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HULL ZANIKA PO-ROČILA O MIROVNIH POGAJANJH

Državni tajnik svari pred nacijsko propagando

BERLIN NAZNANIL KONFERENCO

Washington, D. C., 30. nov.—Državni tajnik Cordell Hull je znanil govornice, da je Nemčija pričela tipati pri zavezniških glede sklenitve miru, ki so deloma posledica masnega bombardiranja nemških mest in industrijskih središč ter udarcev, katere dobiva nacijska sila na ruskih frontah, kakor tudi poročila o konferenci med Rooseveltom, Churchillom in Stalinom. Hull je na sestanku s časniki izjavil, da so te govornice in poročila brez vsake podlage.

“Očitno je, da hočejo naciji s širjenjem govoric o mirovnihih pogajanjih povzročiti zmedo med zavezniški,” je rekel Hull. “Dokler ne pride nasprotna izjava, ste lahko gotovi, da propaganda izvira iz sovražnega tabora.”

Govornice, da hočejo nekateri vplivni nemški krogi navezati stike z zavezniški in jih pridobiti za sklenitev miru, se širijo že več dni in znano je, da razburjajo uradne kroge v Washingtonu. Hullov zanikanje je bilo odločnejše od vseh prejšnjih, ki so prišla iz uradnih krogov.

London, 30. nov.—Berlin je silnočno naznanil, da se je konferenca med Rooseveltom, Churchillom in Stalinom pričela nekje na Srednjem vzhodu in da se je na Stalinovo prošnjo udeležil tudi dr. Edvard Beneš, predsednik Čehoslovaške. Naznanilo, ki ga je oddala berlinska radiopostaja, je bilo prestrašeno v Stockholmu, Švedska.

Potniki, ki so dospeli v Lizbono, Portugalska, iz neomejenih krajev, so povedali, da sta Roosevelt in Churchill v Kairu že več dni in da je Stalin na svoji poti v to mesto dospel v Teheran, Perzija. Prejšnja poročila so se glasila, da bo “velika trojica” konferirala v Kairu ali Aleksandriji in formulirala zahteve glede takojšnje in brezpogovorne kapitulacije Nemčije.

Berlin je sinoči zanimal poročila, da je Franz von Papen, nemški poslanik v Turčiji, došel v Vatikan, da pridobi papežovo za posredovanje v napredni sklenitvi miru med zavezniški.

Vojaški letalec Harmon najden

Letalca stan ameriškega letalstva, ki je bil pogrešan na Kitajskem, 30. novembra, je letalski poročnik Tom Harmon. Harmon je bil pogrešan v južni provinci Kiangsu, ki je bila pod nemško okupacijo. Harmon je bil že drugi vojaški letalec, ki je bil pogrešan v njegovo letalo poškodovano pri letu nad francosko ozemlje v zadnjem aprilu.

Sforza dobil podporo pri komunistih

Italija, 30. nov.—Dr. Beale, vodja italijanske komunistične stranke, je izjavil, da stranka podpira grofa Sforzo, načelnika nove italijanske vlade. Dalje je rekel, da grof Sforza pri zahtevi, da se vrne na prestol, in da je Sforza dobil podporo pri komunistih, ki lahko formirajo novo vlado.

Nacijski teror v okupiranih državah

Zavezniški odbor razgalil mučenje žensk

Washington, D. C., 30. nov.—Medzavezniški informacijski odbor v Londonu je preko urada za vojne informacije objavil poročilo, ki našteva nacijski teror, brutalnosti in umore žensk v okupiranih državah. “Lahko se reče brez najmanjšega dvoma, da v slučajih, ki se tičejo Poljakinj, nacijske avtoritete ne priznavajo nobenih človeških načel v civiliziranem svetu,” pravi poročilo.

Iz vseh dežel, katere je okupirala nacijska sila, prihajajo enake povesti o mučenju, boleznih in smrti, kakor tudi o pošiljanju deklet v delavska koncentracijska taborišča in bordele. Kljub teroru se odpor proti nacijskim barbarom nadaljuje.

Nacijske avtoritete so obsodile mnogo žensk v Belgiji v dolgoletne zapore zaradi sabotaže. V mestnih središčih je pomankanje živeža in matere pošiljajo svoje otroke na ceste, kjer berajo hrano.

Po umoru Reinharda Heydricha, nemškega “protektorja” na Češkem, so naciji poklali mnogo družin. Poročilo trdi, da so naciji poklali najmanj tisoč žensk, čez deset tisoč pa odvedli v koncentracijska taborišča.

Poročilo, bazirano na zbranih podatkih, kaže divjanje nacijskega terora v Jugoslaviji, Grčiji, Holandiji, Belgiji in vseh drugih okupiranih krajih. To navaja slučajne nemških zločinov in brutalnosti, katerih žrtve so bili civilisti, ženske, moški in otroci.

Socializem prodira v Kanadi

Zmage levičarskih grup pri volitvah

Montreal, Kanada, 30. nov.—Možnost je, da bo Kanada dobila socialistično vlado po volitvah v prihodnjem letu s programom, čigar cilj bo uničenje kapitalističnega sistema. Kandidatje socialistične stranke, ki je znana pod imenom Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, zmagujejo pri nadomestnih in provinčnih volitvah.

Stari politični stranki, liberalna in konservativna, odprto izražata bojazn pred izgubo koalicijske večine pri prihodnjih splošnih volitvah.

Stanje obleganja oklicano v Florenci

London, 30. nov.—Novi ukrepi glede zatiranja rebelnega gibanja proti nemški sili v okupiranih evropskih državah so bili izdani po poročilih iz Kaira, Egipt. Nacijske avtoritete v Florenci so oklicale stanje obleganja po bitkah med Nemci in Italijani. Poročila iz krajev ob italijanski meji, katere je dobil švicarski list Gazette de Lausanne, pravijo, da je bil potniški promet na nemških železnicah ustavljen in da so gestapovci ustavili lov na upornike v Franciji. Več sto upornikov je bilo aretiranih v Marseillu, Lyonu in drugih francoskih mestih.

NACIJSKA PROPAGANDA V BALTIŠKIH DRŽAVICAH

Odpor proti nemški okupacijski sili narašča

MASNE ARETACIJE UPORNIKOV

London, 30. nov.—Kot odgovor moskovski deklaraciji in napovedanemu sestanku med Rooseveltom, Churchillom in Stalinom, bo Hitlerjeva vlada kmalu proglasila neodvisnost Estonije in Letске, baltičkih držav. Nacijski propagandisti so uverjeni, da bo proklamacija najzvitvejša politična poteza.

V ozadju nacijske propagande so drugi motivi. Zdjaj, ko se ruske armade bližajo baltičkim državicam, se hočejo Nemci prikupiti prebivalcem Estonije in Letске, dasi vsa znamenja kažejo, da ne bodo uspeli. Neodvisnost na papirju ne bo premotila ljudi.

Kmetje v baltičkih državah kažejo sovraštvo napram nemški okupacijski armadi s skrivanjem žita, ki ga ta armada potrebuje. Poveljstvo upa, da bo dobilo več živil od kmetov, če se jim dobrija in ponuja koncesije. Zadnja poročila trdijo, da Nemci ne bodo obljubili neodvisnosti Litvi, kjer se več tisoč prebivalcev skriva v gozdovih ali pa se bore kot gerilci proti nemškim vojakom.

Heinrich Himmler, načelnik Gestapa, nacijske tajne policije, je obiskal baltičke države v septembru. Od takrat se je položaj izpremenil. Nacijski propagandisti hvalijo estonske in letske prostovoljce, ki so se pridružili nemški armadi, čeprav je znano, da je rekrutiranje moških za službo v tej armadi nalletelo na močan odpor.

Poveljnik nemške okupacijske sile v Estoniji je nedavno izjavil, da ruski agentje prihajajo v deželo, obenem pa je zapretel, da bodo vsi oni, ki jih skrivajo in jim nudijo zavetje, ostro kaznovani. Švedski list Dagbladet je poročal, da so Nemci odkrili zalogo orožja in streliva v več litvinskih krajih in da je bilo več ljudi, pri katerih so našli orožje, obsojenih in smrti in ustrelnih. Masne aretacije upornikov se nadaljujejo. Nemci so ustanovili nove zbornice političnih komisarjev pod poveljstvom nacijske tajne policije.

Nadzorstvo delitve živil v Rusiji

Sovjetska delegacija odobrila načrt

Atlantic City, N. J., 30. nov.—Sovjetska delegacija je na konferenci uprave za pomoč in obnovo, ki jo tvorijo reprezentantje narodov, odobrila predlog, da uradniki in agentje te uprave nadzirajo razpečevanje živil in drugih potrebščin v osvobodjenih ruskih pokrajinah.

Zadnja izjava je bila podana po objavi poročila, da bodo uradniki ruskih organizacij razpečevanje živil in da se nadzorstvo kmeta ob ruskih vojseh. A. M. Smagov, načelnik sovjetske delegacije, je dejal, da poročilo ni točno. Doslej je bilo več poročil, da sovjetska vlada ne dovoljuje stopnja opazovalcem v kraje, v katere prihajajo orožje in bojni material na pošiljki posejano-najemniškega programa.

Domače vesti

Iščemo hišnika

Chicago.—V gl. uradu je izpraznjeno mesto hišnika. Član, ki se zanima za to službo, naj se prijavi takoj. Za vsa pojasnila pišite gl. predsedniku Vincentu Cankarju, 2657-59 So. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Nova knjiga Prosvetne matice

Chicago.—Izšla je nova slovenska knjiga z naslovom “Ameriške povesti,” katero je izdala Prosvetna matica JSZ. Mehko vezana knjiga šteje 112 strani in vsebuje devet kratkih in daljših povesti, ki so jih spisali slovenski, socialno usmerjeni pisatelji v Ameriki. Knjiga je namenjena društvom, klubom in ustanovam, ki so vključene pri Prosvetni matici.

Viktor Skubic umrl

Chicago.—Dne 28. novembra je umrl za srčno hibo Viktor Skubic, star 52 let in rojen v Chicagu ter tiskar po poklicu. Bil je okrog 35 let tajnik bivšega društva št. 1 SSPZ in delegat tega društva na združitveni konvenciji v Pittsburghu. Po združitvi je bil član društva 632 SNP-PJ. Viktor je bil prvi slovenski stavec, ki je stalil Glas Svobode in Proletarca v tiskarni Spravedlnosti. Zapušča starše, brate in sestere.

Smrtna nesreča člana

Richmond, Calif.—Dne 8. novembra je bil Charles Grublić, član društva 636 SNPJ, do smrti povožen po vlakcu, ko je šel na delo v tovarno. Star je bil 22 let in rojen v Dawsonu, New Mexico. Bil je v vojaški službi in pred nekaj meseci se je vrnil v civilno življenje. Zapušča starše.

Iz Pennsylvanije

Scranton, Pa.—Dne 23. novembra je po dolgi bolezni umrl Michael Vogrin, star 72 let in doma iz Velike doline na Dolenjskem. V Ameriki je bil čez 35 let in član SNPJ čez 30 let. Zapušča ženo, štiri sinove in hčer. Eden sin je v starem kraju, ako je še živ.

Član umrl v Barbertonu

Barberton, Ohio.—Društvo 48 SNPJ je spet izgubilo člana. Umrl je za rakom Frank Izo, po narodnosti Slovak in star 61 let. Član SNPJ je bil 32 let in zapušča ženo, tri sinove in šest hčer.

Rusko-čehoslovaška pogodba proti Nemčiji

London, 30. nov.—Pogodba med Rusijo in Čehoslovaško, katero zdaj sestavljajo v Moskvi, bo vključevala med drugim opazko glede nemškega pritiska proti vzhodu. Ta bo določila tudi metode glede preprečevanja obnove poskusov ekspanzije Nemčije proti vzhodu.

Ameriški poslanik zapustil Ankaro

Ankara, Turčija, 30. nov.—Ameriški poslanik Laurence A. Steinhardt je tako zapustil turški prestolnico pred enim tednom in odpotoval neznanokam. Njegov odhod spravljajo v zvezi s konferenco med Rooseveltom, Churchillom in Stalinom.

Ruski poslanik došel v Kairo

Kairo, Egipt, 30. nov.—M. Novikov, prvi ruski poslanik, je došel v to mesto, da prevzame svoje posle. Egipt in Rusija nista dolej imela diplomatskih stikov. Novikov je po prihodu izrazil upanje glede poglavitve kooperacije med Egiptom in sovjetsko Rusijo.

RUSI OBKROŽILI NEMŠKO ARMADO PRI GOMELU

Britske čete prebile nemško bojno črto v Italiji

AMERICANCI BOMBARDIRALI BREMEN

London, 30. nov.—Ruske napadalne čete so zabile novo zagozdo v nemško bojno črto na južni strani Žlobina, važnega železniškega križišča, in zožile jeklen obroč okrog nacijske armade 300,000 vojakov v koridorju na gomelski fronti. Moskva poroča, da se skušajo Nemci izmuzniti iz pasti z begom v severozapadni smeri.

Sovjetske kolone prodirajo proti Žlobinu s treh strani in v zadnjih dveh dneh so osvojevale čez 48 mest in vasi. Žlobin je križišče železnice, ki spaja Gomel z Minskom, kakor tudi one, ki spaja Leningrad z Odeso. Prve sovjetske čete so dospеле do točke, ki je oddaljena samo 18 milj od Žlobina.

Druge sovjetske čete prodirajo v južnem delu Bele Rusije in drobe odpor nemške sile. Prekoračile so že zamrznjena priptaska močvirja in se približale reki Berežini. Nemci se umičejo pod pritiskom ruske sile v smeri Minska in Poljske. Moskva trdi, da so Rusi v ofenzivi na sto milj dolgi fronti.

Zavezniški stan v Alžiru, 30. nov.—Osmo britska armada je prebila nemško bojno črto na drugi strani reke Sangre v dveh krajih in zasedla strateške hribe na severozapadnem bregu te reke, se glasi uradni komunikacije.

Na zapadni strani Venafre so čete pete ameriške armade poglone Nemce z utrjenih pozicij in jih zasedle. Ameriški bombniki modela Liberator so preleteli Alpe in metali bombe na železniški most in tunel pri Dognu, 60 milj severno od Trata. To je edina železnica poleg one, ki gre skozi Brennerski prelaz, ki spaja severno Italijo z Nemčijo.

London, 30. nov.—Ameriške letelce trdnjave so ponovno metale bombe na Bremen, veliko nemško luko, dočim so angleški letalci bombardirali nemško vojaško letališče pri Chievresu, Belgija. To je bil že drugi ameriški bombni napad na Bremen v zadnjih 72 urah.

Zavezniški stan na Pacifiku, 30. nov.—Avstralske čete katerih operacije podpirajo bojna letala, so se približale Bonji, japonski bazi na Novi Gvineji, severovzhodno od Sattelberga, ki je padel zadnji teden, pravi komunikacije iz glavnega stana generala Douglasa MacArthurja. Zasedle so strateške postojanke na dveh straneh japonske baze.

Ameriška bojna letala in bombniki so izvršili nove napade na japonsko letališča pri Magsuetu, Marawaki in Muttipini na obali zaliva Empress Augusta, otok Bougainville. Vrgli so čez 94 ton bomb na ta letališča, ki so porušile hangarje in druge naprave ter zancitile ogromne požare.

Drugi roji bojnih letal so metali bombe na japonsko brodogradilnico pri Rabaulu, otok New Britan. Dva rušilca sta bila potopljena, tri druge ladje pa poškodovane.

Nemški stražniki streljali na Alžajčane

Curih, Švica, 30. nov.—Vest iz Bazla pravi, da so nemške vojaške straže streljale na Alžajčane, ki so skušali preplezati ograjo iz bodene žice v bližini švicarske meje in pobegniti. Več oseb je bilo ranjenih.

Hitler svari nemško ljudstvo

Zmaga ali pogubljenje in uničenje

London, 30. nov.—Diktator Hitler je naslovil drugo svarilo nemškemu ljudstvu v tem mesecu, v katerem pravi, da alternativna je zmaga ali popolno uničenje Nemčije. “Ljudstvo, ki izgubi vojno, bo uničeno, ker bi bila blaznost, če bi pričakovalo kaj drugega od poraza,” se glasi svarilo. “Izbira je med zmago in pogubljenjem.”

Diktator je izrekel to svarilo 20. novembra pred vojaškimi kadeti. Skozi ves njegov govor se je vlekla nit mračnosti glede vojne situacije, ko je pozival Nemce, naj vztrajajo v boju do zmage. Njegovo zadnje svarilo je bilo resnejše od onega, ki ga izrekel v Monakovu 8. novembra v zvezi s proslavami ustanovitve nacijske stranke.

“To je borba za obstanek nemškega ljudstva, za življenje in svobodo,” je dejal. “Ako Nemčija ne bo zmagala v tej vojni, bo barbarizem boljševičke Rusije poplaval evropski kontinent in ga uničil. O tem ne sme biti nobenega dvoma in Nemci morajo vedeti, kaj jih čaka, če bo njihova oborožena sila poražena. Nemčija, če hoče zmagati, mora mobilizirati vsa razpoložljiva sredstva za boj proti svojim sovražnikom.”

Sila ameriške mornarice narašča

Število bojnih ladij se podvojilo

Washington, D. C., 30. nov.—Mornarični tajnik Frank Knox je razkril, da se je število bojnih ladij podvojilo od januarja tega leta in da bo mornarica še večja po obsegu v prihodnjem letu.

Ameriška bojna mornarica vseh vrst 817 bojnih ladij vsaj vrst. Letalska sila, pridružena mornarici, se bo potrojila do konca tega leta. Knox je na sestanku s časniki izjavil, da se je njegova napoved, katero je izrekel v aprilu, da bo Amerika imela v tem letu več novih bojnih ladij kot je znašalo število starih ob zaključanju preteklega leta, uresničila.

Mornarični tajnik je dejal, da je bojna mornarica pred japonskim napadom na Pearl Harbor štela 344 bojnih ladij, zdaj pa jih ima 817. V prihodnjih dveh tednih bodo ameriške ladjedelnice zgradile nadaljnjih 21 bojnih ladij.

Knox je naglasil, da je kongres dovolil dodatno vsoto \$1,300,000,000 za zgradnjo novih bojnih ladij in \$1,400,000,000 za bojna letala, ki bodo dodeljena mornarici. Število bojnih ladij, dodeljenih mornarici, znaša 31,000 Ameriške ladjedelnice zgrade povprečno 200 bojnih ladij in parnikov mesečno.

Mornarični department zasegel tovarno

Washington, D. C., 30. nov.—Mornarični department je v smislu Rooseveltovih instrukcij zasegel tovarno Remington Rand Co. v Southportu, N. Y. V tej izdelujejo instrumente za bojne ladje in letala. Kot vzrok zasege se omenja zastoj v produkciji.

Tiskarji glasujejo o vrnitvi v ADF

Chicago, 30. nov.—Člani mednarodne tiskarske unije, uposleni v tiskarnah po vsej deželi, danes glasujejo o vrnitvi v Ameriško delavsko federacijo. Unija ima čez 80,000 članov in je najstarejša ameriška delavska organizacija.

ČIŠČENJE SOVRAŽNIKOV FRANCIJE NA KORZIKI

Posebna komisija dobila imena izdajalcev

RAZPIS VOLITEV ODLOŽEN

Ajaccio, Korsika, 30. nov.—Več sto spisanih pritožb, katere vključujejo imena fašistov in onih, ki so sodelovali z osiščem, je dobila nedavno ustanovljena komisija, kateri je bila poverjena čistka sovražnikov Francije na otoku. Komisija, ki je bila formirana po vzorcu one, katero je ustanovil odbor za osvoboditev Francije v Alžiru, bo odločila, kateri prebivalci bodo postavljeni pred sodišče kot sovražniki Francije.

Ko so se prve francoske čete izkrcale na otoku, da pomagajo domoljubom v prizadevanjih za osvoboditev Korzike, je prefekt Luizet po navodilih francoskega odbora v Alžiru ustanovil komisijo in ji poveril vodstvo čistke. Ta bo izrekla končne odločitve pred zaključanjem tega leta.

Luizet je dejal, “da je komisija osvojila načela legalnega procesa, da pomiri ljudstvo. Upamo, da bo komisija izvršila poverjeno ji nalogo. Ljudstvo se bi samo maščevalo nad izdajalci, če ne bi mi podvzeli potrebnih korakov.”

Aktivnosti komisije vzbujajo pozornost v vseh krajih otoka. Ta je naglasila, da ne more po preteku določene dobe nihče obtožiti svojega sosesa, da je sodeloval z Nemci ali pa z Lavolovim režimom v Vichyju.

Komisija tvori upokojeni sodniki in ljudje, ki uživajo spoštovanje. Ona bo upoštevala le obdolžitve in pritožbe onih posameznikov, ki jih podpisajo. Komisija potem odloči, ali se obravnava proti obtožencem vrši pred vojaškimi ali civilnimi sodišči.

Vprašanje razpisa splošnih volitev je povezano s čistko in drugimi problemi. Luizet je naznanil, da bodo volitve odložene, dokler komisija ne izvrši svojega dela. Če bi se vršile neda, ne bi izrazile želje ljudstva na splošno.

Partizani izgubili obrežne kraje

Napadi na komunikacijske zveze se nadaljujejo

London, 30. nov.—Jugoslovanski krogi v Londonu sodijo, da so enote osvobodilne armade, katere poveljnik je general Tito, izgubile večji del obrežja ob Jadranskem morju in da je ta pod kontrolo Rommelove osištne sile. Partizani so se morali pod pritiskom sovražnika umakniti v hribe Dinarskih Alp.

Poročila, ki prihajajo v London iz Alžira, trdijo, da se partizanski napadi na nemške komunikacijske zveze in železnice južno od Avstrije nadaljujejo. Zavezniški letalci pomagajo partizanom z bombnimi napadi na železniške proge v severni Italiji in južnovzhodni Franciji. Vest pravi, da so proge med Italijo in Nemčijo skoro neuporabne.

Depeše z druge strani Jadranskega morja citirajo poročila, da v severovzhodni jugoslovanski coni operacij med Italijo in Avstrijo je odprta samo ena železniška proga, ona, ki gre skozi Postojno.

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Leto 1918 mora ta teden bolj in bolj strašiti Nemce podnevu in pomoči. Celotni oni, ki takrat še niso bili rojeni, se morajo spraševati: "Kam nas privede, če naše armade marširajo nazaj namesto naprej? Če se Nemčija brani, namesto da bi napadala?" Od Stalingrada sem nisom imeli nobene zmage več, same poraze. Za mlade nacije so to novi pojavi, za stare nedvomni znaki dogodkov, ki so jih že enkrat doživeli. Oboji trepetajo pred novimi vestmi.

Danes piše vojni dopisnik v "Evening Standardu": "Še nikdar prej ni v dolgi zgodovini nemških vojsk stala nemška vrhovna komanda v eni sami bitki pred tako neizmernim porazom. Tretjina nemške armade v Rusiji je v nevarnosti, da bo popolnoma uničena. Ampak posledice ruskega prebitja fronte bi bile še bolj dalekosežne, kakor neposredni dobitki na bojnem polju — pa naj bodo ti še tako veliki. S tem, da Rusi prodrejo v Ukrajino, ogrožajo položaj vsake nemške armade, ki bi se držala osrednje fronte. Celotno več; Balkan bi bil odprt ruski invaziji." To se lahko zgodi kmalu. Na vzhodu se stvari razvijajo hitro.

Potem so vesti o konferenci v Moskvi. Nemčija je upala do zadnjega, da je ne bo. Nemčija je upala, da se bo razbila na začetku. Poročila iz Moskve pravijo, da delegacije delajo dan in noč, da bodo kmalu naznanili rezultate o soglasju treh zaveznic. V sovjetskih vesteh čitamo: "Konferenca v Moskvi bo izpolnila svojo važno dolžnost, zadržala Hitlerjeva upanja, da zavlačuje z vojno. Z odločnostjo se bo lotila osnovnega in najbolj nujnega problema: zediniti vse napore Zedinjenih narodov na podlagi skupnega in harmoničnega dela, da reši nujne vojaške naloge, ki stoje pred njimi in pojvne probleme, ki prihajajo v osredje." To vam je Hitlerjev poraz na diplomatskem polju, na katerega ne ve odgovora, niti poteze.

Potem je zaveznika zračna ofenziva od zapada. Sedemnajst velikih nemških mest je že doživelo težke napade. Air-Marshal Sir Philip Joubert je danes govoril: "Velika letališča na rimski planjavi so že na vidiku zaveznikih armad. Ko bodo v naših rokah, se bo od tam začela ofenziva nad južno in vzhodno Nemčijo." München, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Dunaj, Linz, Gradec! Vsa ta mesta čaka usoda Hamburga, Hanovra in Koelna. Tedaj ne bo več varnosti in miru nikjer v Nemčiji. Bodo čakali tako dolgo? Bodo prej napravili konec vojni?

Kakšne so domače razmere v Nemčiji? Začeli so se težki časi za ljudi, ki so bili zadnja leta vavjeni, da so si nagrabili najboljših stvari, kamor so prodrele njihove čete. Mastili so se z danskim maslom in sirom in slanino. Njihove žene in hčere so se oblačile v poljsko kožuho in v pariške modele. Njihova stanovanja so bila prepolna najdragocenejšega pohištva s francoske Rivijere. Njihove zaloge so bile polne ukrajinskega žita in balkanskega tobaka. Za to niso plačevali; vzeli so, kar jim je ugajalo. Včasih je surovost sama opravila svoje; včasih je bilo treba pravega lastnika vreči v ječo; včasih je bilo treba streljati. Ali za njih je bila to malenkostna cena, ki jo je bilo treba plačati za take dragocenosti. Pariški modeli ne pomagajo dosti, če je treba presedeti noči v zavetiščih. Bombe so uničile in požgale dosti naropane pohištva in še njihovega lastnega po vrhu. Maslo in sir in slanino so pojedli in danči nočejo več rediti krav in prašičev, da bi se Nemci mastili. Ukrajina je neobdelana zemlja, po Balkanu je življenje samo po gozdovih, ne po poljih.

Danes Nemci ne dobe v Evropi ničesar niti za denar, za velik denar, kar so si prej dobili s surovostjo, ječo ali smrtjo samo. Moj znanec, ki je prišel iz Nemčije, mi pokaže zapestno uro in prstani: "Tisočkrat bi lahko prodal te stvari za ogromne denarje, prosili so me, ponujali mi ti-

soče mark, pa nisem hotel dati. Moja gospodinja v Berlinu mi je vedno dejala, da je že enkrat po zadnji vojni izgubila vse denar, da ve, da ga bo zdaj spet; ali kako se naj ga iznebi, ko pa ne more ničesar kupiti."

Izložbe so še polne v Berlinu, ali nič ni na prodaj. Tudi s kuponi in na nakaznice ne dobiš, kar ti gre. Trgovine držijo blago, dokler ga morejo; z vsemi izgovori te odpravljajo praznih rok. Ženske klobuke je prepovedano delati in prodajati. Svetličarna je dovoljena samo ena v vsem Berlinu. Ob 7. zjutraj že stoji dolga vrsta ljudi, ki hočejo za vsako ceno dobiti nekaj rož. Ob osmih že ni več rož. Mila za britje dobiš en košček na leto.

Niti pisemskega papirja ne dobiš lahko. In hrana je slaba. Da, tudi za Nemce je slaba. Tuji imajo več prilike, da dobijo stvari na črnem tržišču. Tuji si bolj zaupajo med seboj; z Nemci nimajo radi opravka. Italijani so dobivali od doma stalne pošiljave vina, olja, sadja, cigaret. Tuji so kupovali od njih in zamenjavali za stvari, ki so jih še imeli s seboj od doma. Takšijev ni po cestah. Pravijo, da jih je še štiri ali pet, ki nadaljujejo s svojo obrtjo, ali samo za visoke nacije in diplomate. Avtobusov je zelo malo; tramvaj in podzemeljske morajo opraviti vse prevoz.

Tako si Nemci niso zamislili te vojne. Pripravljani so bili na vojno, ki bo trajala samo dve leti največ. Pripravljani so bili na zmage in dobičke. Dolgo so še upali, da se bodo stvari zobrnille, da bo za njih dobro. Zdaj ne morejo več upati. Zdaj je samo še vprašanje časa.

Dolenjka.

Grška vlada in narod

Kairo, 15. dec. (ONA).—Grški ministrski predsednik Tsouderos je v posebnem intervjuju z Overseas News Agency izjavil, da ni nemogoče, da bo grški kralj spremljal svoje stališče glede povratka v domovino ter da je to odvisno od bodočega razvoja dogodkov. Tukajšnji krogi sodijo, da se bo kralj premislil zaradi odpora organizacij patriotov. Tudi Churchillov govor podpira to mnenje. Angleški premier je dejal v angleškem parlamentu, da angleška vlada nima nobenih obilgacij napram kralju Georgu II., da ga bo pa podpirala kot konstitucionalnega šefa Grčije tako dolgo, da bo mogoč grški narod povedati svojo voljo. Predsednik grške vlade Tsouderos pravi, da Churchillova izjava ne pove nič novega in ničesar ne spreminja na lani situaciji, katero le potrjuje.

Glede podrobne politične situacije je izjavil predsednik Tsouderos, da je rad pripravljen razširiti svojo vladno, ako bi vse borbene organizacije na domačih tleh pristale na to, da stopijo v to razširjeno vladno. Toda tega splošnega sporazuma ni bilo mogoče doseči, je dejal predsednik "Odgovor političnih strank je bil, da je najbolje, da ostane sedanja vlada nerenjena na krmilu, vsaj do konca vojne.

Tsouderos je mimogrede omenil, da je sedanja vlada zastopništvo poglobitvni liberalnih strank iz Grčije pred vojno. Dejaj, da bo takoj po vojni odstopil in prepustil svoje mesto vladi, katero si bo izbral grški narod.

DRUŠTVENE VESTI

Spring Glen, Utah.—Naznanjam članstvu društva 296 SNPJ, da je bilo sklenjeno na seji 21. nov., da mora vsak član in članica plačati dolar doklade v društveno blagajno meseca decembra. Izvzeti so samo vojaki in oni člani, ki so v novembru pristopili s prestopnimi listi.

Prošeni ste tudi, da se v velikem številu udeležite prihodnje seje 19. dec. Vsi veste, da je to zadnja seja v tem letu in da moramo izvoliti uradnike za 1944, kakor tudi to, da odbor sam ne more ničesar ukreniti brez članstva. Torej na svidenje 19. dec. v dvorani Johna Skerla.

Mark Patrick, tajnik.

Alli ste naročani na dnevnik "Prosveto"? Podpirajte svoj list!

Iz gibanja SANSa in JPO-SS

Od postojanke JPO-SS

Chicago, Ill.—V združenju je moč. To se je posebno dobro izkazalo pri delu postojanke številke 8 slovenske sekcije Jugoslovanskega pomožnega odbora, kateri obstoji iz zastopnikov čikaških in okoliških slovenskih društev, klubov in organizacij. Dve prireditvi smo imeli in pri vsaki je bilo tisoč dolarjev čistega prebitka. Na to smo lahko ponosni in ob tej priliki se v imenu postojanke številke 8 JPO-SS najlepše zahvaljujemo za vaše sodelovanje. Trpeči slovenski narod v stari domovini bo vam hvaležen.

V bodoče nas čaka še več naporega dela in potrebovali bomo sodelovanje vsakega slovenskega društva, kluba itd. Zatorej vas prosimo, da na prihodnji seji izvolite zastopnike ali zastopnice, ki so pripravljene udeleževati se seji in sodelovati pri tem plemenitem delu. Imena in naslove istih pa blagovolite naznaniti podpisnemu tajniku najpozneje do 30. decembra. V mesecu januarju se bo vršila letna seja postojanke. Med drugimi zadevami bo volitev odbora za leto 1944. Pazite na tozadevno obvestilo v slovenskih listih.

Na zadnji seji postojanke je bilo sklenjeno, da se apelira na Slovence in Slovenke v Chicagu in okolici za zbiranje še uporabne obleke, katero naj vsakdo shrani toliko časa, ko bo glavni odbor JPO-SS objavil, kam se naj nabrana obleka pošlje. Seveda bo vse nabrano moralo biti še uporabno in očiščeno.

Anton Krapenc, predsednik, John Gottlieb, tajnik, Leo Jurjovec, blagajnik.

Lep rezultat priredbe

Cleveland.—Spodaj podajam finančno poročilo o prireditvi podružnice 35 JPO-SS, ki se je vršila 24. oktobra. Iz računov boste razvideli, da je bil rezultat nepričakovano dober. Imena prispevalcev so bila že objavljena in tudi zahvala vsem, ki so pomagali na kak način do tako lepega uspeha. Želim popraviti še malo pomoto, ki se je zgodila v oglasu Antona Novaka z E. 200 st.—v oglasu bi namreč moralo biti, da prodaja tudi žganje. Torej se naj nam oprsti.

Priznanje zasluži še žene, ki so nabirale oglase in v smislu sklepa bile upravičene do provizije, toda so jo pustile v prid pomožni akciji. Te so Mrs. Lustik, Čoprič, Bučar in Durn. S tem so pokazale svojo požrtvovalnost za človekoljubno delo, katerega vrši JPO-SS.

Zahvalo naj izrečem tudi vsem, ki zbirate znamke od prodajne davka. Vas je veliko in vas torej ne bom posebej imenoval. In dasi je tudi pri šteju precej dela s temi znamkami, smo zanje prejeli ček za \$55.22, kar je že lepa vsota. Priporočamo, da te znamke še nadalje zbirate in jih prinesete podpisnemu—lahko jih izročite tudi kakemu zastopniku, ki jih prinese na sejo. Posebno je to zbiranje priporočljivo sedaj, ko boste malo več kupovali k božičnim praznikom. Hranite in prinesite te znamke, katere bomo enkrat po novem letu zopet prešteli in poslali na pristojno mesto.

Dalje prosim vsa društva, ki bodo prejela pismo od naše podružnice 35 JPO-SS, da na letni seji izvolijo dobre zastopnike, ki se bodo udeleževali seji podružnice v prihodnjem letu. Društva, ki iz tega ali drugega vzroka še niso pri naši podružnici, naj poskrbe, da bodo zastopana v prihodnjem letu. Dela in požrtvovalnosti je pričakovati od nas vseh, ne le od nekaterih. Vsi storimo svojo bratsko dolžnost do našega trpečega naroda v stari domovini, kajti potreba pomoči bo velika, kakor hitro jo bo mogoče dostaviti.

Meseca decembra ne bo seje naše postojanke. Ampak to ne pomeni, da ne bi smeli zbirati in prispevati za pomožno akcijo. Zastopniki, ki imate nabiralne knjižnice, pojdite na delo v tem mesecu kot še nikdar prej in zbirajte prostovoljne prispevke za olajšanje bede našega kravečega naroda onkraj morja. Prošeni so tudi društva, naj na svojih decembrskih sejah prispevajo kolikor jim blagajna dopušta. Pošljite prispevke spodaj podpisnemu tajniku ali jih pa izročite

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Ob koncu leta torej iskreno zahvalo vsem, ki so v tem letu prispevali za pomožno akcijo rezevov v Sloveniji. Enako želim, da se boste tudi v prihodnjem letu odzvali vsak po svojih mo-

čeh—tisti, ki ste že prispevali in oni, ki niso še nič dali v ta dobrodelni namen. Storitve to v bodoče. Vsak dolar je dobrodošel. Torej daj brat, prispevaj, sestra! Želeč vam vsem boljših razmer in veselejših dni v prihodnjem letu, kakor tudi to, da bi bil že skoraj konec tega klajnja človeka po človeku.

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

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Zalostnega srca naznanjamo sorodnikom, prijateljem in znancem, da je preminula moja draga soproga in mati

Mary Istenič

Umrja je po enomesecni bolezni po operaciji 15. novembra 1943. Pokopana je bila na tukajšnjem mestnem pokopališču Glenview. Rojena je bila 13. aprila 1892 v Škofji Loki na Gorenjskem. V Ameriki je bila 35 let. Tukaj zapušta mamo, pet sinov (štirje so v armadi) in eno hčer omenjeni Milton, ter brata in sestro. Na tem mestu se najlepše zahvalimo vsem in v vseh očitih za darovane vence in cvetice, ter za voljo pri pogrebu. Hvala sorodnikom in E. Palestine, Ohio, družinam Degarja, Šerjak in Golčič. Nadalje družini Brodsko in Bessemerja, Pa., družinama Zupčič in Mikec in Strabana, Pa., družini Rupnik in Libarja, Pa., družinam Hostnik, Golčič in Meyers in Detroit, Mich., družini Golčič iz Beaver Falls, Pa. Nadalje lepa hvala vsem članom in članicam društva št. 55 SNPJ, katerega članica je bila 30 let in sosednemu društvu A. F. U. Lepa hvala članom in članicam in članicam in članicam pri ter mrs. Brolih in mrs. Ulrich za dano nam pomoč in potrebito pri domačem hišnem delu ob času pogrebu. Še enkrat najlepše hvala domačem skupini in za vse, kar koli ste nam dobrega storili in nas tolažili v uri žalosti. Tebi, draga soproga in mati naše, šilimo počivaj v miru in lahki naj Ti bude ameriška zemlja.—Žalujoci ostali: Jacob Istenič, soproga: Jacob Jr., John, William, Emil in Edward, sinovi; Helen, hči ter dva vnuka v East Palestine, Ohio.



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toleranca?

Canton, O.—Vi nekateri bratje, ki smo bili še včeraj na vas ponosni, čeprav vi za to niste vedeli, ko ste pazili na to, da na konvencijah SNPJ niso bili pozabljeni demokratični principi kooperacije in tolerance, ste se pustili zavesti od mnenj nekaterih posameznikov, ki ne predstavljajo niti sence ogromnosti članstva jednote. Zašli ste s svoje demokratične, napredne poti, po kateri ste hodili toliko let.

Nekateri med vami, ki ste sodelovali pri sklepih 12. redne konvencije, danes usiljujejo članstvu SNPJ nekako nazadnjaško mnenje proti uredniku Prosvete. Ali ni to zadosti žalostno, dragi bratje, da hočete pokazati urednika Molka v luči nazadnjaštva pred članstvom? Očitale uredniku, da se ne drži sklepov večine in pred članstvom kažete nanj, kakor na kakšnega hlapca, katerega po vašem mnenju vsak član lahko lopne po glavi—čeprav ste mu dolžni mnogo za svojo prosveto in ne samo vi, temveč ogromno število članstva SNPJ.

Kje je toleranca? Cenjeni bratje, vi mehe osebno ne poznate, kakor tudi jaz ne vas, kar pa ni važno. Važno je pa to, da ste za seboj pustili mnogo let dela na društvenem in kulturnem polju v korist te naše velike, brataške organizacije. Dokler je pri vas še bila treznost, ste v svojem glasilu, na katerega ste bili toliko ponosni, pisali v demokratičnem duhu, danes pa je vaš duh prišel dišati po inozemskih političnih intrigah. V svoji nevednosti ste pričeli meriti Prosveto in njene urednika z isto mero, s katero ste toliko let merili neki clevelandski list.

Bratje, ali se ne zavedate, da se vam nekdo smeje za hrbotom? Smejejo se vam oni, ki bi bili najraje pljunili na vsak vaš dopis poprej, dokler ste še bili trezni. Mi smo zadosti stari in tudi ne toliko revni na znanjih, da ne bi vedeli, da v zadnjih 150 letih od danes ni še nobena vojna doprinesla ničesar k izboljšanju svetovnih razmer. Naše upanje je, da bo ta vojna drugačna — ta vojna, ki po svojih grozotah prekaša vse, o čemur smo še kdaj čitali; mi ne občutimo teh grozot tukaj, občutijo jih pa oni, ki se bojujejo zato, da ne pridejo do nas diktatorji in ne uničijo naših svobodščin.

Da, bratje! Na otokih tropične vročine na južnih morjih se bojujejo naši fantje, kakor na otokih skrajnega severa, v džunglah Burme in na Bližnjem vzhodu, naposled pa tudi v Angliji čaka na tisoče in tisoče naših fantov, ki bodo prej ali slej poslani na evropsko celino pred žrela stotisočih diktatorjevih topov od španke meje pa do severnega konca Norveške — zato, da ostane svoboda pri življenju. Upajmo, da bodo te naše žrtve upošteevane, kadar pride do sklepanja miru, da ne bo mir uničen, kakor je bil zadnji; upajmo, da bo to pot uničena zadnja sled diktature. Naj narodi dobe demokracijo in svobodo! Naj dobe toleranco in socialno demokratično preuredbo sveta!

Prva dolžnost članov in članic SNPJ bi morala biti, da se zavedamo, da smo državljani velike demokratične republike, v kateri imamo pravico, da volimo, kogar hočemo in lahko kritiziramo, kogar hočemo, da lahko izražamo svoja mnenja. Druga naša dolžnost je, da se vsak inteligentnejši član in članica zaveda, da živimo v dobi silnega političnega viharja, ki od naša marsikaterega slabša s seboj. Pazimo, da SNPJ ostane na svojih temeljnih nepremakljivi! Pazimo, da se naša Prosveta urejuje po sklepih 12. redne konvencije od prihodnje redne konvencije in še nadalje!

Prepričati one naše brate, ki so se prenaejali naše ameriške svobode, da je slabo zanje, ker se bolj brigajo za inozemsko politiko, kakor pa za svojo domaćo, demokratično in napredno,

je hvaležna naloga vsakega brata in sestre.

Cenjeni bratje in sestre! Ako si ni urednik Prosvete, br. Molek, v domala tridesetih letih svojega dela pri Prosveti zaslužil pičlega priznanja od nas, ko nam je njegovo pero odpiralo oči, potem ni vredno več zapisati ne enega stavka za Prosveto. Da, bratje, naš in moj urednik Prosvete, ki je posvetil vse svoje odraslo življenje prosveti slovenskega priseljence v Ameriki, je vreden našega priznanja in zaupanja.

Amerika se nahaja v vojni. To je edina država na svetu, ki je v vojnem stanju in katere ti ni odvzela pravice svobode in kritike. Žalostno pa je, da nekateri izrabljajo to svobodo do skrajnosti. V tej svobodi se nekateri ljudje počutijo silno veliki — ampak, če bi vedeli, kako majhni bi bili, če bi se čez noč znašli zunaj te svobode, v suženstvu, bi se sramovali svojega sedanjega početja.

Michael Chok.

Urednik naj bo "rough and tough," želi Barbič.

Cleveland, O.—Prečital sem dopis clevelandskega zastopnika, ki si lasti monopol nad naročniki Prosvete v tem mestu. Seveda je sledil urednikov odgovor in sedaj naj sledi še moje mnenje o tej metropolitni vojni.

Dne 7. novembra sem srečal člana, ki je prihajal s seje društva 147 SNPJ, pri katerem je član. Rekel je, da je povedal Milanu Medvešku, da je že čas, naj preneha s pojasnili o izjavi, katero je predložil na seji gl. odbora in Milan mu je menda odgovoril, da bo res najbolje. Sedaj se pa oglašuje "sekundant" in ponavlja ono, s čimer je clevelandski odbornik prenehal. Če potrebuješ prijatelja, ki bo zate predlagal, da dobiš kot najboljši list monopolist, Prosvete v metropoli kar petdeset capakov iz Prosvetne blagajne, se že izplača zagovarjati predlagatelja, naj ima prav ali ne, saj gre za 50 capakov.

Smešno pri tem je, da je urednik Molek glasoval za predlog glede 50 capakov kot nagrado izbornemu poročevalcu; najbrže se mu je smilil v onih časih — sedaj pa Ivan Molek, kot usmiljeni Samaritan, prejema batine od onega, za katerega je dvignil roko, naj dobi 50 capakov. Torej, če si hočeš ustvariti nasprotnika, kar pomaga mu s posojilom ali nagrado. Baš danes sem pa izvedel, da neki člani v Clevelandu nočejo plačati naročnine za Prosveto nekim zastopnikom in jo raje plačajo društvenemu tajniku ali pa sami pošljejo v Chicago. In zakaj ne bi?

Smatram, da je pisanje zastopnika, kakršno je v tistem dopisu — sabotaža jednotinega glasila. To pisanje dela vtis, kakor da je zastopnik hotel reči, naj clevelandski naročniki opuste Prosveto in naj se narode na lokalni dnevnik, ki ga on smatra, da je najboljši zagovornik komunistične politike v Rusiji in starem kraju s prepunkavanjem propagande iz drugih listov. Sedaj je vprašanje za naše članstvo, koliko časa bo dovolilo, da se to dogaja. In kaj bo storilo upravištvo Prosvete? Ali boste vse to požrli na tihem? Ali ne boste storili ničesar, da preneha ta sabotaža?

Urednik pravi, da se vsem ne more ustreči. To je res. Urednik ni ustregel meni, ko sem poslal Prosveti poročilo o nesamnem napadu na moje osebo, ker je bil prizadet nekdo, ki je bil smatran, da je poln velikih vrlin — kateri pa je sedaj pokazal figo vsemu onemu, kar je nekoč imel za važno in je s tem sabotalil ljudsko korporacijo. Monopolist je bil seveda na njegovi strani, ampak časi so se spremenili in "človeki" se tudi spreminjajo. So "človeki", ki se navdušujejo za rusko vlado in udrihajo po tukajšnjih kapitalistih, ko pa pridejo volitve, se navdušujejo za kandidate na listih kapitalističnih strank — sedaj pa ti "človeki" dobivajo

batine od onih, ki so jim bili na uslugo. Morda si mislijo: Opuščam jim, ker jih poznam, da so šviga-švaga čez vsak plot.

Ko je še živel Cankarjev glasnik, ki so ga rodili baš oni, ki danes tako proketo mlajto po uredniku Prosvete, so se takrat obračali na Molka, naj jim pomaga s spisi. Danes pa — lop, po njem! Jaz se nisem povsem strinjal s C. G., ker sem vedel, da je delal škodo Proletarcu — in Molek ni držal z mano, kakor pravijo metropolitni Čiči, da vedno skupaj drživa. Kaj pa še! Neki strahopetec, ki se boji belega dne in mi pošilja anonimne (brez podpisa) karte, gozbeda, da sva oba "fašista", nima pa korajže, da bi se pokazal. Taki so sopotni "človeki"!

Urednik pa naj vendar preneha z večnim pojasnjevanjem, kakšna so pravila, smernice, resolucije itd. Meni je vse to znano; dalje vem, da nepoznanje pravil, kakor zakonov, ne opravičuje nikogar. Kdor se ne brija za pravila, resolucije in zakone, naj trpi posledice. Zakaj se pa ne potuči, kakor se ga mi?

Dalje bi člani želeli, da je urednik malo bolj bojevit. Včasih je bil silno bojevit, čemu ni danes? Strela božja, Molek, ali se res bojiš teh malih "človekov"? Tvoj odgovor zastopniku je bil jako žalosten, miren... S tem jim daješ potuho, da so še bolj predrzni. Udaril! Primojkrsčen svet Janez, pojdi doli k Bergerju pa enega spij, če ni drugače!... Potem bo pa šlo, kakor je šlo onemu uredniku, ki je imel k'vort pred sabo na mizi...

Tako navdušuj naš narod, če hočeš, da bo zmaga demokracija. Tako so se borili naši ameriški predniki, ki so se baje tudi nazivali "partisans," čeprav takrat še ni bilo ne duha ne sluha o kakih komunistih.

Žalostno je, kadar se v naših vrstah pojavijo dlakocepci, ki se ne strinjajo s tem in onim. Tudi jaz se ne strinjam z vsem, kar berem v Prosveti; ne strinjam se z vsem tudi v Proletarcu, najmanj se pa strinjam z natrako Enakopravnostjo — r e d n o pa plačujem naročnino za vse tri liste in nikoli še nisem rekel, da bom pustil ta ali oni list, ker mi ne ugaja to ali ono, kar drugi pišejo. Imel sem že boje z uredniki vseh teh listov in naj zato oglašam, da jih bom pustil? Kakšno figamostv je to?

Najbolj neumno pa je, če kdo ukazuje uredniku Prosvete, Proletarca ali Enakopravnosti, kako naj piše. Če sam ne ve, kako je treba pisati, naj gre. Kot dopisnik ne želim, da mi kdo ukazuje, kako naj spišem svoj dopis; ne pretubujem nikogar, da bi mi diktiral. Za kogar ni, naj ga ne čita — saj tudi jaz ne čitam vsega v Prosveti. Baš sedaj me pa zelo zanimajo Izkušnje starega naseljence in to prečitam do zadnje črke.

Se enkrat opozarjam urednika, naj bo tako bojevit kot je bil pokojni Zavertnik, pa bo šlo. Če bi bil naš urednik nekoliko mlajši, bi želel, da bi postal "streetcarman" in mi bi ga naučili, kako je treba biti "rough and tough..."

Frank Barbič.

Priporoča splošno glasovanje

Chicago, Ill.—Spor med nekaterimi gl. odborniki in urednikom Prosvete zaradi Rusije in partizanov je čim dalje bolj vroč. Dasi so nekateri bratje izrekli željo, naj se stranke pomirijo, vse kaže, da ne bo miru in stvari se razvijajo v nasprotno smer, kar dokazuje Jankovičev dopis, ki dokazuje posledice zadnje konvencije.

Urednik ima na podlagi resolucije—katero je spisal sam, če sem prav informiran—katero je sprejela zadnja konvencija, vso pravico na svoji strani in gl. odbor mu ne bo kos, dokler se ne poslužijo pravil za razveljavljanje dotične resolucije. Urednik pravi, da se drži smernice dotične resolucije, kar je resnica. Lahko bi tisto resolucijo izvajal bolj mlo, toda on tega neče in nam raje poje visoko pesem o demokraciji. Urednik nam je že pred konvencijo dokazoval, da se z demokracijo vse doseže, zato je razen demokracije odločno za viračal vsa druga načela, ki bi določala smernice listu.

V predkonvencijnih razpravah glede smernic lista sem takrat omenil, naj se konvencija izreče za bolj odločno delavsko ideolo-

gijo, katero smo v preteklosti naglašali; rekel sem, da se s samo demokracijo ne moremo zadovoljiti, kajti Mussolini in Hitler sta do svoje moči pripeljala po demokratični "lojtri".

Ta slučaj, kakršnih je že bilo mnogo v zgodovini naše jednote, naj bo šola za tiste člane, ki so tako radi pritrjevali onim članom gl. odbora, ki so trdili, da je potrebno, da imajo posamezni odseki in odborniki med konvencijami več moči, da bodo učinkovitejši izvrševali svoje naloge. Kakšne posledice lahko izvajajo iz tega in kako kvarno je za organizacijo, pri kateri je članstvo brez moči med konvencijami, ko se gl. odborniki kavsajo med seboj na škodo članstva, vidimo danes.

Jaz vidim le dve poti, da se ta stvar reši. Prva je, da gl. odbor odstavi urednika na podlagi dokazov br. A. Jankoviča, ker s svojimi spisi dela škodo listu. Druga in bolj demokratična, katero jaz priporočam, pa je, da članstvo s splošnim glasovanjem amandira resolucijo, ki je bila sprejeta na zadnji konvenciji in katere določa smernice listu. To bi se moralo že zgoditi. Apeliram na gl. odbor, naj ne zavlačuje, ker v interesu jednote je, da vlada v njej sloh.

Frank Alech, član št. 1.

Samo žalostne vesti

Enumclaw, Wash.—Dne 3. junija t. l. je šel naš član Anton Škufca ribariti kakih 40 milj od tukaj v Eagle Lake. Ko je bil na jezeru, je nesreča hotela, da je zdrknil iz čolna in padel v nad 100 čevljev globoko vodo in utonil. Nesrečnež se ni mogel rešiti, ker je bil preveč oblečen, dasi je bil dober plavalec. Rojen je bil 1. dec. 1901 v Roslynu, Wash., in član društva 738 SNPJ. Tukaj v Rentonu je zapustil brata Johna in sina, razporočeno ženo pa nekje v Californiji.

Dne 9. nov. pa je naglo umrla Mary Gore, tudi članica našega društva. Njeno dekljško ime je bilo Krashovetz. Rojena je bila 1. dec. 1900 v Denverju, Colo. Šla je kot navadno na farmo, da postreže očetu, ki je ležal na bolniški postelji. Ko je oprala nekaj perila, je pričela kuhati kosilo. Ko se odpravila, je padla in bo par ur pozneje so jo našli mrtvo na tleh. Kar je dala na peč, je bilo vse sežgano.

Oče je ležal v drugi sobi, tudi bolan na smrt, ona pa mrtva v kuhinji. Kmalu potem je umrl tudi oče—še isti dan, ne da bi vedel o smrti svoje hčere. Oče je bil star 78 let in član društva 162 ABZ. Tukaj v Kraynu na farmi je živel 36 let. Pred par leti sta bila oba v avtni nesreči, v kateri je bila neka ženska ubita, oče in hči pa precej poškodovana. Oče se je zdravil doma, Mary pa v bolnišnici v Auburnu, Wash. To je precej pošešilo, da sta šla v prerani grob. Mary zapuša dva brata, Franka na farmi, Johna pa pri vojaki, kakor tudi sestro Rosie Bailly v Seattlu, dve hčeri — Mariam Kranc in Margaret Grove—enega vnuka in vnujino.

Dne 13. nov. smo imeli dvojni pogreb. Žalostno je bilo videti dve krsti, obdani z vencji: v eni oči, v drugi hči. Koliko prijateljev in znancev sta imela, se je videlo pri pogrebu, ko smo ju spremili na pokopališče v Kraynu. Očeta so položili k njegovi ženi in sinu, ki sta umrla že pred precej leti, hči pa k njemu možu, ki je umrl 3. julija 1941. Naj jim bo lahka gruda, preostalim pa iskreno sožalje od našega društva 738 SNPJ!

Ciril Ermence, tajnik.

Priprave za Adamičev sprejem
Detroit.—Tukaj bomo imeli priliko slišati Louisa Adamiča v soboto, 11. dec. Zelo je priporočljivo, da bi ga slišali tudi naša mladina. Zato je Sansov odbor sklenil, da bo prosta vstopnina h govoru. Priredba se vrši v Delavskem domu, 437 S. Livernois ave.

Da bomo lahko občinstvu čim bolj postregle z večerjo, smo nagovorile OPA, da nam je dal nekaj pointov. Preskrbite si vstopnice k večerji, ki se prične točno ob 7. zvečer—kdor bo hotel prej, bo pripravljena že ob 6. uri. Naročite vstopnice pri osebah, ki jih je omenila zadnjič Lia Menton, ali pa pri oskrbniku SDD—tel. VI 2-9597. Vstopnice so po \$1.50. Torej še enkrat apeliram, da počastimo Adamiča v čim večjem številu.

Pridite od blizu in daleč. Govor se prične ob osmi uri in ne bojte se, da bi ga ne slišali, kajti imeli bomo mikrofone.

Omenim naj tudi, da napredne slovenske, srbske in hrvatske žene prirede veliko zabavo z igro "Osveta", ki se vrši 19. dec. ob 2. popoldne v rumunski dvorani na 1423 E. Farnsworth. Tudi te vstopnice lahko dobite pri naših članicah in so po 75c v predprodaji, dolar pri vratih. Dobiček te priredbe je namenjen za partizane in se torej udeležite v čim večjem številu. Na programu bodo tudi slovenske točke. Torej na svidenje 11. in 19. decembra.

Antonia Ločniškar, 518.

Seja ženskoga odseka SND
Waukegan, Ill.—Letna seja pomoznega odseka SND se vrši v petek, 3. dec. ob 7:30 zvečer v prostorih čitalnice. Volitve odbora za 1944 in druge važne stvari bodo na programu. Po seji bo nekoliko zabave. Članice so vabljenje, da se udeležijo v polnem številu.

Albina L. Furlan.

Je dobra lovka!

Johnstown, Pa.—Moj kolekar kaže, da gre lovška sezona h koncu. Nastreljala sem precej zajčkov, toda sem jih še premočno ujeala: Čakala sem, da kdo drugi kako medaljo zasluži, ker se pa ni nihče požuril, potem pa hajdi na lov kar v kijklj.

Torej da naša SNPJ ne bo prikrajšana na teh mladih zajčkih, nisem mogla več odlašati. Naša kvota je dosežena in tudi prekošana. Pa mi reci, dragi čitatelj, da ne znam streljati. O, pa še kako! Kogarkoli sem opomnila, naj pridobi kakega novega člana v mladinski oddelek, je vsakdo rekel, da je treba rojstev, drugače ni nič. Ker pa ne nosim dolgih hlač, mi korajža ni mogla pasti vanje in v dveh večerih sem dobil 13 mladinskih članov in tri odrastle.

Kvota našega društva št. 3 je bila 15. Od pričetka kampanje sem dobila štiri, zdaj pa trinajst, skupaj torej sedemnajst—dva več za dobro mero. In tudi še dnevi kampanje, kar jih še preostaja, bom poskusila svojo srečo. Lahko si predstavljate, kako se bo moj anonimni prijatelj zopet jezil in gotovo ga bo pekla vest, če jo ima.

Zadnjič sem brala dobro sugestijo našega glavnega tajnika glede kolektanja asementa. Jaz to vršim ves čas mojega tajnikovanja, ker drugače bi polovico članstva izgubila. Ampak me strahno boli, če moram katerega črtati in grem rajši okrog na svojo stroške in še marsikatero greško moram požreti. Večina članov je dobra, a dobe se tudi taki, ki svojo neveljavo stresajo na tajnika. Torej je treba večkrat stisniti zobe in se delati kot da ne razumem, kaj govori in zopet drugič poskusiti svojo srečo. Torej kdor je zajčje nature, ni za to delo. To bi morali upoštevati člani pri volitvah. Katero društvo ne napreduje, prav gotovo nazaduje. In to ne škoduje le prizadetemu društvu, marveč tudi jednoti.

Ko sem leta 1942 prevzela tajništvo, smo imeli v mladinskem oddelku 104 člane. Od tedaj je prestopilo v odrasli oddelek 13 članov. Danes, meseca novembra pa imamo v mladinskem oddelku 159 članov. Dva prestopita in 14 je novih. Torej prinese skupno število v mladinskem oddelku 171—mogoče pa tudi še kakšnega dodam. V tem času je bilo pet črtanih. Torej, da moremo zaznamovati ta napredek, je bilo treba precej agitacije.

Dne 1. dec. bo šlo skupno število naših članov 329 v obeh oddelkih. Če bo združitev z Mirnim domom št. 448 v tem času že izvršena, bo društvo Adrijana 1. dec. šlo najmanj 397 članov v obeh oddelkih. Naš mladinski oddelek prekaša odrasli oddelek, kar je prav, ker v mladini je moč. A še je treba agitirati in vi člani pomagajte v svojo lastno korist. Ne prezrite nobenega "prospekta". Če kdo ve za kakšnega, ali sam hoče iti, naj meni sporoči.

Zdaj pa vam priporočam, da na prihodnji seji izvolite vrednega naslednika, da bo društvo raslo in procvitalo še mnogo let. Želim, da moj naslednik pokaže take medalje in rekord kot tajnik v nevidnih hlačah. Če se tega ne upa, tedaj se naj pa skrije. Pozdrav vsemu članstvu!

Mary Vidmar.

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Prihodna nedelja bo sploh dan Zdrženih bratov. Kakor vsako leto, tako tudi letos priredimo domačo zabavo s plesom.

Zjutraj bodo imeli sejo, popoldne pa kakor običajno igrali karte v spodnji dvorani. Ob 4. uri pride muzikant s harmoniko in bo igral do 8. zvečer.

Prijazno so vabljeni tudi vsi prijatelji Zdrženih bratov, da nas posetite v čim večjem številu na tej domači zabavi.

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la lep program v slovenskem jeziku. Lepo jih je bilo poslušati, ker so tako lepo prepevali slovenske pesmice...

Končno naj se omenim, da naš član Vincent Bogataj pozdravlja vse člane društva 358 SNPJ. Piše, da pogreša društvene seje in želi, da bi se čim prej povrnil med nas.

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Dne 27. nov. se je poročil naš član Frank Straus s Stello Hentzl. Tudi njegovo nevesto bomo skušali dobiti v naše društvo.

Greenboro, Pa.—Pozivam člane društva 101 SNPJ, da se v polnem številu udeležite letne seje 5. dec. ob 8. uri popoldne v gledališču. Nekateri člani se izgovarjajo, da ne morejo priti, ker ni gasolina. Taki izgovori so prazni, saj gre zmiraj ta ali drugi z avtom, pa se dva ali trije pripeljejo. Društvo šteje 87 članov, toda jih polovico ne poznam. Nekateri jih pošiljajo asecment po pošti, toda ne sapišajo pravilno molega imena, kar mi dela preglavice. Pridite vsi na letno sejo in si izvolite nov odbor, ki bo vsem povojal, a ne tako kot je letos. Kdor ima kaj proti meni, naj pride na sejo.

Rock Springs, Wyo.—Naznanjam članstvu društva 10 SNPJ, da se v polnem številu udeležite letne seje v sredo, 8. dec., začetak točno ob sedmih zvečer v Sribakem domu na Midland ave. Izvolili boste odbor za 1944 in rešiti moramo več drugih važnih zadev. Apelim na vse, da se udeležite te seje.

Midland, Pa.—Pozivam vse članstvo društva 464 SNPJ, da se v polnem številu udeležite letne seje v sredo, 8. dec., začetak točno ob sedmih zvečer v Sribakem domu na Midland ave. Izvolili boste odbor za 1944 in rešiti moramo več drugih važnih zadev. Apelim na vse, da se udeležite te seje.

Manor, Pa.—Pozivam vse člane in članice društva 78 SNPJ, da se v polnem številu udeležite letne seje v nedeljo, 5. dec. ob dveh popoldne. Na tej seji boste izvolili odbor za 1944 in rešiti moramo več drugih važnih zadev. Kdor se ne udeleži te seje, bo društvo postopalo s njim v smislu zadnje letne seje.

Cleveland, Ill.—Letna seja društva Naprej 5 SNPJ se vrši v nedeljo, 5. dec., pričetek ob 8. zjutraj. Članstvo je vabljeno, da se udeleži v polnem številu.

Black Diamond, Wash.—Društvo 57 SNPJ uljudno vabi vse svoje člane na letno sejo, ki se vrši 12. dec. ob devetih zjutraj. Ker moramo rešiti več važnih zadev, kakor tudi izvoliti odbor za 1944, vas torej prosim, da se udeležite v polnem številu.

Bridgeville, Pa.—Obveščam člane in članice društva 172 SNPJ, da se morate vsi udeležiti prihodnje seje 5. dec. ob treh popoldne. Bo volitev uradnikov za 1944 in rešiti moramo več važnih zadev. Slišali bomo tudi poročilo o Sanu. Prosim, da upoštevate ta poziv.

Butte, Mont.—Društvo 207 SNPJ vabi vse svoje članstvo na prihodnjo sejo, ki se vrši 5. dec. v Narodnem domu. Volijo bomo odbor za 1944 in zato je potrebno pa tudi dolžnost vsakega člana in članice, da se te seje udeleži. Kdor dolguje na asecmentu, ali tudi poravnava, da bo mogoče urediti knjige ob koncu leta. Po seji bo po starem običaju malo prigrizka in pižice.

Uniontown, Pa.—Pozivam vse članstvo društva 386 SNPJ, da se udeležite letne seje 5. dec. točno ob 8. uri pop. Ta seja je važna za nas vse, tudi za one člane, ki niso bili vse leto na seji. Znano mi je iz pisma, v katerih mi člani pošiljajo asecment in pravijo, da se vidijo "na prihodnji seji." To se ponavljajo skozi vse leto. Tem članom ni znano, kako društvo ostoji. Danes so vse drugačni časi kot prej in torej upam, da se vidimo na letni seji, na kateri si izvolite odbor po lastni želji. Jaz ne bom kandidiral v noben urad, ker si želim olajšati delo, katerega imam čez glavo.

Na zadnji seji 7. nov. smo sklenili, da priredimo veselico 28. nov. Ker pa odbor ni mogel dobiti vsega do casa, bomo to nadomestili 5. dec. po letni seji. Imeli bomo nekoliko prigrizka in tudi za suha grla ne bo manjkalo. Torej ste proseni, da se udeležite v polnem številu. Če bo udeležba dobra, sem gotov, da bomo tudi nekaj izystrnega ukrenili za 1944 in se tudi spoznali. Društvo ima 15 članov pri vojakih.

Obenem poročam, da se vrši letna seja podružnice 17 Sana, h kateri je pridruženo tudi naše društvo, v nedeljo, 12. dec., začetak ob 1:30 pop. pri bratu Urbanu Ruparju na 158 Clarendon ave.

Delagua, Colo.—Društvo 291 SNPJ prosi vse svoje članstvo, da se udeležite letne seje 12. dec. ob 10. pop. Imeli bomo volitve društvenih odborikov za 1944. Ker so mlade poklicali v službo Srica Sana, bomo morali pa starejši prevzeti društvene urade in gledati za napredek jednote. Torej na svidenje 12. dec. na letni seji.

Murray, Utah.—Vabim vse člane in članice društva 12 SNPJ na letno sejo, ki se vrši 12. dec. ob 6. zvečer v navadnih prostorih. Torej na svidenje. Anton Kusner, tajnik.

West Allis, Wis.—Članom in članicam društva 104 SNPJ naznanjam, da se vrši prihodnja seja v petek, 10. dec. ob 7. zvečer v Kraljevi dvorani na 6001 S. 60th st. Uradniki bodo podali poročila o svojem poslovanju v tekočem letu, izvolili bomo odbor za 1944 in razpravljali o drugih važnih zadevah, kakor tudi o položaju v stari domovini. Ker bo na dnevnem redu dovolj zanimivega gradiva, se seja prične točno ob sedmih zvečer. Članstvo je vabljeno, da se v polnem številu udeleži letno seje.

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For Grade Labeling and Subsidies

Three weeks ago we dealt here with the threat of unbridled inflation and said that the only way to prevent it is by pushing through the government's subsidy program.

This week we will deal briefly with the important problem of grade labeling—a problem which vitally concerns all consumers.

Grade labeling for canned and certain other foods should be in effect and the grade labeling program extended to all possible fields.

Various food trusts and the commercial farm bloc are out to get rid of every vestige of quality control. Last spring, by filibuster tactics, they blocked grade labeling of this year's pack of canned goods.

Typical of the House committee's approach is its statement that it could find "no evidence" that standardization is necessary to price control.

It is known that some time ago the President attacked the interpretation of the legislation which would prohibit the Office of Price Administration from making use of standards.

The President then interpreted the program as permitting the use of grades and standards when they are essential for the purpose of price control.

The disappearance of compulsory grade labeling for certain commodities and for those not affected at the consumer level is actually only partly offset by the fact that in most instances OPA now requires that grade labeling be replaced either by descriptive labeling.

The grade labeling question is by no means dead. Trade interests are ready for a strong counter-offensive whenever the issue comes up in Congress.

The contention of various Congressmen that industry's descriptive labeling of canned goods is "superior" to government grade labeling has been shown up time and again in Consumers Union tests.

Consumer protests and pressure on Congressmen may force them to hold new hearings at which consumers would be permitted to testify.

Last week subsidies were lost in the House despite the arguments and appeals of the President. That makes it all the more necessary to win favorable action in the Senate.

If you don't want to pay more for bread and milk, for meat and butter; if you don't want to see your family victimized by skyrocketing prices, then you had better realize that it is later than it seems.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Badgers' USO party proved to be a huge success. Saturday, Nov. 27, climaxed an evening of swell entertainment and gave everyone a chance to make new acquaintances and meet servicemen from far and neighboring states.

The next festive occasion to take place is the annual Christmas party of the Junior All Star chorus to be held at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post (formerly South Side Turner Hall) on Sunday, Dec. 19.

nik, Juvenile Director and more movies of Slovenia. We hope to unveil the honor roll of former Juvenile members now serving in the armed forces of Uncle Sam.

Annual Meeting of Lodge 381 on Dec. 12. AGUILAR, COLO.—There will be a Senior Lodge 381 meeting on Dec. 12. At this meeting we will have election of new officers for the coming year.

Lodge 540 Will Meet on Dec. 12

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The last meeting date of Lodge 540 was Sunday, Nov. 14. The last general meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 2 p. m.

As anyone knows after this meeting we will have our Annual Christmas party. Refreshments will be served and will be paid for out of our treasury and all women of the lodge are asked to bring in some pre-Xmas goodies.

Christmas gifts and cards for the servicemen of the lodge were sent out by Josephine Domina and Mary Pezdirc.

Service News: Joseph Cipoth Jr. is now home on a medical discharge from the army. Pfc. George Cerne is overseas. Pfc. Frank Skarl is at Camp Forest, Tenn.

Wedding bells will ring shortly for Rosalie Painter, also for her brother Andrew. Congratulations. Do not forget the important date, time and place: Sun., Dec. 12, at 2 p. m.

Publicity Committee, MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

Victorian News

CHICAGO.—Victorians, here is our annual meeting again, so that all of you members would keep in mind the duty you should perform on December 2.

In conjunction with this meeting we are having a social and a grab-bag party. All who desire to partake in this affair are requested to bring a gift wrapped for the bag, gifts ranging from 10 to 25c.

All sport-minded fans come to the Bennett Bowling Alley, 2645 W. Cermak Rd. We bowl with the Pioneers every Wednesday nite. Bowl for your health.

Just received word that Brother Victor Skubic passed away Sunday, Nov. 28. Victorians and friends who want to see Brother Skubic can do so at Grubbe, 4230 W. 26th St. Funeral will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1. We Victorians extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

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COMRADES' NOTE BOOK Pioneer Benefit Is Huge Success

CHICAGO.—As chairman of the Pioneer servicemen party on Nov. 20 I want to thank each and every one who participated. Without your wonderful cooperation it could never have been such a success.

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J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots. LIBRARY, PA.—Today being Thanksgiving day and the J. Z. Jr. anniversary, one cannot help but do a little reminiscing while trying to write an article at this particular time.

At the last E. S. Federation Meeting on Oct. 31, it was decided that the Federation sponsor a Bowling Tournament and Dance. Since that meeting Brother Jos. Maglich has informed the writer that there will be a Federation Bowling Tournament and Dance on January 30, 1944, at Sygan Hall, Sygan, Pa.

Knowing that this tournament will be on a smaller basis than those previously held, it is evident that the cooperation of all members and their friends will be sought. Details about the bowling entries, schedule and prizes will be available after the Athletic Committee has had sufficient time to work it out.

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FLASHES

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CHICAGO.—A new record was established by the Pioneers when they initiated thirty new juvenile members at their Nov. 19 meeting. This being the thirtieth anniversary year when the juvenile department was instituted in the SNPJ it is truly a fitting way to commemorate it.

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their program to enable them to give a tiptop performance. Because the Chicago District Federation of SNPJ will not sponsor any juvenile Christmas party this year the Pioneers undertook this job for their members. However, there has been some talk about other lodges joining in with us. ANY LODGE DESIRING TO DO SO WILL BE WELCOME. The only requirement is that they procure their own gifts. Say what we want about the children's Christmas parties, they are desirable even though it means a lot of work and expense to the organization.

Frank J. Pirman, who is serving with the armed forces in Africa, sent us the first New Year's greeting card from there. It was a nice, simple card.—Leo Vider has been home on his furlough a short time ago. He now has two stripes and two additional marks to designate service overseas. He has spent a lot of time in the Pacific. His second trip took him into the Atlantic and all the way into Algiers.—George Ratkovich was home on furlough last week and stopped in to say hello. He is looking fine.—Conrad Kiery is the latest of the Pioneers to enroll in the Navy. He has just reached the age of seventeen, but wants to do his duty now.—Sylvia Trojar of Lodge 1 turned in another new membership application for the Pioneers.—The latest news from Anne Cartier tells us that they have purchased their own home in Provo, Utah, and that Roy is working for one of the steel mills.

Say, those Yugoslav Partisans that have been pushed around for a couple of years surely have hit the limelight lately. That proves the old saying that you can never keep a good thing down and that the truth does prevail eventually, notwithstanding any and all efforts to the contrary. A great deal was done to hold back the prestige of the Partisan group in Yugoslavia. Because they were radical the Yugoslav government itself issued false statements about them or tried to ignore them completely. But, now they have come to the top and the whole reading world knows who the Partisans are. It is too bad that we, who understand the more liberal aspects of life, couldn't at least have been sympathetic. The Partisan movement deserved it.

Our fellow Pioneer Louis Adamic, the author of "My Native Land," the recently published book, is hitting the headlines these days, too. He has been out on a number of speaking engagements and has been well received. His book has been reviewed by countless numbers and in most cases has been recommended for MUST reading. Also, the U.S. Army ordered 225,000 copies of his book, "The Native's Return"; it must have some value. Most important for us is the fact that Brother Adamic is championing the cause of the common man and the progressive thinker. He really has made great strides to bring the facts of

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Our Front

By Louis Beniger

With one or two minor exceptions, things are going extremely well on all battle fronts. The United Nations, growing ever stronger, are delivering decisive blows to the Axis as well as to the Japs. In fact, our enemies are getting what we are coming to them in such large and effective doses that their eventual defeat is only a question of time. This is particularly true of Germany, the scene of large-scale bombings in recent days, while on the Russian front its Wermacht fares extremely badly. And on top of all this a large-scale political as well as psychological offensive is being prepared by the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference meeting "somewhere in the East."

It has often been said that all wars are basically commercial wars; that is, that the warring nations are fighting it out for the domination of commercial advantages. This has largely been so in the past and is also true to a certain extent of the present conflict, but not wholly. In a sense this is chiefly a war between ideologies—between democracy and tyranny. The commercial aspect in this war is apparently relegated to second place. We all know what the world would get if the Axis partners would succeed in winning the war: the same thing that the enslaved nations of Europe have at present. On the other hand, with a complete victory for the United Nations, the small and large nations will be given an opportunity to work out their own salvation the best way they can.

That this war is not primarily a commercial war is evidenced in the fact that most of the big capitalists were opposing any preparations for war until Pearl Harbor. And until June 1941 the Communists were opposing any help to England by arguing that this was an "imperialistic war." The same tune was also sung by some of our "radical" Socialists who argued that there was no difference who wins in Europe, Hitler or Stalin, and as for America, these same "radical" boys were absolutely positive that the two great oceans give her ample protection against any would-be aggressor. Then came Pearl Harbor which knocked them cool and they, too, had to change their "line" as did the Communists six months before. As the war went on, some of these positivists of ours, "radical" as ever, suddenly came to the conclusion that, after all, it would be best if Russia would take over the Balkans and "make order" there.

All this is history now, but history which must not be discarded. Meanwhile, we see that in Yugoslavia, in Greece, in Italy, in Poland and in many other countries, the old rulers would like to come back, but the opposition, which looks to Russia for inspiration, insists there must be a real "new deal" all along the line. In Italy, the old fascist king shows a strong disposition to cling to his crown, and so does the young king of Yugoslavia now safely sojourning in Cairo with his retinue of reactionary supporters of the crown. In Greece as well as in Poland, there are similar struggles for power. Let us hope that at the end of this war there will be no more kings in Europe and that the people themselves will have a chance to decide on the type of democratic government they want without any royal paraphernalia on the top.

New Edition of Adam's 'My Native Land'

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Harper & Bros., New York publishers, announced that Louis Adam's new book "My Native Land," which was published on Nov. 3, is temporarily out of stock. It is understood the first edition was 35,000. This entire number has been distributed. A new edition of 10,000 was printed last week. The books are now being bound and will be available in a few days.

In addition to this, the Book Find Club, which distributes books to Labor Unions, will send out between 10 and 12 thousand copies of "My Native Land" late in January or early in February, depending on when the necessary paper for this popular book can be procured. As previously reported, "My Native Land" has been put on recommended list of current books by the Council on Books in War Time.

CHRISTMAS MAILS

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker is again warning the public that unless there is a heavy mailing of gifts immediately, many persons are going to be disappointed on Christmas.

The wartime burden on transportation and postal facilities—and the acute shortage of experienced manpower preclude any possibility of our delivering a late rush of gifts by Christmas Day. We cannot afford, in wartime, to have the congestion of transportation facilities that has resulted in the past from late mailings.

Cooperation by the public in this important matter should be viewed as a patriotic duty.

MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS NOW

JUVENILE CAMPAIGN PASSES GOAL OF 1000 MEMBERS

Large Gains Reported: Mary Vidmar 20, John Shular 20, Lucas Dernovsek 15

With Juvenile Campaign returns pouring in from many sections of the country, every sign points to a record-breaking total for November. Already more than 500 juvenile membership applications have been received boosting the total for the campaign to this date to 1120, well over the goal originally set for the drive. It appears very likely that this number will be exceeded by at least two or three hundred more, as scores of lodges are expected to be heard from during the next few days.

Last week's gains alone were greater than those recorded for the entire first month of the campaign when 207 juveniles were enrolled. The second month brought in 402 members, with the possibilities very bright that this figure will almost be doubled in the third and final month—the present estimate being that between 700 and 800 juveniles will be admitted in November.

Here are a few up-to-the-minute briefs on the campaign. The figures are based on returns received on or before Monday forenoon, Nov. 29th. Milan Medvesek, Lodge 5, Cleveland, Ohio, once more goes into the lead in Class "A" with a total of 37 juvenile members to his credit. In second place, sharing their gains equally, is the combination of Rose Radovich-Frank Stark, Lodge 21, Pueblo, Colorado, who, together, have 31 members. In third place, apparently contented(?) with her quota of 29 members, is Anne Gostkowski of Lodge 680, Verona, Pa.—A question mark has been placed behind the word "contented" because, from past experience, the Veronians are known to have a standing habit of not knowing when to quit in any campaign for expansion or improvement. Anything is likely to happen in this class.

The highest percentage of active lodges are those grouped in Class "B" (having between 100 and 200 members). In this division Joseph Snoy, Secretary of Lodge 13, Bridgeport, Ohio, continues to maintain a steady pace and now leads with 31 members to his credit. In the runner-up position, for the first time in the campaign, is Lucas Dernovsek Sr., Lodge 273, Sheldon, Wis., with 23 members. Brother Dernovsek, if you recall, won the highest honors in his state in the Victory Campaign with a total of 73 members. Also with 23 members to her credit is Mary Vidmar, Secretary of Lodge Adrijia (3), Johnstown, Pa., but because her quota is three higher than Brother Dernovsek's, is trailing him by that margin. Close behind is George Smrekar, Lodge 122, Aliquippa, Pa., and the combine of Werdinek-Panther-Chick, Lodge 29, Thomas, W. Va., each with 21 members. The contest here is too close for comfort for anyone can win.

On the very top of the campaign peak, where she has been since the start of the membership drive, is Mary Udovich of Chicago, with a total of 55 members, 26 of whom have been enrolled in the Pioneer Lodge (559), 17 in Lodge Nada (102), and the rest in some half dozen other local lodges. Sister Udovich has a commanding lead in Class "C". Her nearest competitor, Frank Pavletich, has 23 members, while third place is taken over by Joe Kolenc-Mary Cossie, Lodge 381, Aguilar, Colo., who have enrolled 16 members so far.

The most surprising gain of the month came from Lodge 208, Gross, Kansas. John Shular, who is the Lodge Secretary and a brother of Anton Shular of the Supreme Board of the Society, came through with the remarkable gain of 20 juvenile members, while John Kunstel, President of the Lodge, added three more to increase the total to 24. Brother Shular appears to be safely entrenched in first place in Class "D" and is now, also, among the first four leaders for the All-Classes combined prizes. Second place in this class is held by Paul Benich, Lodge 238, Mansfield, Ohio, who is credited with 10 members, while a tie exists for third place between Angela Nagode (430), Gebo, Wyo., and Helena Kristof, Lodge 163, Albia, Iowa, each with 9 members.

Members of the Chicago Pioneer Lodge (559) will be happy to learn that it has regained its place as the lodge with the biggest membership in the SNPJ. With Donald J. Lotrich and Mary Udovich collaborating on the campaign front, 35 juvenile members were enrolled in the past three months, five more than the quota and enough to overcome the margin of difference which existed between the Pioneers and Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa. Unless the Pennsylvania Lodge comes through in the closing days of the campaign, the Pioneers will enter the 40th Anniversary Year of the SNPJ as the biggest lodge.

Numbered among the new contestants entered in the closing weeks of the campaign are the names and lodge numbers of the following members: John Dolinar (52), Albina Kravanja (54), John Leskosek (63), Jacob Ambrosich (88), Frances Perushak (108), Helen Robich (166), Mary Orasem (214), Angeline Sever (223), Mait Maurovich (223), Anton Paynich (250), Marko Sabich (347), Mary Cossie (381), Max Knasus (387), Sophie Kotar (422), Betty Ambrosich (706), Mary K. Langerholc (712), Katherine Derglin (721). It is too late now to wish them luck in the campaign, but we do hope that the last days of the drive were profitable for each and every one of them.

No marked change is noticed among the juvenile contestants this week, except that the three top leaders, Sylvia Trojar, Mildred Padar and Marian Kaucic, have strengthened their holds on first, second and third places, respectively—the number of new members credited to each being 14, 10 and 8 in the order as their names appear. Each of these girls, as previously reported, is an active member of a local Juvenile Circle—Sylvia in Chicago, Marian in Cleveland and Mildred in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Less than two weeks ago, I attended the triple-anniversary celebration of the Junior All Americans, Circle No. 50, of which Mildred Padar is secretary. It was then my good fortune to make her acquaintance, as well as that of her father and mother, her brother Frank who is studying to be an engineer in a local college, and her two sisters, Anne and Jennie, who latter being Circle Adviser and Lodge Secretary—a family of five who really have a warm place in their hearts for the SNPJ. My two day visit in the second largest city in the world was spent right in the midst of Padar hospitality and friendliness that soon had me feel almost as much at home there as in Chicago.

We met at the Pennsylvania station—Jennie Padar, her father and I. Never having seen them before, I had just begun to despair of locating either of them when I spied the Juvenile 30th Anniversary badge on Jennie's coat. That was enough to identify her. Introductions followed and because we were on our way to Brooklyn via the subway, incidentally, because we were on our way to Brooklyn via the experience of riding all three of the fore leaving New York, I had the experience of riding to the Statue of Liberty, from the top of which a very good view was had of the skyline of the Manhattan District and sections to the north and south.

The Padar home was reached a little after eight, Sunday morning. Among the first to extend greetings was Sgt. Ray Travnik, who had arrived from his training station in New Jersey a short time before, looking trim and healthy in his army uniform. Johnny Champs of the Navy, a trim and healthy in his army uniform. Johnny Champs of the Navy, and Sheboygan (Wis) lad, who has been considerable action in Africa and on the Atlantic, was another week-end visitor of the Padars, as was Pvt. Edward Debevec, army student at City College of New York, originally from Pennsylvania but more recently from Cleveland, Ohio. Fine fellows, all three.

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Spirit-o-Grams

By Whooslt

ST. LOUIS, MO.—At the present time the main event coming up is the annual meeting to be held December 10 at the Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal, at 9 p. m. sharp. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. Election of officers will take place for the coming year and the cooperation of all the members will be needed since quite a few of our prominent members are serving in the Armed Forces. The regular monthly meeting will precede this meeting starting at eight o'clock. It is hoped that we will have a hundred per cent attendance. Come on, members, let's all attend if at all possible to show the officers that we appreciate their hard work during the past year. If everyone makes a sincere effort we will have a large attendance.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, a bowling party was held at the Bevo Alleys in honor of Pvt. Stanley Hervatin. Since there were quite a few members in attendance, a Spirits team held a match game with Kacin's Market with the Spirits victorious. The following bowled: John Yurjec, John Spiller, Al Kacin, Pete Kokal, Ed Harvatin and Stanley Hervatin. We had a real crowd at the game and everyone had a gala time. The ladies bowled and we have quite a few good bowlers. Maybe some day the ladies can also participate in a match game.

Since Christmas is just around the corner, we want to urge the members to mail gifts and cards early. Be sure to include the zone numbers as they are very important. Here are the latest addresses of the boys in service:

- A-S Walter R. Youngman, 376-11898, A.A.F.C.—S.A.A.C.C., San Antonio, Texas.
- Cpl. John W. Rhodes, 37617490, 2038 Engr. Avn. F.F. Plat., A.P.O. 4917, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.
- Pvt. Anthony J. Petrovic, 37601316, A.A.F. Filler Sqdn. 10 A.P.O., c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.
- Pvt. Frankie P. Sathaler, 37404899, Co. "B" 65th Med. Reg't, A.P.O. 4929, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.
- Pvt. Anthony La Borde, 17039140, Co. "C," Jefferson Barracks, Mo.
- Le Roy Harvatin, RM 3/c, Communication Unit 6, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Members are urged to drop these boys a line especially now for the holiday season. Families of the boys in the service should always notify the secretary if there is a change in address so the latest addresses may be published. Please send the addresses either to the secretary or president.

This and That: Another member, that is, Frederick Regel of Edwardsville, Ill., is going to leave for the Armed Forces soon. Hope you can see some of the members before you leave, otherwise lots of luck when you leave. — Tony Petrovic Jr. dropped a line from England and he's just fine. Mildred (Hervatin) Dolsak returned from Massachusetts recently. Julian Harvatin, son of Mrs. Nina Marne, was home on leave from Farragut, Idaho.

We want to remind the members to be sure and make their returns of dance tickets by the next meeting (Dec. 10), otherwise they will be held responsible for all tickets in their possession.

Strugglers' News

CLEVELAND.—Election of officers of SNPJ lodge 614 for 1944 will be held Saturday night, Dec. 4, at Slovene Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., at 7:30, upstairs hall. Refreshments will be served after meeting. Due to many of our members in service, our meeting will not be attended as fully as in pre-war days. Therefore, it is very urgent for all members that can attend to take time out for Saturday night. Election comes but once a year. The boys in service are doing their part, so let's do our part on the home front by attending the meeting. Lodge officers in these war days are hard to get. The bigger attendance we have at our meeting the easier it will be to select officers. Cards have been mailed to all our members to notify them of the election night date. Please be present.

F. J. KOSS, Sec'y.

Just a Joke
"Should I marry a girl who can take a joke?"
"That's the only kind you'll get."

of the local Juvenile Circle gave their performances. The entire program was very ably conducted under the direction of Sister Jennie Padar, Adviser of the Circle. Without exception, it was a fitting tribute to the three juvenile anniversaries. The All American Lodge (580), adults and juveniles alike, deserve the compliments and thanks of the Society for attempting an affair of this kind under difficult and unfavorable conditions.

A number of interesting personalities were met for the first time at this affair, among them Anna Krasna, Walter Dergane, Ludvig Smutz and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony F. Svet, Rade Wapotic, and families, including the Zvertniks, Kramarsiches, Kochevars, Kirks, Mikoleys, the Schneiders from New Jersey, etc. All the way from Washington, D. C., came Mary Lambert, formerly a resident of Diamondville, Wyo., and Mrs. Guglic and her daughter. Unfortunately, they were unable to stay for the entire program, missing both the movies and the dance in order to make the desired train connections for home. The evening wore on quickly, and all who stayed enjoyed themselves.

Juvenile Circles

"Youth of America" Circle Yule Program on Dec. 18
JUNIOSTOWN, PA.—The "Youth of America" Juvenile Circle sends out invitations to everybody in Johnstown and surrounding communities to attend their Christmas program, to be given December 18 at the Moxham Slovene Hall, at 8:30 p. m. The program will consist of a one-act comedy, "Bang! Goes Christmas," several recitations, Christmas songs, and a community singing of Christmas Carols, for everybody.

Be sure and come, and have an enjoyable evening with the children.
ANNE BRUCELY, Mgr.

Perfect Circle Busy Preparing For Yule Program
CHICAGO.—Several weeks ago, Perfect Circle No. 26 started a singing chorus, and we are happy to say we have had a fairly good start. Between 18 and 22 children have been attending our Sunday morning rehearsals regularly. It is our aim to keep up these rehearsals, and try and build a bigger and better singing group.

The children are beginning to benefit from these rehearsals, they choose the songs they are to sing, and are asked for suggestions in arranging the songs, and as a result enjoy the singing much more.

Last Sunday the Circle welcomed back two "old-timers," Stanley Kuznik, who had been our very first Circle president, and Angeline Pluth, whose lovely voice will be an asset to our chorus.

The children are now preparing several songs for a program the Circle will put on for the Pioneers' Christmas party, and we hope you will all be there to hear the results of our Sunday morning sessions.

ANN SANMANN,
Perfect Circle 26.

Junior All Stars Circle 4 Yule Concert on Dec. 19
MILWAUKEE, WIS.—At this writing, final plans for the annual Junior All Stars' Christmas concert are being made. This year the program will be under the supervision of Miss Ruth Ann Golob.

The concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1, at the South Side Turn Hall, 725 W. National Ave. The afternoon program will begin at 2:30 sharp. The evening program begins at 7:30. After the evening program there will be dancing. The admission is only 40 cents. Oh, yes, Santa will be there with something for the kiddies.

Attendance at singing rehearsals has dropped off considerably. If we are to continue rehearsals there must be a larger attendance. Singing rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Also don't forget that meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings and rehearsals are held at Sostarich's Hall, 8. 6th and W. Bruce Sts.

MICHAEL RUPPE JR.,
Jr. All Star Reporter.

Midway Circle Yule Program and Meeting Dec. 16
MIDWAY, PA.—With the cold winter coming on our members of Circle 22 are preparing to spend many good times together as in the past summer. Just as a reminder of one of these occasions, don't forget to be present at the meeting of December 16, at which there will be a Christmas party and then Santa can't forget to come to visit the good boys and girls.

Then, too, we want to remind all our friends of the dance at Midway SNPJ Hall on December 11, dancing from 8 till 12 o'clock and music by none other than the likable and peppy "Slovene Swing Kings." You have probably danced to the music of this orchestra for they're quite popular in this territory and I am sure that you would cancel many a date to come to Midway to spend another enjoyable evening. It is certain that you have never forgotten the pleasant times that are always had here whether it is dancing or for the older people meeting some old acquaintances and having a drink together for old times' sake.

We will be seeing you, both new and old friends, at Midway on December 11, don't miss it!
WILMA KOSEM, Mgr.

Junior All Stars Circle 4 Plan Yule Party Dec. 19
MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Things are buzzing again in Milwaukee. Christmas is drawing near, and the Jr. All Stars are again planning their annual Christmas party, in cooperation with Santa Claus, of course!

Because our work keeps us busy and programs are not as plentiful as they used to be, we're planning to make this year's party a big occasion.

In the afternoon a program and Santa Claus with surprises for all kiddies, and in the evening Michael Vrhovnik and more movies from Jugoslavia, singing, dancing and a general good time for everyone. During these trying times, it's a good idea to get our mind off our troubles, and what way could be better than a genuine good time at S. S. Turn hall on Sunday, Dec. 19?

Another added feature we are hoping for is the dedication of our Honor Roll. Let's pay these former members who are fighting for us a real tribute and show them we're back of them one hundred per cent!

Remember, we still rehearse at Sostarich's on Wednesdays at 8. Old and new members are invited, and very welcome!

The two newest additions to the armed forces from our Circle are Matty Smole and Al Bozic. We wish these boys much luck, and hope to see them back very soon.

Those of us that attended the Badgers' USO party would like to thank Olga Golob and her committee for a very special good time. Last Saturday is a day we'll remember for a long time. There were boys there from all parts of the U.S. and they were well taken care of by the girls, who say they're looking forward to another party very impatiently.

That's all for now—we'll see you Wednesday at eight.
A MEMBER, Circle 4.

"Junior All American" Circle 50 Program Is Success
BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The "Junior All Americans," Juvenile Circle 50, have celebrated their first anniversary in addition to the anniversary of the establishment of the Juvenile Department in the SNPJ and the organization of Juvenile Circles in the SNPJ, with an elaborate program on Sunday, Nov. 21.

At that time it was our pleasure here in New York to become acquainted with the Juvenile Director, Michael Vrhovnik of the SNPJ supreme board. The address he relayed concerned mainly the three anniversaries celebrated on that occasion and also referred to the coming 40th anniversary of the organization of the SNPJ next year. He made a hit with the audience and more so with the children. His visit was enjoyed and very stimulating for the Circle members.

The SNPJ films with the recent improvements are the "talk of the town." Such views are a very rare treat. To those of us who never had the opportunity to visit Slovenia those pictures shown made that another one of our desires. To those who have migrated from beautiful Slovenia, the pictures brought back memories. But to all the pictures brought regrets that such a cruel state of affairs as exist there today.

The day was full of surprises, that much cannot be denied. First of which the children presented in the form of a well-conducted regular monthly meeting on the platform. That was the first time such a demonstration was ever given and it was truly appreciated by the audience. Second was the gift from the main office of the SNPJ to the children on their attainment of their first anniversary. Each "Junior All American" received a gold junior victory pin which they accepted with great pride.

The program once started went very smoothly starting with the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner by Ann Kepic. The children participating were Carolyn Kramarsich playing on her accordion, "The Dixie Shake," a song from the opera Martha, and the "Cherry Polka." Then came Josephine Peshe who sang "My Hero," "Indian Love Call" and "Kje so moje rolice." Loretta Seebacher made a hit with her tap dancing. She was dressed in a very attractive costume of white taffeta trimmed with red.

Ann Kepic sang first, Gounod's "Ave Maria" which was dedicated by request to all the Slovene boys and girls in the services. Her second song was Adele's "Laughing Song" from the operetta "The Bat." The play, "Orville's Big Date," kept the audience well amused. The children who performed in this comedy playlet were Delores Mikoley, Jean Kirk, Paul Wolf, and Loretta Seebacher. Mr. Joseph Zaveritnik said a few words for the benefit of the National War Fund.

Mildred Padar was the mistress of ceremonies and she also gave a sketch of the accomplishments of the "Junior All Americans" in their first year, and also told how the success acquired in their first year will make it possible for them to have many more successful years.

We were happy to have with us for this gala celebration, Sgt. Raymond Travnik, SNPJ supreme board member and a member of the (Continued on page 8)

Golden Eagles

GIRARD, OHIO.—December 1st—Juvenile Circle's Christmas Party Committee meeting at Muster's home. Plans will be made for gift exchange, tree, Santa Claus, food, refreshments, etc.

December 12, Sunday—Last Eagle meeting of 1943. Election of officers. Refreshments and social. All members should attend this one. Two o'clock.

Sat., Dec. 18—Circle's Annual Christmas Party at the Slovene Hall. Also year-end meeting.

Flag Dedication
This program was simple but effective. The attendance was considerable even though many Eagles were conspicuous by their absence. Those who were intentionally absent should feel a sense of shame in that the dedication was in memory and respect to those who are suffering daily hardship and privation. Yes, friends, many more of us should have picked ourselves out of those comfortable seats and walked the short distance to the Slovene Hall.

City Solicitor Mark London made the dedicatory address while Milan Medvesek, Supreme Board member from Cleveland, represented the SNPJ. Milan made a stirring appeal to common sense. He hoped "that mothers need never again shed tears for their departing soldiers." He hoped "that we shall never see World War III. Fortunately for all concerned, Sgt. William Seif was home on leave. For this reason, the program was altered somewhat so that Sgt. Seif could actively participate in the proceedings. Bill's talk was short but sincere. He also read the list of twenty-three members who are serving on all major fronts. The Circle Juvenile Chorus, led by Irene Roben, sang three songs. President Stanley Hribar made the commentary while John Bogatay spoke on behalf of Lodge 49.

Eagles' Minutes
Fifteen members were awaiting Hribar's call to order. Sec'y Mary Macke, reported five new members—namely, Catherine Price, Pauline Euser, Mary Mackey, Robert Price and Richard Price. Gifts to boys overseas were sent quite sometime ago while others will be sent shortly. These gifts are an excellent investment. They should guarantee continued-SNPJ interest. For the eleventh consecutive month, there were no cancelled nor suspended members. Frances Matekovich head of the Social Committee, reported that the committee is ready to go to work preparing for the December meeting. Ed Cigolle, for many years an Eagle member, married a Barberton girl so Ed is now a member of the Barberton Buckeyes.

The Federation is giving away two twenty-five dollar bonds during its meeting on Dec. 26 at the Slovene Hall. The Eagles have their quota. Ask for YOUR book and solicit all the donations you possibly can. Donations are ten cents a ticket.

As this meeting preceded the dedication exercises, Milan Medvesek was able to be present. He made an appeal to over-subscribe the present membership campaign. He also stated that all lodges should work harder and longer in order to combat the drain of those going to the various services. Beatrice Brayer would have won the insurance award had she been present.

Circle Program-Dance
As Irene Rovan wrote in the Juvenile Circle Section, our dance was a very definite success. The playlet, "Za Sreco," was exceptionally well received. The attentive people listened with pride and pleasure to the Slovene youth. The cast, directed by Frank Verbie, spent many hours together and the result proved that the effort was worthwhile. Many friends from nearby towns came around to enjoy themselves. Power Point, East Palestine, Sharon, Warren, Youngstown, Niles, etc., sent fine delegations to the dance.

Of course, this event would not have been possible without the help of our adult SNPJ lodges. Frank Preece, Stan Hribar, Frances Matekovich, Mary Macke, Mamie Zitnik, Frank Racich Sr., Tony Dibronetec, Louis Blazich, Mary Selak, Henry Cigolle, Mary Leskovec and others have the thanks of the Circle.

OFF THE RECORD—Our first Christmas card this year came from Hawaii from Sgt. Leon Hostnik. Pfc. Louis Selan from Gowaids is getting around in connection with his job with the military police. His latest card came from Jacksonville, Fla. He sends his regards to his many SNPJ friends. Pfc. Henry Korbar and his missus, Tittie, along with the Pauleniches showed up at the Circle dance. Our own Fred Klucik is now home on a seven day leave. Still happy and contented. Letter today from Technical Sgt. Joe Bertovic, a Universal Comet. Joe is well known and well liked—he used to be a much traveled SNPJer.

Nice to know that Mike Lipsky will continue to be with us. He would be difficult to replace. Good luck, Mike. Nice to know, too, that Louis Adamic, for one, will replace Fotech on the 25th anniversary of Jugoslav National Unity in Chicago.

FRANK REZEK, 643.

War Costs Zoom

Since July 1, the government has spent as much for war as the total cost of World War I—\$2,830,000,000—the Treasury revealed last week.

NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ATHLETIC BOARD

The term of the present members of the National Athletic Board of the SNPJ, with exception of the Athletic Director who is elected by the convention, will expire with the annual meeting of the Supreme Board to be held in February 1944.

The rules provide for the right of nominating candidates by the various lodges in each of the five Athletic Districts of the Society, irrespective of whether the lodges are English or Slovene speaking. They provide further, that the members of the National Athletic Board shall be elected from candidates so nominated by the Supreme Board or, if necessary, by the Executive Committee.

A call, therefore, is issued to all lodges to take up the matter of nominating a candidate for the National Athletic Board at their next meeting. All nominations shall be forwarded to the Juvenile Director on or before the first day of February, 1944.

The five Athletic Districts of the Society and the members who now represent them are as follows:

- Dist. 1—Eastern Pennsylvania and New York—Thomas Bricey, Johnstown, Pa.
Dist. 2—Western Pennsylvania (West of Cambria County) and West Virginia—Lawrence Cassol, Verona, Pa.
Dist. 3—Ohio and Michigan—Joseph Golia, Detroit, Mich.
Dist. 4—Indiana, Illinois and Missouri—Julius Abram, Chicago, Illinois.
Dist. 5—Wisconsin and Minnesota—Anton Verbick, West Allis, Wisconsin.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Director.

Official Proceedings

SNPJ FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting of Aug. 11

Meeting is called to order at 8:30 a. m. All members are present except supreme sec'y who is confined in the hospital. Minutes of the June 19 meeting approved as read. Semi-annual report to the supreme board is approved (later accepted by the supreme board and published in the minutes of the semi-annual meeting).

New investments: \$175,000 U. S. Treasury 2 1/2's due 12/15/68-63 were purchased through Harris Trust and Savings Bank in lieu of \$170,000 FHA Insured Mortgage loans, because these mortgage loans were not available. The price paid for the government bonds was 100 24/32 plus accrued interest. Purchase check approved.

Reorganization: Cleveland Terminal Bldg. Co. distributed cash and new securities as previously approved by acceptance of the plan of reorganization. The name of the new company is New Terminal Tower Co. The following securities were received: \$26,220 par value of registered 2 1/2% bonds due 1943; \$8 bonds scrip; 131 shares of stock; deposit receipt for unsecured claims of \$659.65 and scrip for 40 shares of stock; \$371 in cash for unpaid interest due 6/30/32 and \$2,622 as distribution of earnings from operations. The Detroit-Cleveland Liquidation Trust \$2 participation dividend amounting to \$740 was received.

Securities disposed of: Epply Hotels Co. 1st Mortgage bonds, \$50,000 sold to Quail & Co. at 8 1/4% F. Wade Park Manor Corporation. 15 units sold to Kneeland & Co. at \$220 per unit on June 30. Fluffton College First Mortgage bonds \$8,000 sold to National Bank of Lima, Ohio, as trustee for said college, upon our tender to sell bonds at 65 flat. The decision made at previous meeting was to sell at 80 or better. Westchester, Illinois, Special Assessment bonds due 1936 and 1937, having a par value of \$23,835, were sold on July 21 to Blanchard Securities Co. at 13 F. School District 99, Cicero, Ill., 5% bonds; \$19,000 matured and paid July 15. Mortgage Loan FHA-57—Cleveland, O., paid in full Aug. 9. Mortgage Loan, 122-A—Milwaukee, Wis., paid in full Aug. 9.

Dividends on stock received: Iowa Public Service Co.; 10c per share—\$25.50 July 1. Northwestern Public Service Co.; 25c per share, \$41.25 July 1.

Application for mortgage extension and renewal: Loan 194-A, Chicago, Ill.; \$5,000 loan made by SSPZ in 1938. Property appraised at that time at \$16,000. Balance to be extended at 5% interest is \$4,000; period desired is 5 years with annual payments of \$200 or more. Extension unanimously approved.

Real estate holdings: 245-7 W. 103rd St., Chicago (former headquarters of SSPZ). Kuhel and Cankar describe the building and steps taken to sell this property. 255-7 W. 103rd St., Chicago. This property is listed with several real estate firms, the same as the previously mentioned property. But in that neighborhood there are not many prospects in these times. Lotrich inquires about the two separate bills for the appraisals of the two properties on W. 103rd St. for \$50 and \$54. The average appraisal should not exceed \$25. Cankar explained that the appraisals were ordered by the Commissioner of Insurance who has the right not only to order such an appraisal but also to hire appraisers. The opinion of the members is that such appraisals should be made with the knowledge and approval of the supreme office. 2656 S. Pulaski Road is used for storage purposes.

Improved lot at 123rd and Yale has no book value. Luch moves that an effort should be made to sell this lot. Motion seconded and unanimously carried. Cankar will put up sign for sale. 1869 S. Hamlin Ave. Kuhel moves that this property be sold, unanimously accepted. 8317 Cottage Grove Ave. Unanimously decided that it be offered for sale at

best offer. Vacant lots at 45 E. 127th St. will also be offered for sale. 915 National Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.; decided to try to sell this property at a reasonable price.

Savings and loan associations: In Lotrich's opinion it would be advisable to withdraw all deposits in associations paying less than 3%, but so as not to lose dividends from July 1 to date, it is best to wait until December. No objection. Kuhel reports that SNPJ holds \$160,000 1 1/2% HOLC bonds. Upon Lotrich's motion it is unanimously decided to sell HOLC bonds. Cankar presents an offer from E. H. Rollins & Co. offering FHA mortgage loans; offer not considered. The offer of Channer Securities Co. regarding Edinburg, Texas Consolidated School District, Holmes County, Mississippi and Transylvania County, N. Carolina bonds is considered but no action is taken.

Kneeland & Co. submitted a list of bids and each one is considered. It was unanimously decided to accept the following bids: \$5,000 Indiana Limestone Company Income 5% 1952—Bid 13. 150 Common stock American Railway Corporation—Bid 2%. Hotel Sherman \$7,500 Income 5% due 1957 and 100 Common shares.

With a majority vote the following bids were accepted: 225 Common shares Iowa Public Service Company, bid 6 1/2%. 165 Common shares Southwestern Public Service Company, bid 9%.

Petrovich will check further regarding the offer for our \$12,000 Retail Properties Debenture "B" 6% 1950, also Detroit City Ice & Fuel.

The sum of \$100,000 is available for investment. Unanimously decided that this amount and all for investment available funds be invested in U.S. bonds during the Taird War Loan drive in September. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

Meeting of Oct. 18 Meeting is called to order at 8:30 a. m. All members are present and minutes of the Aug. 11 meeting are approved with minor corrections. Kuhel reports on new investments: U. S. Treasury 2 1/2% due 1969-64—\$400,000 for adult and \$15,000 for juvenile departments. In accordance with the decision made at the Aug. 11 meeting all funds available for investment in August and September were pledged towards the purchase of War Bonds during the 3rd Loan Drive. The sum of \$262,000 included in above amount was obtained by holding back \$100,000 available for investment in August and \$162,000 received through sale of HOLC bonds. The remainder is accounted by regular monthly surpluses and from proceeds of bonds called or stocks disposed of.

Bonds sold or otherwise disposed of \$160,000 HOLC 1 1/2% due 1947 were offered for sale to three firms. The bid of M. B. Vick & Co. offering 101 10/32 plus accrued interest was accepted. Hollywood, Fla., Refunding 3 1/2%; \$15,000 of these bonds were called for redemption Sept. 1—\$5,000 Indiana Limestone Co. 6's were sold to Kneeland & Co. on bid of 13F; proceeds \$650.

Stocks sold: To Kneeland & Co. of Chicago, Ill. 255 shares of Iowa Public Service Co. common at 6 1/2% proceeds \$1,657.50—165 shares of Southwestern Public Service Co. common at 10 3/8; proceeds \$1,711.88. The price was 7/8 higher than previous bid—150 shares American Railways Co. common at 3; proceeds \$450.

Liquidation Payments: Terminal Tower Co., Cleveland, Ohio, 1% payment of the amount due on Cleveland Terminals Building Co. 6% bonds as of October 13, 1936, before the bonds were deposited. The amount of \$155.50 was written off the present value of Terminal Tower Co. bonds. United Fuel and Supply Co. final liquidation payment amounting to \$1.01 for each 460 units, or \$460.70 was received on September 14, 1943. Ownership certificate was surrendered to the Trustee and cancelled. Detroit-

Cleveland Liquidation Trust: \$2 per unit or \$740.00 was paid Aug. 13. FHA-41, Cleveland, Ohio.—Certificate of claim for \$492.37 has been redeemed and additional \$42.62 paid as increment on said certificate. Total amount received was \$534.99.

Mortgage loan repaid: 61-J, Pittsburgh, Pa., \$1,150.00 paid Aug. 17; 183-A, Chicago, Ill., \$550.00, Sept. 2; FHA-3, Chicago, Ill., \$4,429.44, Sept. 14; FHA-14, Cleveland, O., \$2,591.87, Aug. 12; FHA-31, Cleveland, \$138.77, Oct. 8.

Real estate sold: 245-47 W. 103rd St., Chicago, Ill., formerly SSPZ office building, was sold under real estate contract providing also for monthly payments for current taxes and insurance.

Miscellaneous: Lincoln Park, Michigan, Refunding bonds, series A, due Nov. 1, 1965 called for redemption on Nov. 1.

Juvenile second mortgage loan 68, Cleveland, Ohio: \$600 in principal and \$144 in interest has been delinquent for a number of years. Arrangements have now been made whereby a daughter of the deceased mortgagor will pay \$10 per month until the entire debt is paid off. First payment of \$10 had been received on October 11, 1943. Interest coupons due Dec. 1, 1941 for \$160 on hotel Racine bonds have been paid on Oct. 1. Financial statements of Southwest Manufacturing Corp. and Fifty West Broad have been received.

Report accepted. He further reports that the department of insurance of Illinois just submitted the preliminary report of examination for our approval, and for filing objections.

Among other things it contains a ruling that the Society must dispose of by Dec. 31, 1943 the following: \$342,162.50 par value of bonds which at the date of examination did not comply with the code. These securities were purchased either prior to the effective date of the code, or qualified for investment at the time of purchase, but subsequent changes in the valuation of properties or in the debt structure raised their debt ratio above 10%—\$286,455.15 par value of bonds secured by real estate mortgages, where the Society does not own the entire issue.—Three issues of stock: Southwest Manufacturing Corp., Racine hotel and National Gas & Electric Co. All unlisted assets which have a market value.

Vider reports that he is already drafting a list of objections. It would entail a huge loss if we tried to dispose of all these investments in such a short time, especially now when there are so few opportunities for reinvestment at adequate interest rate. A great majority of securities listed by examiners were purchased prior to the enactment of the code, therefore we consider them legal.

All members join in a lengthy discussion of this unusual request. The secretary is instructed to send to all members of the committee a list of securities mentioned in the preliminary report of the department of insurance. It was further decided to try to secure offers for all of these bonds.

Kuhel reports that McAllen, Texas, defaulted in payment of interest on Refunding bonds, series "B." It was unanimously decided to sell these bonds at par or better. Hammell & Co. offered to purchase our Maricopa Reservoir & Power Co. bonds at 15F. Unanimously decided to accept this offer.

The offer of Blair, Benner & Co. to purchase \$25,000 East Chicago Sanitary District 2 1/2's, Series "A.", at 114 1/2% is unanimously accepted. Offers of Kneeland & Co. and Stranahan, Harris & Co. to purchase some of our bonds, are carefully considered but no immediate action is taken. At the next meeting further information and firm bids shall be presented regarding the following securities: American Insurance Building, Columbus, Ohio, Cleveland Terminals Building, Retail Properties, St. George Hotel, First Mortgage, the Van Sweringen Co., Kansas City Crushed Stone Co.

It was unanimously decided to invest \$50,000 in U. S. Treasury 2 1/2% bonds 1969-64 maturity. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p. m. Matt Petrovich, Chairman M. G. Kuhel, Secretary Jacob Zupan, Recording Sec'y.

Yearly Meeting of Lodge 608 on Dec. 15

BUTTE, MONT.—The regular and special meetings of the Western Leaders Lodge, SNPJ 608, will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Narodni Dom Hall. Election of officers for 1944 will take place at this time. A good attendance is desired, and a social will be held following the meetings.

ANNE PROSPER, Sec'y.

20 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT - AND DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR REMEMBER - IN FIFTY TABLE SET - WE OWE YOU LAST YEAR - Buy Christmas Seals

Juvenile Circles

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"Young American" lodge in Detroit, Pvt. Edward Debevoise of the "Comrade" lodge in Cleveland, Ohio, Lt. Joseph Zaveritnik Jr., a member of Lodge 56 in New York City, and last but not least, John E. Champa, G. M. 3/c, who is at present stationed in Brooklyn, and originally from Sheboygan, Wis. He has given much of his spare time in recent weeks in aid at rehearsals, and other preparations.

We were also very happy to have with us Mrs. Mary Suglich and Mrs. Lumbert, members of the SNPJ Lodge in Washington, D. C. Little Betty Suglich was here also with her mother and certainly made friends with all the children in a very short time. Too bad you don't live nearer, Betty, we would love to have you as a member of Circle 50.

It was nice to see quite a few members of Lodge 580 present at this celebration. It is true the audience wasn't as large as expected, but it must be taken into consideration that many people here who usually attended are in the services and some are working in war industries: To those who didn't come for various reasons, could regret missing a really perfectly planned and carefully carried out program.

The Circle now is starting on its second year and we only hope they will attain the same successes as they have accomplished in their first year together. The Circle membership has been doubled and the activities increased.

To all those who attended and helped in other ways, the Circle membership extends their "Thank you."

JENNIE PADAR, Adviser.

Members of Juvenile Circle 28 Express Sympathy

CHICAGO.—Members of Perfect Circle No. 28 wish to express their sincere sympathy to Ruth Medic on the death of her grandfather, Michael Zupan, member of SNPJ lodge No. 1. Bro. Zupan was one of the Circle's most ardent admirers, and we will miss his moral support.

PERFECT CIRCLE 28.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—The last monthly meeting of Integrity lodge 631 was fairly well attended. We have added 7 more juveniles to our ranks, also a transferred member, Bro. John Strah Sr., who is now one of the oldest SNPJ members that the Integrity lodge has at present, not in age but in length of membership in the Society. Bro. Strah's certificate number is 576. We welcome this "old-timer" of our Society into our fold.

The Integrity lodge at present has 170 adult members and 150 juveniles, or a total of 320 members in both departments. This is the largest number of members the Integrity ever had. With the cooperation of our loyal members we will be able to secure more and more members every year.

Christmas Party: Special—The Integrity lodge is going to have its own Christmas party for our juvenile members, the time and place to be announced in next week's Prosveta.

We are also going to have a little anniversary party in January. We hope to get the cooperation from our members for these two affairs.

Bro. Louis Kozuh, our treasurer, is home due to an injury that cost him half of his finger on the left hand. We wish him a speedy recovery. Also, Sis. Augusta Di Cenzo is at home now. Members who have time should try to visit these two sick members and cheer them up.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHHACKER, Secretary of SNPJ lodge 631.

FLASHES

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the Yugoslavs before the American people and to clear the situation in the organization of the Slovene American National Council.

A meeting of the servicemen's committee has been called for Friday, Dec. 3, at the Center. Erma Vertnik is arranging this meeting so that the balance of the parcels can be packed and prepared for mailing. Those who can help in this work are invited to be present.—Last Saturday night we held an excellent party for Arley Bozjenik and James Kubart, both of whom are leaving for the army Friday, Dec. 3. About 125 people attended to honor these two fine boys.—We received our first letter from Frank Groser who is located in Camp Wolters, Texas. He does not have anything to complain about. The food is good, the weather ideal and the real training not yet begun. The average age of the men in his squad is 34 1/2 years.—In the last few days we received letters from Stanley Zbacnik and Joseph Supancic, both of whom are overseas. Stanley is still in the southern Pacific and Joe is with the Seabees. They both report being well.—Henry Zbacnik who is situated in New York, has ordered one of Louis Adamic's latest books through an announcement in the

Pioneer Bulletin.—After a long pause, William Luben has finally written to tell us that he is at Fort Riley, Kansas, and that things are going along well.—Several of our boys acknowledged receipt of the Christmas parcels. John Olip Jr., situated in Panama, sends an especially nice one.

At the last meeting we took in four adult and one juvenile transfer. Joann Rak converted her juvenile policy to the endowment class. We have often explained that all who can should take out the endowment class because it pays dividends at the end.—In the Pioneer bowling league our boys are flinging their 16-pounders excellently as the following single game scores will indicate: Leo Gratchner 202, Al DiCenzo 203, Fred Svoboda and Don Lotrich 204, John Pouhe 222, Louis Zefran 205, Fred Bennett 233. These are games over 200 for the weeks of Nov. 17 and 24. Doctor Zaveritnik's squad is in first place with the Slovene Labor Center in second. Nachtmann's dentists are in third place. There is a five way tie for fourth place. Those in this tie are Zefran's Funeral Home, Dr. Walter, Victorians, Lotrich Insurance and Preseren.

Pauline Spik Rolls 617 In SNPJ League

CLEVELAND.—Top honors this week go to Pauline Spik of the Comrade No. 1 team for her wonderful performance on the slides, to the tune of 617. Congratulations, Paula. That is the highest score in the league's history. Her team took three games from Comrades No. 4, Helen Kovach rolled a series of 385, which was high for the losers.

Strugglers No. 2 made a clean sweep over Comrades No. 3, Albina Vidmar rolling 524 for the winners. Marge Beljan had a 478 series for the losers.

Antoinette Skok blasted out a 163-155-152-470 series to help the Comrade No. 3 take three from Utopians. Nice going, Fanny Svetina was high for the Utopians with 450 series.

Anne Kaplinger and Mary Gruden both rolling series of 436 and 434 to take two games from the Concordians. The latter have been handicapped by the loss of their Captain Agnes Jeric, who is nursing a sore finger.

Team standings after 12 weeks of bowling: Strugglers 1, Comrades 1, Struggler 2, Utopians, Comrade 2, Concordians, Comrade 3, Comrade 4.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

Thanksgiving Success at Avella, Pa.

AVELLA, PA.—The Ladies' Club of Lodge 292 can chalk up another success as reward for their work on Thanksgiving. The ballroom, one of the largest in this section of the country, was packed by 10 p. m. The music of Jack Guzall and his Melody Mixers exceeded our expectations. Their showmanship had our Circle 51 members in stitches. The Circle presented a program before the dance, which was a great success also. Thanks to Jack Guzall for the use of his PA system. Here is the program as presented:

Opening: Star-Spangled Banner, Members and Audience. Recitation: "Welcome to Thanksgiving," Phyllis Elonzae. Drill: "The Thankfuls," Jack Ribarich, Delma Scarrot, Thelma Wargo, James Brinsky, Ronald Likar, John Barwid, Ariene and Patricia Delobel. Recitation: "Why I Speak," Albin Barbic. Thanksgiving Medley: The First Thanksgiving and Give Thanks, Girls' chorus. Play: "No Company for Thanksgiving," Jean Barwid and Eleanor Elonzae. Recitation: "A Boy's Thanks," Ronald Likar. Monologue: "Just Fore Thanksgiving," Veronica Tonovic. Recitation: "No Wonder," Delma Scarrot. Play: "Share Your Blessings," Setting: Mrs. Croft's Kitchen. Time: Day before Thanksgiving. Characters: Mrs. Croft, Evelyn Recchio; Uncle Note, Edward Kauchec; Eva, her daughter, Gloria Fratoni Fratoni; Lucille, Eva's sister, Irene Cokel; Kate, Elsie Ribarich, Ellen, Rose Bontura, Nell, Anna Dolinar, neighbors. Songs: "Oh Mary," polka in Slovene, Pennsylvania Polka, "Girls' chorus. Dialogue: "Good Cause for Thanks," Edward Kauchec and Demetro Tonovic. Duet: "At Close of Day," Noreen Brinsky and Dolores Barwid. Recitation: "Closing Remarks," Sophie and Dorothy Batista. Speech: Helen Ribarich, manager. Master of ceremonies, Louis Miekus, President of Circle 51. Girls' Chorus: Evelyn Recchio, Norma and Edith Campanelli, Sophie and Dorothy Batista, Irene Cokel, Gloria Fratoni, Dolores Strauss, Anna Dolinar, Dolores Checkinni, Veronica Tonovic.

Since this was their first presentation, and it was such a good one, the members may expect great things from Circle 51 in the future.

To prove that anything can happen, and usually does in Avella, your scribe reports that she actually won a chicken in the bowling contests. Another went to Sloyan, as usual, though they kept insisting they wanted nothing less than a turkey. The demand for sandwiches and hot coffee after the dance, convinced several ladies that U. S. Army had moved in. Our sincere thanks to everyone from far and near who helped us to celebrate, also to the ladies and members of the juvenile Circle.

HELEN RIBARICH, Sec'y.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—December is the busiest month of the year because more shopping is done in this month than at any other time. So do your yule shopping early. Purchase the best gifts available for the ones in the services here in the U.S. and also for your loved ones at home. And juveniles, don't let your dad tell you there isn't any Santa Clause because of the war. Uncle Sam is urging all to include War Stamps and Bonds among your gifts, spelling Victory earlier for our side.

Another important item for this month is the General Meeting that will be at the Veronian Club on Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 2 p. m. Cards will be sent out to each member asking all to attend. In behalf of Lodge 680 I want to extend congratulations to all members having birthdays and anniversaries this month. The added touch to this paragraph: Remember Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7 and keep plugging as you have so that we may avenge that sneak attack by our enemies.

About our Club. There isn't much to write about because when a member doesn't have time to come down then it must be that he can't get around much any more, or if he or she doesn't want to come down and help a little, then we will just have to wait until the war is over when those boys and girls who were active in our Lodge come home to improve our club the way I dreamed it would be when we first bought the place a year and a half ago. Some might say: "What's the matter with our scribe? I think we improved our club a great deal in the past year." So we have, but this is another year and still plenty of things to be done if we want the interior of our place look like that of the Eagles and Moose lodges here in Verona. Another thing, our board of directors—John Youk, John Yugo-

vich, John Krulac, Joe Zolet and Matt Kern—should get organized and be on hand to tell the members who are willing to help what to do so that we can start the ball a-rolling again after the holidays. Exclusive news for our soldier-boys: Aspinwall (Asps) won the class B championship when they defeated Pitcairn in a one-sided football game 24 to 0. Bobby Malec, the 17-year-old star, who used to play rightfield on this scribe's mush-ball team, scored two touchdowns to become the leading scorer with 113 points in his respective league. By the way, how we as kids used to play football in the different tennis courts adjoining our homes? The younger generation is following our footsteps now. Each evening I sit by the window of our second story kitchen at the club and watch the juveniles, namely, Bozik, Youk, Papp, Gorneys, Bozicks, Krulacs, Seikel and others, go at it hammer and tongs, tackling viciously at our neighbors, the Crescent Club tennis courts. The reason they prefer this place to our Veronian club, is because of the nice high grass to fall on.

Home on furlough recently were: Sammy Suचेvich looking in tiptop shape and glad to be home for a few days; Ernest Krulac with a bunch of admirers every time he is home; George Lipesky, another of the lucky ones who spent Thanksgiving with the family; and Tommy Valentic, not a Veronian as yet, but who will be when this is all over. The reason for Tommy, whose constant companion was Frankie Delach while in Italy, being home is because of his completing 50 bombing missions over enemy territory as a radio operator. Tommy has been awarded the Purple Heart, Oak Clusters, and the Distinguished Cross. He certainly is deluged with requests for appearances at different functions while at home. The baby girls surely had their inning among our members the past

week. The Petikas led off with a bouncing baby girl, then came the 7-lb. baby girl born to Mrs. Albert Mehelic, being their first, and another girl to the Maronis who now live here in Sylvan and like it very much because they live so near to our club; and a baby boy to the Bergs up in Universal.—Razz they used to call the happy daddy when he used to pitch softball for the Comets. Congratulations to you all from Lodge 680.

It will be Patochnik's orchestra playing for your dancing entertainment this Sunday, Dec. 5, at the club. Care to dance and have some fun? Well, then, come on down and get warmed up to some hot polkas. Miss Mary Hall from W. Va. and Catherine Gerovac from Michigan, thanks a lot for writing to our boys whose names appeared in the Prosveta. Here's one for the Veronian book! In fact, it is in the Sec'y's Books, the name of Robert Elder who, upon leaving for the service last week, told John Lipesky that he likes being a Veronian so well that he is paying his lodge dues for the year of 1944.

Another casualty, Johnnie Alman, a well-known lad who was to become a Veronian on his return, was killed on the African front. In behalf of the Veronians I wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the Alman family. Excitement aplenty for Joe Zolet recently while he was helping to push the loose drums from underneath our float and slipped and fell into the cold waters of the Allegheny. About an hour later while at Perovne's the telephone rang telling him the chimney at his home was on fire. By the time he and five trucks arrived, the flames subsided due to the quick thinking and work of his wife Florence, Frances Pavelko and Albert Praisowicz, their neighbors.

Cards were received from Victor Jakovac and Eddie Mareka. Vic is stationed at Camp Pendleton and is in the Artillery Division, and Eddie is at Camp Blanding, Fla.—That 33 to 34 Steagles football triumph over the Detroit Lions Nov. 21 was witnessed by a large number of Veronians. Michael Sepelyak, John Yugo, Frank Bouma and Frank Petika agreed that it was one of the best games they'd ever seen.—Thanks a lot, girls, for helping and making an effort to write an article in the Prosveta about three weeks ago. What I can't understand is why M. Castnik, N. Gorun, M. Markovich and A. Lipesky didn't send in their article. Congratulations are in order for Walter Gostky, our financial secretary, who was united in marriage to Betty Oshe in East Liberty. Good luck and wishes for a happy and bright future.—The first yule card received at our club was from Charles Latin, stationed at Hawaii.

The addresses of the two Veronian boys whose names are on our Honor Roll are: George E. Templeton, M. M. M 3/c, Co. 1 Platoon U-1 M.F. Sch Diesel, Richmond, Va., and Pvt. Ernest Krulac, 33690567, Co. 013th Q.M.T.R. T628, Camp Lee, Va.

To date this scribe has received answers telling how more Veronians have been writing to them, which certainly is swell. The only thing the boys don't do is send the names of those persons writing to them. Keep up the good work. So long until next week.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

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