the boys got interested and secured three new good-standing members which are Frank Sweton, the shoemaker, Agnes Progar, the sister of the best tap dancer in this vicinity which will give you a good entertainment at the Pioneers minstrel, and Frances ("Goldie") Tomala, the outstanding girls' muehball catcher for the Moonlight Stars of Canonsburg. Come on, you girls, give us boys some competition. What a break you girls have gotten—now is your chance!

With the cast of thirty-six getting busy to sponsor a minstrel at the SNPJ on June 18, Nick Blandine is to direct it. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Weather is getting better every day and the Pioneers muehball team has started to practice to get in shape. The lodge team is to join the federation league and is expected to have a successful season with a few new players in the line-up.

The Ramblers.

**COMPANIONITE LODGE 748**

Peoria, Ill.—The next regular meetings of the Companionites will be held at Bro. Frank Weigemuth's home, 129 Butler street, for the months of May, June and July, at the same time as usual.—Now, members, let's make at least one meeting this year perfect. Attend one, and not just depend on the other fellow.

Committee.

# Continental Congress

The Congress in my opinion, was the greatest gathering of labor representatives witnessed in our time, and as Norman Thomas said, "even a greater opportunity than we had expected." It set a new record for the amount of business transacted and the fine order kept throughout the two days. Two sessions were held each day with a mass meeting Saturday night. Chairman of the Congress was Emil Rieve. Committees were: "A" Unemployment & Economic Insecurity; "B" Agriculture; "C" Public Ownership; "D" Civil Liberties and race problems; "E" International relations; "F" Taxation, money and banking; "G" Declaration of Independence; "H" Organisation and continuation committees.

The following is the report of one of the most important committees, Organisation and continuation committee, which was accepted by the Congress as read. Other committee reports were accepted with few amendments but are too long to be published here.

**Report of Organisation and Continuation Committee**

The committee recommends that the Congress set up a permanent national organization to be known as the Continental Congress of Farmers and Workers.

The affairs of the organization shall be conducted by a National Committee of Correspondence and Action. The function of this National Committee shall be to preserve the fellowship of the groups here represented and to exercise all possible economic and political pressure to fulfill the plans here adopted, including the exploration of the best methods of economic and independent political action by the producing classes for the achievement of the cooperative commonwealth.

It is the function of the Congress to coordinate the work of existing organizations. It shall in no way compete with any of the essential groups represented in the Congress nor shall it involve itself in any internal matter of any of these groups.

The National Committee shall consist of twenty-six members, and shall designate from among its members an executive committee with full power to act between sessions of the National Committee of Correspondence and Action.

The National Committee shall be representative of the various groups represented at this Congress on the following basis:

Political ..... 5  
Trade Union ..... 5  
Farmer ..... 5  
Unemployed, etc. .... 5  
Cooperative, Educational, etc. 2  
Paternal, etc. .... 2  
Student and Youth ..... 2

The first National Committee of Correspondence and Action shall consist of the present Organisation and Continuation Committee, the Chairman of the Congress and the three Vice-chairmen, and such other persons as the incoming National Committee of Correspondence and Action shall designate in order to complete its number. The additional members shall be so selected as to make it representative of the various groups represented at this Congress on the functional group basis enumerated herein above.

The Committee further recommends that the Congress accept the principle of support of this organization by contributions from its constituent organizations, and that the National Committee of Correspondence and Action be instructed to work this matter out on a basis approximating so far as possible a per capita tax or contribution of one cent per year on organizations or subdivisions thereof where are dues-paying members.

The National Committee on Correspondence and Action with the cooperation of the state convener elected by the state caucuses at this Con-

gress shall take steps toward the establishment of state committees which will coordinate the local committees. The State Conventions for this purpose shall be called within the next ninety days. Where state conveners were not selected the National Committee shall designate the same.

**Local Committee of Action**

Local committees of action shall be established under the supervision of the state and national committees. Their function shall be to stimulate and coordinate united mass action for the aims of the Congress. Specifically they shall:

Call and carry on demonstration to secure the aims of the Congress.

Fight to secure adequate local relief and increased employment.

Stand ready to assist workers in industrial struggles.

Stand ready to assist unemployed workers in struggles against evictions and for adequate relief.

Stand ready to assist farmers in their organized activities to protect themselves against speculators, bankers, mortgage holders, unfair taxation.

Further the development of lectures, discussion and study groups to study the problems facing the workers and farmers and suggested remedies; to further the organization of labor sport groups, singing clubs, women's clubs, children's clubs, labor art and dramatic groups, in other words, to further the development of a workers' educational and labor culture program.

Form a youth section within itself and stimulate its constituent bodies to organize and educate their own youth.

For the guidance of the delegates here in setting up the local committees of action, the following lines of action are suggested:

The delegates to the congress from each locality, or a committee chosen by them, shall be the provisional organizing committee for that locality in its function with the national committee and state convener or state committee when same is set up.

When the delegates report to their organizations upon their return home, they shall urge their organizations to elect two delegates to form a joint preliminary committee which will agree on the form of organization and representation for the local committee of action. The local committee shall at the start be made up of delegates only from organizations that were represented at the congress but other organizations shall be urged to join and shall shortly be given representation. The types of organizations to be admitted to representation of the local committee of action shall be the same types as those seated by the congress. The National Committee on Correspondence and Action is authorized to organize or grant recognition to local committees of action. The national committee shall consider the problem of making it possible for those workers and farmers who do not yet belong to organizations to have representation on the local committees of action.

Mass meeting should be arranged as soon as the local committee of action has been set up at which the Declaration of Purpose of the congress shall be read, its actions described, its call for demonstrations on July 4 and Labor Day announced, and the purpose of the local committee of action explained.

The local committees of action should report to the state convener or the national committee on the progress they are making.

Darlington Hoopes, Chairman;  
David J. Sapos and Catherine H. Pollak, Research Secs.; Karl Borders, Leroy Bowman, Mary Fox, Julius Gerber, Powers Haggood, Lawrence Hogan, Chas. F. Hollenpeter, Grace B. McNaughton, Arthur McDowell, Robert Miller, John Peters, Norman Thomas, Louis Siegel, Chas. Weinstein,  
Joseph Drasler, Forast City, Pa.

**Spirit-O-Grams**

By Whoosht

St. Louis, Mo.—After an absence of two weeks the Spirit-O-Grams are here again. The publicity committee has finally unearthed some news to write about.

To start with, this member of the publicity committee is wondering what has kept "a certain pair" of fair damsels from writing. Oh, well, I guess the roller skating craze has bitten them. Six Sophie Vertovsek reports that she has taken up roller skating and is doing well with her pair of skates.

The famous Madame Margaritas Slaviansky's Imperial Chorus will appear at the Sokol Hall, 1439 Choteau ave., on May 21 at 8 p. m. This famous chorus has just finished an engagement at the Fox Theatre last week. The admission price is 35 cents.

The Jugoslav Sokols are giving a benefit lotto and dance Sunday eve, May 28, at 8 p. m. Anyone wishing to go to this affair may buy tickets from Bro. John Spiller or his wife Anne.

The much talked of Basket Picnic has been postponed again. This time from May 14 to June 11. This gives the boys more chance to prepare for

the affair. They have to furnish the cake, you know.

The Spirits have had the pleasure of having a member of the Strugglers of Cleveland at our May meeting. This member is none other than Alvin Kravos. Here is hoping that she likes it here in St. Louis.

Sis. Ida Buckowitz showed up at one of our meetings at last.

This is about all of the news for now, but before ending I would like to advise the members to buy tickets for the Leaders' boat excursion from anyone of the Spirits officers. This excursion was to have been held jointly but for a very good reason the Spirits withdrew, but in the next month the Spirits will probably have their excursion. All the money from these two excursions will probably be divided equally as it was agreed at the committee meeting that all money made would be divided. Please patronize the Leaders excursion as we probably will share.

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