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BRITSKE ČETE PREVAŽAJO MESO IN DRUGA ŽIVILA

Stavka voznikov tovornih avtov se širi

IZREDNA SEJA ČLANOV KABINETA

London, 14. jan.—Enot britske armade so prevzelo prevažanje mesa, rib, zelenjave in drugih živil, ker so vozniki tovornih avtov zastavali. Nadalnjih šest tisoč delavcev, upošlelih na tržiščih, se je pridružilo stavkarjem.

Vojaške čete so dostavile čez 700 ton mesa mesnicam v Londonu, pred katerimi se zbirajo gospodinjice. Čez 20.000 voznikov je udeleženi v stavki v Londonu. Stavka se je razširila na Bristol, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Eccles in Doncaster. Pomolki in hotelski delavci so tudi zapretili z oklicem stavke v znak protesta proti mobilizaciji vojaških čet za prevažanje živil.

Delavska vlada premierja Attleeja je v zagati. Nastala je bojazn pred generalno stavko, slično oni leta 1926, ki je paralizirala vse aktivnosti. Reprezentanti vlade, delodajalcev in unije transportnih delavcev so storili korake glede ustanovitve stroja, ki bi omogočil pogajanja glede končanja stavke.

Zaradi stavke je prizadetih milijone ljudi v Londonu in drugih mestih. Središče stavke je glavno tržišče Smithfield v Londonu. Vlada ni razveljavila vojakov, ki so bili mobilizirani za prevoz mesa in drugih živil, sode pa da sta čez osem tisoč.

Transportna unija in unija voznikov nista sankcionirali stavke. Obe je pomagali ustanoviti pred 24 leti sedanji zunanji minister Ernest Bevin. Stavkarji so ignorirali poziv uradnikov unij, naj se vrnejo na delo. Vozniki tovornih avtov so zastavali zadnji teden, ko je bila zahteva za skrajšanje delovnega tedna na 44 ur in zvišanje plače odbito. Vozniki so delali 48 ur v tednu in povprečna plača je bila \$20.

Premier Attlee je sklical izredno sejo članov kabineta, na kateri je bila razprava o stavki. Poročilo pravi, da ni bil sprejet noben zaključek.

Frey obsodil tožbe unij CIO

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—John P. Frey, predsednik departmeta kovinarskih unij Ameriške delavske federacije, je obsodil tožbe za plačo od portala do portala, katere so vložile unije Kongresa industrijskih organizacij. Pred kongresom je več zakonskih načrtov, ki določajo zavrnjenje takih tožb. Frey je obsodil tožbe, ko je bil zaslan pred kongresnim odsekom.

Borba za osvojitve Trumanovega programa

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—Demokratski senatorji so se združili v grupi, ki bo izvajala močan pritisk na kongres za sprejetje Trumanovega ekonomskega programa. Vodili bodo odločno borbo proti republikancem, ako bodo skušali oskubiti program. Organiziranje grupe je naznanil senator Barkley, vodja demokratske manjšine v višji kongresni zbornici.

Organiziranje poljedelskih delavcev

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—Ameriška delavska federacija je naznanila organizatorično kampanjo med poljedelskimi delavci. Cilj je organizirati 3.000.000 delavcev v uniji ADF.

Ljute bitke o francoski Indokini

Japonci se pridružili rebelem

Pariz, 14. jan.—Vojni urad je bil informiran, da so se ljute bitke med francoskimi četami in rebeli v Indokini obnovile. Poročila naglašajo, da je situacija kritična. Rebelni domačini so udarli v Hanoj. Francoske avtoritete so odredile evakuacijo civilistov, žensk in otrok, iz mesta. Rebeli so razdeljali komunikacijske zveze in zdaj ogražajo francosko vojaško posadko v Hanoju.

Bitke so v teku tudi v drugih krajih Indokine. Francoske vojaške avtoritete sode, da se je najmanj 10.000 japonskih častnikov in vojakov pridružilo rebelem.

Urad Rdečega križa poroča, da so žrtve bitk v Hanoju tudi civilisti. Najmanj 45 civilistov je bilo ubitih in čez 300 ranjenih v zadnjih dneh.

Francoski parnik Ile de France je odrinil iz Toulona proti Indokini. Na krovu parnika se nahajajo osem tisoč francoskih vojakov. Ti bodo poslani v akcijo proti rebelem, ko bo parnik dopel v Indokino.

Murray posvaril člane kongresa

Odprava zaprte delavnice bo izzvala konflikte

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—Philip Murray, predsednik Kongresa industrijskih organizacij, je posvaril kongres pred sprejetjem protidelavske zakonodaje, "ki bi ogrozila našo strukturo civilnih svobod in uničila delavske organizacije."

Svarilo vsebuje osebno pismo vsem kongresnikom in senatorjem. Opozarja jih, naj bodo previdni in posvetijo vso pozornost vprašanju odnošajev med delavci in delodajalci.

Murray je naglasil, da na podlagi analize večšakov CIO vzrokov nedavnih stavk v industrijah noben izmed načrtov, ki so pred kongresom, se ne nanaša na realna vprašanja. Eno izmed vprašanj so plače in prizadevanja za zvišanje življenskega standarda delavcev.

Vsi kongresniki in senatorji so dobili kopije letaka, katerega je spisal Lee Pressman, glavni pravni svetovalec CIO. Letak vključuje napoved, da bo odprava zaprte delavnice sprožila resne konflikte. Pressman govori trditve, da je zaprta delavnica neameriška, da so unije monopolne in zahteve, da mora kongres odpraviti zaprto delavnico.

"Propaganda proti delavskim unijam vodi Zveza ameriških tovarnarjev in druge močnejše skupine, ki so v službi korporacij," je rečeno v letaku. "Ameriško ljudstvo ne sme nasesti

NOVA POLITIČNA KRIZA V ITALIJI; SARAGAT NAZNANIL RESIGNACIJO

RIM, 14. jan.—Italija je zabredla v novo politično krizo, ko je Giuseppe Saragat resigniral kot predsednik ustavne skupščine. On je vodja desničarskega krila socialistične stranke, ki je proti sodelovanju s komunisti.

Vodja levičarskega krila socialistične stranke je Pietro Nenni, podpredsednik vlade. Saragat je povzročil razkol v socialistični stranki. Nenni je to dejstvo priznal. Njegova frakcija je še vedno za skupne akcije s komunisti.

Saragatov tajnik je naznanil, da je bila resignacija predložena Umberto Terraciniju, podpredsedniku ustavne skupščine. Čla-

KAJ JE DELOKROG "RAVNATELJA MLADINSKIH AKTIVNOSTI"

Na nekatera vprašanja društvenih tajnikov, iz kakšnih razlogov ali namenov je zadnja konvencija zvišala število društvenega odbora, kateremu se je dodalo še "ravnatelj mladinskih aktivnosti" in kaj so funkcije tega odbornika, uvidevam potrebo dati nekaj zadevnega pojasnila.

Čas prihaja, ko bo morala tu rojena mladina naših članov, katera je včlanjena v enotni, prej ali slej prevzeti odgovorna mesta v lokalnih društvih, ker naravno je, da oni, ki so v vodstvu mnoga leta, bodo po naravnem procesu prisiljeni odstopiti omenjene posle mlajši generaciji. Ker se pa mladina na splošno zelo malo zanima za bratske podporne organizacije, ustanovljene po začetnih naseljenjih, je resna potreba med društvi za nekoga, ki naj bi to mladino pripravil za odgovorno društveno delo. To je bil glavni namen in povod, da se je društvenemu odboru pridalo "mladinskega ravnatelja".

Funkcije tega odbornika naj bi bile predvsem te: Organizirati in pospeševati različne delavnosti med mladino svoje okolice, zlasti spodbujati zanimanje za večje sodelovanje od strani mlajših članov pri raznih prireditvah in drugih društevni ali jedrinskih javnih funkcijah. Ravnatelj mladinskih aktivnosti bi tudi lahko pripravil primerne načrte programov za družabne, kulturne, športne in podobne aktivnosti, kakršne so potrebne in po njegovem mnenju najbolj privlačne za mladino. Mladim članom ali novim kandidatom za pristop v enoto bi lahko — če bi imel potrebno podlago — tolmačil vrednost in važnost bratske podporne organizacije, kakor tudi različne vrste certifikate, ki jih enota izdaja za člane obeh oddelkov. Koder so organizirani mladinski krogi, bi lahko služil mladinskim direktorjem v pomoč z dobrimi nasveti in zdravimi navodili, se posvetoval kaj in kako bi se dalo boljše in uspešnejše poizveti omenjeno mladinsko gibanje, kakor mladinske aktivnosti pri društvih na splošno. Tako bi se kajpada od časa do časa moral tudi posvetovati z ostalimi člani društvenega odbora in upoštevati njihova priporočila ali nasvete, če bi ga prepričali, da so dobri in koristni za splošni dobrobit članstva ter organizacije.

S tem so v glavnem orisane dolžnosti in delo, katero je v smislu 112. A točke pravil, ki jih je odobrila 13. redna konvencija, določene za "ravnatelja mladinskih aktivnosti". Omenjeni društveni odbornik bi moral biti pri lokalnih društvih izbran izmed članov nove generacije, toda kot smo poučeni, se to ni dalo v mnogih slučajih izvesti iz razloga, ker mladina ne poseja društvenih sej, ali se vobče malo zanima za društveno življenje.

F. A. Vider, gl. tajnik.

Hatch predlagal amandiranje ustave

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—Senator Hatch, demokrat iz Nove Mehike, je predlagal amandiranje federalne ustave v svrhu podaljšanja termina kongresnikov na štiri leta. Sedanji termin je dve leti.

Obsodba vojnih zločincev v Zagrebu

Belgrad, 14. jan.—Vlada je naznanila, da je sodišče v Zagrebu spoznalo štiri moške za krive vojnih zločinov in jih obsodilo v smrt. Med obsojenci je Blazo Lorković, ki je bil član Paveličeve lutsarske vlade v Zagrebu.

Ustanovitev vojaške vlade v Paragvaju

Asuncion, Paragvaj, 14. jan.—Predsednik Higinio Morinigo je naznanil, da bo formalno vojaško vlado, ker so civilisti v sedanji vladi resignirali. Resignacija je protest proti zavlačevanju razpisov volitev.

zlobni propagandi, katere namen je uničenje unij in zakritje ropanja ljudstva po monopolih. Oni, ki so za odpravo zaprte delavnice, ignorirajo dejstvo, da so zadevne klavzule v pogodbah rezultat svobodnega kolektivnega pogajanja."

Benetko, Italija, 14. jan.—Feldmaršal Albert Kesselring, bivši vrhovni poveljnik nemške armade v Italiji, bo postavljen pred britsko vojaško sodišče kot vojni zločinec, pravi naznanilo. Obraznava proti feldmaršalu se bo pričela prihodnji mesec.

Uradnika klavniške družbe obsojena

Chicago, 14. jan.—Dva uradnika Meat Packing Co., ki ima klavnice v mestu Streator, Ill. sta bila obsojena na eno leto za pora vsak in plačitev \$50.000. Spoznana sta bila za kriva na vnanja in nedostavljanja mesa armadi v vojnem času v smislu sklenjene pogodbe. Obsojenca sta Meyer Dittlow, predsednik, in Abraham Ordman, tajnik blagajnik kompanije. Obsodbo je izrekel federalni sodnik Michael L. Igoe.

Diskuzije o pogodbi za Nemčijo

Pomočniki zunanjih ministrov v Londonu

London, 14. jan.—Dvajset mesecev po zaključanju sovražnosti v Nemčiji so se pomočniki zunanjih ministrov štirih velesil — Rusije, Amerike, Velike Britanije in Francije — sestali na seji v Londonu in začeli razpravljati o mirovni pogodbi za Nemčijo in Avstrijo. Svoje zaključke in priporočila bodo predložili zunanjim ministrom velesil, ki se bodo udeležili konference v Moskvi. Konferenca se bo pričela 10. marca.

Pomočniki so se danes sestali na seji v poslopu Lancaster. Naznanilo pravi, da bo britski zunanji minister Ernest Bevin govoril pred pomočniki.

Reprezentanti 18 držav, ki so bile zavezane v vojni proti Nemčiji, bodo dobili priložnost izraziti in predložiti zahteve na seji pomočnikov zunanjih ministrov. Zahteve se bodo nanašale na reparacije, razorožitev in denacionalizacijo Nemčije. Reprezentanti Nemčije in Avstrije bodo tudi dobili besedo.

Robert Murphy in general Mark Clark sta glavna reprezentanta Amerike. Murphy je na sestanku s častniki dejal, "da je vprašanje vsiljenega ali podpisanega miru z Nemčijo v ospredju. Preden sem zapustil Berlin, so me obiskali reprezentanti Nemcev. Izrazili so mnenje, da mora biti mir vsiljen Nemčiji, ker nima vlade."

Dognava se, da so delegacije štirih velesil sestavile pogodbo za Avstrijo, ne pa za Nemčijo. Ameriška delegacija ima dve verziji pogodbe. Ena je bila sestavljena na Dunaju, druga pa v Washingtonu.

Preiskava letalskih nesreč naznanjena

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—Senatni odsek za trgovinske zadeve se je odločil za preiskavo letalskih nesreč. Načelnik odseka je senator Brewster. On je naznanil, da je pozval člane odbora za civilno letalstvo k zaslišanju. Brewster je dejal, da so nesreče rezultirale v izgubi zaupanja javnosti v letalstvo.

Vojaško transportno letalo na razstavi

San Diego, Cal., 14. jan.—Novo vojaško transportno letalo je na razstavi v tem mestu. V letalu je prostora za 400 vojakov. Izdelano je bilo v tovarni Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. Letalo ima šest motorjev in je znano pod imenom CX-99.

PRITISK ZA REVIZIJO AMERIŠKE POLITIKE NAPRAM ARGENTINI

WASHINGTON, D. C., 14. jan.—Pritisk za revizijo ameriške politike napram Argentini se je povečal. Senator Vandenberg, republikanec iz Michigana in načelnik senatskega zunanjega odseka, je dobil oporo pri republikanskih in demokratskih senatorjih, ko je predlagal sklicanje konference ameriških republik v Rio de Janeiro, Brazilija, katera naj bi omogočila sklenitev pogodbe glede obrambe zapadne hemisfere.

Sumner Welles, bivši državni podtajnik, je obsodil zavlačevanje konference. Amerika naj bi odnehala v opoziciji proti režimu Juana Perona v Argentini. Senator George, demokrat iz Georgije, je dejal, da državni departament preveč naglašala potrebo izločitve nacistov naklonjenih elementov v Argentini.

Domače vesti

Nov grob v Chicagu

Chicago. — Tukaj je umrl Frank Potokar, star 49 let, doma iz Kamnika, Gorenjsko in član društva 39 SNPJ. Pokopan bo na pokopališču Woodlawn. Zapušča bivšo ženo, sina in dve hčeri, brata Johna ter nečaka in nečakinjo. — Seja Narodnih Vitezov se vrši nočjo (sredo) ob osmih zvečer v navadnih prostorih.

Is Detroita

Detroit. — Paul Ocepke, član društva 121 SNPJ, se je vrnil iz bolnišnice na svoj dom, kjer ga člani in prijatelji lahko obiščejo. — V domači zdravniški oskrbi je Allen Junko, članica mladinskega oddelka društva 564 SNPJ, ki se je pobila v šoli pri igranju košarice (basket ball). — Martin in Antonia Verberber iz Highland Parka bosta praznovala zlato poroko v nedeljo, 19. jan.

Nesreča ne počiva

Barberton, O. — Frank Likovich st. je tako nesrečno padel na poledenelih stopnicah, da si je zlomil rebra in dobil še druge poškodbe. Zdravi se doma, kjer ga prijatelji lahko obiščejo. — Dne 8. jan. se je v tovarni ponesrečil Alois Ocepke. Poškodovano desno roko ima v mavcu in se zdravi v bolnišnici, toda je upanje, da se kmalu vrne domov. Oba sta člana društva 48 SNPJ in slednji je tajnik. — Frank Zagar, član društva 626 SNPJ, se je ponesrečil v livarni. Poškodovano nogo ima v mavcu in se zdravi doma.

Si zlomil roko

Indianapolis, Ind. — Martin Dragan, novozvoljeni tajnik društva 105 SNPJ, si je zlomil desno roko. Dokler se ne pozdravi, bo tajniške posle še naprej vršila dosedanja tajnica Mary Hvaliza. (Več v društvenih vesteh. — Ured.)

Rojenec

Brooklyn, N. Y. — Pri družini Allgaier so se oglasile rojence in pustile krepkega sinčka. Mladica mamica je hči Vojeve družine. Vsi so člani SNPJ.

Smrt pionirja

San Francisco, Cal. — Po večmesečni bolezni je umrl pionir Martin Judnich, znan mnogim rojakom posebno po zapadu. Doma je bil iz Semica na Dolenskem. Tukaj je mnogo let vodil gostilno in "boarding-house" in je bilo mnogo rojakov deležnih njegove gostoljubnosti na "kranjskem hribu". Član je bil SNPJ, samostojnega društva in Eagles.

Nov grob v Kansasu

Frontenac, Kans. — Dne 11. jan. je umrl Joseph Jereb, star 71 let, doma iz Ziri pri Logatcu, v Ameriki 45 let. Bil je član društva 27 SNPJ od leta 1910. Zapušča ženo, dva sinova, hčer in več drugih sorodnikov.

PREDSEDNIK FRANCOSKE VLADE V LONDONU

Apeliral bo na Veliko Britanijo za ekonomsko pomoč

AKUTNO POMANJKANJE PREMOGA

London, 14. jan.—Leon Blum, predsednik francoske vlade in vodja socialistične stranke, je priletel v London iz Pariza. Naznanilo pravi, da se bo mudil v Londonu tri dni in skušal dobiti zagotovilo, da bo Velika Britanija dala ekonomsko pomoč Franciji, ki je zabredla v resno krizo.

Blum se bo danes sestal z britskim premierjem Atleejem, pozneje pa bo konferiral z zunanjim ministrom Bevinom in drugimi člani delavske vlade. Akutno pomanjkanje premoga v Franciji je narekovalo odhod Bluma v London.

Ali bo Blum dosegel svoj namen, je vprašanje. Pomanjkanje premoga je tudi v Veliki Britaniji. Blum bo skušal pregovoriti britsko vlado, naj sankcionira večji dovoz premoga iz Porurja, nemške province, ki je v britski okupacijski coni, v Francijo.

V januarju preteklega leta je Francija dobila 286.000 ton premoga iz Porurja. V zadnjem novembru je dovoz premoga iz Porurja v Francijo padel na 84.000 ton.

Pričakuje se, da bo Blum zahteval večji delež produkcije premoga iz Posaarja. Dasi je Posaarje v francoski okupacijski coni, ne odloča o premoгу Francija, temveč komisija štirih velesil, ki kontrolira Nemčijo. Povprečna mesečna produkcija v Posaarju je znašala lansko leto 700.000 ton. Od te je šlo v Francijo le 80.000 ton mesečno.

Blumov obisk Londona ima tudi politično ozadje. Francoska skupščina bo izvolila predsednika četrte republike v četrtek. Blum je namignil, da bo odstopil kot premier po izvolitvi predsednika. Britska delavska vlada želi, da ostane Blumova vlada na krmilu.

Nekateri krogi trdijo, da se Velika Britanija bolj ogreva za pomoč Nemčiji nego za pomoč Franciji. Blum bo imel priložnost ugotoviti, ali je to resnica ali ne.

Senat potrdil imenovanje Austina

Washington, D. C., 14. jan.—Senat je potrdil imenovanje bivšega senatorja Warren R. Austina za ameriškega reprezentanta v komisiji Združenih narodov za atomsko energijo. Austin je nasledil Bernarda M. Barucha, ki je nedavno resigniral. Austin in Baruch, avtor ameriškega načrta za kontrolo atomske energije, sta se včeraj sestala in imela dolg razgovor. Austin je potem naznanil, da bo pritiskal na člane varnostnega sveta Združenih narodov za sprejetje ameriškega načrta glede kontrole atomske energije.

Navali na vlake v britski coni

Berlin, 14. jan.—Nemci so izvršili več navalov na vlake, naložene s premogom in živil, v britski okupacijski coni. Vzrok je pomanjkanje živil in premoga za gretje stanovanj. Čez 400 nemških civilistov je navalilo na vlake, na katerih je bil premog iz Porurja. Eden nemški civilist je bil ustreljen pri Bonnu, v Hamburgu pa je bilo več sto Nemcev aretiranih.

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TO IN ONO IZ STRABANA

Strabana, Pa.—Iz našega mesta sicer ni dosti poročil, s tem pa ni rečeno, da tu spimo. V decembru smo preveč zaposleni na društvenem in gospodarskem polju. Imamo hranilnico in posojilnico, zadružno itd. Članstvo bo prejelo dividende, katere kljub vsem težkostim ne bodo majhne.

Društvo 138 SNPJ je v mesecu novembru izgubilo dva člana. Dne 8. novembra je umrl Matt Ahaciu, 23. nov. pa Martin Mohorčič. Podrobnosti so bile že poročane v listu. Društvo 138 je pri pogrebnih stoodstotno sodelovalo, tako da sta bila dostojno pokopana.

Naše ženske, ki so organizirane v gospodinskem klubu društva 138, so imele v mesecu oktobra vinsko trgatev, katere je uspela zelo dobro. Na prireditvi smo videli znane obraze iz raznih bližnjih naselbin. Ob priliki bomo vrnilli poset.

Naša podružnica 55 SANSa je v decembru odposlala \$800 za otroško bolnišnico v Sloveniji. To je bila že tretja odposiljatev.

Mladinski krožek društva 138 SNPJ je imel 22. decembra program, po programu pa so bili obdarovani vsi člani mladinskega oddelka. Programne točke so bili izvajane nepričakovano dobro in dvorana je bila polna.

Smrt se je oglašila v Strabana zopet 11. decembra. Umrla je naša mati Mary Progar, rojena Mali, v starosti 90 let in mesec dni. Pokojnica je bila rojena v Prečni, občina Bršljin pri Novem mestu na Dolenjskem. Tudi zapuščina tri sinove in tri hčere, izmed katerih je ena moja žena Roz, ter 39 vnukov in 30 pravnukov.

Radi razmer, ki so vladale med izseljenci pred leti, ni bila pokojnica ob smrti članica pri nobenem društvu. Ona je namreč prevozila Atlantik petkrat, ko pa se je pred 26 leti za stalno naselila, je bila prestara za ponoven pristop.

Hvala gospodinskemu klubu društva 138 SNPJ za venec, kakor tudi posameznim članicam, sosedom, znancom in rojakom za vso pomoč, usluge in avtomobile. Hvala tudi Louisu Bartlu in ženi, ki sta namesto venca darovala \$5 za otroško bolnišnico v Sloveniji. Vstopa je bila izročena na pristojno mesto.

Ko sem se pred nekaj meseci ponorčeval, da so mati bolj gibčni kot hči Roz, ki je najmlajša v družini, sem govoril resnično, vedel pa sem, kadar človek pričakuje 90. rojstni dan, vsa gibčnost ne more tekovati s časom. Ako je kdo zaslužil mirni počitek, so ga naša mati, zato naj počivajo v miru!

Vincent Peternele.

PRI "VODNIKOVI VENCU"

Cleveland, O.—Pri "Vodnikovi venci" se vedno kaj spleta in odpleta, prav tako kot se to vrti v veliki družini resničnih in aktivnih ljudi. To pa za to, ker tristoletna članska družina ni mrtva številka, temveč živeča celota, katere predstavlja vse, kar nam nudi življenje. Naši mladi člani nočejo ostati sami, kot nismo ostali sami mi, starejši. Vrijšo se zaroke, poroke in v te družine prihaja—kot je zapisano—naraščajo.

Ravnokar smo zapisali k naši številki dva prvorojenčka: Alberta Faturja ml. in Davida L. Stephana. Prvi je sinček od naših članov Alberta in Line Fatur, drugi pa od Georga in Sylvie Stephana. Sylvia je hčerka Johna in Anne Filipič, društvenih stebrov, katere vodita gostilno na E. 79. cesti.

Tudi pri Jacku in Sophie Subel, srečni družini, se je oglašil tak malček (pri nas so sedaj fantki v modri), kateri je tudi namenjen Vodnikovi družini, saj je cela Subelova družina pri nas in Jack je novi podpredsednik.

S prestopnim listom sta prišla iz Meadowlands, Pa., Joseph in Ivanka Bizjak. Nastanila sta se v predmestju pri svojem sinu Franku. Upamo, da se pri nas

dodobra udomačita in postane aktivna člana.

Pri nas nimamo že zadnjih nekaj let veliko bolnikov, kakor se štejemo srečni. Na bolniški listi so sedaj: Louis Kosmac, Joseph Lustik in Cilka Stritof. Vsem tem želimo hitrega okrevanja!

V sončne kraje proti jugo-zapadu, je nova težnja naše naselbine. Odpotovalo jih je že precej, največ samo začasno, nekaj pa tudi za stalno. Tudi naših članov je med temi, najmanj pol ducata. Najprej je odpotoval Emil Kobal v svojo soprogo, pozneje John in Stefi Paulich in Mary Rijavec, sledijo jim pa še John in Frances Pole ter njih hčerka. Vsi ti so odpotovali na obiske v Californijo, Kobal pa se sedaj nahaja v Floridi.

Vsi vemo, da je bil zmagovalec pri tekmi za dnevnik Prosveto naš predsednik Anton Jančič. Ne vemo pa vsi, da njegov mlajši sin Edward, kateri je tudi naš član, vodi športno specialitetno prodajalno na E. 152. cesti. Tudi Hugh in Mary Gahan sta podjetna in imata svojo posebno v obliki svoje lastne manufakture v West Richfield, O. Mary je iz F. Bečajeve družine s 176. ceste. Vsi so naši člani. Ker že govorim o posebnosti, naj omenim našega člana Antona Glazarija s White rd., kateri se specializira s purani. V poletnih dneh jih goji celo arnado. Laniško leto jih je imel nad osem sto.

V soboto, 29. marca, se bo vrnila v okrožju SND skupna priredba v počast našim članom-vojakom. Društvo sodeluje v tej akciji. Društvo namerava tudi prirediti svojo veselico v tistem letu.

Društvo tudi obdrzuje vsak mesec redno mesečno sejo. Kaj je z nekaterimi člani?

Leo Poljsak, tajnik.

PLESNA VESELICA DRUŠTVA SLAVIJE IN DRUGO

Chicago, Ill.—Zadnja seja društva Slavije 1 SNPJ je bila sicer dobro obiskana, a bi lahko bila še boljše. Glavni predsednik Vincent Cankar in član Slavije je predvajal filme 13. redne konvencije in druge. Na tej seji smo tudi izvolili mladinskega ravnatelja br. Edwarda Meznaricha, ki je sin poznane Meznaricheve družine.

Razpravljali smo tudi o naši predpustni veselici, ki se bo vršila v soboto, 15. februarja, v dvorani SNPJ, in prišli do zaključka, da se moramo vsi potruditi in naprej razprodati vstopnice, tako da bomo imeli res uspešno veselico. Torej, bratje in sestre, na delo in ne odlašajte s prodajo vstopnic!

Milan Medvešek, tajnik.

PLESNA VESELICA IN BANKET

Sygan, Pa.—Gospodinski klub društva št. 6 SNPJ je sklenil na decembarski seji, da bo priredil plesno veselico 25. januarja zvečer v prostorih društva št. 6. Za ples bo igrala izvrstna godba. Vljudno vabimo prijatelje in znanke od blizu in daleč. Priidite in ne bo vam žal. Pripravili bomo dober prigrizek in splošno postrežbo. S pijačo na vam bo postregel naš novi točaj Ben Prosen.

Dalje smo sklenili, da priredimo banket skupno z društvom 6 SNPJ dne 9. februarja. Seveda, imeli bomo tudi ples. Ta prireditev bo v počast našim veteranom. Razpisan bo plesni večer vabimo članov veterana društva št. 6 SNPJ, kateri se niso mogli udeležiti banketa, ki se je vršil laniško leto v mesecu marcu v isti namen. Tedaj so bili nekateri člani še v vojaški službi. Povabljen veterani bo lahko s seboj pripeljal svojo prijateljico ali prijatelja.

Torej na gotovo svidenje na veselici dne 25. januarja in na banketu 9. februarja. Cisti dobiček je namenjen za stroške omenjenega banketa.

Za gospodinski klub društva 6 SNPJ: Julia Kramiec.

POROČILO O SMRTI DVEH ČLANOV

Cleveland, O.—Pri našem društvu 53 SNPJ smo pričeli novo leto bolj slabo, namreč izgubili smo kar dva člana v dveh dneh.

Prvi je preminil Anton Dolgan, poznani trgovec z železnino zadnjih 25 let. Zadnjih 19 let sva bila sosedo kot trgovca in reči moram, da sva se dobro razumela kot trgovska kolega. Zalostna vest o njegovi smrti je nas vse presunila, največji udarec pa je seveda za pokojnikovo družino. Umrl je 5. januarja zjutraj. Imel je navado, da je s prijatelji igral karte in tako je šel v soboto večer med prijatelje in se vrnil domov pozno v noč ter legel k počitku, a zaspal je za vedno. Zanj je bila to najslabša smrt, a toliko večji udarec za družino in ostale sorodnike. Nas vse je presenetila žalostna vest, kajti pokojnik je bil videti zdrav in naraven.

Anton Dolgan je bil doma iz St. Petra pri Košani na Krški. V Ameriko je prišel pred 34 leti. Ob smrti mu je bilo 59 let. Tone se ni direktno zanimal za politiko, društveno in narodno življenje, bil pa je dober podpornik in je za naše stvari daroval po svojih močeh, bodisi v obliki oglasov ali drugače. Čudno se mi vidi, da je imel cerkveni pogreb, dasiravno ni zahajal v cerkev. Sicer pa je to zaveda njegovih sorodnikov in ne nas. Tu zapuščila žena Alic, tri pastorko, eno hčer in sina Alberta. Bil je član našega društva nad 25 let. Društvo je storilo svojo bratsko dolžnost, kot za vsakim svojim članom. Društvene obrede je opravil podpisani, predsednik Barbič pa za drugim pogrebom, kajti imeli smo dva pogreba na isti dan.

Pokojnik Dolgan je bil pokopan na pokopališču Calvariji ob lepi udeležbi prijateljev in znancev. Stirje avtomobilu so bili napoknjeni z venci in cvetjem. Meni se vidi, da bi bilo bolje na drug način počastiti spomin pokojnika, kot pa ga obsuti s cvetjem. V imenu društva na tem mestu izrekam globoko sožalje družini in ostelim sorodnikom, Toneta pa bomo ohranili v spominu takega kot je bil. Naj mu bo lahka ameriška gruda!

Za vedno nas je zapustila tudi članica Mary (Zeit) Mihalinec. Pokojnica je podlegla raku, za katerim je trpela nad leto dni. Pogreb je oskrbel Železov pogrebni zavod, Dolganovega pa Svetkov. Pokojna sestra Mihalinec je bila doma iz vasi Podbukovje pri Stični. Ob smrti je bila stara 50 let. Tu je bivala 27 let. Njen prvi mož je umrl pred nekaj leti, naka se je poročila s hrvaškim rojakom Mihalincem. Iz prvega zakona zapuščila tri hčere z imeni Mary, Margaret in Josephine. Njeno dekliško ime je bilo Mahne. Pokopana je bila po katoliških obredih na pokopališču Calvariji. Tudi tej družini izrekamo globoko sožalje!

Pri našem društvu se je menda prvič zgodilo, da sta bila naenkrat na mrtvaškem odru dva člana. Vsak si lahko predstavljamo, posebno pa tajniki, da je težko v takih slučajih radi pogrebov. Pri tem pa nam je olajšala družina Dolgan, kajti je sama preskrbela pogrebe iz srede bližnjih prijateljev trgovcev. Pokojno sestro Mihalinec so nosile tri članice od našega društva, in sicer sestre Kobal, Koželj in Paulin. Obrede je opravil predsednik Barbič.

Tukaj naj pripomnim, da bi se moralo naše članstvo posloviati od pokojnega člana ali članice v večjem številu, a čestokrat se zgodi, da pozabimo, kar nam velja bratska dolžnost. Če se članstvo ne zanima za pokojnega člana ali članice, ne napravi to dobrega vtisa na sorodnike. Bodimo bolj bratski v tem oziru!

Meni je znan slučaj, ko je umrl član nekega društva, se ni prišel od njega posloviti niti en član, prav tako ne društveni uradniki, ker so menda popolnoma pozabili, da je bil pokojnik član njihovega društva. Na običaj je, da kupimo venec v i-

menu društva in razstavimo ob krsti društveno zastavo. Sicer pa se omenjeni slučaj ni zgodil pri društvu SNPJ.

Glejmo, da se ne bi kaj takega primerilo pri naših društvih. Naši lokalni časopisi objavijo smrt vsakega rojaka in rojakinje in h kateremu društvu spada. Dolžnost članstva dotičnega društva je, da se poslovi od pokojnika v čim večjem številu. Ne ozirajte se, če se vrši pogreb z velikim pompom, kajti kot društveniki smo vsi enaki.

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

ZABAVA DRUŠTVA NADE

Chicago, Ill.—Žensko društvo Nada št. 102 SNPJ bo priredilo na predpustno soboto, 8. februarja, pravo pustno veselico, kjer bo v izobilju domačih krofov, potice, špehovka in seveda poleg tega še raznih drugih dobrot.

Igrala bo dobra godba in kar se splošne postrežbe tiče, je imela Nada še vedno prvovrsten sloves in si ga bo ohranila tudi na tej priliki.

To še ni vse, kajti na tej veselici bo dobil nekdo tudi radio in poleg radija bo oddanih tudi nekaj drugih lepih daril.

To bo torej še celo več kot prava predpustna veselica!

Vstopnice so po 50c. Nabavite si jih že v predprodaji. Dobite jih pri članicah društva ali pa pri tajnici Minki Aleš.

Naše društvo uporablja prebitke svojih zabav vedno le v društvene koristi ter podporo raznim koristnim akcijam. Tako pomagamo gnojno kolikor največ moremo in tudi z delom, kot smo n. pr. pomagale pri zbiranju in pakiranju oblek, ko je bila ta akcija v pomoč staremu kraju na višku. Sodelujemo s SANSom in pri Prosvetni matici smo od začetka.

Sedaj, ko vsaj v tej deželi spomin na strahote vojne polagoma izginejo, je dobro, da se tu in tam razvedrilo ter pri tem pozabimo vse drugo. Tak večer bo na Nadini veselici. Torej na svidenje 8. februarja v dvorani SNPJ!

Angela Zaltz.

VESELICA DRUŠTVA 321 SNPJ

Warren, O.—Naše društvo ni moglo vsled pomanjkanja raznih potrebščin prirediti nekaj let nobene priredbe, po dolgem odmoru pa se nam bo zopet nudila prilika, da bomo imeli nekaj ur razvedrila in zabave.

Na januarski seji društva 321 SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da priredimo plesno veselico 25. januarja zvečer v Hrvatskem domu na Burton st. Zabava se bo pričela ob osmih zvečer.

Ker tudi mi nismo zaostajali in smo podpirali finančno razne dobrotelne organizacije skozi vso vojno, se je naša blagajna precej izpraznila, zato moramo gledati, da spravimo skupaj kaj denarja.

Na veselico vabimo vse članstvo v tej okolici, kakor tudi ostale Slovence. Za ples bo igrala prvovrstna godba, tako se bomo vrteli stari in mladi. Vstopnina bo nizka, da jo bo lahko vsak plačal. Opozarjam stare naših veteranov, da opozorijo svoje sinove, kajti oni bodo prosti vstopnine in deležni še drugih dobrot. Torej na svidenje v soboto, 25. januarja!

Jos. Ješ, tajnik.

LETNA SEJA SLOVENSKEGA DELAVSKEGA CENTRA

Chicago, Ill.—Vse članstvo družabnega kluba Slovenskega delavskega centra je vabljeno na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila v Centru, 2301 So. Lawndale ave., v soboto, 25. januarja, začetek ob osmih zvečer. Po seji bomo servirali krvave klobase in zelje. Imeli bomo tudi pravo zabavo in ples, za katerega bo igral John Schweiger.

Pridite na sejo v velikem številu, kajti na dnevnem redu bomo imeli poročilo o poslovanju družabnega kluba za zadnje leto, začrtali program in načrte za tekoče leto, kakor tudi izvolili odbor.

Frank Lotrich, predsednik.

Frank Lotrich, tajnik.

PODRUŽNICA 25 SANSa JE ZA NAVEZANJE STIKOV S STARO DOMOVINO

Chicago, Ill.—Na januarski seji podružnice št. 25 SANSa je glavni tajnik Mirko Kuhel pojasnil, kaj so bili vzroki, kateri so vodili izvršni odbor, da ni poslal delegatov na vseslovenski kongres, kateri se je pričel dne 8. decembra preteklega leta v Beogradu, Jugoslaviji. Člani so se kritično izražali, ker ameriški Slovenci niso bili zastopani na tem pomembnem zborovanju. Posebno se, ker bi se lahko to priliko izrabilo, da napravimo boljše stike s Slovenijo in Jugoslavijo. Dejstvo je, da bo kmalu preteklo par let, odkar je vojna končana, zato je že skrajni čas, da organizacija SANS pošlje tja svoje zastopnike.

Ker se jih še ni poslalo, so člani in članice podružnice št. 25 SANSa sprejeli predlog, ki določa, da apeliramo na vse podružnice SANSa, naj pripravijo izvršnemu odboru, da pošlje zastopnike v Jugoslavijo pred konvencijo SANSa, katere je določena za dneve 30. in 31. maja ter 1. junija tega leta. Ker bo to zborovanje začrtalo organizacijske smernice za bodoče delovanje, je neobhodno potrebno, da dobimo boljše stike s staro domovino, in da bi naši zastopniki natanko proučili tamkajšnje razmere, kar jim bi omogočilo, da bi bili na zboru kompetentni odgovorjati na razna vprašanja.

Ima smo sprejeli ta sklep v nadi, da prihodnje zborovanje postavi organizacija SANS na bolj solidno podlago, ker se zavedamo, da bo njen obstoj še potreben in članstvo bo imelo več zaupanja, ako mu damo jasno sliko. Zavedamo se, da so nasprotniki nove Jugoslavije povsod na delu in jim bomo kos le, ako bomo imeli dobro organizacijo.

Za podružnico št. 25 SANSa: Frank Aleš, tajnik.

ZADNJI KLIC NA PRIREDBO PODRUŽNICE 2 SANSa

Chicago, Ill.—Poročali smo že nekajkrat o plesni veselici podružnice št. 2 SANSa, ki se bo vršila to soboto, 18. januarja, v dvorani Aldine, 911 Armitage ave., to je na naši severni strani mesta.

Vsi vemo, da je ta naš majhen pa junaški narod okraj morja še vedno potreben pomoči. Stali smo mu ob strani v najkritičnejših urah in pomagati mu moramo tudi sedaj, ko s takim zaletom, članom in poštovanjem obnavlja in gradi svojo porušeno domovino, tiste lepe kraje, mesta in vasi, v katerih smo se rodili tudi mi, ameriški Slovenci.

Udeležite se naše plesne veselice, kajti ves dobiček bo šel za naše brate in sestre v stari domovini. Naš odbor bo gledal, da bo vsem dobro postregel. Za ples bo igrala dobra godba. Torej na svidenje! Pridite z vseh strani našega širnega Chicago, ob priliki vam bomo pa vrnilli poset!

John Turk.

LETNA SEJA IZLETNIŠKE FARMER SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Glavna letna seja izletniških prostorov SNPJ se bo vršila v torek, 21. januarja, začetek ob pol osmih zvečer v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd. Prošeni ste vsi stari in novoizvoljeni zastopniki, da se gotovo udeležite te važne seje. Na dnevnem redu bodo volitve odbora za l. 1947, kakor tudi druge važne zadeve. Torej pridite vsi!

Br. Ludvik Medvešek mi je izročil ček za \$52, denar, ki so ga darovali člani društva 5 SNPJ. Br. Medvešek mi je še prej izročil vsoto \$352, torej je vrlro društvo Naprejski fond prispevalo v stavbniški fond še \$604. Društvo Naprejski 5-SNPJ je vedno med prvimi. Najlepša hvala in mnogo posnemovalcev! Cecilija Subel, tajnica.

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ja, Colo., in se udeležila pogrebnem in an vse, kar koli da nam uri žalosti. Tuhaj napuša tudi, Colo., v Great Valley, Calif. pa in brez nak, edil si ed nas vse ostane nam v trajnem spominu našega. Petvaj v miru in lahki nalujča soproga Frances Zupancič

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STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—On Sunday evening, Jan. 5, Lodge 588 held their first monthly meeting of 1947 and a good attendance was present. If such an attendance and the fine enthusiasm and fraternal spirit continues, 1947 will undoubtedly be a banner year for the Pioneers.

All incoming officers for 1947 were sworn in by Mildred Barnes in the absence of Pres. Max Chesnic, after which Frank Tomsic took over the presidential duties and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Besides attending to regular business, six new members were added to our membership, five transfers and one new member, bringing the total to 281 adults and 130 juveniles, or a total of 411 members. Our lodge has been adding new members each month and has shown excellent progress in building up our membership.

As an aid to further attract new members to the SNPJ, our lodge decided to conduct a more athletic program this year and a committee consisting of Rudolph Krulec, Frank Podboy, Jane Keshowski and Frank Kaminski was elected. This committee will plan a more active athletic program that will benefit our members and also be an attraction for new members.

Another incentive to create more activity among members was the creation of an entertainment committee. This committee will put on various social affairs at different times throughout the year. We are sure that with the cooperation of the members, the year will be a big success in social activities for all members. If you haven't been too active in the past, start the year off right, attend all meetings and social affairs of Lodge 588. Just to tip you off, you will really be surprised at the first two affairs being planned. All we can say is to watch the Prosveda for further details and to attend our next meeting on Feb. 2nd.

To enable more members to become active in committee work, the entertainment committee was elected for a period of six months. Elected for the first period are Elsie Kosmach, Frances Zele, Frances Ahacic, Jane Keshowski, Harry Kaminski, Carl Podboy and James Podboy. All are young, active lodge members and you can be sure the first half year will find the social calendar of the Pioneers filled up.

The monthly two dollar award was won by Joseph Vercek Jr.

While on the subject of social activities, we might inform our members that for an evening of fun and fine entertainment they should visit our SNPJ Club. There are some fine impromptu floor shows put on by any of those present. There are amateur nights like you've never seen. It's all good, clean fun and those of you who haven't spent a good evening at the club are really missing something. There is some fine talent among our members and you would be surprised how soon an orchestra is formed and providing music for your dancing pleasure. And if you like to participate in any of these pleasant affairs, drop around to the club on weekends. You'll have loads of fun and an evening well spent.

Pioneer Patter

Two teams of Pioneers bowlers participated in the duckpin tourney at Carick and as in past years, lack of practice in duckpins kept the teams from making a better showing. Right now Pioneer bowlers are looking forward to the National Tourney in Chicago. . . . We must say a word of praise about a new member of ours, who really can play an accordion, Joe Terpin. A swell, likeable fellow, Joe plays every Sunday evening at the club.

We hope that Stanley Bunevich who is ill, will soon be well and about again. . . . Last Sunday at the club, we really saw a band that topped "Spike Jones". Joe Terpin on the accordion, Joe Yarkosky on the violin, with assistance of Bill Tomsic, Carl Podboy on a new type plastic trombone, assisted by Joe Novak, who was the vocalist, Ray Yarkosky on the bass and Cummy Kaminski on the cello, and the gang aided by Steve Yarkosky, promoter. They really did a swell job in keeping everyone in a cheerful mood.

Did you know that the Pioneers have two Mildred Podboys, three Mary Progars, two Tony Progars, two Frank Tomsics, two Wm. Tomsics in the lodge?

The dance floor has been sanded and will be in good shape for future dances. . . . Remember the membership campaign our lodge has a few years ago, with a used car donated by Tomsic, as a prize for

THE ANSWER TO:

"WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF JUVENILE DIRECTOR'S WORK?"

To the queries of lodge secretaries as to reasons why the last convention increased the lodge officers' staff by adding a "Director for Juvenile Activities," I feel that some explanation is necessary.

The time is approaching, when the American born children of members and others enrolled in our Society, will sooner or later take over important responsibilities in our local lodges, in view of the fact that those holding present positions for many years, will by natural processes be forced sooner or later to give them up. Generally, the interest for fraternal organizations founded by our immigrants is sadly lacking among our youth today. It is, then, vitally important that one person in the lodge be appointed to the post of preparing our youth for the responsibilities of lodge work. This was the paramount reason that the "Juvenile Director" was added to the lodge staff.

The work and responsibilities of this officer were designated as follows: To organize and promote various activities among the youth in his locality, especially to enhance the interest for better cooperation on the part of our young members at various affairs and other lodge or Society functions. The juvenile director could prepare plans for suitable programs of social, cultural and athletic activities, such as he deems necessary and in his opinion seem most attractive to our youth in the Society. To the younger members or prospective candidates for membership he could, if he were acquainted, explain the value and necessity of a fraternal benefit organization, as well as various types of certificates which the Society issues to the members of both departments. Whenever the juvenile circles are organized, he could help the circle managers by giving sound advice and good opinions; talk over the plans for improvement and more effective means for encouragement of juvenile activities in lodges and Society generally. Occasionally, he would confer with the rest of the lodge officers and consider their suggestions and advice, if he were convinced that they are good and for the benefit of the membership and the organization.

These are the highlights of the duties and work which the 13th regular convention approved in the form of article 112-A of the Society's by-laws, for the "Director of Juvenile Activities." This lodge officer should really be selected from the membership representing our younger generation in local lodges, although as we have learned, this could not have in some instances been executed, because youth in the lodges either do not attend lodge meetings, or they don't display sufficient interest in the lodge activities.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Waukegan News

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—To begin the year 1947 right, the Little Fort lodge members are urged to attend their lodge meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16, at 8 p. m. Believe me, we do need to begin it right if we are to carry out the decisions of the December meeting.

Although the attendance was far from good, the members present were full of enthusiasm and good will. "The Little Fort Lodge," it was pointed out, "was one of the most active lodges and there is no reason why it should not be again, with just a little interest from the membership."

On the strength of this and in need to replenish the lodge finances, the large lower hall in the SNH was rented for four consecutive Saturday evenings in March. Dancing is planned for the 2nd and 4th, games for the 3rd and 5th Saturdays.

The idea sounds good and with joint effort we can swing it. It will be fun for all of us to pitch in, and I know every Little Fort member is willing to do his share. One, two, three, get ready, let's go! at the next meeting.

Lodge news this month is about "little ones." The smallest member of the lodge is young Diane Mihevec, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swetec Mihevec, born on Dec. 6, 1946.

Other just born prospective members are: 1st, one in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stedman, formerly Angela Smrtnik; 2nd, a boy arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stritar; 3rd, also a boy, is the addition to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nottingham, formerly Mary Gantar.

Our congratulations and best wishes for good health to all of them.

In the hospital is Frank R. Smrtnik Jr. Millie Kozlecar just returned from there. Here is our wish for a speedy recovery.

Holidays interfered with gathering the news in and around Waukegan; will try to assemble some next time.

ALBINA L. FURLAN.

the winner? Maybe we could have a campaign of a similar nature.

Many nice things said about little Jerry Yarkosky's accordion playing alongside of his Dad last Sunday night. . . . Remember, Pioneers, our lodge has started on the way to a successful year, attend all lodge meetings and participate in all lodge affairs.

PUBLICITY COMM., 589.

Attention Utopian Members

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—There will be an important meeting on January 18, at the usual time and place, 8:30 p. m. at Slovenian Workers Home located on Waterloo Road. Plans will be made for the dance which will be held on February 23.

To those who are not familiar with the activities of our lodge meetings, we wish to inform you of our refreshments and free dancing following the business portion of our meeting. New officers will preside over the meeting for the first time.

The officers give their sincere thanks to the members who have cooperated so ably in the past, and they urge those who have not been able to attend to start the new year off right by being present at this very important meeting.

ROSE SHUME, Sec'y.

Sober Observation

First Drunk: "Whasat sign say?"
Second Souze: "It sez, 'Ladies Ready-to-Wear Dresses'."
First Drunk: "Well, it's about time. I'm sick of seein' 'em in slacks."

Golden Eagles Lodge

GIRARD, Ohio.—Our combined New Year's Eve dance was completely satisfactory. The music was fine; the crowd was excellent; the refreshments were plentiful; all ingredients for satisfying moments. The members of Lodges 49-643 have always worked together successfully. Chairmen Charlie Jacobs and Louis Muster extend their gratitude to all those who attended, who manned the various distribution posts and all those who supported the affair in any way. And in turn, the chairmen are to be congratulated for the fine manner in which they tackled their job.

Federation Meeting

This meeting brought forth a few productive results. Joe Garm will continue as president. He is from Sharon-Parrell district. Tony Kiki of Youngstown will serve as vice-president. Tony Valentine of West Middlesex will hold his job as treasurer while John Rovon of Girard continues as recording secretary. The secretary's job went to John Tancsek of Girard.

All representatives were present except Niles. It is hoped that East Palestine and Bessemer will weaken shortly and affiliate themselves with the federation. Perhaps the major decision was the approval of an Ohio SNPJ Day. Our Big Day was discontinued during the war but there

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—It has been so many times in the Prosveda, in regard to paying your dues in time. Many members still fail to recognize that most important matter to pay, the dues at the proper time.

All dues must be paid on or before the last day of each month. The secretary will no longer take care of anybody's dues. If you fail to pay for one month, suspension will follow, and if the second month is not paid, cancellation will be in order with a letter advising you that you failed to pay your dues on time. So be more prompt with your dues, so that your protection will not be hampered by suspension or cancellation.

Brother Leo Morela has passed away last month. Brother Morela has been one of the old SNPJ members. In behalf of our Integrity Lodge we extend our sincerest sympathy to his wife and children, who are also Integrity members. Brother Elroy has officiated at the last rites.

We congratulate Rudy Venisnik's household on their new arrival, a baby boy. We also wish to congratulate our secretary, Michael Fleischacker's household on a new arrival, also a baby boy.

Congratulations are on hand to Sister Florence Drzich and Sister Charlotte Klima who were recently married. We hope they will bring their better halves in the Integrity fold.

On the sick list we have Sister Mary Ravniker, also Sister Anita Marieth. We wish them a speedy recovery.

As this article has been prepared at the entertaining committee meeting and with some officers present, details were formulated for our coming May 3rd dance. For this affair we will have program books printed. We urge all our members to make this program book a successful venture by giving us full cooperation in behalf of the book. We also are going to have a drawing for a table model radio and a pressure cooker. Donations will be 5c. We want to make this affair successful in order that we build a financial reserve in our lodge treasury.

In order to realize this, every member must do everything within his power and without depending on just a few members to realize such success. You must fall in line with those few members who have in the past done their share.

We have a number of members in the A class, which is a certificate for the whole life. The secretary is appealing to those members who have such plans to change it to either Twenty-Pay Life or Twenty-Year Endowment. For a little additional cost each month and credit on some of the years that you have already paid would give you greater benefit that you will realize from it in years to come. For applications see your secretary.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Secretary SNPJ Lodge No. 631.

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 49

GIRARD, Ohio.—All members of SNPJ lodge 49 are hereby notified that I will collect lodge dues at each meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. Thereafter from the 25th on until the last of the month at my home, 62 Smithsonian st. Please keep this in mind.

JOHN ROVAN, Sec'y.

Silver Stars Lodge 729 Celebrate 15th Anniversary Dance Saturday, January 18

YUKON, Pa.—Silver Stars Lodge 729 have a huge celebration scheduled for Saturday, January 18. It's our 15th year that our lodge has been organized, and we have preparations for a "gala affair," this being our Anniversary Dance.

Frank Perovne and his Musical Stylists shall be the main entertainment attraction, swinging out those Slovene tunes and the top hits of today. Everyone knows by the lineup of his musicians, that our yearly social will be a complete success.

The dancing hours are from nine to 1 a. m. During this time the dance will be highlighted with silver and blue decorations (our lodge colors) and each person will be showered completely with confetti and streamers circling in all directions to remind all present that an

important celebration is in full progress at our Slovene Hall in Yukon.

We extend a cordial invitation to all neighboring lodges and friends everywhere to attend—our first dance of the new year.

All members are requested to report at the Slovene Hall, Friday, Jan. 17, to help decorate for our dance; this includes the men as well as the girls, so please be on hand at 7 p. m. as there is a task for all to fulfill.

Remember the 15th Anniversary Dance of the Silver Stars, January 18, music by the Musical Stylists. Check this dance date now and plan to be at Yukon Slovene Hall this Saturday.

CAROLYN ZALOKAR, Sec'y.

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—For those of you who ain't in the "know," at the January meeting of the Victorians the following members were installed as officers for the year 1947: Emil Skubic, president; John Povhe, vice pres.; Mary Novak, sec'y-treas.; Joan Koprivc, rec. sec'y; John Kragl, agt.-at-arms.

The membership would do well to come out on Sunday afternoons to spur on the men's team when the Victorians go into action with the West Side Interlodge League at Prima Bowling Lanes, 2501 S. Kedzie.

And if you can't make it Sunday afternoons, come out and watch the girls' team Wednesday evenings at Bennetts, Cermak and Rockwell. By the way, the girls are thinking seriously of challenging the fellows to a game one of these Sundays.

The Pop Committee is working these days. Doing what? It's a dance February 8, at Gratchner's Hall. Keep the date in mind folks—it's going to be a jolly affair—be seeing you.

JOAN KOPRIVC, 632.

Young American Lodge

DETROIT, Mich.—As has been the policy in previous years, members of Lodge Young Americans 594 can pay their dues at the monthly meeting, the second Friday of each month, and also on the last Friday of the month at the SND, 17149 John R st. If it is impossible to do so on these nights, I am at the SND every Saturday night from 9 on, and every Sunday afternoon at the Omira Cafe, 619 E. McNichols rd. from 4 to 9. You can also see me at my home, 17838 Hawthorne Ave., Detroit 3, Michigan. My phone number is Twinbrook 13306.

STANLEY KRAINZ, Sec'y.

Women's Club Will Give Dance Feb. 8

MIDWAY, Pa.—The Slovene Ladies Club of Midway is sponsoring a dance, Saturday, Feb. 8, at 8 p. m. in the local SNPJ Hall. Music by Al Medefor and his Polkateers. Everybody is invited.

COMMITTEE.

* Morning Stars * Lodge

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Just a few words to remind all our SNPJ friends and neighbors of our coming dance on Jan. 25 at the Slovene Hall, 57th and Butler. The lively and enjoyable waltzes and polkas will be furnished by the ever popular Billy Pernishek and his Streamliners of radio fame. Come out and enjoy Billy's music and join in the fun with all your acquaintances which are sure to be at this affair.

A group of the local lads spent a very enjoyable time at the recent Comets' dance and hope that the lodge from Universal will have more dances in the future. What do you say you folks from Universal? Let's have some more of these good-times together. Hope to see you all at our dance on the 25th as well as all the other neighboring lodges.

Concerning the recent bowling tournament at the Palmer Classic Lanes in Carick. I just have to let off a bit of steam.

At the last Federation meeting which was held in Library, a lengthy discussion was held in regard to the date of the annual bowling tourney and it finally came to a vote as to whether New Year's day was the best day for such an affair. The difference of opinion was about equal as the final tally came to 13 to 11 in favor of the New Year's day.

Of course, being that we are all fair minded SNPJ folks, we all attended the tournament and really enjoyed it. However, since the vote was so close I'm sure that much consideration should be given in regard to whether the next annual tournament should be held on the same day or perhaps later in the spring of the year.

Personally the writer feels that a later date would be more suitable although at present I have no suggestions. My foremost reason for this stand is due to the bad weather encountered on Jan. 1, and also the fact that it is common for the majority to celebrate the night before. This in itself has much to do with the big heads and hangovers the next day and the resultant poor bowling that is inevitable.

So let's get together and plan the next tournament for a better date when everything will be favorable for an even larger turnout and a fair tournament. Even if it means the breaking of the so-called tradition of Jan. 1, let's strive for a new date for the next affair for one never knows what a change may mean until it is attempted.

JOHN E. FABEC, 665.

Buckeye Bits

BARBERTON, Ohio.—The first meeting of the Buckeyes' lodge 626 in 1947 took place at the Domovina Hall on Wed., Jan. 8, at 7:30 p. m. with the new officers of the lodge being installed. May they carry their responsibility well, and may they get greater cooperation from the members in the year to come.

I would like to see more of our members come to the meetings now, as we have changed our meeting date to each second Wed. in the month, and have some important details about a dance we are going to have in the month of April. More about this in the Prosveda at a later date.

What we need at our next meeting is a lot of you members to be present, at the meeting, so that the committees can be named and each one can have a certain job to do, for our dances, which we all want to be a success. So, be there on Feb. 12 at 7:30 p. m. at the Domovina Hall on 14th st.

Another reminder for you member that do not pay their dues at the meetings, is that Secretary Mary Apchak will take dues at her home ONLY, on the last Wednesday of each month after 6 p. m. in the evening. Mary Fidel, our treasurer, will take care of your dues at her home, on the other days of the month.

We wish a speedy recovery to our member Frank Zager, who was hurt while working at the factory. Members, please go to visit him at 833 Brady Ave. as he has to have his leg in a cast for six weeks at the least. You know it makes a sick member feel better when he knows that some of the lodge members visit him, and talk to him, and makes the days ahead seem shorter and more pleasant. Visits at times do a lot to cheer and speed up the recovery of the patient.

On behalf of the Buckeye Lodge 626 SNPJ I extend heartfelt sympathy to Joseph Yerman and family, his mother, and brother, Matt Yerman, upon the recent death of their father.

THERESA SONOFF, Rec. Sec'y.

"Trojans" Make Debut in News

Friendly City and Flood City Merge, Pick New Name

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Once again we come to the spotlight with a bigger and better goal in mind. At this time we wish to make known that Friendly City and Flood City lodges have consolidated into one lodge and we are now known as the "Trojans."

We held our special meeting on Sunday, Jan. 5, at 8 p. m. at the Moxham Slovene Hall, at which time we again took a vote on the matter of consolidating and we also selected our new officers for the year 1947. We are striving for a bigger and better English speaking lodge in Johnstown, by pulling together and in the same direction.

Officers for the Trojans for 1947 are as follows: President, Joseph Culkar; Vice President, Joseph Glavach; Secretary, Dorothy Glavach; Treasurer, Josephine Blizjak; Rec. Sec'y, Jennie Kopriva; Auditors, Pauline Langerhole and Frances Hoevar; Juvenile Director, James Trofino; Sgt.-at-arms, Larry Langerhole; Athletic Director, James Trofino. Lodge physician, Dr. M. C. Schultz.

I also wish to announce that meetings will be held each second Sunday of the month at 7:30 p. m. at the Moxham Slovene Hall. So, all you members, please take note and try to attend!

Friendly City journeyed to Carick on New Year's Day to the bowling tournament and we had a wonderful time. It was grand seeing our old friends from out that way again. Of course, we will be known as Trojans from now on, so let's see more of you come out and try your skill. We'll be looking for you.

Our mixed league bowls every Friday at 8 p. m. at the Galle's Bowling Alleys on Greene st. in Conemaugh. And for you men, our tenpin league bowls every Sunday at 1 p. m. at the Capital Bowling Alleys. So let's all get active, members!

Congratulations are in order for the proud mamas and papas, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rotella, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tomkosky and Mr. and Mrs. John Gabrenja of Florida.

We are hoping to see all you members at the next meeting Feb. 9.

So let's go, members! Let's get active and show the rest of the people what we can do!

JENNIE KOPRIVA, Rec. Sec'y.

Sheldon News

SHELDON, Wis.—The next meeting of Lodge 273 will be held Sunday, Jan. 19, at 2 p. m. I certainly hope to see a larger attendance than at our December meeting. Come on, members—how about a perfect attendance in 1947?

Because of the few members at our last meeting, it was necessary to let an important question ride until our January meeting. The question brought up was: should we put an extra 10c assessment per member on each adult member, or should we have a picnic once a year and all those who do not attend to donate 75c.

Our treasury must be built up, we can not go on long as we have been doing. It is up to you members to decide which you would rather have, so won't you all please come Sunday and cast your vote? Hope to see you all Sunday, Jan. 19.

EMMA DERNOVSEK, Sec'y.

future. We daydreamed while we should have delved in facts. We believed—foolishly—that the delightful days could go on forever. While we dozed on the beach of submission, the boys in the back room waited patiently for us to become too contented; too satisfied, too smug. Well, we did. We simply could not stand the prosperity!

Yes, I predict a great deal of comments on the proposals which will be put before us. Wherever people gather, there will be talk of the "good Roosevelt days." And I further predict that nothing else will be done—just talk!

OFF THE RECORD.—Thanks to the Swabbecks for their aid during our dance. Carl is always ready to extend a helping hand. And our thanks too—Mary's and mine—for the gifts received from the Circle members.

Our next meeting is MONDAY, January 27. Come on around and help with plans for the rest of the year! Installation of officers and such. The outgoing secretary, Mary Macek, deserves a word of thanks for her good work while holding office. Mary was especially adept in securing new members. In this department, she was the "champ." No doubt about it! The Circle extends its appreciation to Joe Umcek for his music during the Christmas party.

FRANK REZEK, 843.

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—It was a grand time the Pioneer lads and lassies had, last Sat. night at the Lawndale Masonic Temple. The occasion was the party and banquet for GIs and Veterans of Pioneer Lodge 559, SNPJ and a goodly number of our friends were in attendance with us. In fact, so many that we had to have a second serving. Mary Andres prepared the grub with the help of our fine girls, of course. John Rak made a few pertinent remarks about the cause and effect of wars. Vincent Cankar, president of the SNPJ, stressed what the SNPJ has done for all of our servicemen and all of the Pioneer officers were introduced to the banqueters. Harold Dusek and Robert Rada played musical instruments accompanied by our own Mary Owen and Edward Rakow, the one man band, played four instruments at one time. The entire affair was handled by the Pioneer executive committee, who were host to the GIs and veterans and who performed a fine job. Not only were the folks well satisfied with the fine grub and the few talks but they had plenty to drink as well and all of this helped to create a lively spirit and an extra good time. Stan Gregorin's orchestra from Waukegan gave that extra touch to make it the best party the Pioneers have had in many, many years. Anton Udovich brought a number of people with him from La Salle, to the affair, while Waukegan was extra well represented with at least 20 people. Yes sir, the good time had at the Pioneer GI banquet and party is now "the talk of the town."

This GI party would have been even better if Angela Calugi hadn't taken sick and if the Ukrainian Dance Group wasn't laid up by the doctor. However, we made the best of it, got some substitutions and then had a good time. This writer served as toastmaster. Some old time Pioneers were back with us. We want to thank everyone who assisted in making it such a grand success, especially the couple of young women (non-members) who helped to wait on the tables. The Grosers used this as a reunion for the family. Jack came down from New Lisbon, Wisconsin, and Anne came from Universal, Pa., to be with Funk and Luke and the parents. Mary Hogen was not able to come at this time. Otherwise, the reunion would have been complete.

All Pioneer juveniles who have not received their Xmas package on December 22, are requested to call at the office of the secretary, 2910 S. Lawndale, and pick up their gift. Be sure you bring your ticket along. Pioneer lodge has contributed its share of the proceeds for the purchase of these gifts. That's why they are made available to every member.

It is reported that a new linoleum which will wear five times as well and as long is now being manufac-

OBSERVATIONS

By Franc Podgorski

During the year of 1946, we said many times to our friends and neighbors, "Good luck, Na zdar, or Saludo, amigo."

Well wishing, that is, some of it, given and received was more or less pure hot air. But the call, "A Happy New Year" always seems to me so warm and genuine that I never doubt its source even if no cigar is given.

But what we do up here in the Northwest at Yuletide is very small potatoes by comparison of what they do in the state of Mississippi. While we mostly indulge in well-wishing through the year up here, down there they do things in a big way. For example, they presented a citizen Bilbo with a complete dream house, a fine limousine and a lake to boot.

Some U.S. senators want to know more about how this is done. So folks down yonder, the better people that is, feel a bit resentful the way other people misunderstand true Southern hospitality. It always was so among good neighbors, they say. And even if a lake is dug up, think nothing of it. As friends we have just done so without asking any quarters.

They say they just like Mr. Bilbo, that is all.

These good Mississippians are no doubt fully aware that to prove what they say is correct, may not be so easy less they find some scape goat for their double dealing. And as usually down South luck is with them.

Mr. O'Konksy reports that they found a red herring trail leading towards New York. No doubt they feel now much relieved.

The idea of yearly guaranteed wages appears to have some favorable nods even in U.S. Chamber of Commerce. This really is most unexpected. This might be the New Year's rabbit in the hat for workers who are so naive as not to see the hidden snares of full year commitments.

There is some doubt on how can an unplanned economy pay wages on a full year plan.

tured and that the companies making it are building several new plants for this purpose. We are yet to see the real developments which have come about from the experiments during the last war.—Yngre Moller, Swedish Trade Union representative to the United Nations has told that body that Sweden doesn't have any need for anti-labor laws, because they have a labor government. Americans should take cognizance of this and start using their economic power in their own behalf. If a system like that works in a country like Sweden where Democracy is the by-word, then it should work here as well.—Funny isn't it, how America and England are telling the Polish government how to conduct their elections, because Poland is under the influence of the Russians. The same people have done absolutely nothing to insure a decent election in Greece or any other pro-Fascist country in the world. What they are actually trying to say is that the people should not elect radical candidates. The Americans and the English would rather see reactionary elements at the helm of the Polish government. That's why we hope that the people will make their own choice without interference from England or America.

Pioneer members are invited to attend the next regular meeting Friday, January 17, at the SNPJ Hall. We will install new officers and chart a program for 1947. We will report on the GI banquet, on bowling and the other activities and set up the committee for the 1947 National SNPJ Bowling Tourney. We will have refreshments and cash attendance awards. Start the year right, by coming to the first meeting.

Detroit News

DETROIT.—Odds and Ends from Detroit: The Juvenile Circle (members ten years old and older) went bowling Saturday, January 4, under the direction of Ann Stroman and Dorothy Kacun. Dan Obed was the instructor. Ann Rugel and Jeff Jones were married in Gillespie, Illinois on December 6. Friday, December 13, was a lucky day for Helen and Bill Penzoza for the stork brought them a baby girl. Three days later the same old stork brought a baby boy to Joe and Jean Majestic. Concerning the S. N. D., shares are now available at twenty dollar per share. The next Federation meeting will be on Saturday night, January 25, at the S. N. D. on John R.

The annual meeting of S. N. D. shareholders was held on Sunday, January 5. After Chairman John Kane had presented the agenda for the meeting, Ray Travnik was chosen as translator. About a hundred members were present at the meeting. In the election of officers, Jane was re-elected president unanimously. Jane has always done more than his share for both the S. N. D. and the Young Americans, so his re-election was well deserved.

Josephine Spindel was elected vice-president. Joe Golia was re-elected secretary unanimously. Mike Nagel was elected treasurer unanimously, succeeding Henry Retzel, who declined the nomination. Anton Jurca Sr. was re-elected recording secretary unanimously. The new chairman of the auditing committee is Andy Grum, who was elected unanimously. The auditing committee was expanded to five members, and the following were chosen to serve on the committee: Ray Travnik, Rudy Grum, Henry Rupert and Anton Codelnik. The house committee now consists of eleven members: John Kane, Joe Golia, Mike Nagel, Andy Grum, Robert Travnik, George Stimac, Albert Serdoner, Frank Gaber, Henry Rupert, Albert Padar, and Tom Hostnik. There was no definite action taken on the building of a New Dom.

At their last meeting, the Young Americans decided to buy five shares of S. N. D. stock. On Saturday, February 22, the Young Americans are holding a bingo party at the Dom. The proceeds from this affair will be used to buy additional shares of S. N. D. stock. Joe Golia was elected National Athletic Board member. Helen Stimac was elected chairman of girls' sports, but the election of a men's sports chairman was again postponed until next month. The women bowlers are sponsoring a bingo party and drawing on Saturday, February 1. Those of you who have not yet bought your tickets can get as many books as you want from any girl bowlers.

Thanks to Ray Travnik who supplied much of the above information.

ADOLPH KOSS, 564.

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Reveliers Column

AMBRIDGE, Pa.—Two dates to remember:
Jan. 19—E. S. federation meeting at 2 p. m. at 57th and Butler, Pittsburgh.
Feb. 1—14th Anniversary dance of Excelsior lodge, West Allegheny.

Much has been written about the recent bowling tournament and dance, so all I can say is it was another great milestone of success for the E. S. L. The following committee, men and women, should be congratulated on their fine jobs, namely Mike Kumer, Jim Maglich, Larry Cassol, Johnny Ujclch, Elmer Efficacy, Helen Ribarich and Emma Korosec. A job well done.

All English speaking lodges are requested to keep this Sunday, Jan. 19, open for the annual meeting of the federation at 57th and Butler street, Pittsburgh. This will be one of the most important meetings of the year since the election of new officers for 1947 comes up plus all the business of 1946 will have to be closed. So don't forget to send your delegates.

Congratulation to Frank Likar and Frances Dermotta of Library on their marriage last Saturday. Good luck, folks.

Mary Anzur of the Reveliers is still on the sick list and the members are requested to pay her a visit. Here's hoping you a speedy recovery, Mary. I had the pleasure of meeting the ever-popular Pioneer member, Bro. Donald Lotrich, at the tournament.

Here's hoping the rumors of two of our E. S. lodges, Golden Eagle of Girard, Ohio, and the Ramblers of Bridgeport, Ohio, aren't true about merging with the senior lodges. Here's hoping the members get in there and pull together a little harder, for we all suffered setbacks during the war, but it won't last. Good luck.

Correction to Sis. Milly Bernick's (Detroit Wolverines) column of last week: Lodge Reveliers of Ambridge is using your lodge name for bowling instead of Allegheny.

Sports: Two weeks ago the Revelier duckpin bowling league closed its first half with the Strugglers taking 3 games from Comets to knock them out of first place thus giving the Cavaliers first position.

Rudy Kosela rolled the high single for men with a 222 score and 482. Val Kosela's 196 took match honor with a 508 total. Bob Kozdarski following with a 181 and 449. Ann Knafelc posted high one game women score of 195. Frances Rosenberger following with a 149-423. Margie Tekstar 145 and Jennie Kosela 366.

High scores for first half are: men, Danny Obed 234-623, Tony Grabec 228, Andy Spolarich 598; women, Stella Pelta 182-453, Veronica Bajek 178, Frances Rosenberger 432. Teams' standings end of first half: Cavaliers 27-15, Comet 25-17, Strugglers 24-18, Comrades, Excelsiors 23-19, Wolverines, Keystoneers 19-23, Lucky Stars 8-34.

VAL KOSELA, 699.

BOWLING BITS

By J. J. Spiller

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Happy days are here again! The initial session in this new year brought about this change in the person of Louis "Shorty" Zadel, captain of the Loyallite 2 team in the rousing Sunday SNPJ good-time squabbles. Squaring off with the tough Lunder-Adams, Sharpshooters, Shorty and his mates did a smart bit of pin toppling to upset the Hotshots in all three encounters.

That feat alone was enough to cause a big stir in Cpt. Zadel's thoughts but we think the 550 series Shorty recorded was a large factor for the happy days. Louie has had rough slidding so far and at long last broke the monotonies of those lowly series which would depress anybody, even Mr. Zadel.

Frank (Big Boy) Mikle mangled out a 594 series that mixed perfectly with Louie's 550 and that was all the two bachelors needed to show the way to a 2789 series that included a 992 game, both of which rated third in the team highs. "Slamming" John Simic bore the brunt of the Lunder's attack with a 634 series, third best burst in the individual racket.

The Utopian 1-Loyallite 4 clash saw the Red-Shirt Raiders on top in two gruelling affairs. The Peacemakers triumphed easily enough in the first fray but had to turn on the steam to cop the second match by 19 pins. The final fight was an all-out brawl with the Loyallites staving off a torrid Red-Shirt finish to snag the game also by 19 sticks, 659 to 940. The feature highlights of that last encounter were Frank Jagodnik's and Joe Matthews' 238 scores. Whitley anchored nicely with a 608 series for the Crimson Crusaders and Jagodnik led his crew with a 569 series.

SIDELINE SLANTS: The Loyallite 2 Shellackers had three men striking out for a marvellous finish to win by 24 pins in the middle game. Sparkplug Shorty Zadel couldn't quite believe his eyes and was stunned momentarily but made a lot of noise after recovering from the jolt. Ed Bartel reeled off a 221 game to earn five bucks in the Bowlers Ass'n prize contest. Ed has a 122 average and becomes the fifth bowler to pull down a cash award this season. . . Yours truly keeping score for the Utopian-Loyallite match under the watchful eye of Rosemary Raines. That's enough of that hair tonic, Rosemary!

Dapper Morrie Debenak not so smooth on the slick lanes. Want them a-running, eh, Ed? . . . Johnny Japel cracked a 233 game but was beaten out for the jackpot by Carl Krause's 247 smash. Some time ago Johnny hit the same identical score only to have somebody come up with 234. No justice, John!

SPECIAL NOTICE: A special notice for all the kaglers and SNPJ lodges. The Cleveland Athletic League will hold their regular monthly meeting this Sunday, Jan. 19, in the Old Building of the Slovene Home on St. Clair at 1:30 p.m. Representatives and SNPJ members are urged to attend this all-important session which will be instrumental in our sport activities this year. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Let's get acquainted, boys and girls!

TEAM RESULTS: Loy. 2-3, Lunders 0. F. Mikle 564, J. Simic 635, Spartans 3, Comrades 0. B. Schlarb 575, V. Vebor 482, Clev. 3-3, Utop. 3-0. T. Yuretic 575, W. Kronik 336, Utop. 1-2, Loy. 4-1, J. Matthews 608, F. Jagodnik 560. Clev. 1-2,

Waukegan News

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—The SNH choral group has about 20 new members and a handful of prewar members. The practice night is on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

More new members are urged to join; especially the prewar members are urged to help sing the choral group back to the success it was before the war. The choral group would get on its feet sooner if the veteran singers would come out and help the new members over the rough spots, and also helping the choral director to organize this group into a smoother working group.

The Waukeganites who were at the Pioneers' veteran dinner-dance said it was a success and over soon, but daylight creeping on them, sent them home to bed.

More fun for those who love to dance and listen to Stan Gregorin's dance band, this Saturday, Jan. 18, at the SNH.

Bowling Strikes: W. Furlan's team beat North Chicago Dairy three games while North Chicago Consumers Co-op beat Gantar Bros. Shoe Store two games. The standings are: Furlan 27-15, No. Chicago Co-op 20-22, Gantar Shoe Store 18-23, No. Chicago Dairy 18-24.

Among the men, E. Belec hit 324 for his series and hi game of 194; among the ladies, C. Stritar hit 439 and hi game of 170.

Talking about spilling the pins above average in a single game: among the ladies, M. Kenik hit 77 pins over her average, being the highest over average so far; among men, F. Furlan hit the most average in a single game, hitting 79 pins over average.

Lodge 568 meeting night is still the third Thursday evening each month. Also, the secretary will be at SNH each third Saturday evening to accept dues.

VIC BELEC, 568.

Utopians

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The Utopians, Lodge 604 SNPJ, will hold their first meeting for 1947 this Saturday, January 18, at Slovene Workingmen's Home on Waterloo Rd. Members are invited to attend the business meeting starting at 8 o'clock and social that will follow. Initiation of officers and plans for 1947 should be of interest to all members. Come early and stay late.

R. L.

Russia is building a large army. United States is feverishly building and piling up atomic bombs, her president makes a "peace-through-strength" speech, lawmakers debate compulsory military training, her scientists exploring best ways of getting at Russia thru the Arctic wastes.

Both are crating peace and good fellowship in UN councils.

Lodge 156-1. W. Leskovec 542, J. Zgonc 477. Loy. 1-2, Concordians 1. J. Kari 568, J. Japel 572. Loy. 5-2, Loy. 3-1. E. Stefanic 583, F. Fortuna 502. Utop. 2-2, Strugglers 1. C. Krause 557, P. Golob 532.

N. Y. All Americans

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—I've been just about disowned by some members of my lodge because I've not had an article in Prosveta for a couple of weeks. The holidays are busy times for all and they were for me too.

On Sunday, December 15, Lodge 580 had their yearly meeting. It was well attended, many decisions were reached and new officers for 1947 were elected who are: President, John Kirk; Vice President, William Fugina; Recording Secretary, Jerry Gorek; Financial Secretary, Jennie H. Padar. 1676 Linden St., Brooklyn 27, N. Y.; Treasurer, Peter Fugina; Sgt.-at-arms, Joseph Krizman, Auditors, Frank Padar, Cecilia Murin, and Anthony F. Svet. Lodge physician, Dr. Benjamin Pollet. Meetings shall be held the same as in previous years, from the month of October through May the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. and starting with June through September each 3rd Friday of the month at 8 p.m.

The salary of the lodge secretary was increased by ten dollars per year, a donation was made to the Cleveland Slovene National Museum and a donation was made toward the Christmas party of Juvenile Circle 50. Refreshments were served the members after the meeting.

The new calendars were distributed and naturally I am concerned with opinions. In most cases preference is for a picture with children as a subject, as they were the past few years. Many of our members keep the pictures each year and some have gathered quite a collection through the years. By the way, I still have some on hand; therefore, if you do not have yours yet, call at the home of the secretary or attend the meeting in January.

It is customary at the yearly meeting to also elect a committee for our annual Valentine dance. This meeting was no different and Sisters Katherine Stuart and Anne Brandt, William Fugina and Peter Fugina were elected. The Valentine dance this year shall be held on Saturday, February 15, at the Slovene American Auditorium, 253 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn. It shall be in the form of a Beer Party where for the price of admission of \$1.50 beer or soda shall be served free from the hours of 9 to 1 a.m. The committee had a meeting on Thursday, January 9, and shall make a definite report of their decisions at the monthly lodge meeting on Sunday, January 19.

The William Fuginas are happy parents to a baby girl born on December 12. She shall be called Elaine and is expected to be entered in the lodge shortly. Sister Pauline Baier was also a proud mother on January 7 and we hope the new arrival shall be entered as a juvenile member soon too. Brother Ludwig Mutz and Feliks Kramarsch Jr. are on the sick list at present and a speedy recovery is wished for both.

Each month all members of the Juvenile Circle are sent cards notifying them to attend the regular monthly meeting. In December the cards were sent as usual but because they were delayed in the mails, many members were not aware of the meeting taking place. Therefore, in all fairness to all the members, the ones who came on Sunday, December 22, spent the afternoon making various styles of Christmas tree decorations which they took home for their trees. Then another meeting was called for Sunday, December 29, when we had a good attendance. At this meeting the new officers were elected which are: President, Mildred Padar; Vice-President, Annette Kirk; Secretary, Frances Pirnat; Treasurer, Marion Svet; Sgt.-at-arms, Robert Stuart. The Manager, Jennie H. Padar and assistants Katherine Stuart and Katherine Kirk were elected by lodge 580 at their yearly meeting.

After the official meeting we played some games and prizes were awarded. With exchanging gifts by grab-bag procedure we had a lot of fun. When all the gifts were distributed and we began to feel hungry we sat down at the decoratively set table and had cake, soda, cookies and candy while singing carols. The only light in the room being supplied by candles set down along the long table. Thus another holiday was spent in style.

The next meeting of "The Junior All Americans" is to take place on Sunday, January 26, and it is expected that a number of new juveniles shall be accepted into the Circle then.

A number of us spent New Year's Eve at the New Yugoslav Home on 405 E. 41st st. in New York City. This is the latest project of the New York Yugoslavs and is met with great approval and support. The new home has over 700 members who have holding share of \$100 and more each. The building is being completely renovated and is expected to be ready for daily business on March 1st. This home shall supply many opportunities for closer relationship for youth groups too since one complete floor is designated for gymnasium where competitive games of basketball and other games can be played. Bowling alleys are also at disposal.

This Saturday, January 18, the United Lodges of Greater New York shall sponsor their annual dance at the Slovene Hall. Everyone is urged to attend and a good time is assured all.

On Saturday, February 1, Slovene Singing Society "Slovan" shall sponsor a dance also at Slovene Hall. Once again you'll have the opportunity to hear the new chorus render a few selections.

On Sunday, January 19, the regular monthly meeting of the New York All Americans shall take place. The new officers shall be installed and we are off to start another year which we hope shall be a successful one for the lodge and the members too. We hope to start the year right by a new member proposed by Brother Svet at the December meeting.

Sister Mravak informs me that her daughter has recently signed a contract with the 20th Century Fox Studios in Hollywood, California. She is known as Elly Marshall and preparatory to her first movie assignment she is studying dramatics, voice and dancing at the moving studio. Her grandfather Thomas Celik is a member of Lodge 140 of Brooklyn, N. Y. It would help if she would receive a lot of mail stating a desire to see her in a picture soon. Therefore, let's try to help this young girl along by dropping her a line at the studio and we certainly do hope to see her in a picture soon.

In closing I wish to thank my many SNPJ friends for your letters and cards. They are appreciated. Expect to meet sister Jane Fradel of Latrobe, Pa., when she expects to be in New York this month sometime.

Wishing you one and all a very happy 1947.

JENNIE H. PADAR, Sec'y.

Bowling Bits

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The grand performance of Millie Marn enabled the Concordians to take two games from the Utopians. Millie rolled games of 184-188-189, a total of 559. Donna Grill's 531 topped the losers.

The Strugglers, the second place team dropped three games to Comrades 2, thereby dropping to 3rd place. Frances Perdek's 463 was high for the Strugglers. P. Rose had 502 for Comrades.

Spartans lashed the Comrades 1 in three games, moving themselves right into second place. Frances Zupancic again topped her team with 468. Antoinette Skok totaled 432 for Comrades.

Utopians 2 went to town and defeated the Loyallites in three games. Mary Perdan sparked the way with 458 with good support from Mary Zerman and Frances Simonec with 433 and 450, respectively. Jean Bebar (Opic) was tops for the Loyallites with 403.

Concordians 36-18, Spartans 31-23, Strugglers 30-24, Utopians 1. 26-28, Comrades 1. 25-29; Utopians 2. 28-29; Comrades 2. 23-31; Loyallites 20-34.

Team high 3 Concordians 2355, Strugglers 2338, Comrades 1. 2337; team hi 1: Strugglers 828, Concordians 819, Comrades 2. 801; ind. hi 1: M. Son 233, G. Dusa 230, D. Weber 222; ind. hi 3: M. Marn 583, A. Skok 568, G. Dusa 543.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

Hostetter Lodge 762
Party Was Big Success

HOSTETTER, Pa.—A New Year's Eve party was held at the Pipestown Slovene Hall by the Pipestown Lodge 762 of Hostetter, on Tuesday night, Dec. 31, 1946 at 8. Delicious sandwiches were served all during the evening by the committee in charge. All the members and their guests marched to the music for a cake walk, which was won by Bro. Palmer and Francis Shabala.

At 11 we had the drawing for a beautiful all-wool blanket that was given away by our lodge. The winner was Leonora Kikel, a member of our Juvenile Department. (Sorry, Sister Rock, better luck for our next grand prize.)

At the strike of twelve Sister Mazon passed out noise-makers to all the members and their guests. By the time she had half of them passed out she was ready to quit. (Too much noise, she is the quiet type.)

Thanks to all the members of Lodge 762 who have made our parties a success throughout the year of 1946. Let's keep in the groove for 1947 and have a more successful year than ever.

AGNES PALMER, Sec'y.

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Our Times

By Louis Beniger

THE ACCENT of our diplomatic and administration circles is definitely on militarism.

The government wants to maintain a strong peacetime military force. One of the arguments for this is that America must never again permit another Pearl Harbor. But Japan and Germany are defeated and occupied and powerless. They cannot wage another war.

Oh yes, but we must keep our military bases throughout the Pacific. They must be strongly fortified against any aggressor. And our occupation forces throughout the world must be kept well supplied and equipped.

The real argument behind all this is Russia, of course. Russia is now the greatest power in Europe and Asia, and she is rapidly expanding in all directions. And her system of collectivization is threatening "our way of life," that is to say, our "free enterprise" system.

That's why we have a bi-partisan foreign policy to "get tough" with Russia, and that's why "we must have a strong peacetime army."

NEVER BEFORE did America spend such enormous sums of money for military purposes in peacetime.

The new budget calls for eleven billion dollars for military purposes. If adopted, this will be only a trifle less than the budget for the same purpose last year. Of course, the taxpayers will have to foot the bill, as they do for all other government expenditures.

Is this necessary—these eleven billion—in view of our "exclusive" possession of the atomic bomb secret? It is said that we have several nice stockpiles of the atomic bomb already and new bombs are being developed and manufactured.

Some people say that we will never use the atomic bomb because of the horrible lesson of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. If we are not going to use it, why do we continue to make it?

Well, maybe we just want to be well prepared with both, with a strong military machine and the atomic bomb, just in case—

IN THE MIDST of all this, and in spite of our military preparedness, we go on talking disarmament.

Russia was first in proposing international disarmament. Our boys from Jimmy Byrnes down were more than surprised at this and it took them a long time to issue their statements on disarmament. Meanwhile, we go right on arming to the teeth while the disarmament question rests in limbo.

Just how much we believe in disarmament can be seen in the fact that "we" just named our top military leader to head the most important civilian post, that of the State Department.

It is said of Gen. George Marshall that he is a military genius as well as a soldier diplomat. At any rate, the new Secretary of State is no novice in international dealings. He accompanied President Roosevelt on all of his famous trips. He was with him at the time of the drafting of the Atlantic Charter, in Casablanca and Cairo, in Tehran and Yalta.

Let's hope that Marshall will out-rank his predecessor in his moves—towards a just and durable world peace.

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—The monthly meeting for December was very highly attended and glad to see so many members there, and trust all of you resolved for the year of 1947 to attend each and every meeting.

At the meeting it was voted upon to purchase sweaters and jackets for the different softball players and soon we hope to see the players parading in their new outfits. After election of officers for the year 1947, the results are as follows:

President, Joe Pless; Vice Pres., Tony Trater; Secretary, Larry Cassol; Financial Sec'y, John Sepelyak; Recording Sec'y, Marge Markowitch; Treasurer, Josephine Buric; Juvenile Director, Mrs. Mary Bozick; Representative of Athletic Board, Larry Cassol.

Bartender and steward, Michael Pavelko; entertainment committee, Elmer Effler, Frank Bozick, Frank Bergoich, Matt Kern, Andy Sepelyak; sick committee, Mrs. Mary Cassol, Jennie Effler, Rose Bouma, Auditing Committee, Frank Porovne, Tony Trater and Vincent Crider. Trustees, Larry Cassol, Frank Porovne, John Yugovich, and reporter, Cornelia Gorum. To all of these officers we wish success and trust they do as good a job as the previous ones.

Two dances are scheduled for the month of January, one being Jan. 18 and the other Jan. 25, music by Johnny Ferguson and his orchestra. This is the first time that dance has played at our club for quite some time and we all look forward to seeing you different members from Universal, Lawrenceville, Harwick, Harmarville, Unity, Oakmont, etc., to welcome this band and spend an enjoyable evening with us.

New Year's Day found two bowling teams participating in the tournament at Garlick, and Mary Cassol and Rose Bouma entering the doubles and singles. While Marge Markowitch and I went along to root for the different bowlers. Had the pleasure of meeting so many members from Sharon, Ambridge, etc. and hope to see them at our club sometime in the near future.

Our first team, consisting of Elmer Effler, Larry Cassol, Johnny Ferguson, Mike Lipsky and Adolph Grayson bowled against the Lauter boys from Moundsville, West Virginia. They were certainly a grand bunch of fellows and we have a promise from them to attend our dance on the 18th and the Veronians look forward to entertaining them at that time.

The Veronian bowling league ended its first half with the Yanks, Elmer Effler, captain, taking first place and the Bears, Mike Lipsky and Steeklers, Joe Zolet tied for second place. The second half, the committee decided to have only 6 teams, 5 man teams. Some changes had to be made, but believe we can now go forward with complete teams.

The question of changing bowling nights from Thursdays to Sundays has come up due to the fact that some of the mills have changed their schedule of working nights, and ask you bowlers to get in touch with Eugene Mokosek and advise which night you prefer.

On behalf of the Veronian Club want to wish each and every member lots of luck in 1947 and see you at our dance.

CORNELIA GORUM, 680.

Spirit-O-Grams

By Ida J. Baumgarth

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The first meeting of the year has been held and the officers have been installed. Now, let's all give them a helping hand in all the activities they plan for us.

The first one on the docket is the Valentine Dance, which is coming up on Feb. 15 at the regular stand. We haven't had a real get-together like this for quite some time because of various restrictions so I'm certain that we are going to have an overflow crowd at this dance. The plans for the dance were discussed at our first meeting of the year and it really was heart-warming the way members volunteered for jobs. We're really on the beam.

Plans for our servicemen's party are going to be talked about again at our February meeting, so be sure to attend and bring along any ideas you may have. The officers will appreciate any suggestions so put on your thinking caps. Your ideas might be just the one we all will wish we had thought of. We will want to hold the servicemen's party as soon as possible after our Valentine party because that will be a big occasion and we want to keep the festive spirit as long as we can.

While I'm on the subject of dances, the "Sparklers" in Granite City are holding a dance on Jan. 18 at 14th and Iowa sts. I've heard that a group of "Sparklers" are planning to attend. Anyone wanting to go should get in touch with Bro. J. Spiller and you can make arrangements to go in a party or get directions from him.

We received notice from the main office that anyone under 36 years of age who still has an A policy should be sure to contact Sis. Odelia Markoff for the purpose of transferring to a different class policy. This is something that should be checked up on by old members who

didn't have their policies changed before.

About our members: Bro. Pete Dolenz fell on the ice recently and has been confined to bed from his injuries. A get-well card from each of us would hasten his recovery, I know.

Bro. Pete Kokal had an auto accident in which his car was side-swiped. With automobiles as great a luxury as they are, Bro. Kokal, it might have been a good idea to have had your car equipped with rubber bumpers all around. Hope it hasn't been damaged too badly, though.

Before ending my article, I'm going to say something that all the members would like for me to say. Our Xmas party was so much fun that we want to compliment Sisters Markoff, Spiller and Vertovsek on their wonderful job. An orchid to each of you from all of us.

Then, too, I don't think we have said "thank you" to the Ducotes for lending us a suit for Santa and to the Markoffs for letting us use their Xmas tree.

To all the members who were responsible for the success of the party, we can't say "thanks" often enough.

Be sure to get your Valentine Dance tickets and don't forget to sell all you can.

Well Answered

The witness was certainly no chicken, and the young lawyer thought it would be to his advantage to get her rattled.

"And now, madam," he said, "I must ask a personal question. How old are you?"

"Young man," she replied, "it isn't more than an hour since the judge objected to hearsay evidence. And I don't remember being born."



Juvenile Circles

Verona Juvenile Circle Meets Each 1st Sunday

VERONA, Pa.—This is my first letter to this column, but I hope not the last for, having a reporter, Frances (Dolly) Youk, I believe she will furnish the column with all details about our affairs in the future. I hope she writes quite often.

The purpose of this letter is to thank each and every one of the juveniles who so generously contributed towards the gifts the children surprised me with on our Dec. 14 dance. Also to say hello to our SNPJ lodges all over and a special hello to Strabane and thanks for being so nice when we visited you. Here's wishing you success and also hope to see you next summer. Thanks especially to Frances Petro and her able assistants.

As for the Veronian juveniles, see that we have a perfect attendance this year. Meetings are now first Sunday of each month, unless something unforeseen happens; then it will be held on the following Monday. We had a good record last year. Let's keep it that way and cooperate.

MARY BOZICH, Mgr.
Juvenile Circle No. 15

Activities of Sygan Circle 38 During Holidays

SYGAN HILL, Pa.—With the entry of the new year, many of us continue to convert a list of bad habits into more tolerable ones. Call it an annual inventory of your super ego, call it an examination of conscience, or just resolutions, but we are all more or less ready to reform at the termination of the old year. As soon as the holiday hangover wears off and you are clear enough to concentrate, you begin to reform mentally.

Weeks pass and you are terribly proud with progress. Aren't we all when we have proved to the ego that the pat on the back was genuine? Soon you have become lax in control of the great aims for the new year. Each month you promise super ego that reformation is the only outlet, but somehow ego has taken stride and you find yourself enjoying the broken amendments.

Finally the year terminates, and how far have you progressed? Oh well, there is another hopeful year ahead.

It may have been a superficial desire to reform that you would have been more successful. Sincerity, genuine interest and progress are all great factors in this discussion.

We have sowed our wild oats, and now we are ready to reap. May we, Circle 38, blossom into one of the most promising Circles in western Penna. in 1947. We must prove to the SNPJ world and to Brother Vrhovnik that there is genuine quality behind the quantity in the small community of Sygan Hill.

Circle Carols

While everyone was busy with Christmas decorations, we toured the village and sang carols. Even with every shiver of cold in each note, the caroling was good. The youngsters enjoyed it as did the audience at home.

Yule Program Delightful

Marion Warrant and I classified ourselves as pioneers in reference to planning a Xmas program. After that successful performance we really felt like old vets. Truly, I have never enjoyed anything as much as the routine practices. From the silly giggles of the girls to the ornery tricks of the boys, we were always amused. This compensated for the tension we had to bear.

New Year's Eve marked an active event at Sygan, for it was the juvenile Xmas program and party plus the New Year's party. As the enthusiastic audience continued the usual precut clamor, the melodious resounding of "The Stars Spangled Banner" calmed the group. Roger Warrant conducted the program very well.

Two youngsters in a short skit were anxious to invite Santa to

their party, so they dashed away to find him. They brought him back to listen to their problems and program which consisted of several poems, readings, a short play, "A Letter to Santa," and musical selections.

The Old Year and New Year made their debut at the termination of the program. Santa passed treats to the juveniles.

Here and there we could see children nodding their weary heads, for it was past their bedtime. Soon they were taken to Dreamland and Wish and Make Believe, while mother and dad returned to celebrate the remaining party. It really was a great party for young and old.

JULIANA KRAMZER, Mgr.
Sygan Hill Circle No. 36

Perfect Circle 38 Holds First Meeting of 1947

CHICAGO.—The Perfect Circle had their first regular meeting of the year last Saturday, January 11. There were 28 members present. The minutes, which were written up by Myra Beniger in my absence, were read and approved. The correspondence included Christmas cards, thank you cards and a letter informing us of Andy Orsey's death. Plans were made for bowling on Sunday morning, January 12, at 10:30 o'clock.

A short meeting will be held on January 18, at which tickets for the Morris B. Sach's "March of Dimes" broadcast will be handed out. Folders will be handed out in which dimes are to be put for the March of Dimes collection. The members are requested to write the amount they and their family are going to contribute on a piece of paper and give it to Mrs. Sannemann. (No names, just the amount.) The broadcast starts at 12:30, but the audience must be seated by 12 noon, Sunday, January 19.

It was decided to have a drawing for the purpose of buying recreational and gym equipment for the Circle. It had been decided to obtain either a pressure cooker or an iron.

At the January 25 meeting, Mr. Vrhovnik, the Juvenile Director will be on hand to install the new officers. The installation ceremony was discussed and explained.

The Valentine Party was discussed. Invitations will be sent to the parents. The supreme board members will also be invited. A small program will be featured. Games will be played. The evening will be topped off with dancing and refreshments. The date is February 12. Only members in good standing are eligible to attend. Two valentine boxes will be made. One by the younger members and one by the older members.

Three new members were accepted. Carol Reven who was proposed by her brother Lewis, Dickie Novak who was proposed by his brother Bobby, and Donnie Zordani who was proposed by his brother Chuck. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Carol Reven, Millie Pokorny, and Frankie Sternisha.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

SYLVIA TROJAR, Sec'y.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A little bird has whispered to us that Joseph Zehel has presented Mary Poklar with a sparkler, with the wedding to take place next summer. Our congratulations to you young people. Congratulations to Olga Ilowsek and John Oestricher who were married last Nov. 30.

Sorry to state that our sick list has grown to nine. Pauline Pink, John Bistan, and Laurence Zaverl are recuperating at their homes. Fanny Gaber is at St. Michael's Hospital, and Margaret Lipovsek is at Misericordia Hospital. Frank and Johnny Speck and Margaret Golob are also hospitalized. Our sincere hopes for a speedy recovery for all of you.

It's a bouncing baby boy at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Schuler. This is the third youngster in this fine family and all three are boys. Doc, two more to go and you have a bowling team with papa acting as the coach. Again congrats are in order.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 24.—Time passes on and another meeting day is around the corner. Let's have a nice crowd on hand as the installation of officers for the coming year will take place. The meetings are really interesting and all should be able to spare a couple of hours a month to attend. So keep the date in mind and be there. Same time, same place.

Bowling Taps

Genial Al Maren holds the spotlight in the Remic 875. Al came thru with a big 558 series. Starting with 208 then 191, he poured them in the strike gap in the last game for a healthy 258 game. Nice going, Al. Carl Evanch again got himself a nice series as he cracked 612 on consistent games of 202-210-200. Louis Glavan got his second honor series in a row as he garnered 404 with 187, 190, and a big 247. Johnny Sedmak was the last to hit the honor roll with his 602 on games of 195-233-174. Others above the 550 bracket were Doc Kriakovic 582 and Joe Glavan 564. Eddie Sterbenz had one of those nights as he managed to knock down a meager 427 set. Lou Konkner was off the beam too as he was all over the alleys for a 433 total.

The Badger Mixed league is back in the groove after a three weeks layoff. Matty Graf led the boys with his 588 set helped along with a 211 game. Otto Jereb was next with 221 and a 579 total. Bobby Glavan came thru with a 221 game and Joe Ambroski hit a 302. Among the lassies Mary Remic cracked the honor roll as she spilled 181, 169, 154, for a 504 total. Molly Obluk hit the select group for the first time this year as she pocketed her in and out hook for an even 500 on games of 158-165-177. Lilly Bakke had a nice series of 475. In the Hank Marino ladies league Jane Perko and Clara Medved came thru with 568 and 559 respectively. Jane also hit the select group in the Women's Classic with a 516 set.

An afterthought: The only sure way to live within your income is to keep adding to your income.

SALTY, 584.

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 747

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Just a reminder to let the members know that our next meeting will be held Jan. 19. The meeting, starting at 2 p. m., will be held at Sparrow Park Gardens.

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Anna Tomatz who had a baby girl.

We would also like to thank the committee for the good time we had at the Grape Festival party. Here's hoping we have many more parties like that.

HENRY STRIETER, V. Pres.

Annual Meeting of S.C.S.C. Jan. 25

CHICAGO.—All members of the Slovene Center Social Club are invited to attend the annual meeting to be held at the Center, 2301 S. Lawndale ave., Saturday, Jan. 25. The meeting will start at 8 p. m. After the meeting refreshments will be served, blood sausage and sourkraut, after which there will be dancing to the music of John Schweizer. We will have a report of the Club for the past year plus plans for the current year and also election of officers.

FRANK LOTRICH, Pres.
FRANK GROSER, Sec'y.

Nightmare from Results of a Lodge Meeting

HERMINE, Pa.—The president calls meeting to order rather late, as usual, of course. Minutes of the previous meeting are approved as read without any opposition, because nothing unusual happened at that meeting.

A letter from the Cleveland Slovene Museum is read and temporarily tabled. At this time another horrible letter appears among the correspondence, namely, a letter from the Educational Bureau of Prosvetna Matica. The proposer explains and suggests that the minimum sum of one dollar per month be allotted for this cultural organization.

The younger members want to know what the return is, and explanation is given in detail. Thereupon, a motion is made and seconded in support of the appeal, stating that the Home Club is incorporated for the enlightenment of its members.

Question on the motion follows. A debate takes place for and against the motion. Opinions and accusations are heard from both sides, from the old and young alike. A spokesman for the opposition argues, "If these folks want to read books, why don't they go up to the schoolhouse and read those books?"

The affirmative side explains that the school library does not have Slovenian books and that many Slovenes are hungry to read but can't read English. Since this is a free country and people are allowed to read books in their native tongue, why shouldn't they avail themselves of this opportunity?

Furthermore, it is explained that the Slovenes are taking care of the people by publishing their own books with the support of free donations by our clubs and organizations. This, it is explained, means progress and true brotherhood.

There were other convincing arguments given in favor of the proposal. However, and to say, the explanation was not considered by the opponents of the motion. Consequently, the result of voting was 6 for and 8 against the motion, while the rest of the members abstained from voting, as they were "neutral."

Thus the motion was lost and Prosvetna Matica is out of luck for 1947 as far as this group is concerned, which means \$12, or one dollar per month. Moreover, this means that the group is against progressive principles as well as against the truth itself.

The proponents of the idea, deeply disheartened, went to the basement to spend some money in order not to fall asleep so easily. Nevertheless, here comes the nightmare and heavy dreams:

The meeting resumes its course all over again. The same spokesman who was opposing the motion gets the floor again and starts to speak.

Question: "Who is this Katka Zupancic who wrote this book 'Scenes from Everyday Life'?" A school teacher, you say? What has a school teacher, and an old country school teacher at that, to write about, anyway? What do they know about teaching us? We've been over there. If they are so bright, why did they call on Yanks to help lick Hitler?

"You are talking about bringing these foreign books to this hall—to teach us Americans? Go to —!" And as for yourself, you old folks, you with your books will only spoil our business. Can't you see how many double-headed a man can take before he would get through with this book?

"No, get away, old men, with your advice! Reading books? We are in business for cash and cannot afford to lose time while business is good. Look here, old men, our way we can kill two birds with one stone. The more double-headed a man takes, the sooner St. Peter will call him to justice. And the result is again in our favor. The more customers disappear before they reach 65, the stronger will the pension fund be, which is also in our favor, and that's that!"

"You old men are trying to induce us young folks to read. Banana oil! We have our radios, we can listen to the Holy Pope's prayers, and we can hear and listen to Father of St. Patrick's church, who already delivered over 5000 sermons."

"Reading books is a lonely job, a waste of time. After all, some day a man will invent brain medicine and they may give you an injection just like penicillin or other serums."

This and That

By Peter Eliah

Britain Will Mine Coal. Hilaire Belloc, the British historian back in 1912 wrote a gloomy book called "The Servile State." In it with considerable logic, he argued that it would be impossible for the British government to nationalize the mining industry, and operate them successfully.

On New Year's day, the British Labor government ventured on its most daring project—the nationalization of its coal industry.

The British coal industry has been a very sick problem child of Britain. Most of the owners were more than glad to sell their "headaches" to the government. For years, it has been operating in the red.

It is beset by many problems—worked out and low veins of coal, lack of capital, and consequently, lack of modern machinery.

An American miner, it is estimated, can mine four times as many tons of coal per day than a British cousin.

British coal miners are the lowest paid industrial workers of England. Many miners are leaving the mines for better paying jobs, and the young war veterans are returning to go to the pits. Absenteeism, too, is rampant.

It is no wonder then that "King Coal" of Britain is sick, and that coal is being shipped to New Castle instead of the reverse.

Strange as it may seem, private enterprise has not been able to revive the coal industry of England. Perhaps, it is true, as Reinhold Niebuhr recently stated that capitalism is a luxury that present Europe can't afford.

Anyway, the Labor government has taken a bold step forward to remedy the condition. Time will tell as to its success.

United Slovenes Lodge 581

ST. MARYS, PA.—The holiday season is over and many of us have no doubt made some resolutions that have by now been broken.

The United Slovene Lodge is planning a dance on Feb. 15 out at Tommy's on St. Marys-Johnsburg road. No doubt everyone remembers Tommy's from our last celebration. As all plans are not completed watch for more articles in later editions, but keep this date open.

The following officers were elected at our last meeting for the year 1947: President Frank Unick; Vice Pres., Ivan Burdick; Secretary, Gabriel Uljon; Asst. Sec'y, Mary Jesberger; Treasurer, Ludwig Bon; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Jesberger. Sick committee, Mary Rollick, Mildred Bukovac; in Ridgeway vicinity, Mary Terasic. Auditing committee, Jack Modina, Sylvia Unick and Mary Rollick. Drs. Sunder and Restak, lodge physicians.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all members for their cooperation in the year 1946 and hope they will continue on in 1947.

Don't forget our next meeting on Jan. 19. Be seeing you.

GABRIEL ULJON, Sec'y.

Annual Meeting of SNPJ Farm Board

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—The annual meeting of the SNPJ Farm Board will take place Tuesday, January 21, at 7:30 p. m. at the Slovene Workers Home on Waterloo road. All new and old lodge representatives are kindly asked to attend this important meeting. Election of officers for the current year will take place and there will be other important problems on the agenda. Please be present. CECILIA SUBEL, Sec'y.

"All I get on this radio," complained the farmer, "is speeches by the NAM, speeches by Kaitenborn, speeches..."

"No wonder," interrupted his neighbor. "You have the aerial strung from the outhouse to the windmill and back. What do you expect to get?"—John Paine for Federated Press.

—injection right into your brain. That will be a lot easier than to read books night after night. We want our lives easier. We are modern!"

Finis, banana oil and all.

Before the speaker was through, someone blew a horn under my window. I woke up with a heavy headache. And I know I am not going to take zinfandel or vodka any more till we meet again.

So long, folks. That's all. We'll be seeing you again and again and again.

ANTON ZORNICK.

EQUAL PAY BENEFITS ALL



An Old Southern Custom

By TRIS COFFIN

Washington.—The grimy and somewhat incoherent story of Mississippi politics drawn into microphones propped up on a desk in the Senate caucus room is a clear warning of how easily democracy can degenerate into a sordid racket. These hearings before the Senate War Investigating Committee were described by one awed Congressional Secretary as "a postgraduate course in how to make politics pay." I counted ten different ways in which the shrunken little Mississippi Senator is alleged to have collected funds or other things of value without, apparently, running afoul of federal law. Violations of Mississippi law were shrugged off by witnesses as of no importance.

The various donors, according to statements made to the committee, were war contractors, who put up the "heavy sugar," patronage appointees, business men who had been assisted in priorities, and even an elderly drug addict. Bilbo's former secretary, Ed Terry, testified that the Senator had him draw up a list of 100 names from whom they might solicit funds. The trail of that mysterious quality, "influence," wandered over Washington, through the War Department, Justice Department, Bureau of Narcotics, and War Production Board. According to Terry, Senator Bilbo tried to get the Department of Justice to call off its prosecution of Abe Shushan, Huey Long lieutenant, and appealed to the Commissioner of Narcotics to give a Natchez dope fiend a permit for two grains of morphine a day. The Shushan deal had a highly legal flavor. Abe "lent" Bilbo \$3,000, and the Senator gave him his note for it. When Bilbo was unsuccessful in his efforts with the Justice Department, Shushan is alleged to have threatened to "sell" the note to Bilbo's political opponents. In the narcotics case Terry accused Bilbo of accepting \$1,500 to arrange for the addict to get his morphine.

The Bilbo operations were conducted vaguely, and without incriminating records, by a few cronies. It was not until one of them, Ed Terry, had a falling out with the gang that the facts came into the open.

Sensor Bilbo's role in the combine was that of vote-getter. Bilbo has stayed in office, election after election, despite frequent charges of corruption, through his rabble-rousing talents and the indifference of the so-called "respectable" element in his state. The legal brains of the outfit was Forrest Jackson, the sharp and personable Bilbo protégé. Ed Terry and Bob Gandy were the confidential operatives. They solicited, collected, and paid money and made backroom arrangements. One reporter at the hearing described Terry's day of testimony as "Terry and the pirates." The promoter and organizer was A. B. Friend, the husky and bluff war contractor and Bilbo campaign manager. Architects interested in the proposed Washington municipal stadium went to Friend for a cooperative deal. Bilbo was chairman of the Senate District of Columbia Committee.

This small group composed the informal committee which was set up in 1942 allegedly to support the candidacy of Wall Doxey for reelection to the United States Senate. The committee was so informed that it kept no records and had no bank account or treasurer. Bilbo kept thousands of dollars given him by war contractors, supposedly for the Doxey campaign, under his pillow. The largest donor was the war contractor "Big Boy" Newton, who tossed in \$25,000. (Doxey testified that he knew nothing about this alleged contribution to his campaign.) Bilbo, Jackson, and Gandy have all been vague about how this money was distributed—when, where, and how much. The informal committee offered a way for Senator Bilbo to receive thousands of dollars which cannot now be pinned down as illegal payments by a war contractor to a politician in return for his "influence."

Another of the Senator's schemes for raising money was to solicit contributions for the Juniper Creek Baptist Church, which is located on his property. He was the custodian of the church funds and the church's actual owner. He also solicited funds for the parsonage, a house with five bedrooms and eight bedrooms. The current pastor, "Brother" Smith, has built his own home near the church, thus raising the question whether he ever hoped to live in the gorgeous parsonage.

Another Bilbo project was setting up a fund to pay his alimony. It was for this purpose that the Shushan "loan" was arranged. The Senator's former private secretary testified she was fired when her father refused to share in this "charity."

One war contractor, Mike Morrissey, had his own little way of expressing his appreciation for services rendered him by Bilbo. Morrissey took over the operation of the Senator's farms for four years at a loss of \$48,000. He gave his friend a Cadillac for a Christmas present and constructed a lake for him. Other easy-spenders benefactors gave Bilbo furniture for his "dream house no. 2." The boys also chipped in to defray extra expenses in Bilbo's Washington office. They often lent him money with no intention of trying to collect it.

A politician setting about deliberately to shake down persons for whom he might do favors could get many pointers from these hearings on Capitol Hill. In each case presented to the Senate committee some element is missing to prove conclusively that Bilbo or his associates wrung money out of war contractors or others. The Internal Revenue Department has been trying for almost a year to build up a case against Bilbo on income tax evasion. But, at least in the hearing, it has been extremely difficult to figure out how much money was received, how it was spent, and for what purpose. It is also difficult to determine which of the different sets of witnesses is lying and which is telling the truth.

The most damning testimony against Bilbo the man was given by the Senator himself. It was no proof of corruption or crookedness, but it showed a strange indifference to moral issues. Senator Ferguson was questioning Bilbo about money Terry collected from a Louisiana gambler. He said, "You knew he (Terry) had the money, and where he got it—from a gambler." Bilbo answered, "Well, he got the money. I didn't care who it was he got it from." At another point Ferguson compared the \$25,000 Bilbo obtained from Newton with a small sum collected by Terry. Bilbo commented proudly, "Ah'm a good collector. Ah'm a better collector than Terry." About the gift of the Cadillac, the Mississippi Senator instructed Ferguson condescendingly: "It's just an old Southern custom. Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." Of the charge that he worked energetically to obtain lucrative contracts of the cost-plus, fixed-fee variety for members of his gang, Bilbo said virtuously, "I have done no more than has been done by practically all my colleagues in the Senate." In his written statement he said blandly of a contractor, "Bernie Friend is a great organizer, an excellent engineer, and a lighted Christian gentleman. I ought to know his ability because he has successfully managed two of my campaigns for United States Senate."

The rest of his defense, which both Ferguson and Mead said had no bearing on the hearing, was that Negroes and Communists were trying to persecute him. He also claimed that payments to him were "loans" which he will repay.

Spot For the Cash

In a brief but perilous foray a little band of English soldiers had brought considerable glory to their regiment. Now, before the regiment, and a distinguished company of visitors, they stood to be decorated for their valorous service.

But something new had been added. The commanding general, an extremely rich old gentleman, was supplementing the government awards by personally placing in the bank in London a one hundred pound note to the credit of each hero.

The awarding of the medals went on apace, until the General came to a big Irishman named Moriarity.

"Well, Moriarity," said the General, "I pin on your chest this medal from a grateful government, and in the bank I place a hundred pound note to your credit. What do you say to that?"

"Well, sir," replied Moriarity, "if it don't make any difference to you, pin the note to my chest and place the medal in the bank."

Schwellenbach Names Aides For Puerto Rico, Alaska

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach last week announced the appointment of two Territorial Representatives, with full responsibility for all U. S. Department of Labor activities in their areas. Alvin M. Rucker of the U. S. Employment Service becomes Territorial Representative to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and Michael J. Haas, Alaskan representative of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division, becomes the Department's representative in that Territory.

A short time ago Ernest A. Norback was appointed Territorial Representative to Hawaii. The new representatives were selected following a study of Department administration in the areas to which the men were assigned. All three men will be directly responsible to the Secretary. Each will supervise and coordinate all activities with which the Labor Department is concerned.

Michael J. Haas has had several years of service in Alaska, until now having served as Territorial Representative of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions.

Jugoslavs in Czechoslovakia

By Maurice Hindus

A group of 150 Yugoslav boys, from 14 to 17 years of age—all orphans, all former partisans, nearly all peasants—have come to Zlin (about 150 miles southeast of Prague) to make themselves experts in the various industries for which this Czech town is noted. They are among 3,000 Yugoslav boys whom Czechoslovakia has undertaken to educate in the industrial arts and sciences in its highly developed industrial and scientific institutions.

I passed two evenings with these boys, and more mature, more politically minded youths I have met nowhere in Czechoslovakia. Though of mirthful disposition and given to sports, dancing and music they almost overwhelm one with the decisiveness of their opinions and the earnestness of their ambitions.

"What are you going to do when you finish your education here?" I asked.

"Go back to develop our country, which our kings and our Mihailovitchs were ready to mortgage to foreign powers," said a muscular boy of fifteen.

"You see," began a tall, handsome Montenegrin, who is the official adviser of the group, "Jugoslavia is one of the richest countries in Europe. Next to Finland, we have more forests than any other European nation. We have gold, silver, and the choicest iron ore in the world. Our copper mines are well known everywhere. And such pasture lands as we have! Such wheat lands! And the fat pigs that we raise, the fruits that we grow, the endless waterfalls that we have for electric power! But our kings and Mihailovitchs would rather have had foreigners come in to exploit our resources than educate their own people into developing them."

"That's finished now," he continued. "Only our people, with their own sweat, are going to develop their own God-given wealth so they can enrich, not foreigners, but themselves."

"That's why we're here," remarked a diminutive lad with flaxen hair and lightly freckled face.

"How old are you?"

"Fourteen," he replied, smiling.

"For five years he was a partisan in Marshal Tito's (Premier Josp Broz's) army," interjected another, a dark-haired youth with classical features, who was the only Mohammedan in the group.

"He carried messages across enemy lines," explained the tall Montenegrin. "His father and mother were killed in the war."

There was so much anti-British sentiment among them that I asked what were their grievances against Great Britain.

"Don't misunderstand us," replied one of the oldest boys, the only one indulging in the masculine prerogative of growing a mustache. "We aren't against the British people."

"Not No!" a burst of voices interrupted.

"We were only against the British reactionaries," resumed the mustached youth.

"Are you anti-American?" I asked.

"No! No!" came a chorus of voices. "We're only against reactionaries everywhere," said the Mohammedan boy.

"The American people we respect and honor," said the boy with the mustache. "But we don't like to see them fall for British propaganda against us. British reactionaries cannot forgive us our refusal to take back the king (former King Peter II, who was deposed when Tito proclaimed a federal republic last Nov. 29) so they could go on exploiting our natural riches for their own benefit."

"Why do they refuse to extradite Ante Pavelitch (Croat Fascist leader)?" asked the only boy with distinctly broad Slavic features. "Didn't he ally himself with Mussolini and Hitler against his own people and the Allies?"

"But you want to be sure and say we have no quarrel with the British or any other people anywhere," said another youth, more Greek than Slavic in appearance.

"How do you like living in Czechoslovakia?" I asked.

"Fine," said the mustached youth. "Only they eat too much potatoes and gravy here." "And not enough paprika," said another, and they all burst into a loud laugh.

Flamingly patriotic admirers of Tito, they were yet neither class nor race conscious. Their speech bristled with the word "narod" (people), and their all-consuming ambition is to dedicate themselves to the development of the vast riches of their homeland.

They live in one of the splendid dormitories built here by the Bata industrial empire for apprentices in its factories. They work in shops four hours a day, and study in local public schools for four hours. They are readily mastering the Czech language, which is kin to their own. Their work pays for board, room, tuition and clothes, and earn them during their first year an additional 50 crowns (\$1) a week for spending money.

The presence of these Yugoslav boys in Czechoslovakia has more than local or immediate significance. Czechoslovakia is destined to become a school for training industrial and administrative experts not only for Yugoslavia but for other Slavic nations in eastern and central Europe.—New York Herald-Tribune.

THE UPPER CRUST



Reward: "... and to show our thanks for your 20 years of faithful service, we'll give you two weeks off."

THE AMERICAN PROLETARIAT! IT HAS ARRIVED!

By JUSTUS EBERT

The creation of a proletariat can never happen here! The U.S.A. is not ancient, decadent Rome! How often have we heard these and similar statements?

The proletariat is a term applied to workingmen and women, who have many children, but no property. They have neither wealth nor status; and are pariahs, social outcasts; in brief, untouchables.

Such a group is impossible in the U.S.A., to hear the ultra-patriotic tell it. Nevertheless, such a group does exist in the land of F. D. R. and Wallace. What's more, it is likely to grow even more numerous in the days to come.

The authority for these sensational statements will be found in an article in the October 1946, "The American Mercury" entitled "America's Displaced Persons." The latter number 4,000,000, according to the author, Vivien B. Keatley.

These displaced persons have come from the farm and expect to go back to it. They have been displaced by the industrialization of agriculture and are the victims of the machine—of technological developments.

Sordid Existence

The 4 million displacées are the modern migratory workers, who follow and harvest the crops from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. They don't bum a ride on "side door Pullmans" (freight cars) as did the unemployed city workers who harvested the crops before them.

They ride in jalopies, not in conglomerate groups, but in families, whole families, father, mother and four to six children. It is in this way that they travel from state to state, wherever the lure of employment may beckon.

While absolutely essential to the economic welfare of the agricultural communities in which they temporarily settle, there are no provisions made for either their protection or welfare. No provision is made for their housing, hospitalization, schooling, voting, rehabilitation, nor any other of the privileges that are commonplaces with all of the rest of us, as wage workers and citizens.

Social security, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance are unknown to them. High mortality rates for mothers and children. They are the hounded, the exploited dogs, the scrap heap—and worse, the forerunners of what's to come.

Here is a sample exhibit, from the Mercury article, of how America's 4,000,000 displaced persons live and have their being. It is by Mr. E. F. Vekery, chief Labor Dept. Arizona Industrial Commission, and is as follows:

"Living conditions are deplorable. Tents are huddled close together. Dishwater and other refuse thrown out creates a stench and, especially after a rain, the place presents a depressing picture. There is no drainage and no provision for proper toilet facilities. On at least one occasion where the investigators were comfortable in overcoats, children were found naked, playing in pools, where dish water had been thrown out creating a stinking scum."

To such a low, filthy state has the U. S. proletariat fallen! But how about the future? Will this proletariat increase or decrease? Will this condition improve or get worse?

With the introduction of more machinery on the farm and the growth of industrialized agriculture, it looks as if this trend to displace-

WORLD EVENTS

Interpreted by SCOTT NEARING

(Concluded)

THE FOURTH DIFFICULTY that is be-deviling U.S.A. economy—the demands of organized labor. Labor was scarce during the war. Scarcity, in an open market, always raises price—in this case, the price of labor power. Wages rose to the limit permitted by law. Working conditions were improved. Mass industries, such as chemicals and steel, until then unorganized or only slightly organized, were signed up. Union membership trebled.

Workers improved their economic position during the war. They had steady work and over-time pay. Through their organizations they could talk back to the job-owners.

With war's end, a change began. Wages were "too high." Workers were "too independent." Unions were "running the country." They must be "put back where they belong."

Well-to-do people who used such phrases never knew or else forgot that big business owns virtually the whole U.S.A. non-agricultural economy, that it owns and controls the means of shaping public opinion, that it consolidated its power and multiplied its profits during the war, that its representatives operate the government, that during the entire war period no single representative of labor secured so much as one important policy-making job anywhere in the federal government. What they meant was that labor should be pushed back to the position it occupied before 1932.

Labor met the challenge by demanding that the take-home peace-time pay should have a purchasing power equal to that of war-time. They asked wage increases to match price increases. Some even went so far as to ask that wage increases depend upon the capacity of job owners to pay the increased wages without raising prices. They supported their demands with large-scale strikes in autos, steel, coal, electric power, rails. The money raises they got as a result of these strike efforts were more than cancelled out by price increases between June and December of 1946.

When the business interests forced the Truman administration to abandon the O.P.A. in October-November, a series of steep price boosts began. Organized labor retorted with new wage demands. The C.I.O., at its Atlantic City convention, formulated the new demands politely. The formulation was preceded by an ultra-patriotic resolution and followed by President Philip Murray's flag-waving speech of Nov. 22. John L. Lewis beat the C.I.O. to the punch. While Philip Murray was waving the flag, Lewis's 400,000 miners came out of pits. The next cycle of strikes had begun.

For many years I have heard a lot of things about John L. Lewis. Some were complimentary; others the reverse. In general the ruling class and the middle class denounced him. Rebels and revolutionaries were also anti-Lewis.

One thing I do know, however. When John L. Lewis began his long period of leadership with the United Miners, the organization was scattered, an weak. Company towns abound in which miners were not exactly serfs, but certainly not first-class citizens. Pay was low. Work was dangerous. Life in the mining camps was hard.

Through the years the U.M.W., under Lewis's leadership, has not only raised wages and improved working conditions, but has welded the miners into one of the best-disciplined labor unions in the world.

After Lewis and Krug failed to get together and Lewis announced that the contract was terminated, imagine the effect in the mine camps of the federal directive to the miners to go on working. When the federal notices went up, the miners quit, days before the time specified for the stoppage. Said one miner for publication: "I am not quitting because John Lewis said so. When I read that government notice, I knew that there was one thing for me to do. That was to go home."

Philip Murray, at the Atlantic City convention, read figures into the record showing the inordinate profits made by big business between 1940 and 1946. Side by side he put the present price increases. Under a free-enterprise economy, the labor organizations have no choice. Free enterprise is a system of freebooting under the slogan, "He who grabs first gets most."

Free-enterprisers are grabbers. Henry Ford and Henry Luce grab

in the name of business. John Lewis and Philip Murray grab in the name of labor. Of course it is a lawless game. When was the jungle struggle for wealth and power anything else?

There is one great difference between the business leaders and the labor leaders. The business leaders, controlling legislatures, courts and executives, have state protection for their grabbing. Their job-owning power to grab is supplemented by injunctions, police, sheriffs and the military. Consequently, they are able to grab more and keep more. President Truman made that clear, when he clapped an injunction on Lewis and U.M.W. Compared with Ford, Luce & Co. and their take between 1939 and 1946, Lewis, Murray & Co. are the merest pickers. Ford and Luce have got away with a huge five-course dinner, while Lewis and Murray are now having their knuckles rapped for trying to pick up a few extra crumbs.

AS I STARTED TO SAY, British and U.S.A. economy are up against some real difficulties. While Hitler was around, they blamed him. Now that Hitler is out of the picture, they are trying to shoulder the load onto Stalin. But anyone who goes to the grocery store, or tries to find a good job, or studies the federal budget, knows that poor Joe Stalin, busy with home affairs five thousand miles away, cannot possibly be running U.S.S.R. A. & P. du Pont and the Federal Budget Bureau all at the same time. It is too much to ask for any human. The trouble must lie nearer home. Maybe President Truman will find out what is wrong.

Again, maybe President Truman does not know what is wrong. In that case, somebody else must find out fairly soon. Otherwise, we shall be sinking into the slime of another Great Depression and then lifting ourselves out of it by manufacturing atom bombs and dumping them on the homes, schools and hospitals of "the enemy," in the name of "Christian civilization" and for the profit of big business.

NOT A PLEASANT OUTLOOK, is it? And yet, if the same forces that produced the Great Depression of the 'thirties and the Great War of the 'forties continue to operate through the 'fifties and 'sixties and are aimed toward the same objectives, what other outcome can you expect? What an odd, erratic and unpredictable world it would be if like causes did not produce like effects.

Perhaps, after all, if we do not approve of the effects of the present social order, as expressed in freebooting, insecurity, depression and war, we shall be compelled to modify those causes. The present social order is not necessarily permanent, it has been altered considerably since 1917. Further shifts are in order until the social set-up produces cooperation, adequacy and regularity in income, tolerance, understanding and universal goodwill.

An Easterner wandering through the Arkansas foothills encountered a native carrying a dead rabbit. He didn't see any weapon, so he asked, "What did you kill that rabbit with—a rifle?"

"Nope," was the reply.

"A shot-gun?"

"Nope."

"A sling-shot?"

"Nope."

"Then tell me how you got him," insisted the Easterner.

"Wal, stranger," the native replied, "it's kind of a trade-secret, but I don't mind tellin' ye. We hez run out o' ammunition, so what we hez done hez been to paint big black spots on the end o' the logs hereabouts."

"When we wants rabbits, we sends the dogs into the bresh to stir 'em up. When the rabbit sees the black spot in the end o' the log he thinks it's a hole and makes fur it."

"Course, there aint none, and he knocks hisself unconscious. Ain't that a cute idee, stranger?"

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our beloved husband and dad

MARTIN MLEKUSH

who passed away January 14, 1945.

Two sad years have passed Since you went away and left us: You bade no one a last farewell and Said goodbye to none. The blow was hard, the shock severe. Before we knew it, you were gone.

A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our hearts Which never can be filled. We would give all we own to have you back. We are lonesome for you, dear husband and dad.

Sadly missed by wife, Mrs. Mlekush, Rose, Martin Jr., Zella and Irma of Broadview, Illinois.