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LEVIČARJI ZMAGALI PRI VOLITVAH V FRANCIJI

Komunistična stranka bo najmočnejša v novi skupščini

De GAULLE DOBIL ZAUPNICO

Pariz, 23. okt.—Trije levičarski bloki so zmagali pri splošnih volitvah v Franciji, ki so tudi osebni triumf generala Charlesa de Gaulle, predsednikačasne vlade. Komunistična stranka bo najmočnejša v novi ustavni skupščini. Za to stranko prideta republikanska, ki je znana tudi pod imenom katoliška liberalna stranka, in socialistična.

Komunisti so dobili 151 sedežev v skupščini, največje število, republikanci 142, socialisti pa 139 sedežev. Desničarji so dobili 40 sedežev, neodvisneži tudi 40, socialni radikalci pa 19 sedežev. Socialni radikalci so bili najmočnejša politična stranka v Franciji v predvojni dobi.

Velika zmaga komunistov in republikancev je povzročila presenečenje. Mnenje je bilo, da bo socialistična stranka dobila največ sedežev v skupščini.

Socialisti in republikanci bodo morali večino v skupščini, če se bodo zedinili za skupno delo. Desničarske grupe in socialni radikalci ne bodo igrali važne vloge pri določanju smernic v četrfrancoski republiki.

Volitve so demonstrirale, da francosko ljudstvo za popoln prelom s starim režimom in za nov ustavni sistem. Izreklo je zaupnico De Gaullovi vladi in podprlo njen program stabilne autoritete.

Trije politični toki so se pojavili v Franciji. Vsi so levičarski. Te predstavljajo komunisti, socialisti in republikanci, ki bodo skupno imeli 80 odstotkov sedežev v skupščini. Ti toki so potpisili štiri osebnosti na površje. To so general De Gaulle, komunist Maurice Thorez, Maurice Schumann, vodja republikancev, in Leon Blum, vodja socialistov in bivši premier.

Člani argentinske vlade zapriseženi

Nova kriza se obeta

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 23. okt.—Podpredsednik nove vlade Juan Pistarini in štirje člani kabineta so položili prisego v predsedniški palači v navzočnosti polkovnika Perona, ki je ponovno prišel na krmilo po uspešnem puču. Ceremoniji so se udeležili Enrique Osés, bivši urednik nacismot naklonjenega lista Pampera; Carlos Ibarurena, vodja skrajnih nacionalistov; Manuel Frisco, guverner provinc Buenos Aires, in več drugih pristaev polkovnika Perona. Frisco je znan fašist.

Kot ministri so bili zapriseženi polkovnik Bartolome Descalzo, general Armaro Avalos, Jose Astigueta in Pedro Marotta.

Descalzo je dobil pozicijo notranjega ministra. On je naznanil, da bodo kmalu razpisane splošne volitve, zaeno pa je pozival voditelje političnih strank na konferenco.

Dasi je nastal odmor in se je položaj ublažil, je možnost, da bo nastala nova vladna kriza. Armada se ne strinja s politiko sedanje vlade, ki je pod kontrolo polkovnika Perona. Gotovo je, da bo vodila opozicijo.

Prvi odmevi iz kampanje SNPJ

Nove člane je že prijavilo 60 društev; agitatorji stopajo v akcijo

Tekoča članska kampanja v proslavo 20-letnice angleško poslujočih društev je ob tem poročilu stara komaj tri tedne, toda iz dosedanjih rezultatov je razvidno, da lahko pričakujemo dobrega uspeha. Kot poroča kampanjski direktor br. Michael Vrhovnik v svoji koloni v angleški sekciji, je v kampanji že aktivnih 60 društev, med katerimi je 12 angleško poslujočih.

Na prvem mestu je še vedno br. John Shaffer, tajnik društva 537 iz Crivitz, Wis., ki nas je vse skupaj presenetil že prve dni kampanje s prijavo 14 novih članov in se tako prvi povzpel na častno listo. Na tej listi se mu je od zadnjega poročila pridružil br. Martin Urbas, tajnik društva 265 iz Southviewa, Pa., ki je prijavil pet novih članov. Sigurno bo poskrbel, da bo šel "over the top," kar se tiče društvene kvote.

Med angleško poslujočimi društvi sta do zdaj na prvem mestu društvo Pioneer 589 v Strabanu, Pa., in The Harmonizers št. 700 iz Roundupa, Mont., vsako s petimi novimi člani. V Strabanu so na delu tajnica društva Frances Podboy, ki je pridobila tri nove člane, ter James Tomasi in Albina Yarkosky vsak enega. Med našimi Montančani pa je zopet na delu naš stari "cowboy" br. Martin Meznarič st., ki je že ujel na svojo laso štiri nove člane. V zadnjih letih se je on še v vsaki kampanji izkazal za prvovrstnega "cowboya"; vse izgleda, da dobiva svoje inspiracije iz svoje večne mladosti—za seboj ima namreč že 71 mladih let. Temu našemu energičnemu "old timerju" se je pridružila sestra Rose Bajok, ki je pridobila enega novega člana. Harmonizerji so lahko veseli, ker imajo br. Meznariča st. v svoji sredi!

Drugi naš znani "old timer", ki je po duhu in aktivnosti še vedno mladenič, je Tone Zornik, znani delavski agitator, prodajalec "možganskih medicin" in tajnik društva 87 v Herminieju. V lanskim kampanji je bil med prvimi, na tretjem mestu kontestantov s 61 novimi člani. Podal se je tudi v tekočo kampanjo in že prijavil 4 nove člane. Še 8 in kvota njegovega društva bo dosežena, toda Tone bo šel gotovo zopet "over the top" in se oprjel ene izmed 10 glavnih nagrad. Te nagrade, kot vam je znano, so zelo mikavne; njih prejemniki se bodo udeležili prihodnje konvencije kot častni gostje s plačano vozino in dvema dnevnicoma.

Br. Mike Baloh, tajnik društva 7 v Claridgu, Pa., ki je tudi znan "old timer", se je tudi oglasil s 4 novimi člani. V zadnji kampanji jih je dobil 17 in gotovo bo tudi sedaj poskrbel, da bo šel "over the top." Z enakim številom novih članov se je oglasil tudi Jože Kocih, agilni tajnik društva 8 v South Chicagu in star jednotar (po članski dobi namreč). S kvartetom novih članov se je oglasila tudi sestra Theresa Masgon, tajnica angleško poslujočega društva 762 v Hostetterju, Pa. Potrebuje še enega, da bo dosegla častno listo.

Vsak tri člane sta prijavila John Krzich od društva 194, Keewatin, Minn., in John Skarja, tajnik društva 713 v Harmarvillu, Pa. Po dva nova člana so dobili: John Trojar, tajnik Slavije št. 1 v Chicagu, John M. Wirant, tajnik društva 6 v Syganu, Pa., Marlon Knezovich, taj. društva 134 v Superiorju, Wyo., Frank Laurich, tajnik društva 287, Burgettstown, Pa., Joe Kolenc, tajnik društva 381, Aguilar, Colo., Frank Modic od društva 518 iz Detroita.

Izmed glavnih odbornikov se je prvi oglasil s novim članom James M. Maglich, tajnik društva 716 v Imperialu, Pa., ki pravi, da so dobri izgledi za uspeh kampanje v njegovi okolici. Prijavilo se je še več drugih agitatorjev, med katerimi je znana Mary Vidmar (3) iz Johnstowna, Jože Snoy (13) iz Bridgeporta, O., Louis Pinar (22), Painsdale, Mich., Thomas Oblak (78), Manor, Pa., Ciril Medved (107), St. Louis, Mo., Lawrence Gradisek in Amalija Zupancic (131), Chicago, Frank Ausc (242), Staunton, Ill., Anton Tratnik (267), Kemmerer, Wyo., Helen Ribarich (292), Avella, Pa., John Janc (564), Detroit, Frank Kmetec in Helen Hapwood iz Oregon Cityja, Oregon.

Kakšen bo rezultat prvega meseca kampanje, bo razvidno v prihodnjih dveh tednih. Ker bo kampanja trajala samo šest mesecev, je priporočljivo in tudi potrebno, da se onim 60 društvom, ki so že stopila v akcijo, pridružio tudi ostala društva. To je potrebno, če hočemo, da bo kampanja uspeh. Na delo pri vseh društvih!

Ameriško orožje rabljeno v Venezueli

Panama - City, Panama, 23. okt.—List Herald je objavil uvodnik s trditvijo, da se orožje, ki ga je Venezuela dobila iz Amerike na podlagi posojilno-najeminskega programa, uporablja v civilni vojni, ki je začela Venezuelo. Orožje je v rokah ljudi, ki zatirajo civilne svoboščine.

Odmerjanje mesa bo odpravljeno

Washington, D. C., 23. okt.—Uradniki poljedelskega departmanta so naznanili, da bo odmerjanje mesa, masla, olja in masti odpravljeno v januarju, če ne prej. Zaloge teh potrebščin so se povečale, ker sta armada in mornarica znižali naročila.

Forrestal proti enotnemu poveljstvu

Washington, D. C., 23. okt.—Mornarični tajnik Forrestal se je izrekel proti načrtu enotnega poveljstva ameriških oboroženih sil. On je nastopil pred senatnim odtokom za vojaške zadeve. Dejal je, da načrt ni praktičen.

PREIZKUŠNJA MOČI MED UNJO IN KORPORACIJO

Predlog za podaljšanje delovnega tedna zavrnjen

PRIPRAVE ZA OKLIC STAVKE

Detroit, Mich., 23. okt.—Unija združenih avtinskih delavcev, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, največja delavska organizacija v drželi, in korporacija General Motors, največja avtna korporacija, se pripravljata na borbo in preizkušnjo moči. Od izida te borbe zavisita standard življenja in cen v povojni Ameriki.

Avtna unija na eni strani in korporacija na drugi sta v uradnih izjavah dali razumeti, da je stavka neizbežna, odgovornost pa zvrata druga na drugo. V tovarnah korporacije je uposlenih čez 325,000 delavcev, ki bodo v sredo glasovali o oklicu stavke, ker je korporacija odbila zahtevo za zvišanje plače za 30 odstotkov. Korporacija je objavila pismo z izjavo, da je uverjena, da se bo večina delavcev izrekla za oklic stavke.

Walter Reuther, podpredsednik avtne unije, je zavrnil predlog C. E. Wilsona, predsednika korporacije General Motors, da se delovni teden podaljša na 45 ur. Izjavil je, da bi unija izdala delavce, če bi pristala na predlog.

Wilson je imel sestanek s častnikarji po povratku v Detroit iz Washingtona, kjer je konferiral s predsednikom Trumanom. Dejal je, da je podaljšanje delovnega tedna potrebno za odvrnitev stavk v industrijah in povečanje produkcije. Plača delavcem naj se zviša za pet do osem centov na ur in delavci naj bi prejeli plačo in pol za vse ure, ki znašajo več ko 45 ur v tednu.

"Korporacija General Motors in Wilson hočeta provocirati stavko," je rekel Reuther. "Delovni teden 40 je temeljno načelo ameriškega delavstva in ono ne bo dovolilo zavrženja tega načela na podlagi sleparskega apela in izgovora, da je korporacija revna. Vlada poročila kažejo, da je korporacija najbogatejša na svetu in da je nagradila ogromne profite v vojnem času na račun delavcev in davkoplačevalcev."

Venezuela nastopi proti sleparjem

Vsi bodo postavljeni pred sodišče

Caracas, Venezuela, 23. okt.—Revolucionarna junta, ki je prevzela vladno oblast, je naznanila, da bo vsi sleparji in uradniki, ki so nagradili bogastvo v zadnjih 50 letih na račun ljudstva, postavljeni pred sodišča, da jim nalože kazni.

Položaj v glavnem mestu se je stabiliziral. Promet je bil obilnojen in cestna železnica ter avtobusi spet obratujejo.

Uradno naznanilo pravi, da bodo vsi uradniki, ki so služili diktatorjem, postavljeni pred sodišča. Kot diktatorji so omenjeni general Cipriano Castro, general Juan Vincente Gomez, Issais Medina, Eleazar Lopez Contreras in Mario Vargas.

Stavkarji se vrnili na delo

Detroit, Mich., 23. okt.—Stavka proti Consumers Powers Co. je bila končana po sklenitvi dogovora med kompanijo in unijo CIO. Vsi stavkarji so se vrnili na delo.

Reformiranje vzgoje na Japonskem

Zdrobitev industrijskega trusta

Tokio, 23. oktobra.—General Douglas MacArthur je odredil drastično reformiranje japonskega vzgojnega sistema z namenom, da se ustavi poučevanje fevdalnega militarizma in drugih ideologij, ki so pogonale Japonsko na vojne eskapade in osvajanje tujege ozemlja. Čez 18,000,000 dijakov in šolarjev je prizadetih.

Drugi drastični korak, naperjen proti temelju japonskega imperializma, je storila tokijska vlada. Naznanila je, da bo zdrobila industrijski trust "Zai-batsu," ki je služil militaristom in totalitarizmu. Korak je v soglasju z navodili ameriškega generala.

Princ Fumimaro Konoye, bivši premier in sedanji svetovalec vlade, je dejal, da bo oblast cesarja Hirohita omejena v soglasju z reformami. Izjavo je podal potem, ko je MacArthur odredil reformiranje vzgojnega sistema. Odredba določa med drugim takojšnjo odpravo vojaškega vežbanja na univerzah in poučevanje nacionalističnih ideologij v vseh šolah.

Odstavitev vseh profesorjev in učiteljev, ki se drže starih tradicij. Pozicije teh naj bodo oni vzgojitelji, ki so bili odstavljeni zaradi svojega liberalnega in naprednega mišljenja.

Odprava diskriminacij zaradi rase, narodnosti, vere in političnega prepričanja.

Izvajanje vzgojnega programa v soglasju s smernicami o-kupacijske sile in reprezentativne administracije. Vsi oni, ki so podpirali vojne lorde, morajo biti odstavljeni.

Finančni minister Keizo Sibusawa je po razgovorih s ostalimi člani vlade naznanil, da je bil dosežen sporazum o razbijanju trusta. Prve pridejo na vrsto industrijske kombinacije Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo in Jusada. Te tvorijo podlago trustu. Japonski parlament bo sprejel zakonski načrt, ki določa strogo kontrolo industrijskih koncernov.

Senat ustanovil posebni odbor

Poveril mu je študijo atomske energije

Washington, D. C., 23. okt.—Senat je končal zastoj glede procedure v osvajanju ukrepov, nanašajočih se na atomsko energijo, z ustanovitvijo posebnega odbora, v čigar področje bo spadala študija atomske energije in zadevna zakonodaja.

Člane odbora bo imenoval senator McKellar, predsednik senata. Odbor bo imel isto oblast kot drugi odbori. Tvorila ga bo enajst članov—šest demokratov in pet republikancev.

Senator Morse, republikanec iz Oregona, je dejal v teku debate, "da je atomska energija največji problem, ki stoji pred kongresom in čaka rešitve. Tajnost atomske energije ne spada samo Ameriki, temveč človeštvu. Ako kongres in administracija ne bosta delala na podlagi tega načela, bo Amerika prišla v zgodovino kot država, ki ni izpolnila svoje dolžnosti napram človeštvu. Amerika naj se ne udaja iluziji, da lahko po-državi znanost in da jo bo uporabljala kot orožje proti ostalemu svetu."

Armada odpustila dva milijona vojakov

Washington, D. C., 23. okt.—Vojni department poroča, da je armada odpustila dva milijona vojakov v dobi od 12. maja do

Domače vesti

S seje Združenega odbora

Chicago. — Zadnjo soboto in nedeljo se je v Clevelandu vršila letna seja Združenega odbora Americanov jugoslovanskega porekla. Glavni zaključek te seje je bil sprejetje načrta, da se tudi ostale jugoslovanske skupine—Hrvatje, Srbi, Bolgari in Macedonci—organizirajo na sličen način kot je SANS, to je s postojankami po naselbinah. Za predsednika Združenega odbora je bil ponovno izvoljen Balakovich in tudi na ostalih mestih ni druge spremembe kot ta, da je bil dodan še en podpredsednik. Louis Adamič, čijega nova knjiga "The Nation of Nations" izide te dni, je še častni predsednik. V nedeljo popoldne se je vršil javni shod v SND, na katerem je bilo zbranih \$1383 za jugoslovanski relief. Iz Chicaga so se udeležili te seje Vincent Cankar, Fred A. Vider, Frank Zaitz in Mirko Kuhel.

Smrt člana

Burgettstown, Pa.—Po dolgi bolezni je tukaj umrl John Pirih, star 61 let, doma iz Sent-viške gore pri Tolminu na Primorskem. V Ameriki je bil od leta 1907 in član društva 241 SNPJ ter ABZ. Zapuška žena, tri sinove in štiri hčere. Bil je naprednega mišljenja.

Zopet v civilu

Palisade, Colo.—Iz armade je bil častno odpuščen Matthew J. Debelock, ki je služil pri letalcih in bil v akciji širom vse Evrope in Severne Afrike. Pri vojakih je bil od 13. marca 1942 do 1. okt. 1945.

Iz Clevelanda

Cleveland. — Družina Joseph Dolenc je bila zdaj uradno obveščena, da je bil njen sin Albin ubit v Franciji 17. jan. 1945. Prvotno je bil naznanjen kot pogrešan. Star je bil 22 let in v armadi 32 mesecev. — Vile rojenice so se zglasile pri družini Frank Lesar in pustile hčerko, pri družini Frank Sajovec pa sinčka. — Miss Vera Candon, hčerka družine William Candon iz Euclida, ki je nameščena pri šolskem odboru kot psihologinja, je bila na zborovanju Tri State Conference of Pupil Personnel, ki se je vršila v Garyju, Ind., ponovno izvoljena za predsednico te učiteljske zveze. — Umrl je Vincent Graf, star 80 let in rojen na Ogrskem, odkjer je prišel v Ameriko leta 1913. Tukaj zapuška hčer, v Youngstownu, O., sina, v stari domovini pa hčer. — V bolnišnici Lutheran Hospital se nahaja Joseph Allic iz Collinwooda. — Častno so bili odpuščeni iz armade: Emil Stefancic, pri vojakih tri leta, od teh osem mesecev v Italiji; John Hegler, v armadi 33 mesecev in v vojni na Pacifiku, ter Edward Ahlin, v armadi 4 leta, od teh 20 mesecev na Aleutskih otokih.

Nov grob v Ohio

Warren, O. — Srčni kapi je po enodnevi bolezni podlegel Anton Šajn, star 66 let in doma iz Knežaka — po domače Matucev. Zapuška žena, tri sinove (vsi v armadi) in več sorodnikov.

Taborišče za žide v Alžiriji

London, 23. okt. — Delavska vlada je naznanila, da bo odprla taborišče za brezdomske žide v Philippevillu, francoska Alžirija. V tem bo našlo zavetje okrog 50,000 židov. Vlada je zavzela stališče, da bo odprta taborišča delna rešitev židovskega problema.

Churchill za pospešitev demobilizacije

London, 23. okt. — Bivši premier Winston Churchill je v parlamentu kritiziral delavske vlado in priporočal pospešitev demobilizacije britskih oboroženih sil. On je zdaj vodja opozicije v parlamentu. Churchill je kritiziral premierja Attleeja in mu očital, da ni izpolnil obljube, da bo storil korake za hitro demobilizacijo oboroženih sil.

NACIONALISTI ZAVRGLI HOLANDSKI PREDLOG

Zahtevajo popolno neodvisnost za Javo in druge otoke

IZJAVA HOLANDSKEGA MINISTRA

Batavija, Java, 23. okt.—Indoneški nacionalisti so zavrgli holandski predlog za tovarštvo v holandskem imperiju in izjavili, da se bodo borili za popolno neodvisnost Jave in drugih otokov Vzhodne Indije.

Dr. Mohamed Hatta, podpredsednik organizacije nacionalistov, je dejal, da Indonezija odklanja status kolonije, pa naj se ta skriva pod kakršnim koli imenom ali oblačilom. "Revolucionarna vojna bo trajala leta," je rekel. "Indonezija ne bo odnehala v borbi za dosego absolutne neodvisnosti. Ona ne mara ostati pod kontrolo Holandije. Holanci naj se ne udajajo iluziji, da bodo zdrobili borbo za neodvisnost s pomočjo britske oborožene sile. Armada 40,000 holandskih vojakov ne bo dosegla ničesar z orožjem in ognjem.

Zakaj naj bi bila Indonezija tovarišica holandskega repa, ki bi tresel indoneškega psa? Holandska oborožena sila se je podala Japoncem brez boja."

Hatta je dejal, da ne bo umaknil zahtev, katere je predložil generalu Philipu Christinsonu, poveljniku zaveznikih čet v holandski Vzhodni Indiji. On je govoril v imenu dr. Soerkana, predsednika organizacije nacionalistov. General Christinson še ni odgovoril na zahteve.

Ena izmed zahtev je takojšen razpust holandskih civilnih administracij in priznanje Soerkanove grupe kot dejanske vlade.

Britske čete so zasedle strateške pozicije na Javi, najbogatejšem otoku holandske Vzhodne Indije. Bandoeng, poletno prestolnico, so okupirale brez incidenta. Pričakuje se, da bodo britske čete zasedle tudi Sumatro.

Protest proti ruski pogodbi

London, 23. okt.—Britska vlada je formalno protestirala proti predlagani pogodbi med Rusijo in Ogrsko, pravi naznanilo zunanjege urada. Nepotrjeno poročilo pravi, da se je protestu pridružila tudi Amerika. Protest pravi, da se je Rusija začela pogajati glede sklenitve trgovinske pogodbe z Ogrsko, bivšo sovražno državo, brez vednosti ostalih zaveznikov.

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Glasovi iz naselbin

NAZANANO IN POZIV

Chicago, Ill.—Dne 30. septembra t. l. se je vršila redna seja organizacij, združenih v Centralnem odboru jugoslovanskih Amerikancev za Chicago in okolico, na kateri se je soglasno zaključilo, da se priredi veliko zborovanje, in sicer v nedeljo, 2. decembra, v Pilsen Park Auditorium na 26. cesti in Albany ave.

Na to zborovanje bodo pozvane odlične osebe, kot glavni govornik ambasador demokratske federativne Jugoslavije v Washingtonu, g. Stanoje Simić, guvernor države Illinois Dwight Green; župan mesta Chicago Edward J. Kelly, predsednik Združenega odbora JSA iz New Yorka, kakor tudi naši lokalni društveni predstavniki. Poleg tega bo proizvajan lep, čičaški naselbinski dostojen kulturni program.

Na tem mestu se obrača Centralni odbor JSA na vse slovenske in ostale jugoslovanske organizacije v Chicagu in okolici, da se priključijo tej organizaciji in s tem moralno in finančno podprejo končno zmago ciljev narodno osvobodilne borbe v Jugoslaviji, pod vodstvom maršala Tita.

Prihodnja seja zastopnikov naših organizacij se bo vršila v torek, 30. oktobra 1945, ob polnem zvečer, v dvorani Sokolskega doma, 1903 So. Racine ave, Chicago, Ill. Potrebno je, da so navzoči vsi zastopniki.

S spoštovanjem in bratskim pozdravom—za Centralni odbor jugoslovanskih Amerikancev v Chicagu in okolici:

Risto Nogulic, predsednik, Frank Zornjak, tajnik, Joseph Oblak, blagajnik.

JUGOSLOVANI—V NEDELJO, 2. NOVEMBRA, VSI V DVORANO SNPJ

Chicago, Ill.—Skupne čikaške podružnice SANSa bodo imele veliko prireditev v nedeljo, 18. novembra 1945, v dvorani SNPJ. Objavljeno nam je, da bomo dobili govornika iz Jugoslavije; to je človeka, kateri se je boril za svobodo in pravice ljudi v starem kraju in trpel z narodom ves čas sovražnikove okupacije.

Prepričan sem, da vsi želite izvedeti resnico; slišali boste, kako velika razlika je med tem govornikom in ljudmi, kateri so odnesli pete iz Jugoslavije še predno jo je napadel sovražnik, in katerih prva skrb je bila obvarovati ne naroda, pač pa svojo lastno kožo. Na programu bo več pevskih točk, nastop mladinskega krožka SNPJ in kazanje slik. Opis slik bo enkrat pozneje priložen. Po programu bo ples in prosti zabava. Narodna dolžnost vsakega zavednega Slovenca v Chicagu in okolici je, da se te prireditve udeleži.

SANS je vedno zastopal pravilno smer in se povsod boril za resnico. Sedaj, po dolgem času, prihaja iz starega kraja resnica na dan, in sicer iz pisem, katera ne prihajajo iz Italije, pač pa direktno iz Jugoslavije. Pisma iz Italije se glasijo približno takole: Dragi brat France! Nahajam se v Bahji. Bežati sem moral pred krvoločnimi komunisti, kateri so vse duhovnike in poštene ljudi pobili. Naš župnik Jernej ni kaplan Jože, kakor tudi vsi naši sodniki so gotovo morali vsi umreti mučeniške smrti, ker niso bili z njim zanje.

Vedno smo se borili za tako Jugoslavijo, kot je bila pred vojno, in za njegovo veličanstvo. Petra. Hi tem vzvišenejsem običju so nam celo pomagali Nemci in Italijani, angleški in francoski družbe, katere so bile tako dobre, da so nam dale denar, da smo lahko obratovali naše železnice itd.

Vedno je bilo tako lepo in pošteno. Jaz sem imel krasno družbo, nekateri angleški družbi v Londonu, prišli pa so ti hu... Komunisti in vse je šlo po gobe. Odkar sem samo golo življenje v Italiji, France, ako tudi ti nisi bil postal komunist, pomagaj mi, da pridem revem tukaj, da se ne bomo povrnili v

tako Jugoslavijo kot je sedaj. Prepričani smo, da se nam ne bi nič dobro godilo tam, kajti vse je postalo čudno. Navadni delavci in kmetje hočejo imeti vse pravice in nas, inteligentov, nič več tako ne spoštujejo. S tem zaključujem in te ponovno prosim, da mi pomagaš. Ako tega ne storiš, bom moral porabiti ves denar, katerega sem srečno odnesel iz Jugoslavije. Tvoj trpeči brat Nande.

Pismo enega izmed sorodnikov, kateri so bili "pobiti" od komunistov in katero prihaja direktno iz Jugoslavije, pa se glasi približno takole: Dragi stric France! Po dolgih letih trpljenja in groze Vam zopet lahko pišem. Spročiti Vam moram, da je moj oče umrl v italijanski ječi, kjer so ga do smrti mučili samo zato, ker ni hotel izdati partizanskega kraja, kjer se je nahajal Ivan.

Ivan je bil smrtno ranjen meseca novembra lanskega leta, tako da smo v boju za svobodo izgubili kar dva člana naše družine. Lahko si predstavljate, kako veliko žalost nam je vse povzročilo. Mamo je čisto strlo in je sedaj zelo rahlega zdravlja. Jaz sem zdrava in delam v tovarni, tako da pomagam preživljati družino. Marica bo spomladja prejela prvo sv. obhajilo, Jožek bo šel pa k sv. birmi pri sv. Vidu, kjer še vedno župnikuje stari gospod Jernej, katerega vi dobro poznate. On vas pusti lepo pozdravit.

Kaplan Jože je šel pa za župnika k Sv. Lovrencu, ker tamkajšnji župnik je pobežnil v Italijo takoj, ko je bila Jugoslavija osvobodjena. Od nas je pa pobežnil nadučitelj in bivši starosta Sokola. Ljudje pravijo, da obadva je dobro vesta, zakaj sta bežala, in da sta oba sodelovala s sovražnikom.

Stric Nande je tudi pobežnil nekam v Italijo. On ima na vesti več izdajstev, zaradi katerih je umrlo več nedolžnih ljudi. Jugoslovanska vlada je že trikrat pozvala vse ljudi, kateri so bili v tujini, naj se vrnejo. To so tudi v veliki večini storili. V tujini se nahajajo samo ljudje, kateri imajo preveč masla na glavi in slabo vest.

Pri nas gre zelo težko, pa veselji smo, samo da imamo svobodo! Vse se počasi izboljšuje in gremo naprej v lepo bodočnost, za katero smo tako drago plačali. Stric, ako Vam je mogoče, nam kaj pomagajte, ako pa ne morete, pa prosim, da nam pišete, kako se imate Vi in Vaša družina. Srčno Vas vsi skupaj pozdravljamo, posebno pa Vaša nekakinja Anica.

Taka pisma prihajajo, sodbo si pa naredite sami. Na tisoče pisem bo še prišlo in iz vseh bog izvedeli, da se razvija nova, čista Jugoslavija, v kateri ne bo prostora za tiste, ki so mislili, da bi morali biti vsi partizani postreljeni, in ne za tiste, kateri so mislili, da bi moral biti v vsakem kraju zvoniku obesen en župnik ali kaplan.

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Ne dajte se zapeljati od ljudi, kateri so tako pri volji danes pomagati VELIKIM revšem, posebno v Italiji, kateri pa v svojo krščanski ljubezni niso niti z mezinem mignili, ko je umiralo in še umira v Jugoslaviji na tisoče nedolžnih otrok od gladi. Saj vendar bi morali tudi tem pomagati, ako jih tudi sovražimo. Saj je vendar pisano: "Ljubite svoje sovražnike..." Dalje: "Karkoli boste tem malim ubogim storili, boste meni storili..."

Kje je naša tolerantnost? Ali smo v političnem ali verskem fanatizmu zašli res tako daleč, da ne bomo pomagali tam, kjer je pomoč v resnici potrebna? Pridite vsi na prireditev SANSa, da se tako sami prepričate, kaj se je in se še godi v starem kraju. Razumeli boste, zakaj se vršijo vsi zakulnisi boji proti demokraciji in slovanski Jugoslaviji. Ljudem, kateri bi v resnici morali voditi narod do prave poti, pa ponovno kličem s pesnikom: "Odpriete se vi, živi grobi! Naš rod vodite k boljši slovanski dobi. Skupaj čvrsto, drži brat Slovan, in ne boš vedno le sejal. Krasne žetve bliža se Tvoj dan."

Anton Krapenc, predsednik.

DRUŠTVENE PRIREDITVE IN DRUGO

Cleveland, O.—Dan 11. novembra je določen za našo plesno veselico. Ples se bo pričel ob osmih zvečer v zgornji dvorani v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd. Igrala bo godba Barbič ml. Za lačne bo skrbela naša članica in dobra kuharica sestra Agnes Straus s Trafalgar ave. Delo pri vratih sta prevzela naša običajna vratarja pri sejah, namreč Starman in Bukovnik. Za postrežbo v točilnici pa jih imamo kar majhno četo, katera bi bil vesel tudi Tito, če bi jo imel na razpolago.

Društvo V boj št. 53 SNPJ obhaja tega dne svojo 39-letnico. Torej prihodnje leto bo 40-letnica, katero upamo, da bomo proslavili s programom, zato smo se s to omejili in določili le ples.

Ključ temu, da je le plesna veselica, pričakujemo, da se bo plesa udeležilo tudi starejše članstvo. Če pa ne plesa, pa vsaj proste zabave in družabnosti, katero naše društvo vedno nudi, kadar se ob takih prilikah snidejo stari člani. V našem prizidku so mize, pri katerih se boste kratkočasili s kozarcem piva in obujali spomine na mlada leta.

Cena k plesu je samo 60c. Vstopnice so že na razpolago in upamo, da bo članstvo poseglo po njih. Še posebej apeliramo na one člane, kateri se med letom ne udeležujejo društvenih pisem bo še prišlo in iz vseh bog izvedeli, da se razvija nova, čista Jugoslavija, v kateri ne bo prostora za tiste, ki so mislili, da bi morali biti vsi partizani postreljeni, in ne za tiste, kateri so mislili, da bi moral biti v vsakem kraju zvoniku obesen en župnik ali kaplan.

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pasivnost, radi tega ni bilo izrednih dohodkov in tako je kolektivno podjetje več ali manj v zastoju. Odbor farne SNPJ z Johnom Šorcem na čelu se trudi in dela v kolikor je v njegovi moči, da bi uspevalo to podjetje. Toda nekaj oseb ne more izvršiti vsega dela, zato je potrebno, da odbor pomagamo in uredimo te prostore tako, da jih bomo z veseljem obiskovali ob prostem času ob nedeljah.

Sedaj je pred društvi vprašanje, kako skupaj spraviti potrebni kapital, da zgradimo novo dvorano. Kakor je bilo poročano na seji, bo stala \$8000 do \$7000. S tem denarjem bi lahko postavili moderen plesni paviljon.

To vprašanje se tiče vseh društev SNPJ, ki spadajo k clevelandski federaciji SNPJ. Izletniški prostor SNPJ je kolektivna last, torej se moramo tudi kolektivno žrtvovati in zanimati zanj. Sedaj je razprava pri državnih, da bi prispeval vsak član vseh društev \$1 v stavbinski sklad, kar bi zadostovalo, da bi skupaj spravili potrebno vsoto. Vsak bi dobil člansko karto in postal solastnik tega kolektivnega podjetja.

Ne bi bilo zaželjivo, da bi se moral farmski odbor zadolžiti za omenjeno vsoto, ki jo potrebuje za zgraditev nove dvorane, kajti članstvo SNPJ v Clevelandu lahko spravi denar skupaj.

Naše društvo bo o tem razpravljalo na decemberski seji, katera je kompetentna delati take zaključke. Zato bo decemberska seja važna in pravilno je, da je članstvo poučeno, zakaj gre. Potrebno je, da storimo pravi bratski korak, ki bo storjen v prvi vrsti v korist vsega članstva SNPJ.

V splošnem je želja članstva, da bi bila dvorana postavljena že meseca maja prihodnjega leta, tako da bodo lahko že imela društva prihodnje leto svoje piknike.

Pomnite vsi, kakor sem že poprej omenil, tega dela ne more izvršiti odbor sam, ampak mu moramo pomagati in sodelovati z njim. Torej pojdemo na delo in plačamo svojo oblikovno v znesku \$1, da bo tako dvorana plačana in ne bo imel odbor finančnih preglavic v bodoče. Če pa bo podjetje prinašalo dobiček, boste pa dobili denar povrnjen. Če se bomo res vsi zavzeli, potem sem siguran, da bo delala farma SNPJ lep dobiček.

V mesecu decembru se bodo vršile letne seje naših društev, zato je potrebno, da društva izvolijo dobre zastopnike za farmo SNPJ, kateri bodo zmogli voditi to podjetje. Malo dobre volje in truda, pa bomo želi uspeh. Seveda, kadar bo postavljena nova dvorana, potem je potrebno, da bo članstvo posejalo izletniški odbor v velikem številu. Potrebno bo, da dobimo tudi dobrega in delavnega oskrbnika, ki se bo zanimal za prostor in ga čistil, tako da bo res privlačen.

Naj še pripomnim, da slovenski Cleveland izpelje vsako še tako veliko nalogo, če se le zavzame zanj.

Ponovno apeliram in vabim, da se gotovo udeležite veselice in plesa, ki ga bo priredil dne 4. novembra gospodinjski odtok farne SNPJ! Prav tako ne pozabite plesa društva V boj št. 53 SNPJ, ki se bo vršil 11. novembra. Dne 17. novembra pa imajo veselico pri našem bratskem društvu Mir št. 142 SNPJ. Tudi to društvo se trudi za naš skupen doprinos. Odzovite se na vabila in posetite zgoraj omenjene veselice!

Dne 28. oktobra se bo tudi vršila važna priredba. Dramski zbor Ivan Cankar bo podal komedijo "O, ta vražja vdova" na odru SND na St. Clair ave. Ta priredba se bo vršila pod pokroviteljstvom centralnega lokalnega odbora SANSa in ves čisti dobiček je namenjen za naše brate in sestre v stari domovini. Pričetek ob pol štirih popoldne, zvečer pa bo ples in prosta zabava. Zato nas vse veže dolžnost, da se apelu odzovemo in gremo pogledat "vražjo vdovo".

Naša zadnja veselica podružnice št. 48 SANSa je zelo lepo uspešla, kajti kasirali smo približno \$1200 na tako upam, da bo preostanka nad \$800. Torej ze-

lo lep uspeh! Hvala vsem, ki ste pripomogli na ta ali oni način do tako lepega uspeha! Ker je ves dobiček namenjen za naše reveže v stari domovini, bo oteta marsikatera solza trpljenja našim bratom in sestram. Če je katero delo potrebno med nami, je gotovo delo, ki ga vršimo za staro domovino. Torej je prispevajte denar tudi v bodočnosti. Vsak dolar šteje. Sedaj prihajajo pisma iz Jugoslavije in ta dovolj jasno govore o potrebah našega naroda in njegovem nepopisnem trpljenju.

V decembru mesecu bodo morala naša društva izvoliti zastopnike za podružnice SANSa, in sicer vsaj dva, da bodo vodili to humanitarno akcijo tudi v bodoče. Glede izvolitev zastopnikov bodo društva pisмено obveščena.

Ne samo društveni zastopniki, temveč vsi člani SANSovih podružnic bi se morali udeleževati se in doprinesiti svoje delež k skupnosti. Delo še ni izvršeno. Reakcija vseposvoda še vedno dviga glavo in celo grozi z intervencijo v Jugoslaviji. Vsi njeni doprinosi v času vojne so pozabljeni in sile se igrajo s to ubobo, pomandrano državo. Proti njej ne nastopajo kot proti zavznici, ampak kakor da bi bila v sovražnem taboru, medtem pa dajajo še vedno gotovim fašističnim klikam potuho in prokteljo. Kakor je razvidno, je nekaterim še vedno ljubši fašistični režim kot ljudske vlade. Zato moramo biti še vedno na straži in nadaljevati z delom za federativno demokratično Jugoslavijo.

J. F. Durn, tajnik 53 SNPJ.

SKUPNA VESELICA

Bradock, Pa.—Društva št. 35 in 300 SNPJ in 31 ABZ bodo priredila skupno veselico v soboto, 27. oktobra; pričetek ob osmih zvečer v Sokolski dvorani v North Bradocku.

Čisti preostanek te veselice je namenjen za nekako prireditev za člane-vojake omenjenih društev, ko se bodo povrnili domov. Zatorej vabimo vse člane in članice omenjenih društev, da se veselice udeležite in tako pripomorete do boljšega uspeha. Na poset so vabljena tudi bližnja društva in Jugoslovani v splošnem.

Za ples bo igral orkester Billa Perniška, kateri tako veselo igra valčke in polke, da mora vsakdo plesati. Vstopnina je samo 50c; za lačne bomo imeli tudi domače kolbase.

Torej na svidenje v soboto, 27. oktobra, v Sokolski dvorani!

Za odbor: Anton Rednak.

KARTNA ZABAVA IN TOMBULA DRUŠTVA 119 SNPJ

Waukegan, Ill.—Društvo št. 119 SNPJ bo priredilo kartno zabavo in tombulo v soboto, 27. oktobra; pričetek ob osmih zvečer v zgornji dvorani Slovenskega narodnega doma.

Prav vljudno vabimo člane in prijatelje, posebno pa članice drušтва, da se odzovete v velikem številu, kajti to je letos naša prva društvena priredba za društveno blagajno. Za igralce imamo pripravljene lepe nagrade.

Na vse tiste članice, ki so nam obljubile prispevke, pa apeliramo, če jim je le mogoče, da jih oddajo že poprej, to je do petka zvečer.

Za pripravljajni odbor: Antonia Bezek.

VABILO NA ZABAVO

So. Chicago, Ill.—Članice društva št. 490 SNPJ v S. Chicagu so se zmenile, da bodo priredile "banko" zabavo v soboto zvečer, 27. oktobra. Pričetek ob sedmih v dvorani sv. Jurija na 96. cesti in Ewing ave. Vabljeni so tukajšnja društva, da se udeležijo v velikem številu. Posebno pa opominjamo članstvo zgoraj omenjenega društva, da pridejo na zabavo, da bo velik uspeh. Ves dobiček je namenjen za naše člane-vojake.

Seve, pijače in prigrizka bo na razpolago v obili meri. Pridite vsi, da nas bo več skupaj. Veselica društva Delavec 8 SNPJ pa se bo vršila teden pozneje, namreč 3. novembra v Hrvaškem domu na 9618 Commercial ave. Apelliram na naše članstvo, da se udeleži Delavčeve veselice v velikem številu, kajti to društvo se vedno odzove našemu vabilu. Ne strinjaj-

pa se s predsednikom društva št. 8 SNPJ Frankom Gorencem, ki v svojem zadnjem dopisu kritizira, da tukajšnja društva ne korakajo po začrtanih potih in načelih SNPJ. Ne vem, kaj je narobe? Mislim, da ta "banko" zabava, ki jo prirejajo članice našega društva, ne bo prav nič škodovala veselici društva Delavec, koristi pa lahko.

Torej na veselo svidenje dne 27. oktobra na zabavi društva 490 SNPJ, in prav tako 3. novembra na veselici društva Delavec 8 SNPJ, tako da bomo zadovoljili Gorencu.

John Kosich, član 490 SNPJ.

DRAMSKA PREDSTAVA— "O, TA VRAŽJA VDOVA"

Cleveland, O.—V nedeljo, 28. oktobra, bodo igralci dramskega zbora Ivan Cankar vzprijorili zanimivo veseligo, tridejanko "O, ta vražja vdova," v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave. Začetek predstave bo ob pol štirih popoldne in vstopnina je 75c. Zvečer se bo vršil pa ples v auditoriju, kjer bodo igrali godci Srneckovega orkestra. Kot običajno se bo tako po predstavi serviralo v prizidku tudi večerjo in druge telesne dobrine.

Ta prireditev se vrši pod pokroviteljstvom Centralnega odbora SANSovih podružnic v Clevelandu, kateri je povabil dramski zbor Ivan Cankar za sodelovanje in ves preostanek izkupička bo poslan v pomožni sklad SANSa za staro domovino. Zato je prav, da posetimo to prireditev, ki bo podana za tako plemeniti namen in zraven bomo pa uživali razne prizore v igri "O, ta vražja vdova," katera je polna domačega humorja.

Da bo igra "O, ta vražja vdova" dobro igrana po znanih Cankarjevih igralcih in igralkah nam jamčijo imena kot so: Josephine Milavec-Levstek, ki bo igrala vdovo, Olga Mann, hčerko naše vdove (Olga je bila odsotna iz Clevelanda že nekaj let in smo jo pogrešali na našem odru), Rudy Widmar, Anton Eppich, Anton Smith, John Čeh, Frances Ilc in drugi. Igro režira Tončka Simičeva.

Dramskih predstav imamo vedno manj; posebno za časa vojne je nastala velika vrzel na naših odrih, tako da je že dramska vzprijoritev nekakšna posebnost za našo ameriško slovensko jaynost. Zato pa napolnimo avditorij Narodnega doma, ko se bo vršila izredno dopadljiva veseliga "O, ta vražja vdova" v nedeljo, 28. oktobra, ob pol štirih popoldne. Slovenski dan smo praznovali zadnje poletje v Euclidu in naše "vdove dan" pa praznujemo v Narodnem domu na St. Clair ave.

Louis Kaserle.

VESELICA PODRUŽNICE 53 SANSa V JOHNSTOWNU

Johnstown, Pa.—Podružnica št. 53 SANSa bo priredila plesno veselico dne 24. novembra t. l. Ves čisti prebitok je namenjen za staro domovino in za SANS. Veselica se bo vršila v Slovenskem delavskem domu Lorain in Borough. Vstopnina je samo 50c za osebo.

Kakor je razvidno iz pisem, ki so pričela prihajati iz stare domovine, je ljudstvo v Jugoslaviji v veliki potrebi, zato je naša dolžnost, da pomagamo našim rodnim bratom in sestram, kolikor je v naši moči.

Vabimo cenjeno občinstvo iz Johnstowna in okolice, da nas poseti na zgoraj omenjeni dan in tako pripomore do boljšega uspeha, poleg tega pa se boste tudi malo zabavali in razvedrili. Za plesalec bo skrbel Koplejev orkester, za žejne in lačne pa odbor. Torej na gotovo svidenje dne 24. novembra zvečer. Za odbor: Frank Chuchek, predsednik.

20-LETNICA PIONIRJEV

Chicago, Ill.—Društvo Pioneer 559 SNPJ bo kmalu staro 20 let. Šteje preko 1000 članov in še vedno raste večje in večje. Bilo je težko delo, da smo pridobili nove člane in prav tako težko, da smo jih obdržali, posebno v času zadnje depresije. Veliko dobrega dela smo napravili v zadnjih 20 letih za naše člane in prijatelje, zato bomo obhajali 20-letnico v soboto, 24. novembra, v dvorani SNPJ na 2657 So. Lawndale ave. Priporočamo se vsemu član-

stvu Slovenske narodne podporne jednote in prijateljem v splošnem v okrožju Chicago, da rezervirata ta večer za nas. Posetimo 20-letnico Pionirjev v največjem številu in pokažimo svoj fraternalizem. Odbor se pridno skupaj shaja, da preskrbi vse potrebno, da se bo izvršila priredba v najlepšem redu. Preskrbeli bomo tudi za vsakega spominček, ki se bo udeležil te slavnosti. Vstopnina je samo 50c. Godbo bomo imeli izvrstno v zgornji in spodnji dvorani. Preskrbljeno bo tudi za dober prigrizek in pijačo. Torej ne pozabite udeležiti se priredbe Pionirjev v soboto zvečer, 24. novembra. Na svidenje! Za odbor: John Simon.

Federacije SNPJ

ZAPISNIK CLEVELANDSKE FEDERACIJE SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Redna seja federacije clevelandskih društev SNPJ se je vršila v soboto, 22. septembra, v običajnem prostoru.

Ker ata brat predsednik in podpredsednik odsotna, je izvoljen za predsednika današnje seje brat Krist Stokel.

Zapisknik Juljske seje sprejet kot čitan. Sestra tajnica prečita pismeno poročilo predsednika Petrovicha, kateri se opraviči radi poslov godarskega odtoka SNPJ, ter priporoča, da se vrši prihodnji ohijski dan SNPJ v Bridgeportu, O.

Sestra tajnica prečita račune, ki so sprejeti kot čitani.

Farma društev SNPJ. Ponovno je bil sprejet načrt brata Krista Stokla za novo dvorano. Ako bo le mogoče, se bo oddalo delo slovenskim kontraktorjem. Gradnjo bodo morala financirati društva in posamezni člani. Razposlana so bila pisma na društva, v katerih se apelira, da vsak član daruje po en dolar.

Atletična liga priredi kegljarski večer in veselico dne 29. septembra.

Za podružnico SANSa proča brat Stokel. Slovenski dan v Euclidu je sijajno uspel. Dohodek so znašali \$7,436, čisti dobiček pa \$5,036. Zahvali se vsem delavcem in delavkam.

Mladinski pevski zbor SNPJ: Vaje so sedaj zopet v teku pod vodstvom priznanega pevca Franka Pluta. Apelira se za nove pevce. Vaje se vršijo vsak petek; pričetek ob 6:15 zvečer.

Prečitano je pismo iz Kansas Cityja, v katerem apelirajo za prispevke za ambulanco za Jugoslavijo. Na pismo se odgovori, da imamo take odbore v Clevelandu.

Dramsko društvo Ivan Cankar priredi igro "Vražja vdova" v pomoč Jugoslaviji v nedeljo, 28. oktobra.

Društvena poročila: Društvo št. 53 ima veselico 11. novembra. Podružnica 48 SANSa pa 7. oktobra; od društva št. 137 se bodo ženske korporativno udeležile pennsylvanskega dneva SNPJ, ki se bo vršil 30. septembra v South Parku, blizu Libraryja, Pa. Zastopnik društva št. 142 poroča, da je bil en član ubit; dne 17. novembra pa praznujejo 35-letnico v Slovenskem domu na Holmes ave. Pri društvu 442 so pridobili enega člana v mladinski oddelki in enega v odrasli; veselico imajo 13. oktobra. Društvo št. 450 bo imelo kartno zabavo dne 17. novembra. Od društva št. 544 pa poročajo, da je piknik zelo uspel.

Na pismo girardske federacije glede prihodnjega ohijskega dneva SNPJ se sklene, naj se ti dnevi vrstijo po federacijah in da vsaka federacija obdrži ves dobiček. Nadalje je sklenjeno, naj se vrši ohijski dan SNPJ vsako leto in prihodnji naj bo v Bridgeportu, O., kajti zadnji se je imel vršiti v tem mestu, toda je bil radi vojne prekinjen. V tem smislu se naj odgovori girardski federaciji.

Clevelandski dan SNPJ pa se bo vršil letno. Glede datuma se prepusti odboru.

Zastopana so sledeča društva: št. 5, 26, 28, 53, 126, 129, 135, 137, 139, 142, 147, 158, 264, 312, 442, 450, 477, 544, 566.

Od glavnih odbornikov je navzoča sestra Josephina Močnik. Zaključek seje ob 10:10 zvečer. Carl Semanich, zapisnikar.

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Imel sem srečo in danes se čudim, da sem še živ doma pri starših. Več podrobnosti o tem vam bom pisal prihodnjič, ako bom dobil odgovor.

Zaključek pisma mojega nečaka je: "Tukaj je veliko pomanjkanje živili in obleke in sploh vsega, vendar pa upamo, da bo kaj kmalu boljše."

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Kakšen teror so izvajali Nemci v tem taborišču in kaj so počeli z nami, ne bi mogla opisati nobena pisateljska roka.

Torej sedaj prihajajo pisma iz stare domovine in polagoma bomo zvedeli natančno o razmerah v stari domovini.

George Smrekar.

"VRAŽJA VDOVA"

Cleveland, O.—Centralni odbor SANSovih podružnic in krožkov Progresivnih Slovencev v Clevelandu je neprestano na delu za korist bednega ljudstva v Jugoslaviji.

Zavedajoč se tega dejstva, je Centralni odbor naprosil dramsko društvo Ivan Cankar za sodelovanje, ki ga še ni nikoli odrekal.

Igra bo vpriporjena v nedeljo, dne 28. oktobra, ob 3:30 popoldne v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave.

"Vražja vdova" je polna pristnega humorja. Njeni značajski so silno podjetni in krepko začrtani.

Ker je prebitek te predstave namenjen izključno v korist siromakov v Sloveniji (med katerimi so mogoče tudi vaši sorodniki), smo prepričani, da boste odložili vse druge posle v nedeljo in pohiteli v Slovenski narodni dom in dejansko pokazali, da se v vašem srcu še vedno nahaja gorak kotiček za brate in sestre...

Za odbor: Frank Česen.

DEVETNAJSTLETNICA DRUŠTVA 800 SNPJ

Johnstown, Pa.—Društvo Naša sloga št. 600 SNPJ bo praznovalo 19-letnico svojega obstoja z veselico dne 3. novembra t. l. na Moxhamu v Slovenskem delavskem domu, Lorain in Borough.

Vabimo vse rojake in rojakinje od blizu in daleč, da nas gotovo obiščejo in se malo poveselejo z nami.

Sedaj, ko je konec vojne, je pravilno, da se malo razvedrimo. Tudi mladina že komaj čaka razvedrila, ker ni bilo že dolgo nobene zabave na Moxhamu.

Za ples pa bo igral poznani orkester Bukovec in Kopljer, ki sestoji iz petih godbenikov. Igrali bodo tako lepo, da se bodo sami od sebe zavrteli mlad in stari.

likam posameznih članov, zbor gre naprej s svojim delom in z vašo pomočjo bo še tudi v bodoče. Člani zbora na vojaškem dopustu so: Jack Marinich ml., Joe Prelesnik in Lawrence Gradišek.

Koncert pevskega zbora Zarje Cleveland, O.—Sedaj, ko je svetovnega klanja konec, smo se nekoliko ohladili in bomo laže nadaljevali z našim kulturnim delom.

Kakor izgleda, bomo dobili vse žive in zdrave nazaj. Zato nam je mogoče, da bomo spet lahko priridili naš običajni jesenski koncert in spevoigro "Povodnji mož" v četrtek na Zahvalni dan, 22. nov., v auditoriju Slov. nar. doma na St. Clair ave.

Vse prijatelje in simpatičarje Zarje opozarjamo že sedaj, da si rezervirajo Zahvalni dan za ta koncert, da se boste v družbi svojih prijateljev in znancev zelo zabavali in s tem tudi pomagali Zarji do gmotnega in moralnega uspeha.

Za publicijski odbor: J. Kregel.

SEJA MILWAUŠKE PODRUŽNICE SANSa

Milwaukee, Wis.—Rojakom v Milwaukeeju in West Allisu namanjam, da se bo vršila redna seja podružnice SANSa v nedeljo, 28. oktobra, v Reberniškovi Ivorani (poprej Šoštarčičevi), 539 So. 6th st.

Ker se bo vršila seja milwaukee federacije SNPJ na isti dan, jamreč ob pol devet popoldne, se bo pričela seja podružnice SANSa ob pol štirih popoldne.

Apeliram na slovenske Slovence in Slovenko, da se seje gotovo udeležijo. Seja bo zelo važna. Tisti, ki imate polje za podpis, ste prošeni, da jih prinesete na sejo, tako da jih bomo lahko ob pravem času poslali na pristojno mesto.

Zdaj, ko je minila vročina in tudi zaposleni nismo več v toliki meri, ne moremo več imeti zgovorov, ako se ne udeležimo seje. Saj gre za pravico in podporo našemu izmučenemu narodu! Vabljeni ste vsi!

Mary Musich, tajnica.

VABILO NA ZABAVO

Joliet, Ill.—Pred nekaj tedni je bilo poročano o naši veselici in sedaj zopet apeliram na naše članstvo, da poravnajo za listke, kajti vojni bond za \$25 so oddali v soboto zvečer, 27. oktobra 1945, v prostor Martina Goršiča na Hickory st.

Prosila bi, da bi vsi aktivni člani prišli po knjižice, katerih imamo še 90. Na društveni seji je bilo rečeno, naj bi vsak član vzel eno knjižico, toda nekateri niso vzeli še nobene, da siravno imajo sinove pri vojaki, dočim so jih nekateri več, vzliče temu, da nimajo nikogar v službi Strica Sama.

Vsako ve, da bomo skupiček porabili za naše člane-vojake, katerim bomo priridili banket, ko se bodo povrnili domov. Na banketu bomo objavili vsa imena onih, ki so storiili svojo dolžnost. Lahko si predstavljate, da se ne bo članom-vojakom videlo prav, če vašega imena ne bo med onimi, ki so se potrudili v korist naših bojevnikov.

Naši vojaki so pretrpeli veliki hudega po raznih bojiščih.

bojevali so se za nas vse in za domovino, zato jim moramo pokazati, da smo ponosni nanje in smo jim pripravljene pomagati, ko se povrnejo v civilno življenje. Sedaj je med nami precej denarja, zato lahko vsakdo nekaj žrtvuje za naše člane-vojake!

Tisti, ki boste čitali ta dopis, opozorite na našo veselico one, ki nikoli ne čitajo časopisa.

Sedaj pa moram poročati glede zabave, ki jo bomo priridili 27. oktobra. Odbor bo poskrbel za prigrizek in pijačo. Mislim, da bomo imeli na mizi tudi prašička.

Prav tako bo preskrbljeno za tiste, ki radi plešejo. Na to zabavi bo oddan omenjeni bond za \$25. Nekdo bo tako srečen, da ga bo dobil v soboto zvečer.

Torej pridite vsi na zabavo in pokažite, da so vam pri srcu naši člani-vojaki, kateri so se borili na krvavih poljanah, medtem pa smo mi sedeli doma na varnem. Na priredbo so dobrodošli vsi iz Jolietja in okolice.

Helen Sternisa, tajnica 115 SNPJ.

VINSKA TRGATEV

Springfield, Ill.—Pred kratkim časom je bilo že poročano, da se bo dne 27. oktobra t. l. vršila vinska trgatve v dvorani SDD. Kot v preteklosti, tako tudi letos vlada veliko zanimanje med občinstvom vseh narodov za to prireditve ali vinsko trgatve. Dokaz temu je, ker je že veliko število razprodanih vstopnic.

Torej odbor vljudno vabi na udeležbo te prireditve vse rojake in rojakinje in ostalo občinstvo iz mesta in okolice, prav tako rojake iz mest kot so Auburn, Virden in Taylorville. Zabave bo za vsakega dovolj, posebno pa v vinogradu med vinarji in vinarčarkami, kajti med trganjem grozja se bo razlegala pristna slovenska pesem. Občinski čuvaj pa bo strogo pazil na tiste, kateri se bodo pridrznili polastiti sladkoga grozja, da bodo vsi prišli pred dno stol očeta župana. Gotovo je tudi, da se bodo župana mamo odzvali s kako dišečo ptičico, po kateri bo na marsikob hrepenel.

Tudi v spodnjih prostorih bo dovolj razne zabave za vsakega, kdor se je bo hotel poslužiti. Na razpolago bodo tudi druge dobrote. Torej na veselo svideenje na vinski trgatvi 27. oktobra; pričetek ob osmih zvečer.

John Goršek.

VINSKA TRGATEV

Springfield, Ill.—Poročano je že bilo, da bomo imeli v soboto zvečer, 27. oktobra, vinsko trgatve v korist Slovenskega delavskega doma na 1031 So. 11th st. Pričetek točno ob osmih.

Odbor se pridno pripravlja, da bomo imeli godbo, vinograd in vse, kar sliči k taki občinski slavnosti. Najbolje bi bilo, da bi bilo grozje prekislo, no, bodo pa vinarčarke sladkejše.

Domov blagajnik je objubil, da bomo imeli tudi pristne kranjske klobase. Naš občinski redar pa je malo šantov, vendar pa pravi, da bo na ta večer ujel kakšnega uzmoviča.

Ker je sedaj konec vojne in se naši fantje vračajo domov, zato bomo še bolj veseli. Vstopnina je samo 55c za osebo, dveh večer. Torej v soboto zvečer vsi na vinsko trgatve v Slovenski delavski dom. Na veselo svideenje pod vinsko trto!

Vse naše občane vljudno vabi oče župan— Joseph Orca.

POROČILO O ZBOROVANJU ZOJSA

Chicago, Ill.—Zadnja sobota in nedeljo se je vršilo zborovanje političnega in religioznega odbora organizacije ZOJSA v Clevelandu, O.

Kaj vse je bilo na dnevnem redu in kaj so naloge organizacije ZOJSA v bodočnosti, bosta poročala v petek zvečer, 26. oktobra, v Slovenskem delavskem centru, Frank Zaitz in Fred A. Vider. Zaitz bo poročal o politični akciji, Vider pa o religiozni akciji. Vider in drugi rojaki so vabljeni, da pridite poslušati poročila, kakor tudi razpravo, ki bo sledila.

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Dr. št. Lodge No. 92 Crtni: Louise Karlinger, c. 74353; John Kosig, c. 111976. 105 Umrla: Mary M. Rinani, c. 106399. 106 Umrl: Alois Tome, c. 10193. 115 Crtni zopet sprejeti: Robert Zentaraki, c. 97455; Catherine G. Najetich, c. 108997. 120 Umrl: Matt Crnkovich, c. 40412. 142 Umrl: Anton Stenfanic, c. 13331. 158 Umrl: Joe Ogrin, c. 94033. 163 Crtna: Mary Francis Prosek, c. 109145. 166 Umrl: Helene Rabic, c. 36442; Bertha Petrovic, c. 92329. 204 Umrl: Stanko Markovich, c. 35361. 205 Umrl: John Debelak, c. 21305. 207 Umrl: Martin Kovacich, c. 65651. 210 Umrl: Anton Krulac, c. 58381. 215 Crtna: Margarette B. Kozan, c. 91849. 218 Umrl: Alois Prosek, c. 279. 228 Crtn: Louis Padar, c. 89661. 230 Umrla: Mary H. Orsey, c. 101138. Crtna: Amelia Stajduhar, c. 99920. 231 Umrla: Victoria V. Eli, c. 115447. 234 Crtna: Dorothy Mesarich, c. 107327. Crtna zopet sprejeta: Hilda Murphy, c. 104931. 236 Crtna zopet sprejeta: Rose Galinat, c. 99883. 241 Crtna zopet sprejeta: Helen Suica, c. 114635. Umrl: Mike Dubich, c. 114624. 250 Umrla: Anna Bilion, c. 111842. 267 Umrl: Joseph Kropushek, c. 102464. 273 Crtn: Earl Schultz, c. 109281. 287 Crtn zopet sprejet: Joseph Vichic, c. 45549. 289 Crtni: Mike Wasnick, c. 106678; John Petrosse, c. 106674. 290 Umrl: Frank Farenchak, c. 113594. 299 Umrla: Jera Begoc, c. 29347. 304 Umrl: Edisan Terbovec, c. 97308; Milan Uzelac, c. 92895. 365 Crtna: Irene Komada, c. 108150. 380 Crtni zopet sprejeti: Anna Miller, c. 40035; George Spengler, c. 72458; Crtn: Frank Vichalski, c. 58196. 393 Umrl: Anton Tome, c. 43292. 403 Crtna: Josephine Surina, c. 93854. 410 Umrl: Perko Perovich, c. 36689. 427 Crtna zopet sprejeta: Ivana Rupnik, c. 37000; Anne Rupnik, c. 102351. 450 Crtni: Stanley Pengal, c. 104613; Louise A. Pengal, c. 104978. 454 Umrl: Paul Subic, c. 35212. 456 Crtna: Mathilda Rose Kocovar, c. 109304. 473 Umrl: John Rant, c. 48120. 478 Crtn: Nick Perpich, c. 102665. 518 Umrl: Matt Jankovich, c. 46773. 540 Umrl: Anthony R. Skari, c. 94745. 589 Crtni zopet sprejeti: George Schimek, c. 93291; Fred Divisek, c. 98795; Agnes T. Krakovick, c. 105731. Crtni: Andrew La Flammig, c. 109316; Victor Zordani, c. 102094; Kathryn E. Zavernik, c. 94294; Sophia Svoboda, c. 103528; Marie Neet, c. 100590; Mary Jankovic, c. 95891; Polly Kruger, c. 99992; Victor Botic, c. 87150; Alphonse Cartier, c. 98793; Christine Mihalovich, c. 86209; Ralph Mihalovich, c. 66359; William A. Gallagher, c. 105206; Mollie Gallagher, c. 105205; Anna Ales, c. 102621; Math Arbanas, c. 76342; Rudy Longo, c. 93436; Ann Frolik, c. 108706. 564 Crtn: Wilmer Menton, c. 87350. 565 Crtna: Mildred Todarich, c. 107976. 567 Crtn zopet sprejet: Fred Kramar, c. 89120. 578 Crtna: Margaret Olson, c. 74119. 584 Umrl: Herman Jerkic, c. 104635. 585 Crtna: Louise Lekse, c. 98285. 604 Crtn: John Jira, c. 108857. 608 Crtn: Julius Otonicar, c. 97195. 615 Crtna: Elsie Ohojak, c. 105822. 626 Umrla: Franciska Poje, c. 10264. 631 Crtni: George Seberg, c. 103728; Doris Betty Seberg, c. 95419. 634 Crtna zopet sprejeta: Lillian Roniker, c. 83135. 637 Umrla: Mary Hrovat, c. 42452. 648 Umrl: John Mihelich, c. 93020. 657 Crtni: Anton Biatnik, c. 24449; Frank Edward Biatnik, c. 108959. 686 Crtn: Frank Zagar, c. 89145. 700 Crtna: Mary Lovett, c. 109440. 712 Crtna zopet sprejeta: Clara Cinko, c. 98542. Crtni: Raymond J. Podrasky, c. 97189; Mario Danielli, c. 89163; Louis Danielli, c. 89162. 713 Crtn: John Kapron, c. 81519. 723 Crtna: Dorothy A. Hochevar, c. 102649. 755 Umrla: Theresa Nespor, c. 40383. Crtni: Louise Belich, c. 93650; Anton Kokal, c. 100398; Frank Lessar, c. 97208; Ruby Mazzarise, c. 97203; Tony Mazzarise, c. 97210; Albert Nucich, c. 95422; Joseph W. Nucich, c. 105799; Frank Sunter, c. 97207; Martin Sunter, c. 92978; Mary Sunter, c. 84962; Sophie Sunter, c. 101252; Julia Warren, c. 104081; Alma Anderson, c. 89100; Anna Bruno, c. 98554; Florence Esquinta, c. 87019; John Ferderber, c. 97209; Leona M. Karcich, c. 98317; Lois P. Karcich, c. 102394; Victor Karcich, c. 98316; Liberty Lessar, c. 92783; Frank Miasmah, c. 101253; Marjorie Nucich, c. 76100; Sophia Paskas, c. 89480; Gran W. Warren, c. 103924; Angelynn A. Yakovich, c. 105019.

VAŽNO NAZVANILLO ZA ČLANE VOJAKE

Izredne važnosti za člane, kakor tudi društvene odbornike je, da naslednjo resolucijo pazno prečitane in se tako seznanite, kaj je glavni odbor določil za člane-vojake, ki so bili v vojni resno poškodovani, kar bo preprečilo veliko nepotrebnega dopisovanja in pojasnjevanja.

RESOLUCIJA

za člane, ki so v sedanjih vojni izgubili telesne ude, ali ki so popolnoma in trajno pohabljeni.

KER je dvanajsta redna konvencija, zborujoča v Pittsburghu, Pa., septembra 1942, sprejela resolucijo, ki določa, da naj posebni odelci izdelajo praktičen načrt za one člane, ki vstopijo ali ki so vpoklicani v vojaško službo Združenih držav v času sedanje vojne metovna vojna št. 2), in po katerih načrtih bi bilo jednolično omogočeno nuditi tem članom največje mogoče ugodnosti, in

KER po določbah pravil člani v vojaški službi niso upravičeni do rednih podpor za poškodbe ali bolezni dobljene na bojiščih, in

KER ima Slovenska narodna podporna jednota sklad znan kot "Sklad izrednih podpor," iz katerega se daje podpora onim članom, ki so v finančni potrebi in takim, ki niso upravičeni do rednih podpor,

VSLED TEHRA gl. odbor sklada, da je izvršni odelci pooblaščen izplačati iz sklada izrednih podpor:

"A"—Članom, ki so bili ob času vstopa ali vpoklica v vojaško službo zavarovani in odškodninskem skladu in ki izgubijo vsled bolezni ali poškodb dobljene v izvrševanju svoje službe kakšen ud ali da je ud popolnoma neraben vsled dobljenih poškodb ali bolezni, naslednje vsote:

- 1) Za izgubo ali popolno otrpljenje roke od zapestja proti rami, ali ene noge od členkov proti kolenu \$200.00
- 2) Za izgubo enega očesa ali vida enega očesa 5/200 \$200.00
- 3) Za izgubo ali popolno otrpljenje obeh rok, ali obeh nog \$400.00
- 4) Za izgubo obeh oces ali izgubo vida obeh oces 5/200 \$600.00
- 5) Za izgubo štirih prstov pri prvem ali drugem členku, ali za izgubo stopala do členkov \$ 75.00

"B"—Članom, ki so bili ob času vpoklica ali vstopa v vojaško službo zavarovani za bolniško podporo in so podpisali odstopne listine (Waivers) in bi bili odklonjeni za zopetno zavarovanje za bolniško podporo vsled poškodb ali bolezni dobljene v času vojaške službe, naj se izplača kot sledi:

- 1) Onim, ki so bili zavarovani v \$1 razredu bolniške podpore, \$50 za vsako leto zavarovanja za bolniško podporo, toda ne nad \$150.00 v skupni vsoti.
- 2) Onim, ki so bili zavarovani v \$2 razredu bolniške podpore, \$75.00 za vsako leto, toda ne nad \$250 v skupni vsoti.

"C"—Nadalje, v izrednih slučajih, ko so predložena zadovoljiva dokazila, da ima tak član svojo družino ali stariše, ki so popolnoma odvisni od njega, ali, ako je tak član utrpel večje poškodbe kot so navedene pod točko "A", je izvršni odelci pooblaščen izplačati višje vsote kot so navedene, toda v nobenem slučaju skupna vsota izplačila po določbah točke "A", "B" in "C" ne sme presegati vsote \$700.00.

"D"—Članom, ki so zavarovani za bolniško in odškodninsko podporo in katerih asesment je plačan za to zavarovanje, se izplačajo vsote, ki so določene v zadevnih točkah pravil.

Vsa izplačila po določbah te resolucije se mora smatrati kot edino in izredna podpora (dar) in nikakor ne kakšna ali katerakoli obveznost jednote. Vse prošnje predložene na podlagi te resolucije naj bodo naslovljene na izvršni odelci, ki o vsaki taki prošnji odloča in nobena točka v tej resoluciji se ne sme smatrati za obveznost jednote napram članu ali članom, ali da bi tvorila vir ali podlago pravnega postopanja napram jednoti. Izredne podpore po določbah te resolucije se izplačajo članom, ko so častno odpuščeni iz vojaške službe. Do teh izrednih podpor niso upravičeni pravni sodni člani, niti niso osebna zapuščina člana.

Izvršni odelci naj pripravijo potrebne prošnje, katere naj član izpolni in podpiše, ko vložijo prošnjo za izredno podporo na podlagi te resolucije.

Društvenim odbornikom se priporoča, da seznanijo vrtnike članov-vojake z določbami te resolucije, katere so zelo liberalne v korist onih, ki so upravičeni do istih.

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

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- 5 Matt Ledrich \$38, John Cvetnich \$38, 14 Angela Japeli \$38, Jennie Cvetnich \$38, Helen Hochmiovic \$38, Anton Gosar \$38, Louis Jordan \$38.50, Milan Vujaklija \$40.
- 16 Anton Baselj \$14, Frank Gersak \$28, Frank Smaltz \$31, Dominik Horwath \$31, Mary Uzel \$28, Edward Pavletich \$19.50, Gertrude Paulin \$38, Joseph Barabach \$12, Frank Jannik \$38, John Grear \$15.
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- 192 Josephine Farnar \$30, Josephine Farnar \$5, Mary Poklar \$30, Magdalene Winkler \$14, Mary Oven \$72.
- 201 John Williams \$36.50, Michael Ceronia \$33.
- 202 Mary Strati \$40.
- 213 Theresa Stenik \$14.50.
- 226 John Baker \$36.
- 221 Barbara Dvornak \$17.50.
- 222 Ivan Odaric \$32, Anton Cerk \$34, Matthew Kristan \$35, Mike Pavlin \$79, Catherine Maurovich \$38, Ivan Valentic \$9.
- 226 John Sterle \$72, Katherine Novak \$31, Ignatz Borzaj \$34, Edvard \$34.
- 244 Ann Radevancky \$36.

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Dr. št. Ime člana Ček prejel tajnik Vredn. L. No. Name of member Sec'y received Amount

3 William Mikulic \$ 19.00
12 Evelyn Rose Skala 19.00

13 Joseph J. Biatnik 19.00
Dorothy Crane 2.00
Joseph Duch 5.00

21 Stanley R. Samec Rose Radovich 8.00
26 Julia Godec John Leskovec 6.00
28 Rudolph Ivanic Anton Wapotech 8.00
31 Agnes Paulenich Joseph Paulenich 8.00
33 Emma J. Grajzdeck Anton Ziberna 19.00
34 Albert Pelko Frank Sabotin 3.00
50 James Spendal Frank Bregar 18.00
53 Wilma Glazar Joseph F. Durn 18.00
86 William Kovacich John Mora 19.00
87 Robert Repovz Anton Zornik 19.00
95 Frank Uranic Anton Gardin 18.00
98 Ray F. Miklaucic Leo Zevnik 19.00
110 Stanley Novak Frank Jenko 10.00
113 William Zele Joseph Peternel, Jr. 19.00
118 Jennie Ostroska Joseph Hrvatin 12.00

138 Amelia Pogoreltz 19.00
Irene Helen Rozanc 29.00
Rudolph Senkinc 18.00

142 Eather M. Svetek Frank Sustarsic 18.00
145 Alice M. Pangersic Matt Vidmar 8.00
147 Louis E. Zadnik Leonard Poljsak 18.00
162 Frances Mautz Matt Debelak, Sr. 19.00
163 Vilma T. Jovanovich Helena Kristof 18.00
168 Robert Brezovec Blaz Brezovec 23.00
182 William Beton Anton Zaganjar 18.00
203 Ernest Stefan Anton Maslo 19.00
205 Lorraine Borich Angela Biatnik 18.00
212 Frances M. Mihelich M. A. Supanich 18.00
218 Pauline Malovrh John Malovrh 18.00
230 Michael Naglich Milka Posanec 8.00
244 Mary Medvet Anton Zagar 8.00
245 Elizabeth Krieger Mary Plute 6.00
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275 Josephine Verchin Anton Skaberne 8.00
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289 Maxine R. Miller Mary Cerv 8.00

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- 189 Joseph Matkovic \$36, Frank Mihelich \$45, Anton Oberstar \$36, Joseph Ranc \$30.
- 192 Josephine Farnar \$30, Josephine Farnar \$5, Mary Poklar \$30, Magdalene Winkler \$14, Mary Oven \$72.
- 201 John Williams \$36.50, Michael Ceronia \$33.
- 202 Mary Strati \$40.
- 213 Theresa Stenik \$14.50.
- 226 John Baker \$36.
- 221 Barbara Dvornak \$17.50.
- 222 Ivan Odaric \$32, Anton Cerk \$34, Matthew Kristan \$35, Mike Pavlin \$79, Catherine Maurovich \$38, Ivan Valentic \$9.
- 226 John Sterle \$72, Katherine Novak \$31, Ignatz Borzaj \$34, Edvard \$34.
- 244 Ann Radevancky \$36.

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290 Tony Pirman Peter Skoff 16.00

296 Charles W. Bizjak 14.00
Matt Star 35.00

297 Joseph P. Pavlich Vinko Polz 5.00
300 Irene Jurcich Anton Rozanec 10.00
317 Sam Vukelich Jacob Belz 19.00
321 Anna Stanich Joseph Jez 17.00
323 George Jelich John F. Plow 12.00
326 Mary Theresa Ribish Louis Dornik 14.00
328 Joe Gosek Anton Ausich 4.00
333 Lydia V. Bradley Mike Smerdel 19.00
347 Anna Tumaro Marko Sabich 12.00
353 Helen Matkovic Paul Sobol 2.00
356 Violet Florjanec Matt Katalinich 19.00
361 Bertha Solobovich Vincent Yaksetich 18.00
365 Sophia Karan Jack Pompe 19.00
366 Fannie Piralin John Zele 12.00

379 Lorraine Sladic 38.00
Frank Kirinic 19.00

Mollie R. Dovyak 57.00

363 Dan Sabin Kate Asanovich 2.00
387 Amelia Knaus Max Knaus 12.00
391 William Rolick Rose Debevc 3.00
393 Angeline Hren Jim Milavec

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

ALL THE TALK about "promoting democracy" in Europe is based on "spheres of influence" rather than on democracy itself.

We did not get excited in former years when Yugoslavia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and other European countries had much less democratic governments than they have now. But now all of a sudden our Secretary of State Byrnes insists that we will not recognize these governments. However, we still have diplomatic relations with Dictator Franco's Spain and recognize the Argentine dictatorship.

It would be foolish to expect that any Balkan country would be able to establish a purely democratic form of government now. Conditions there are not suited for democratic procedures and will not be for a long time to come.

And what about Greece? Are the British following democratic lines there? Why preach something to others that is not practiced by those who do the preaching?

GREECE WENT through a bloody struggle last December because the British were determined to suppress all progressive parties.

The British want to keep Greece in their "sphere of influence" at any cost, and they disregard all democratic procedures in attaining their aim. Just imagine what would happen if Russia would have done the same thing in any of the countries under her "sphere"!

What would our State Department do? Why, it would scream bloody murder against Soviet Russia. But did it protest against the British in Greece? Not a word! The killing of innocent people in Athens was a "democratic" procedure, they would have us believe.

The trick is all too transparent to be seen. Democracy for the British at home is one thing and it is quite another for the peoples under their dominance.

THE PRESENT international stalemate between Washington and Moscow on the question of peace treaties in the Balkans and Italy will perhaps be broken soon.

It is quite apparent now that the blame for the collapse of the London conference lies primarily on the shoulders of Secretary Byrnes and Foreign Secretary Bevin, much more than on Molotov.

There is no question that Russia is anxious to come to an agreement with the United States and Great Britain, but it would take real statesmen to achieve a workable compromise. Neither Byrnes nor Bevin seem to have the necessary ability to deal with representatives of other countries on an equal basis. They want everything or nothing at all.

Let us hope that Byrnes and Bevin will see the light before long; if not, the next conference should be in the hands of more capable persons. It is in the interest of the United States and England as well as Russia that peace treaties be drawn up on mutual understanding for the benefit of all the countries concerned.

Young Americans

By Marie Nagel, 564

DETROIT, MICH.—Our October meeting was the best one that we have had since the war started. For a while it looked like we might run out of chairs.

The bingo party that the Young Americans gave for the benefit of our members in the service Oct. 13 was a grand success. The members and friends were very generous with their spending, in fact, so generous that we made a clear profit of around \$230. The prizes were really nice and all but five of them were donated by you good people. With that kind of help and cooperation we could not help but succeed and I am sure that our boys and girls in the service are very proud of you all.

The names of our donors are: George and Helen Stimac, Mrs. I. Travnik, Josephine Spendal, Pauline Bence, Mary and Joe Gollia, John Janc, Mrs. Junko, Isabelle Tschiltscn, Albina Stritzel, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nagel, Marie and Mike Nagel, Jeanne and Tom Hostnik, Mrs. Joe Grum Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Andy Grum, Anne Obratovic, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Katin, Lillian and Bob Travnik, Velma Travnik, Mitzie and Andy Wersnig, Frances Jacklich, Mr. and Mrs. John Dolence and the Pinochle Nine Girls.

Thanks a million to all of you. Incidentally, who were the four females seen playing pinochle at the club? Look out, boys, you are going to have some competition in the not too distant future.

MARIE NAGEL, 564.

Lucky Stars' Dance

Imperial, Pa.—Lucky Star

Local 716 will sponsor a dance in the local school hall Saturday, Nov. 3. Featuring the well-known orchestra "Sweet Swing of Marty King." The dance is a request of our many friends who were so pleased with Marty King at our anniversary dance of Sept. 22. For an evening of fine entertainment you are invited to be with us on Nov. 3.

JAMES M. MAGLICH.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Reviewing briefly the results of the first three weeks of the ESL

20th Anniversary Campaign. The record shows that, so far, sixty lodges have made returns of one or more new membership applications to the main office, and of this number twelve belong to the English-Speaking Lodge group. Although the full extent of the success of the campaign in the opening month will not be known for at least another week or possibly two, we have already made what might be considered a fairly impressive start from the standpoint of number of lodges participating.

Still holding the lead by a comfortable margin, as we head into the fourth week of the membership drive, is **John Shaffer**, Secretary of Lodge 537, Crivitz, Wis., who got off to a flying start in the first few days of the campaign by enrolling 14 new members. Nothing approaching this mark has been received from any other lodge. Brother Shaffer, together with the Slovene-Speaking lodge he represents, holds the envious position of being the first to reach and surpass the assigned quota and the first to qualify for a place on the campaign HONOR ROLL.

The outstanding individual gain of the past two weeks, however, is credited to **Martin Urbas**, Secretary of Lodge 265, Southview, Pa., who secured five new members to become the second contestant to qualify for the Honor Roll. Congratulations, Brother Urbas, and now keep right on with your good work until you have succeeded in putting the lodge well over its quota!

As yet we have no English-Speaking Lodge or member who has attained the quota assigned or qualified for the Honor Roll, but we do have two lodges in this group who have added five new members to their ranks since the drive began. The first to succeed in achieving this goal was Lodge 589 (Pioneer), Strabane, Pa., whose Secretary, **Frances Podboy**, enrolled three new members, and **James Tomcic** and **Albina Yarkosky**, each one. Incidentally, Sister Podboy is in the thick of another campaign, one in which she is candidating for the office of tax collector of North Strabane Township. All indications point to her success at the polls in November and, we hope, in the SNPJ membership campaign as well.

The Harmonizers, Lodge 700, of Roundup, Montana, is the only other E. S. Lodge having five new members to its credit at this early stage of the campaign. All but one of them were enrolled by **Martin Meznarich Sr.**, who celebrated his seventy-first birthday on October 15th and has not missed a campaign in the last four years. Adding to his quartet of new members, one enrolled by **Rose Bajok**, the Harmonizers are now within easy striking distance of the quota of 13 members. With Brother Meznarich again leading the way, this goal will surely be reached before many more weeks have elapsed.

Another contestant, who deserves honorable mention for his campaign activity, is **Anton Zornik**, Secretary of Lodge 87, Hermine, Pa. He is out to top the lodge's quota for the third year in a row, having succeeded in doing this both in 1943 and 1944. His best previous record was the enrollment of 61 new members which gave him third place honors in the 40th Anniversary Campaign. To date in the ESL drive, Brother Zornik has sent in four applications, only eight short of the quota. It is a foregone conclusion that it won't be long before he does it again.

A gain of four new members was marked up to the credit of another old-timer, **Mike Baloh**, Secretary of Lodge 7, Claridge, Pa. Brother Baloh, it will be recalled, was among the successful contestants in last year's campaign when he secured a total of 17 members, and something tells us that he is determined to at least duplicate that achievement in the present contest. . . . Lodge 8, of So. Chicago, Ill., broke into the campaign production column for the first time on a nice gain of four new members by Secretary **Joseph Kosich**. . . . **Theresa Maugon**, Secretary of the new English-Speaking Lodge (762) at Hostetter, Pa., also scored an increase of 4 new members, three adults and a juvenile, and now needs one more to attain the quota and the honor roll.

John Krzich, of Lodge 194, Keewatin, Minn., shares the week's honors by enrolling three adult members, as does **John Skaria**, Secretary of Lodge 713, Harmarville, Pa., by securing two juveniles and one adult. Two new members each were enrolled by **John Trojar**, Secretary of Lodge 1, Chicago, Ill., **John M. Wirant**, Secretary of Lodge 6, Sygan, Pa., **Marion Knezovich**, Secretary of Lodge 134, Superior, Wyo., **Frank Laurich**, Secretary of Lodge 287, Burgettstown, Pa., **Joe Kolenc**, Secretary of Lodge 381, Aguilar, Colo., and **Frank Modic**, Lodge 518, Detroit, Mich. . . . The first of our Supreme Board members to send in an application for a new member was **James M. Maglich**, Secretary of Lodge 716 (Lucky Star), Imperial, Pa., who reports that conditions in his locality are favorable for a successful campaign and expects good results before it closes.

In this concluding paragraph are listed the names of other participants or contestants who have made their initial contribution to the ESL 20th Anniversary Campaign during the past week or two. Among them, as you will note, are many familiar names—**Mary Vidmar** (3), Johnstown, Pa., **Joseph Snoy** (13), Bridgeport, Ohio, **Louis Pintar** (22), Painesdale, Mich., **Thomas Obiek** (78), Manor, Pa., **Ciril Medved** (107), St. Louis, Mo., **Lawrence Gradisek** and **Amalia Zupancic** (131), Chicago, Ill., **Frank Ausac** (242), Staunton, Ill., **Anton Trainik** (267), **Helen Ribarich** (292), Avella, Pa., **John Janc** (564), Detroit, Mich., and **Frank Kmetec** and **Helen Hapwood** (637), Oregon City, Oregon.

Congratulations and the best of luck to all of you! Build fraternalism for a more secure future by enrolling new members in the SNPJ!

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Campaign Director.

Jugoslav Relief Asks Support

Holding its annual meeting

in Cleveland on Oct. 20, the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans addressed the following statement to Americans of Croatian, Slovenian, Serbian, Macedonian, and Bulgarian origin and descent:

Our work during the past two years was of great importance to the United States and the Slavic countries in the Balkans, notably to Yugoslavia. It had the moral and financial support of the large majority of our fellow South-Slavic Americans. Our work is not yet finished; in some respects it is more important than ever; and the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans hereby appeals for continued support from those who understand the

value of our movement and activities to the United States and to the countries from which we come or stem.

During the next twelve months, to be effective, the United Committee of South-Slavic Americans need at least \$60,000.

LOUIS ADAMIC, Honorary President
ZLATKO BALOKOVIC, President

Air Mail Service to Yugoslavia Resumed

Effective at once articles acceptable for dispatch to Yugoslavia will be forwarded by air when prepaid at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce or fraction.

Articles for Yugoslavia may not exceed 1 pound in weight, and for the provinces of Gorica, Trieste, Pola, Fiume and Zadar may not exceed 2 ounces in weight.

Comrades' Note Book

By J. F. Fifolt

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Meeting: At our October meeting we passed on sick benefit reports for Frances Tomcic and Rose Smole. Fran is just about okay now. Rose had an operation recently and the last letter from John stated she was coming along very nicely. Also ailing are Frank Debevec Sr. and Mary Watts.

We had with us Johnny Mukavetz, discharged from the Navy after a three year stretch. He was glad to be back home with his wife and friends. Pauline Spik immediately collared him to help out at our next dance.

Tickets for the Oct. 28 Ivan Cankar affair, proceeds for SANS were purchased and a drawing held for the group present.

Jean Yarnhan was the lucky winner of the \$2 award while Marie Stefanic went home richer by \$1.

Membership Campaign.—Letter from the Main Office read and members asked to cooperate in increasing our membership. Joe Prijatelj spoke up for one new applicant, Mary Louise Kremar is signing up her sister-in-law, the Shorts intend to have their daughter join. If each of us does his or her part in getting at least one new applicant, our quota will more than be surpassed. Any details as to rates, etc., can be secured from the writer by phone, visit to the home, at any time. Let's get behind the campaign.

General. A fine present was given Max Spik on his discharge; wife Kay presented him with a bouncing boy. Congratulations.

It's Sgt. John Kerzianic now, with a new station at Korea. Good luck, Johnny.

John Smole had a few minutes last week prior to changing trains. Writer and Johnny Alden stopped at the station to chew the fat. He assured us that Rose is just about all set again.

Most of you probably know by now that Marie Stefanic has opened, in partnership, a dress shop, with offices in the Slovene National Home next to Dr. Baljan who has taken over Dr. Mally's former offices. Writer stopped in recently and the girls do have a very nice layout. At the time they were working on the girls' bowling outfits. Here's wishing them lots of luck and success in their venture.

Back in 1934 our president was Joe Jare, well liked and very active. The following year he left Cleveland. Last week, almost ten years to the day, I received a letter from Joe. He writes of his experiences in the Navy. He is married, has two children, family at present residing in California. As soon as he receives his discharge papers he intends to high-bail back to Idaho; where farm life agrees with them 100%. A visit to Cleveland is contemplated.

One of the buildings damaged by the East Ohio fire a year ago was Grdina's furniture store. This is being rebuilt with 12 bowling alleys on the second floor. Cleveland's well known radio announcer and Comrade member, Heine Martin Antonice will do the managing of the alleys. Knowing Heine as we do, we know he'll make a go of the venture.

Anniversary Issue.—To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ESL movement, the Prosveta is going to issue a special supplement sometime in November. If you have any pictures that can be used, let me know.

Dance Nov. 17.—Our next dance will be Saturday, Nov. 17, with music by Srnick. We intend to have a large number of leaflets distributed inviting the public to attend this "Victory Dance." Servicemen and ex-servicemen wearing their discharge buttons will be admitted free. Some sort of floral identification will also be provided for them. Most of the details are lined up. We do need some additional ratons. Pauline is also looking for more volunteer workers. Keep this date in mind.

Incidentally, if you have not as yet made your returns for the September dance, please do so at once so that we can get our books straightened out.

SNPJ Farm.—Plans for the new building have already been approved. All the farm is waiting for now is the \$1 contributions from each member as well as donations from the various lodges. Your \$1 turned over to the writer will find its way into the hands of the secretary of the farm board.

Ohio Fraternal Congress.—At the request of the executive committee writer attended the Ohio Fraternal Congress Oct. 8-9. Meetings were well attended and a great deal of good derived. Complete report was submitted to the executive committee for their attention. While in Columbus writer and the wife spent a pleasant hour with the Gov. and Mrs. Lausche. Johnny Lokar, one time active member of our organization, was also visited at length. He sends his regards to the gang. While at the convention ran into John Badovinac, juvenile director of the CPU and former member of Comrades.

The American Way
St. Peter—And here is your golden harp.
Newly arrived American—How much is the first payment?

NOTATIONS

By F. L. Rak

CHICAGO, Ill.—We had a fair attendance at last Friday's Pioneer meeting at the SNPJ. Thirteen new members were accepted, among them Marion Murray, an adult, and Hilda Macerl by transfer. John Alic gave the bowlers' report. Mayme Cerkoney and John and Ida Simon gave the 20th anniversary dance report. John Rak gave federation report.

There will be a "Domaca zabava" after the Nov. 16 meeting. Dance music and refreshments will highlight the evening. Dance committee meeting is scheduled for Oct. 29 at S. L. Center at 8 p. m.

Joseph Kristan was the adult attendance winner while Ellen Andrea was the juvenile winner. Hot roast beef sandwiches were served after meeting by entertainment committee.

PERFECT CIRCLE.—There was quite a lively session held by Perfect Circle last Saturday morning. Ann Sannemann, their manager, wasn't able to be present because of very important and urgent business in Cleveland. Three new members were accepted and a prospective one also. What kind of refreshments should be served at Halloween party and what kind of games should be played took up a good part of the meeting also.

We were surprised to have Michael Verhovnik, Juvenile Director, among those present, and naturally glad, too. His mission was a worthy one, for he came to distribute the contest prizes won by Perfect Circle members for the Voice of Youth for July, August and September.

Marion Cervenka won the top prize of \$5 in victory stamps, Sylvia Trojar won the second, while Myra Beniger received the third. Other winners were in order presented: Robann Sannemann, Grace Ann Gerdanc, Edward Udovich, Ella Mae Selak, Myra Andrea, Dorothy Galavan won the Victory pin. Congratulations to all of you!

MAGIC SHOW.—This Saturday evening, Oct. 27, Perfect Circle members will have their annual Halloween party. Children are requested to be present by 7 p. m. and dressed in original costumes if possible. There will be prizes. At 8 p. m. Edward Udovich and Richard Zasadil will present their "magic show." After the show, there will be games, dancing and refreshments. Parents and friends are invited to participate. Admission is free.

PRESEREN'S CONCERT.—Preseren's annual Fall Concert will take place on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, at SNPJ Auditorium. The younger group is busily rehearsing for a real comical play in English, besides other featured attraction. Pucel-Fois orchestra will furnish dance music. Everybody is welcome!

SERVICEMEN.—Edward Prazak won the servicemen's award at last Friday's meeting. His brother Richard, the marine, is now in Japan. William Peche and Stanley Bernik are the latest Pioneers to get honor-

This and That

By Peter Elish

Introducing The AMVETS
Last week, the first national convention of a veterans' organization composed of veterans of World War II met at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago. Over 200 delegates, from posts in practically every state of the union, were in attendance.

This new organization is called the AMVETS which is brief for American Veterans of World War II.

Jack Hardy, an attorney from Los Angeles was elected national commander, succeeding Elmo Keel from Washington, D. C., who acted as commander during the formative stages of the organization. Dr. Gerald Cetrulo of New Jersey is first vice commander. A woman, Mrs. Beatrice Wade of Reading, Pa., was elected third vice commander, the first time in the history of a veterans' organization that a woman was thus honored.

In their national policy, the Amvets rejected all proposals that would divide or create dissension between organized labor and the veterans. They refused to go on record for a bonus, stating that veterans want full employment, not hand-outs.

A peace committee of two was selected to study and urge for continued peace and good will among nations.

Much enthusiasm was shown at the convention, and the Amvets are busy recruiting new members. Every honorably discharged male or female of World War II is eligible to join. Ten or more members can form a post.

If the Amvets continue to follow their wise policy they will find the veterans of this war eager to join and they bid fair to becoming the largest veterans' organization in the world.

J. Z. Jr. Bright Spots

LIBRARY, PA.—This Sunday night, Oct. 28, the J. Z. Jr. are going to sponsor their first Halloween dance, featuring Marty King's orchestra. This being their first Halloween affair the committee is preparing to put it over in great style.

First of all, they will have the hall decorated with leaves, corn stalks, pumpkins, black cats and perhaps a few witches (like myself). Then they will have all the noisemakers that one will want with streamers and confetti. For those that will be masked there will be three prizes (1st prize \$5, 2nd prize \$3, 3rd prize \$2). At the refreshments stand Mrs. Dermotta and Mrs. Podcensnik will be on hand to serve doughnuts, apple cider, hot dogs and coca cola. Now doesn't that sound enticing? "Natch," so come out to Library and join the fun and frolic.

This n' that.—For Sunday, Nov. 11, a "Welcome Home Dinner Party" is being planned for the members of the Club, Lodge 386 and Lodge 682, who have received their discharge. This is a very small way to show the boys our appreciation for all their suffering that they had to endure for the past five years, but some day somehow there may be something that the Lodges will be able to do for them and whatever it may be it will never be equivalent to what they have done not only for us but for our country.

Congratulations to Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Strimlan on their new baby boy born October 13. (Anne, there's a campaign for new members, and what can be newer than your son?)

The regular monthly meeting of the J. Z. Jr. will be on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p. m.

See you on the 28th.
FRANCES DERMOTTA.

"Vinska Trgatev" In Springfield, Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—While riding around Lake Springfield this weekend, I realized that we are in the midst of a lovely Indian summer and that harvest time was really with us. The trees look as if an artist had painted their leaves as one would the other with color. We walked through the woods ankle deep in leaves. Here and there a squirrel would scamper up a tree as they, too, would be anticipating harvest time.

As we spent the afternoon enjoying the beauties of nature, I felt that there was something else that goes with harvest time—the "Vinska Trgatev" which the Slovene Workers Home sponsors annually. The Dom will hold its Vinska Trgatev this Saturday night, Oct. 27, at 8:30, at 1031 S. 11th st. The committee in charge is making a special effort to make this affair one long to be remembered. The refreshments are being "harvested" and a good time is in store for all Slovenes and friends in and near Springfield to be with us at the Dom.

The trgatev is an affair which is dear to the hearts of all Slovenes. But not only do the Slovenes enjoy the trgatev but our friends of other nationalities look forward and really envy the Slovenes here in Springfield for this annual affair. A cordial invitation is extended to all Slovenes in the surrounding cities to be with us at Vinska Trgatev Saturday night, Oct. 27.
AMELIA V. CHURCH.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gradisher and son Robert of Muskegon, Mich., were recent visitors to our city. All three are members of Muskegon Heights lodge. Mae Grosor of Chicago was also a recent visitor here.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery for Mrs. Rose Uhle who underwent an operation Oct. 15 at St. Michael's hospital.

Dates to Remember
Oct. 26—This will be your last reminder to attend our regular monthly meeting for Oct. We have the promise of a few of our returned service members that they will be in attendance. So make it a date and come to Reberniek's hall, S. 6th and W. Bruce sta. at 8 p. m. sharp. Some important subjects are on the docket that have to be taken care of, so again I say, don't forget the time and place.

Nov. 4.—Venera lodge 192 will be holding their annual card party on this date. All you Badgers that can come to Reberniek's hall at 2 p. m. See you all there.

Members in Service
Slowly our numbers are returning from the armed forces. We welcome home Lud Baisich, who was one of the first of our boys to go. Over 4 years in the service, with considerable time spent in ETO is a long time. So, Lud, we hope to renew our friendship in the near future. If at all possible, Lud, come to the meeting where you can meet a lot of your old friends. Home on furlough is WAC Pfr. Hedwig Dolecek. On her return to camp she will be discharged.

Many of our members are still in the service. That means that correspondence to them must not cease for a moment. Do your bit by writing now and keep on writing. Change of address: Stanley L. Starich, F 1/c, Naval Training Dist. Center, Farragut, Idaho.

On Monday night's Remie Mixed league Matty Graf was in the spotlight with his fine series of 581 on games of 162-213-206. Matty has been doing some very good bowling since his return from the service. Here's hoping you keep it up, Matty, and cash in on some of the tournaments coming up. Louis Glavan must have been pitching them left-handed as his total of 436 shows.

Among the lassies, Albina Debelak was in good form as she turned in a neat total of 526 on games of 161-145-222. Nice pitching, Albina. Josephine Smanz was a good second with her 497 set.

In the Greenfield Ladies' Arcade league, Jane Perko was again on the beam with her fine series of 580 on games of 203-203-174. In the Wisconsin Ladies' league, Clara Medved came thru with a good series of 546. In the same league Jane Perko came back with her second honor roll with a 523 set.

In Friday night's Social, Tony Obluck came thru with his high for the season hitting a total of 590 on games of 163-228-199. Ralph Simons had a little trouble controlling his wide hook connecting for a small total of 463.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, a match game took place on the Remie Lanes with your Badger representatives taking a good schellacking. Tony Obluck and Josephine Smanz tangled with Joe Gradisher and Frances Gradisher from Muskegon, Mich. With the firing over the Milwaukee duo came out second best with their total of 1945 to the Muskegonites' 1172. Joe shot a neat total of 628 on games of 227-211-190. Frances gave him a lot of help with 190-174-180 for a total of 544. Dire revenge is promised when the return match is held in Muskegon in the near future.

Reminding one and all to attend our Oct. meeting and to get your dues paid on time.
SALTY, 564.

TRIESTE

By A. J. P. Taylor,

Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, England

(Continued from last week)

Every friend of Italy hopes that Italian liberalism will have a re-birth, and in this hope keeps charitably silent about Italy's record during the last twenty years. For this reason I have deliberately spent only a brief paragraph on the story of Italian terrorism and misuse over the Slovenes, though it is a story which could fill a book. But when Italian writers, such as Salvemini, write as though it were unthinkable that Italians should ever be under Yugoslav rule, but reasonable that Slovenes should be under Italian rule, it is impossible not to recall the record of the last twenty years. On that record there can be only one verdict: Italy, whether Liberal or Fascist, cannot be entrusted to rule over non-Italian peoples.

Perhaps it is harsh to make too much of the historical record; but it would be dishonest to pass it over altogether. These things happened. They may be excused—though I can think of no excuse. But they cannot be ignored. Italian rule over the Slovenes (and over the Germans of the Tyrol) had no parallel in Europe, until the worst days of Hitler.

Let us, with the Italian propagandists, question the good faith of the new Yugoslav rulers, let us suppose that in a little while Yugoslavia will revert to the worst days of the dictatorship of King Alexander. Even in those days the ten thousand Italians of Dalmatia under Yugoslav rule had their own newspaper, and more schools than all the 600,000 Yugoslavs in Italy. Thus, the record of Yugoslavia at its worst is better than that of Italy at its best.

But even were we to turn our back altogether on the past and to suppose that Signor Bonomi, Count Sforza and their liberal colleagues would behave in 1946 or 1947 in a totally different way from the way that Signor Bonomi, Count Sforza and their liberal colleagues behaved in 1920, the economic arguments against partition remain. The British and American public are not much concerned with these political disputes. For the sake of peace they are prepared to acquiesce in national injustice. But they desire that Trieste shall recover its old greatness and become again the port of central Europe.

For the sake of argument we may pretend that Italy will give up her imperialist plans in central Europe. But Trieste has no economic meaning for Italy except as an instrument for these economic plans; a truly pacific Italy will therefore inevitably neglect Trieste. Trieste is a great port; its docks and harbors cost money and need constant care. But Italy is a poor country and is likely to remain so. For very many years the Italian Minister of Transport will have a limited budget; and he would have in his charge four great ports—Naples, Genoa, Venice, and Trieste.

The first of these three serve Italian needs and every penny spent on them will benefit Italy. Trieste does not serve Italy, and money spent on it would be merely a charitable contribution for the benefit of the states of central Europe. Will an impoverished Italy be anxious to make these gifts of charity? Is it indeed reasonable to expect her to do so? To leave Trieste in Italian hands is to condemn Trieste to decay, to fetter the economic development of Yugoslavia, and to compel both Austria and Czechoslovakia to depend on the North Sea ports of Germany.

Thus the proposal to leave Trieste in Italian hands is condemned on every ground. The third solution is

to attempt to devise some method of taking Trieste away from Italy without giving it to Yugoslavia. This seems a strange ambition; but the reason for it, though not consciously appreciated by its authors, is easy to appreciate. It springs from the belief that the Italians are civilized and that the Yugoslavs are not, and that therefore Italians should not be put under Yugoslav rule. In the popular mind, the Italians are still the heirs of Dante and of the Renaissance, and the Yugoslavs are, as Bismarck called them, "sheep stealers."

No one can hold this view who has ever been to Ljubljana or has lived among the Slovenes. But few English (and American) people visit Ljubljana and many visit Rome; and, when they visit Rome, they conveniently forget that they are visiting the city of Mussolini. Similarly, visiting Yugoslavia, they may be ignorant that they are visiting the country which gave the Slavonic world (and Russia) its first alphabet, and in the modern age produced Tesla, who invented the poly-phase dynamo.

If we pass the sponge of oblivion over the Italian record of the last twenty years, we must also pass the sponge over the record of the preceding centuries, which the Italians themselves have found it easy to forget. To talk as though the Italians belong to western civilization and the Slovenes and Croats do not is indeed to remain faithful to the spirit of the British Prime Minister who supported German claims against another "far-away people of whom we know nothing."

This was never a good argument. It is now seven years out-of-date, seven of the most decisive years in world history.

Another suggestion which has been made is that the proper solution for Trieste can be devised only if we grasp that Trieste is neither Italian nor Yugoslav, but "Austrian."

In one sense this is true, though even so the discovery is neither profound nor helpful. For to assert that Trieste is Austrian is merely to utter truism about its origin, and remind us once again that Trieste was created by the Habsburg monarchy for an Imperial "Austrian" purpose.

This premise solves nothing, for the Habsburg monarchy and its empire are dead, and nothing will revive them. Nor is the petty state of German Austria in any sense the heir of that Habsburg Empire. The Empire was inherited by the various nations of central Europe. Only in innocence of history and present fact could one confuse the non-national Austrian Empire of the past and the German-national Austrian State of yesterday and tomorrow, and propose that Trieste should be given to this new Austria, which has nothing of the old Austria but the name.

This proposal in any case is made doubly impractical by geographical circumstances. Trieste is more than sixty miles from the southernmost point of the Austrian frontier. Between Austria and Trieste lies country that is solidly Slovene, and as such disputed by nobody. Moreover, these Slovenes have been among the most stalwart supporters of the cause of the United Nations. The German-Austrians, on the other hand, have been as stalwart supporters of Hitler, and have provided many of the worst Nazi butchers all over Europe.

To return to real life. The only serious proposal which would keep the Yugoslavs out of Trieste is to make Trieste a Free City. This is a very different thing from making Trieste a free port, a proposal that is not in dispute. A free port merely

implies that goods passing to or from Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary or other countries beyond Yugoslavia would not have to pay Yugoslav customs dues; apart from any international obligations that were imposed, this would be imposed by Yugoslav self-interest, since it would promote the prosperity of Trieste.

Since even if Trieste does not go to Yugoslavia, Yugoslav territory will intervene between Trieste and these Countries, exemption from Yugoslav customs dues will have to be arranged in any case.

A Free City is much more than a free port; it is an independent state, governing itself; perhaps under some international supervision. To make Trieste a Free City would certainly ensure that its Italian character would be preserved, since the Italians would have a majority on the city council. It might ensure that Trieste played its full part as the outlet for central Europe.

But, since neither Italy nor Yugoslavia would be willing to provide the money for its upkeep, it would have to be subsidised by the Great Powers, who, presumably, had imposed the solution. Would this also ensure that the Slovene minority in the city had also their full national rights or that the Slovenes of the hinterland could develop their national culture in Trieste?

The answer is easy. If the city council were unchecked, there would be no national equality. The immediate majority would be Italians—the very men who took the lead in all the worst activities of Fascism. They would be perfectly aware that, with fair play, the Slovenes would eventually acquire a majority, as they were already on the way to do before 1914. The Italians could hold their own only by forbidding Slovene schools, Slovene newspapers, and the use of Slovene in the law courts and public offices.

The international commission would, therefore, have constantly to intervene. If it insisted on fair treatment for the Slovenes, there would be Italian riots in Trieste, and all over Italy as well; if it failed to insist, there would be Slovene riots in Trieste, and a violent outburst of feeling all over Yugoslavia.

Ultimately, the international commission, inadequately provided with armed support—or, probably, not provided with it at all—would despair, and Trieste would relapse into Italian hands. The Yugoslavs are the smaller state and would have to acquiesce, as Poland had to acquiesce in the German advance at Danzig.

But, no, Poland did not acquiesce. At the last moment she found backers among the Great Powers and resisted German demands. Is it likely that Yugoslavia will be without a backer among the Great Powers? Unless it is certain that Yugoslavia can be isolated and silenced, to make Trieste a Free City would be to ensure a new European war.

After all, we have a certain experience in how Free Cities work. History may not be a good guide, but it is all we have; and in regard to Free Cities the experience of history is decisive. Two Free Cities were created after the Four Years' war: Fiume and Danzig.

The severance of Fiume from Italy was not imposed upon Italy by the Great Powers, as the severance of Trieste from Italy would be imposed by the Great Powers. It was proposed by the Italians themselves and contained in the Treaty of Rapallo, which Italy voluntarily signed with Yugoslavia. Yet, as soon as the Treaty has been signed, Italian filibusters seized Fiume, with the support of Italian warships; and the Italian government threatened the Yugoslavs with war when they attempted to restore the settlement according to the Treaty which Italy herself had proposed.

(To be continued)

Spirit-o-Grains

By Whoosli

ST LOUIS, MO.—(Continued from last week.) Juvenile Margie Pogorel received from her daddy, Joe Pogorel, a complete Tyrolean outfit made by an Austrian seamstress in Salzburg. She is really proud of it. Her mother received many hand-made scarfs, table-clothes, etc.

Odella Markoff and hubby attended a festival at St. Clair, Mo., with juvenile Janet Schumer's folks. Glad to hear that John Zimmerman, patient at the Koch's Hospital, is doing so good and may be discharged soon. Sorry that Joe Hocevar of lodge 107 is ailing and will be transferred from the Kansas City Hospital to Koch's Hospital. The Spirits wish him a speedy recovery.

Julia Krall's son John will be discharged soon as he has 48 points and may join our lodge. That's good news! John Rhodus and Tony Petrovich, both home on 30-day furloughs, received 15-day extensions. Mary Kelly's hubby Bob will be discharged from the Navy.

Joe Pogorel (Ann Spiller's brother), who was stationed in Austria, says he is homeward bound. He has just received his Bronze Star totaling 79 points, which means a discharge soon.

Arley Bozianek (Chicago Pioneer) stationed at Ft. Wood, Mo., attended the recent Cardinal-Cub game here. It was his first night game and a real treat. We know two SNPJ members are greatly disappointed that the Cardinals didn't win the pennant, namely, Matt Katalinich and Katie Moody, because Stephen Verban (Croatian), the Cardinal 2nd baseman, is Matt's nephew and Katie's cousin.

The train in which Theresa Speck was a passenger en route to Washington, D. C., hit a huge transport truck loaded with gasoline in Manhattan, Ill. She says all but three coaches burned. Really had a narrow escape. She gives her thanks to the coolness and aid of our servicemen. The Brooklyn Dodgers were on the same train.

Wolverine News

DETROIT, MICH.—The Wolverines have approximately 200 members. From this number about 6 or 7 of the "old faithfuls" have attended our meetings regularly. The officers attended and sometimes enough members were present to hold their meeting and sometimes not. Seems to me this is letting our service members down, don't you think?

When the boys and girls left for the wars the Wolverines were a very active lodge with quite an attendance at both meetings and any affairs held by the lodge. Why not put the Wolverines on that same status it held before the war and attend all the meetings from now on? As you know a few of our boys are home and discharged and more are expected every day.

This means work for all Wolverines. We must begin plans for our parties for the boys and girls. We have a lot of money in that Service Fund, so what do you say, come to the meetings and give us some tips. Meetings are held each second Sunday of the month at John R. at 7 o'clock. To show that you mean well you can begin by attending our bingo to be held at the SWH, 437 Artillery, on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3 p. m. Any member who wishes to contribute a prize for this affair can call our secretary CE 4416, or call Larry Bernick at the club 70 99-888.

New transfers to the lodge are Rudy Masser and the Matt Pink family from Milwaukee. Anne Stramar proposed five new members and Lena Yerman one at our last meeting. Good work, girls.

Bowling—The Wolverine Blues came thru last Sunday and took three points from the Onyx Motor-ettes. This was all accomplished by the splendid bowling of Anne Bo-

gatay. She slammed out a 200 game and finished with a 526 total. Nice going. Gertie Blake of the Young Americans is leading the league with a 160 average. Right behind her comes Anne Bogatay.

In the Grand River Business Women's League at Northwestern Alleys the Wolverine girls are sponsored by the Omira Cafe. This team consists of Jo Klarich, Milly Bernick, Berchie Naprudnik, Lena Yerman and Rose Kositz Miller. As yet we girls haven't fared so well, but now that we have our snazzy Blue and red outfits just watch us go.

After many delays the long awaited vacation of Mary and Pete Benedict Jr. and "Ma" Bernick has become a reality. The first leg of the journey took them to Joliet, Ill., where Mrs. Benedict and her daughter Jenny joined the party. Then on to Cheyenne, Rock Springs, Seattle and Cumberland, Wash., where they spent a week with Mrs. Potocnik, then on to California to spend some time with Pete's sister Mary and Tom Jackman. A different route will be taken on the return journey.

Odds & Ends—Visitors in Detroit the past month have been Lefty Lotich from Chicago, Louis Kumer from Universal, Christine Ambrozich and her new lieutenant husband from Moon Run, Pa., and Johnny Pecon and his orchestra who played at the Omira Cafe. Rose Cunico of the Wolverines has joined the Waves. Joe Cerne's work has caused him to be transferred to another city so he and Rose won't be with us long. After three years of waiting "Ma" Bernick finally had a phone installed. Louise Lapanja and Naval Cadet James Alexander have announced their engagement.

Lt. Fanny Volek, ANC, and sister from Kansas spent a few days with the Benedicts and dropped in at the club. Judy Bernick entertained six of her little friends on her fifth birthday. To the Cavaliers at Burrettstown, Pa., we send our congrats to Mary and Serene Bartoletti on their new baby girl, and to Catherine Moskun our sincerest sympathies on the death of her mother. Al Bernick and Art Benedict are home on furlough. Mrs. Benedict Sr. is reported very ill at her home in Berkeley, Mich.

MILLY BERNICK.

Service to Veterans

QUESTION: As a veteran of World War II, am I entitled to vocational rehabilitation?

ANSWER: If you have a pensionable, service-connected disability, incurred in service or aggravated by service, and that disablement represents a vocational handicap, you may be entitled to vocational training. A vocational handicap is deemed to be a disability which materially interferes with securing and pursuing employment comparable with that for which you were previously qualified by education, training and experience. If you feel that you are eligible, apply to the Veteran's Administration. Your application can be handled by the service officer of any veterans' organization, or by the local chapter of the Red Cross. If your vocational handicap is not service-connected, you may be eligible under the state program, and you should apply to the nearest office of the Division of Rehabilitation.

QUESTION: Can you give me an explanation of the premium waiver and gratuitous insurance provisions of the national-service-life-insurance contract?

ANSWER: The national-service-life-insurance contract contains a provision for waiver of premiums in the event the insured becomes continuously totally disabled for six or more consecutive months, subsequent to the date of application for such insurance commencing prior to the 60th birthday of the insured.

It is not necessary that the insured be permanently disabled. The dis-

We Must Rebuild The World

By Louis B. Schwelenschach, Secretary of Labor

"Bigotry," said a famous statesman, "has no head and cannot think, no heart and cannot feel. When she moves it is in wrath; when she pauses it is amid ruin." The peoples of the world have had an unforgettable experience with the wrath of bigotry. We must not forget it. And, as we stand amid the resultant ruin we must determine that bigotry has not merely paused, but is banished.

We must not forget and become complacent merely because we have met and defeated the forces of organized bigotry upon the field of battle. Bigotry is of the mind; it is not destroyed by physical force. The horrors of the concentration camps were physical expressions of warped and twisted minds. And, unfortunately, neither Fascism nor any other organized brutality has a monopoly upon this evil.

Bigotry lurks in the minds of men. When a scapegoat is needed, when the ills of a class or nation must be simplified, the unscrupulous leader plays upon this shadow, nurses it, gives it substance, and turns its wrath upon the unfortunate victim. When that victim is destroyed, the mob turns in search of another.

There is but one weapon against bigotry, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Love of neighbor is not negative. It is no mere defense. It must be a positive part of our daily lives. When we cease to practice this virtue, when we cease to be our brother's keeper, bigotry rushes into the resultant vacuum.

We must hold tightly to the lesson of mutual understanding and assistance for which we have paid so dearly. We must recognize that bigotry bears no national group or racial brand. We must admit the unpleasant fact that it is individual, with us and every other man. And, in that knowledge, we must constantly practice love of neighbor, lest we too slip into the frame of mind of the master of Buchenwald.

The days ahead will be critical ones. We have a world to rebuild. Science and technology have given us the physical means of bringing relief to all those in need, and for building a just and an abundant life for all mankind. The only real obstacle to success lies in lack of true charity, in petty group selfishness and bigotry. We have in our grasp an opportunity given to no other generation. We have at hand the material prerequisites for success. The final success or failure lies in the minds, the hearts and the souls of all of us.

ability must be "total," it must last for six or more consecutive months, and it must begin before the insured is 60 years of age. The waiver may be applied for while the insured is in the hospital if the insured requests this service.

Gratuitous insurance in an amount to aggregate \$5,000 together with that owned is granted:

1. To an unmarried widow, child or children of a deceased serviceman who died on or after October 8, 1941, and prior to April 19, 1942.

2. To servicemen who became totally disabled during the above period.

3. To all soldiers who had been captured, besieged, or otherwise isolated by the forces of an enemy for a period of 30 days on or after Dec. 7, 1941, and extending beyond April 19, 1942. This gratuitous insurance remains in force and premiums are waived during the period that such persons remain so captured, besieged or isolated, and for six months thereafter. Upon return these soldiers may retain the insurance at their own expense if they so desire.

Drasler's 267 Game Sparks Loyalties Drive

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Boy, oh boy! Just look at that Loyalty drive making those records stand! The previous week it was Frankie Zardell who banged out a scorching 263 game, now teammate Charlie "Chuck" Drasler bettered that outstanding performance as he slammed out a 267 sparkler in a 623 series which enabled that ever-aggressive Loyalty bunch to hang up a 2887 series and a 1012 game, first and second, respectively, in the standings.

"Chuck" crashed out nine strikes in a row before leaving up the five pin on a fairly good hit and then missing it for his brilliant score. A bit of fancy chucking. "Chuck" Although 919 and 966 team scores followed, the Loyalties could only win one game as the Utopians. Dukes grabbed the latter two with fine 1010 and 1003 thrusts. Krause majored the Dukes' big pushes with 224 and 214 counters in a 637 series, another first in the three game column. "Jolting" George Jelinek aided in the hefty outbursts with a 616 setup.

The Lunder-Adamic Sharpshooters hit the bull's eye twice in their tilt with the Spartans. Mike Poklar and Joe Birk led the winning marksmen with 552 series apiece. Frank Spehek's 569 series was high for the losers.

After bowing to the Utopian Dudes in the first clash, the Comrades came back strong to take the last two. The two Eddies, Grum and Prijatelj, posted 531 and 525 series for the Comrades. Joe Zupanec's 522 topped the Dudes.

The Concordians won two games from the Utopian Dandies in a low scoring match. Carl Stuzen notched out a 526 series for the former and Nick "Jitterbug" Sephar a 544 series for the latter.

Rolling off their postponed match from the initial week of the current season, the Utopian Dandies did a fine job as they bounced the Spartans in all three games. Adolph Perdan who seems to be enjoying one of his best seasons, blasted a 595 series to lead the rout. Frank Spehek with a 528 series was best for the Druubes.

200 Circle: C. Drasler 267, G. Jelinek 237, C. Krause 224-214, J. Moze 224, E. Tomasic 221-209, A. Perdan 221, F. Iskra 220-202, C. Stuzen 218, A. Gerchman 208, E. Prijatelj 204, F. Spehek 204, S. Lunder 203, F. Zapon 203.

Sideline Slants: Joe Moze, a Spartan member recently discharged from the armed forces, shot a 595 series that included a 224 game in his debut. Joe doesn't seem to have lost much of his keeling prowess even after being in the service for 4 years and 2 months in which he had traveled thru eight different countries in Europe—"Knuckler" and Tony Kastelic, also a pair of discharges, dropping in to see their lodge brothers battling against the Utopians. — Your writer dumping pop bottles on runway after Chuck Drasler amassed nine strikes. After wiping floor and foolishly sprinkling talcum powder which made it slippery, the boys looked like they were on an ice pond. This incident must have rattled Mr. Drasler a-plenty on his tenth heave which also resulted in a miss. Sorry, Chuck! JOHN J. SPILAR, Sec'y.

Memorial Services

will be held for

LEO H. RICHARD

son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kosak. Sunday, October 28, 1945 at 3 P. M. at 1843 N. Mozart Ave. A gold star plaque dedication on corner of Cortland and Whipple at 2 P. M. before the service in church. Chicago, Illinois.

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

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SESSION AUG. 17, 1 P. M.

Vrhovnik submits new wording for main prizes in the campaign as follows: "Grand prizes shall be awarded to the 10 highest contestants, each of whom must enroll 20 or more new members. The grand prize in each instance shall be a free round-trip (mileage at the rates provided in the by-laws) to the 13th regular convention of the SNPJ and two per diems, where each winner will be received as a special guest and accorded the honor and recognition due him on the day set for that occasion. In case such contestant is elected to represent his lodge as a delegate to the convention, he shall not be entitled to any mileage and per diem as provided in this section of the rules."—Unanimously carried that this section be approved.

Vrhovnik states that in view of the campaign and the forthcoming convention it would be advisable to hold regional conferences to which representatives of ESL's should be invited to discuss various problems such as campaigns, etc. These conferences should be attended also by some of the supreme board members who would give various explanations. Recommendations would be submitted to the executive committee or the supreme board for consideration. In this way the supreme board would learn the wishes of the members, and we would increase interest in the organization among the membership which would be of great benefit to the Society. These conferences could be held locally according to districts, also state conferences, as well as a national conference.

It is emphasized that such conferences are essential to progress, capable lodge officers are also necessary to lodge progress but they must be

trained for their work, and such conferences are the best means to achieve this aim. Many lodges have difficulties in securing capable officers, and the proposed conferences would serve as schools for their training.

Lisch's motion that the executive committee prepare a practical plan for these conferences and put it into operation at the first opportunity, is unanimously carried.

Barbic asks for information concerning the benefit of a member of lodge 614 which was to have come before the board. Cainkar and Vidler explain that it will be settled by the executive committee in accordance with the board's previous decision.

Vidler states that he believes it would be advisable to institute the hospitalization plan in connection with the \$1 sick benefit fund; he has consulted the actuary who said that it would be possible. Petrovich, Vidrich, Garden, Lotrich, Kuhel, Zupan, Zaitz and Moenic speak on the question and state that it would be beneficial as it would help many a member to cover hospital expenses.

Gradisek states that he would not recommend it in connection with the sick benefit fund because of complications involved; however, if this type of insurance is instituted it should be separated from the sick benefit fund and an independent fund should be established as well as separate bookkeeping.

Zupan moves that the executive committee study this insurance and submit a plan to the next board meeting for approval; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Zaitz states that it would be desirable to study the sick benefit fund, especially the \$2 class which shows a deficit for this period.

Gradisek explains that in spite of the deficit this class is in no danger; during the winter and spring months there are usually more sick members than in summer and fall; the number of members insured in the \$2 class is steadily decreasing and there is a very small enrollment of new members in this class; this problem could be solved if some way could be found to induce members to insure in this class.

Vidler reports that the vault is almost filled and soon there won't be enough room even for the most important papers; therefore, steps must be taken to provide sufficient space. It is almost impossible to remodel the building; the architect who remodeled it the last time said that would be impossible unless we would disregard the expenses involved.

Cainkar explains that in some respects the present quarters are inadequate and that it is necessary to think of a building which would not only serve our purpose now but also for decades to come. We have always been too conservative in regard to our building in the past because we were thinking in terms of the present and were afraid of expenses and special assessment. This fear is no longer a factor. If we decide to build a new structure, the necessary money is available in certain funds with which we can finance the project and no special assessment would be required.

Lotrich states that this problem must be thoroughly studied to ascertain whether the present building is profitable or a burden to the organization; the fact is that the hall is a burden to the Society.

Zaitz states that since the first building was constructed the main concern has been to spend as little as possible because the organization was weak and the members were often burdened with special assessments; this is no longer the case, as was explained by the president. Malgai, Barbic, Trojar, Lisch, Kumer and Fifolt speak on the subject.

Ambrozich moves that the executive committee shall consult an architect who shall prepare a plan for a new building and one for the remodeling of the present building, together with estimates of the cost of each plan; the committee shall also get an appraisal of the present building, and submit all this information to the next board meeting for consideration; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Relief action for Yugoslavia. Kuhel explains that since July 1, 1944, a total of more than one million in cash and material was collected and sent to Yugoslavia. Some of these items were sent to Slovenia. Of all this, more than 90% was collected among Yugoslavs in America and the remaining 10% among other nationalities. The expenses as presented by the American Committee were considerable; this committee disbanded last February and all relief action is now carried on by ZOJSA. An attempt is now being made to unite all the groups of the so-called United Yugoslav Relief Committee, but there are some obstacles from the opposing elements. A conference of all ZOJSA committees will soon be held and definite decision will be made to improve our relief work for Yugoslavia.

Zaitz states that as soon as regular mail between America and Yugoslavia is reestablished, many pleas for help will come from Yugoslavia and an intensive campaign for the collection of funds and clothing will have to be launched.

Olip states that in preparing Slovene and English material for Prosveta more attention should be given to what is published, because articles and other matter often appear in the paper that are meaningless to the average reader as they pertain only to local members; it would be well to eliminate a considerable amount of nonsense from various letters and articles.

Petrovich states that the Society is composed of local lodges; if the lodges are progressing, the Society is progressing also; if the paper pub-

lishes articles and news items of interest to lodge members, it helps the lodges and thereby the Society as well.

Vidler states that it is necessary that the editor is more careful in his editorials and that he should pay more attention in what spirit they are written, so that there won't be a repetition of a recent editorial which appeared in the weekly Prosveta, with which the majority of the members did not agree, as it was not written from the standpoint supported by our organization.

Godina moves that the minutes of the third and fourth sessions be approved by the board members living in Chicago and vicinity; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Session adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION AUG. 21

President calls meeting to order at 7 P. M. Present are Cainkar, Vidler, Trojar, Gradisek, Vrhovnik, Godina, Zaitz and Zupan.

Minutes of the third session are approved with corrections; minutes of the fourth session are approved as read.

Godina moves that the president shall prepare the minutes for publication and obtain English translation; motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Godina moves that the minutes shall be published in a supplement, that is, both in Slovene and English; motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Godina moves that each board member shall receive a copy of the full text of the minutes of the supreme board meeting in the usual form; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Session adjourned.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President
F. A. VIDLER, Supreme Secretary
PETER BERNIK, Recorder.

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held August 16, 17, 1945, at Headquarters, 2659 So. Lawndale Avenue, Chicago 23, Illinois

OPENING SESSION

Supreme President Vincent Cainkar calls meeting to order at 9 a. m. and asks for close attention in order that important matters arising out of present conditions may be solved in the best interest of the Society and membership.

Roll call shows that Raymond Travnik and Edward Tomšic, vice presidents of 3rd and 6th districts, respectively, are absent. Both sent in their reports, explaining reason for absence. Unanimously carried that both be excused.

Order of business accepted:

- 1—Call to order
- 2—Roll call
- 3—Time of sessions
- 4—Special motions
- 5—Reports
- 6—Discussions
- 7—Unfinished business
- 8—General business
- 9—Miscellaneous
- 10—Adjournment

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily.

Report of Supreme President

We have again assembled at the semi-annual meeting of the supreme board to hear reports concerning our work, to make decisions and to perform such other functions as prescribed in the by-laws.

First on the agenda of important matters to be submitted to this meeting is the question concerning the 13th regular convention which was originally scheduled to take place this week at Eveleth, Minn., but which has been postponed for reasons familiar to all of you. As you know, we found ourselves in a very uncertain and unpleasant situation at the February meeting regarding our convention. The ODT banned all conventions involving more than 50 delegates, and we were confronted with the problem of how to comply with our by-laws and state laws which state that our conventions must be held quadrennially; according to these laws, the 13th convention of the SNPJ should take place this year.

Since it was impossible to know in advance whether the state law would be amended in time, at all, nor how long the convention ban would be in effect, there was only one alternative—namely, to continue with our preparations for the convention and at the same time to try to find out from the ODT whether it would be possible to hold the convention, as well as to follow the developments in the state legislature.

The supreme board at the February meeting decided that the executive committee, in the event a permit to hold the convention is not granted, shall notify all supreme board members and prepare a resolution on postponement of the convention for their approval.

All this was promptly carried out. At that time it seemed that transportation restrictions would soon be lifted. Accordingly, we proceeded with our convention preparations, including the election of delegates. In the meantime, the state law governing fraternal societies was finally amended permitting postponement of pending conventions; on the other hand, transportation-conditions grew steadily worse and the end of the war in Europe only added to transportation difficulties.

Finally, when the ODT declined to issue a permit to hold our convention in August, stating that the transportation problem will continue to grow worse and that it would reach its climax towards the end of this year, we were convinced that it would be impossible to hold the convention this year. We promptly notified you of the existing situation and sent you copies of the resolution containing the postponement of the convention, which you approved unanimously. We thereupon immediately notified the membership officially that the convention has been postponed.

The by-laws give the supreme board not only the right but also state that it is the duty of the board to postpone the convention whenever justifiable reasons so demand. We have done this because wartime conditions so demanded and because the ODT so directed. In view of existing conditions there was no other course. And in such circumstances it is not only the right of the supreme board members to continue their functions, but it is also their duty and responsibility toward the membership and state authorities to remain at their posts and lead the organization as long as it is necessary. In our case this will be necessary until the next convention, at which time officers will be elected for the next administrative term.

Since the war has just ended, it is proper that we discuss this matter at this meeting and set the date for the convention scheduled for next year and make other decisions necessary in this connection. I will report further on this subject later.

As mentioned in my previous report, the real force and life of an organization is shown best in its activities. I regret that at this time I am unable to give you any cheerful report regarding our activities, although there is plenty of good will among our lodges even now. Wartime conditions prevent the celebrating of our SNPJ days as formerly; also, all lodge anniversaries, lodge and federation affairs must be planned more moderately and limited to local celebrations. However, there is plenty of good will still and we hope that the time is not distant when we will again be able to launch our activities, and that we will soon be able to report about our big celebrations and great successes as in prewar times.

It is of great importance for the future of the Society that our membership grows in numbers continuously. Wartime conditions were a deterrent also in this respect, and since the regular growth is insufficient to cover losses due to death and

other causes, it is necessary to conduct membership campaigns from time to time.

It is therefore advisable that we again decide to conduct a campaign for new members, which should begin this fall and end some time early in 1946. It could be called the campaign in celebration of the 20th anniversary of English speaking lodges or the convention campaign, or both combined. We must see that we get new members. This is very essential. Since a membership campaign is the best means to achieve this aim, we must take advantage of this method of gaining new members for our Society, and use it to the best of our ability.

As you know, the number of our members serving in the armed forces is comparatively large. We, as a good fraternal organization, appreciate their efforts and sacrifices. We have shown our true fraternalism when we decided that the SNPJ shall pay the full mortuary benefit for fallen soldier-members, and also when we decided at the February meeting to give special concessions to all soldier-members who have signed sick benefit waivers, that is, that they have the right, after being discharged from service, to be reinsured under the old requirements.

Likewise, we shall not forget those who for some reason cannot be readmitted into the sick or disability benefit class. The supreme executive committee in discussing this matter thoroughly, empowered the supreme secretary and the secretary of the sick benefit department to prepare a tentative plan for this purpose, which they will submit to you later.

We have previously reported that wartime conditions affected our work at the main office and that we lost several employees. Also with the growth of the organization the work is correspondingly mounting and becoming more complicated and capable new help is difficult to obtain. The work must be performed, however, which means that more work falls on the shoulders of others, especially of responsible officers. There are also difficulties in the printery. More about this will be reported by the secretary and the manager.

Concerning our relief work for the old country, I can state that everything is about the same as reported to the previous meeting. M. Kuhel, secretary of SANC, devoted his full time to this organization earlier in the year and during the past few months he is working half time for the SNPJ and half time for SANC. As treasurer of the latter I am helping along, as are also other members of the SANC committee, namely, Vidler, Zaitz and Zupan. There is sincere cooperation between the two organizations.

In conclusion, I wish to mention that we again show progress for the past six months period, especially in resources, and the standing of the Society is therefore generally good in spite of the various and numerous difficulties. Details about the various funds and other information will be given in the reports which will follow.

VINCENT CAINKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of 1st Supreme Vice President

The past six months provided me an opportunity to observe at close range the activities of our lodges, and particularly those in Western Pennsylvania. This is a privilege which I enjoyed for the first time again in over thirty months, and while the observation reveals a spirit prevailing not unlike previous years, it was obvious that it was on a lesser scale. This condition I charged first, to the absence of members called to the colors who were active in their lodges to a greater or lesser degree, and second, to those remaining members whose courage and enthusiasm was dampened or lost because of the absence of certain active members. Now that victory is certain and our members are returning and will gradually return to us, there is promise of increased activity in our lodges.

The two federations in Western Pennsylvania continue constantly to match their endeavors of previous years. This year they will jointly sponsor the tenth annual Pa. SNPJ Day, and a successful manifestation is anticipated. The relations of these two groups continue to be good. The younger federation held a local celebration early in the year which brought an enthusiastic response. And a few months ago it joined successfully in the promotion of the national bowling tournament. This was its first participation since the initiation of this sport into SNPJ on a national scale, and there is promise of continued and increased interest here.

On two occasions I was instructed by our office to represent the Society in matters of interest to us, and I hope my performance was valuable to our Society. I also appeared at several local SNPJ celebrations unofficially, always striving to promote interest in the Society.

MICHAEL R. KUMER.

Report accepted.

Report of 2nd Supreme Vice President

Again I present my report for the past six months. It seems that we have picked a very auspicious date for our meeting. No doubt this event will have a very marked effect on our future plans.

I'm certainly proud of the part our organization played in helping to bring the terrible conflict to an end. No doubt all of us have done our utmost to keep our organization progressing in the past few years, and I'm positive that we will now be able to devote even more time to building it to an even greater one than it is at present. Many of our good leaders will return from service, which will help to carry on the good work of fraternalism.

Since our plans have been changed due to the

postponement of the convention, perhaps this meeting will have even more definite plans to make our next convention one of the most successful in the history of the SNPJ.

For the past six months, I have done all that was possible for me to do in the organization work. Although I have been working long hours, I have always found some time to spend among our members. And I hope in the future I will be able to devote all of my spare time in helping to promote activities which, no doubt, will be many at the beginning of the new year.

I sincerely wish that this meeting will successfully accomplish its purpose and that all our decisions will be favorably accepted by our membership.

CAMILUS E. ZARNICK.

Report accepted.

Report of First District Vice President

We meet during this session with an altogether brighter outlook of the world in general, and the expected upward trend of the SNPJ. With the war drawing to an end, we can start laying plans for the different activities, and the welcoming home of our Brothers and Sisters who have been with the armed forces.

I wish to report to you that I have recently been appointed a member of the Fraternal Ethics Committee of the Penna. Fraternal Congress. This Congress is expected to hold its next convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., November 13-14, 1945. At this time they expect this committee to submit a report pertaining to the methods of promotion of congenial relations between affiliated societies and report any infraction of the Code of Ethics. If any member of the Supreme Board now present has any suggestions, I will submit them to the convention.

Activities in my local district haven't improved since the last session. Being unable to visit any distant branches within my district, due to working conditions and transportation difficulties, I can't report on their activities.

All the reports I receive about the Juvenile Circles in my locality are that they are progressing quite well. Many compliments are also received on the improved "Voice of Youth." Congratulations to all who contribute to the making of such a good educational, as well as joyful magazine for our juveniles, the foundation of our future SNPJ.

I am sure that all the members of the Supreme Board are ready to cope with post-war conditions that will arise, and that all our deliberations will be for the bettering of the SNPJ.

JOS. L. CULKAR.

Report accepted.

Report of Second District Vice President

My report for this period is very brief since nothing unusual occurred. I have carried on in the interest of the society whenever possible. Interest in fraternal work in the SNPJ is in my opinion below standard. However, time will correct this. This lack of interest can be expected under present conditions.

The question of delegates for the next convention and assistance to soldier members are the two important problems at this time.

I am sure this body will give due consideration to this and act in the best interest of its membership and society as well. Other recommendations and report will be given to district Vice Presidents' meeting.

JAMES M. MAGLICH.

Report accepted.

Report of Third District Vice President

Panama Canal Zone
Sunday, Aug. 5.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Supreme Board:

It is with deep regret that I am unable to be with you at the important meeting of the Supreme Board.

My report naturally will reveal no activities on my part, but rather good wishes for a successful meeting and my personal regards to each of you.

I have watched the activities of the SNPJ and I assure you that we G.I.'s miss them tremendously and look forward to the time when we can again help make a bigger and better SNPJ.

The postponement of the convention was wise and I am sure that a convention at a later date will be much more successful. It will also afford many of the English Speaking Lodges a wider selection of delegates, since many have been and many more will be discharged from the Services.

The Athletic Board also deserves a lot of credit for their splendid work under trying conditions. The SNPJ gained much publicity through this committee.

Credit must also be given to the Executive Committee for their jobs are difficult in these days of extreme shortages of every type. I am sure their work has been much more than satisfactory and should be commended.

There is not much more I can say except good luck to you, and my personal regards to each of you and hoping we will be together again soon under happier conditions.

Fraternally,

RAY TRAVNIK.

Report accepted.

Report of Fourth District Vice President

In my district the lodge conditions for the past six months remained unchanged. The activities

and fraternal obligations for the SNPJ have continued to lag, this being more pronounced in this period.

As we convene today, our horizon is much brighter as our plans for the future will no longer be plans of uncertainty; for the next twelve months we will find many of our Brothers and Sisters who are serving our country back in civilian life. Many of them may be handicapped, others disillusioned, which will make it difficult to readjust themselves to the SNPJ activities in which they participated before entering service.

A very effective campaign organizing English Speaking Lodges should be launched for 1946 in order that our activities will be stimulated.

We must bear in mind that the destiny of the SNPJ lies in the hands of our youth. Many of our ESL's have already reached the prime of their activities, therefore, more new ESL's in 1946 must be added to our ESL roster.

Material for leadership for Circle activities should be more available the forthcoming year. This the SNPJ must take advantage of, by combining the membership campaign, organizing new ESL's with that of the Juvenile Circles, plus plenty of publicity through our editorials and weekly contributors of our official organ. Our Circles are as important to us as the 85,000 members of the SNPJ.

I trust that this session of the Supreme Board will dispose of its business in such a manner that there will be sufficient time allowed in order that we may intelligently discuss these two vital issues, the ESL movement and Juvenile Circles.

I attended the August meeting of Lodge 250 as instructed by the Executive Board. I appealed to both the President and Secretary to come to a better understanding and to forget the small differences that they have had between them. This they have agreed to do, thus settling the case.

It is my regret that I have not been able to serve the SNPJ in the capacity which I would desire, although I made every effort to fulfill my obligations within the existing conditions.

JOHN SPILLER.

Report accepted.

Report of Fifth District Vice President

I am submitting my six months' report. No grievances have been reported to me.

The lodges in the 5th district, during this period, have not been as active as they could have been in normal times. To my knowledge, most have increased in membership.

I attended the SNPJ federation meeting in Chisholm, Minnesota, where a by-law committee to propose amendments to our new by-laws was selected. Seven members were selected, I being one of them. This committee met in the City of Eveleth and from the proposals to the by-laws given by the lodges, we made the final decision on the proposals which appeared in the official organ, The Prosveta.

As for the convention, which was canceled due to the decision of the ODT in Washington, the three Eveleth lodges had a meeting and selected various committees who were at work and made plans for the said convention. We are hoping that this convention will be held the following year when these committees will have more assurance and will continue with their plans.

It was confusing to some of the members in my district when the supreme secretary had an article in the Prosveta, before the election of delegates, stating that, should the convention not be held this year, the elected delegates will not be eligible next year. Later an announcement came out by the President that they are in doubt as to whether these delegates will or will not be eligible to represent their lodges next year. I feel that it is quite confusing to the delegates who were elected and they are very dissatisfied. I feel that our Executive Board should make a final decision on official announcements appearing in our official organ, The Prosveta.

Circle 48 is progressing satisfactorily.

This concludes my report, and with the war's end, I am sure all our SNPJ members will become more active for our Society.

URSULA AMBROZICH.

Report accepted.

Report of Sixth District Vice President

I am sending herewith a brief written report for the past six months. Since we are still at war, it is impossible to expect any large activities among our lodges; in fact, some of the lodges are dormant. However, we had a fairly large affair in Pueblo, Colorado, where the newly organized juvenile circle sponsored a very interesting program, which I attended. In addition, the circle had several well-planned outings. They have shown considerable progress and aroused interest for the SNPJ in their community.

Several weeks ago I sent in my resignation to President Cainkar to be submitted to the executive committee. He later explained that this matter belongs to the supreme board and for this reason I am submitting it here. I have explained the reason for my action to the executive committee. It is painful to see the structure, for which I have laid the foundation and worked since its inception, gradually break up, especially since the people involved were our convention delegates. I am compelled to state that jealousy is our biggest sickness. I hope that my work as an officer has been entirely satisfactory.

As a member of the SNPJ supreme board I herewith tender my resignation. I have already explained the reason for this action to the executive committee.

EDWARD TOMŠIC.

Godina's motion to accept the report and to discuss the resignation after all reports are submitted, is seconded and unanimously carried.

Report of Supreme Secretary

I wish to limit myself in this report to those problems I deem necessary that you and the members know about. Certain other matters which I might mention would only be a repetition.

Concerning the progress in membership, I wish to state that although we have not conducted a campaign in the past six months since many of our members were active for SANC, we have in spite of this made a moderate progress, as can be seen from the following detailed report. While there was a slight decrease in the juvenile department, there was an increase in the adult department which accounts for our progress.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Membership, Dec. 31, 1944	48,109
New admitted	174
Transferred from juvenile department	524
Total	48,807
Deceased	296
Canceled and withdrawals	130
Total	435
Membership June 30, 1945	48,372
Increase	263

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Membership Dec. 31, 1944	17,963
New admitted	646
Total	18,609
Transferred to adult department	524
Deceased	8
Canceled and withdrawals	221
Total	758
Membership June 30, 1945	17,856
Decrease	107
Net Increase	156
Total membership June 30, 1945	66,228

I am giving here only the total number of operations, disabilities and deaths because a detailed report will be given at the end of the year, which makes it more practical for the main office.

Between January 1 and June 30, 1945, there were 429 operations for which the Society paid \$31,280, and 21 disability cases for which we paid \$4,650, or a total of \$35,930.

Due to the war we expected that the number of deaths would increase during the first six months of this year, but there is no fear that the mortuary fund would become insolvent. During this period there were 296 deaths, of which 68 were soldier-members. This is the highest number of deaths among soldier-members in a six month period, but we have hopes that during the next six months period the number of deaths among soldier-members will decrease considerably now that the war has ended. The total death claims amounted to \$213,300, including \$43,150 death claims for the fallen soldier-members.

Since it will interest not only you but also the membership as a whole to know how large our losses are according to states up to the present, we have prepared the following detailed report:

FALLEN SOLDIER-MEMBERS TO JUNE 30, 1945

State	No. Killed	Insurance
Pennsylvania	71	\$ 45,400.00
Illinois	21	12,350.00
Ohio	19	12,450.00
Minnesota	15	9,050.00
Michigan	8	3,850.00
Colorado	6	4,500.00
Wisconsin	6	3,000.00
California	3	1,700.00
Montana	3	2,500.00
New Mexico	3	2,500.00
Indiana	2	1,000.00
Washington	2	1,500.00
Iowa	1	2,000.00
Kansas	1	500.00
Missouri	1	1,000.00
New York	1	500.00
Oregon	1	500.00
W. Virginia	1	1,000.00
Wyoming	1	500.00
Total	166	\$105,600.00

Let me add that there is a considerable number of unpaid death claims, which amount to more than \$98,000. The reason for this are wartime conditions, because of this amount there will be approximately \$60,000 waiting for the beneficiaries in the old country when normal communications are reopened. As of this date, however, there are no regular connections with Yugoslavia; although limited postal service has been reestablished, it is impossible to contact responsible authorities there, nor the beneficiaries of the deceased members in order to liquidate the said death claims.

At the time when Mr. Krašovec visited our main office, I asked him whether it would be possible after his return to Yugoslavia to find out and recommend a reliable firm through which we would be again able to conduct our transactions for the above-mentioned purpose. Until we are able to establish this contact which would be in the interest of the beneficiaries and would facilitate our transactions, we will have to wait even though we know that the beneficiaries need the money urgently.

Since the financial statement has been prepared for all supreme board members as usual, it doesn't seem necessary to mention the various funds separately, but only the total increase for the first half of this year, which amounts to \$265,333.69; the total assets of the Society are \$11,659,701.91.

FINANCIAL REPORT
for the period of January 1 to June 30, 1945

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Mortuary Fund

Receipts Disbursements	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$9,471,931.16
Unpaid Death Claims as of Dec. 31, 1944	95,039.05
Assessment	283,029.99
Net Income from Investments	133,932.18
Returned Death Claims	50.00
Death Claims paid	\$ 209,060.80
Cash surrender and cash withdrawal	161.35
Transfer to Expense Fund	13,345.38
Unpaid Death Claims as of June 30, 1945	98,328.25
Balance June 30, 1945	9,683,066.60
	\$9,983,982.38 \$9,983,982.38

Disability Fund

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 204,430.00
Assessment	41,829.90
Interest	2,917.13
Disability and operation benefits paid	35,990.00
Balance June 30, 1945	212,947.03
	\$ 248,877.03 \$ 248,877.03

Sick Benefit Fund \$1 Class

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 450,122.54
Regular assessment	123,763.73
Special assessment	441.00
Interest	6,423.75
Sick Benefit paid	110,330.00
Balance June 30, 1945	470,421.02
	\$ 580,751.02 \$ 580,751.02

\$2 Class

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 101,307.83
Regular assessment	71,371.10
Special assessment	472.00
Interest	1,451.02
Sick Benefit paid	75,304.00
Balance June 30, 1945	99,297.95
	\$ 174,601.95 \$ 174,601.95

\$3 Class

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 15,468.77
Regular assessment	9,513.90
Special assessment	18.00
Interest	226.75
Sick Benefit paid	8,127.50
Balance June 30, 1945	17,099.92
	\$ 25,227.42 \$ 25,227.42

Special Benefit Fund

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 159,314.94
Assessment	22,488.39
Interest	2,282.30
Assessment Loans repaid	2,004.39
Contribution to Yugoslav War Relief (WRFA-SSD)	5,000.00
Contribution to American Red Cross	5,000.00
Contribution to Russian War Relief	5,000.00
Special Benefit and assessment loans	8,851.20
Balance June 30, 1945	162,238.82
	\$ 186,090.02 \$ 186,090.02

Building Fund

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 60,154.24
Rent of Office and Hall	3,781.80
Interest	861.54
Wages of Janitor	1,456.00
Heat, Light, and Cleaning	1,466.76
Real Estate Tax	1,421.08
Water tax and various license fees	36.37
Fire Insurance	251.25
Depreciation of Building	1,351.02
Balance June 30, 1945	58,615.10
	\$ 64,797.58 \$ 64,797.58

Convention Fund

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 32,803.16
Assessment	5,823.44
Interest	468.56
Balance June 30, 1945	39,095.16
	\$ 39,095.16 \$ 39,095.16

Expense Fund

Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$ 81,218.06
Assessment	40,027.47
Transfer from Mortuary Fund	13,345.38
Transfer from Juvenile Department	11,623.60
Interest	1,163.81
Sale of Lodge Supplies	165.38
Salaries of Executive Officers	8,510.00
Salaries & various expenses of Finance Com.	1,056.65
Salaries & various expenses of Judicial Com.	488.50
Salaries & various expenses of Supervising Com.	671.50
Salaries & various expenses of Supreme and Dist. Vice Presidents	410.00
Salary of Supreme Medical Examiner	600.00
Salaries of employees	8,802.29
Traveling exp. of Supreme Officers on official business	194.51
Various official investigations	21.73
Expense - FHA Mortgages	917.93
Exchange	70.08

Insurance Department

fees	547.00
Rent of Secretary's office	1,650.00
Rent of Safety Deposit boxes	216.00
Stationery and various office supplies	2,641.15
Rent of IBM Tabulator	1,825.52
Campaign expenses	6,199.74
Subvention to Juvenile Circles	670.00
Advertisements	665.00
Postage and express	1,232.31
Telephone and telegraph	267.20
"Voice of Youth"	5,569.37
Supreme Board meeting	1,628.36
Litigations	590.54
Actuary and Accountants	3,015.00
Social Security and unemployment insurance	381.35
National Fraternal Congress membership dues	229.16
Surety bonds of Supreme Lodge officers	883.35
Various subventions	272.00
Athletics	1,402.74
Death Claims	1,000.00
Balance June 30, 1945	94,997.73
	\$ 147,548.70 \$ 147,548.70

Status of Funds

Reserve:	Dec. 31, 1944	June 30, 1945	Increase
Mortuary fund	\$ 9,471,931.16	\$ 9,683,066.60	\$ 211,135.44
Disability fund	204,430.00	212,947.03	8,517.03
Sick benefit:			
\$1 Class	450,122.54	470,421.02	20,298.48
\$2 Class	101,307.83	99,297.95	2,009.88
\$3 Class	15,468.77	17,099.92	1,631.15
Special benefit fund	159,314.94	162,238.82	2,923.88
Building fund	60,154.24	58,615.10	1,539.14
Convention fund	32,803.16	39,095.16	6,292.00
Expense fund	81,218.06	94,997.73	13,779.67
Total Reserve	\$10,576,750.70	\$10,817,979.33	\$241,228.63
Liabilities:			
Unpaid death claims	\$ 95,039.05	\$ 98,328.25	\$ 3,289.20
Official Organ, "Prosveta"	4,517.02	4,763.72	246.70
Social Security tax reserve	153.24	188.89	35.65
Withholding tax reserve	400.45	426.63	26.18
War Savings Bonds reserve	308.06	363.48	55.42
Real estate tax reserve	68.54	.00	68.54
Fund of Insane members SSPZ	609.20	622.63	13.43
Total liabilities	\$ 101,155.65	\$ 104,663.00	\$ 3,507.35
Total Reserve and Liabilities	\$10,677,906.35	\$10,922,642.33	\$244,735.98

ASSETS

Home office—Land and buildings	\$ 50,122.21
Real estate acquired	8,934.44
Real estate—first mortgage loans	184,436.33
FHA Mortgages	298,548.89
Membership Certificate loans	83,373.22
U. S. A. Bonds	7,053,419.06
Dominion of Canada Bonds	66,087.50
State Bonds	325,994.53
Municipal Bonds	2,257,337.68
Railroad Bonds	9,175.00
Public Utility Bonds	191,531.25
Public Utility Bonds in default	16,550.00
Industrial bonds	28,758.13
Matured unpaid bonds	4,620.00
Stocks	9,750.00
Checking account:	
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.	69,170.68
Continental Illinois Nat'l Bank & Trust Co.	28,115.40
Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Canada	6,600.89
Shares in Savings & Loan Associations	230,000.00
Lodge Supplies Receivable	17.12
Total	\$10,922,642.33

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Income Disbursements	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	\$715,890.76
Assessment	30,891.85
Net Income from Investments	12,278.07
Death Claims	2,865.00
Matured membership certificates	180.00
Paid to members transferred to Adult Department	7,289.45
Transferred to Expense Fund	11,623.60
Exchange	43.05
Balance June 30, 1945	737,059.58
	\$759,060.68 \$ 759,060.68

ASSETS

Real Estate—first mortgage	\$ 7,462.35
Real Estate—second mortgage	600.00
FHA Mortgages	7,620.22
U. S. A. Bonds	526,311.79
Municipal bonds	98,038.51
State bonds	18,468.75
Public Utility bonds	26,450.00
Checking account:	
Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Illinois	6,268.34
Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Canada	1,783.16
Roseland State Savings Bank—in receivership	56.46
Shares of Savings & Loan Associations	44,000.00
Total assets as of June 30, 1945	\$ 737,059.58
Total assets as of December 31, 1944	715,890.76
Increase	\$ 21,168.82

ASSETS of Adult Department as of June 30, 1945

Assets of Adult Department as of June 30, 1945	\$10,922,642.33
Assets of Juvenile Department as of June 30, 1945	737,059.58
Total Assets	\$11,659,701.91
Total assets as of December 31, 1944	11,394,368.22
INCREASE	\$ 265,333.69

General

The important problem concerning our convention, which was scheduled to take place this year in accordance with the by-laws, has already been settled by the supreme board. Because of the ODT ban on conventions and civilian travel, this question was submitted to the board as the su-

preme authority between conventions to act upon. The supreme board in a referendum in which all supreme board members participated, unanimously decided that the convention shall be postponed, because that was the only possible course. Since the convention must be held within one year following the lifting of the ban, according to the Illinois law pertaining to conventions, our next convention will be held next year.

There seems to be some dissatisfaction concerning the requirement for physical examination for those soldier-members who were overseas in actual combat who wish to reinsure for the sick and disability benefit. This is mainly because of the expenses involved with physical examination. Lodge 18 has sent a letter concerning this question to district vice president Tomisic, which he forwarded to us and which will be read here. It is stated in the letter that the expenses should be borne by the organization. Since this would mean a considerable expense for the organization, it is necessary that it is settled by the supreme board.

The executive committee adopted a resolution concerning soldier-members disabled in the war, which will be submitted at this meeting for your discussion and approval.

As far as the administration between lodges and the main office is concerned, I wish to state that it is very satisfactory. The members understand the present situation better now than they did at the beginning, which means that harmony prevails among us. This is proved by the fact that we have no complaints from members or lodges.

The work at the main office, in spite of the fact that the supreme treasurer is working only part time, is going on quite smoothly and there is no undue delay in benefit payments. Of course, at times it is necessary to work overtime but not very often.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members, lodge officers, as well as the office personnel for their splendid cooperation; it is only with this cooperation that it is possible to carry on the work of an organization such as ours, promptly and efficiently.

As usual, the accountants have audited our books as did our supervisory committee, which will submit its report at this meeting. F. A. VIDER.

Report of Assistant Secretary

The tabulating department, in which I work, includes the mailing room, key punch operations, addressograph and mimeograph facilities, besides the alphabetical accounting machine.

In addition to the tabulating of various kinds of figures, printing the necessary reports and punching cards, the correspondence, checks and other items are mailed out daily. The supplies are packed and shipped to the lodges as requested. It is also necessary to watch the stock so that the needed material is ordered before the supplies run too low.

Due to the fact that the printing of monthly statements, and tabulating of distribution of assessment into various funds are the two main jobs, it occasionally happens that supplies are not sent out immediately after the requests reach the office; however, every effort is made to satisfy the lodges as soon as possible.

The utmost concern of this department is to send the monthly statements out at least two weeks before the assessment is due from the lodges, so that the secretaries may have time to make the necessary changes. It is also appreciated, in return, the lodges remit the assessment in due time as provided in the By-Laws, i. e., by the fifth day of every month. Late remittances of lodge dues always cause delay in the work of preparation of monthly statements. This is combinational work, one thing either helps or handicaps the other.

Now a little review on suspensions of members which have been slightly reduced during the first six months of the year. Members were suspended as follows: In Jan., 1945, 349; Feb. 199, March 227, April 165, May 165, and in June 182. This gives a total of 1287 members suspended in the six month period, or an average of 214.5 per month.

During the six month period, July-Dec., 1944, there were 1655 members suspended, which gives an average of 275.8 per month. This shows that during the six months of this year there was a decrease in suspensions averaging 61.3 per month, as compared to the previous six months period.

In addition to this, there were 207 cases, an average of 34.5 per month, where the members were reinstated but remain suspended. In the previous six month period there were 307 members suspended in this manner, averaging 51 per month. This happens when a member is already suspended, but pays dues for one month only, thus keeping from being canceled while he remains suspended.

These figures show a good trend toward improvement, but it is desirable that all the members learn that with nonpayment of dues they forfeit their rights to sick and disability benefits without notice.

In conclusion, I wish that this body may successfully solve the numerous problems, and that its decisions may benefit all the members as well as to cause the Society to prosper in the approaching peace era. ANTON TROJAR.

Report of Supreme Treasurer

During the first half of this year the work at the treasurer's office went on in the regular manner. I returned to the office April 9 after an absence of six months; in agreement with the executive committee I am now working on alternate days at the office and the remaining days for SANC. During my leave of absence I visited the main office almost every day and was always available to give necessary information. I also attended executive committee meetings. The officers were helpful in this work, for which I wish to thank them again.

Bank transactions during this period amounted to \$2,555,994.01: investments and credits \$1,282,897.30 and current payments \$1,273,096.71. Cash balance on June 30, 1945, was \$111,994.01.

Total income from investments was \$162,060.55, as follows:

Interest on first mortgage loans	\$ 11,760.93
Interest on bonds	150,977.34
Interest on deposits in federal banks	3,987.50
Members' certificate loans	1,059.16
Dividends on stocks	700.00
Interest on real estate sold	1,059.16
Profit on exchange	1.77
Deficit, main and other buildings	-1,361.78
Net loss on matured, called and sold bonds	-6,714.04
Total income	\$162,060.55

Our bond investments have increased \$358,335.78 in this period; increase in federal bonds was \$675,082.82, while investments in other types of bonds through maturity, call and sales decreased by \$316,747.04. First mortgage loans have decreased by \$55,599.28. Loans in amount of \$19,499.76 were paid before they were due, while regular and special payments amounted to \$36,099.54. We received \$2,130.54 plus interest on principal for properties sold on installment basis. New loans on members' certificates amounted to only \$255.61, while payments totaled \$3,749.43.

This is a review of our investments. As usual, the supervisory and finance committees will submit a more detailed report on our transactions. My report concerns only the insurance department.

The present favorable working conditions enable the people to meet their obligations more promptly, which fact is reflected in the report on first mortgages, sold properties and certificate loans, while it also means lower earnings on our investments. Because of low interest on bonds and other securities, our surplus funds are being invested in federal bonds at 2% or less. Eight federal insured deposits in amount of \$40,000 were withdrawn from savings associations because the interest rate fell to 2% and seven others were in process of liquidation since June 30.

The financial standing of the Society is excellent in spite of investment problems. There are still some bonds and shares in default, but there is nothing to worry about. A good financial standing builds up the members' morale and promotes general good will.

Much as I would like to, it seems impossible to separate my work as treasurer from the political and relief work of SANC. However, this is not ordinary local politics which the state law does not allow to mix with official business, and besides, the Society is participating officially in international politics.

There are still certain difficulties in connection with the work of SANC because I haven't succeeded in finding capable persons to carry on the work now performed by the SANC secretary. Last fall, winter and this spring we made every effort to collect funds and clothing for SANC relief and for War Relief Fund of Americans of South-Slavic Descent. SANC collected and sent more than \$80,000, or almost \$10,000 monthly since last October. As expected, SNPJ members and its lodges contributed the most. This is also true in regard to financial aid given to the SANC political action. This action has assumed larger proportions since the liberation of Slovenia and Jugoslavia, and takes more of my time than I can spare.

New problems have arisen and conditions are changing rapidly, making it necessary to be always on guard and ready to act. We have high hopes that the program adopted by the Slovene National Congress and followed by SANC has a good chance of being realized. With the realization of this program the chief aims of the Yugoslav Republican Alliance of 25 years ago will be achieved. The latter organization recently fulfilled its promise when it gave \$4,000 of its liquid assets to SANC, or a total of \$5,000. This was in accordance with the decision of the SNPJ supreme board made in February, when it was confirmed that SANC is performing its task and has fulfilled its original purpose.

It has been said that we pay too much attention to Yugoslav and world politics and not enough to the affairs of the Society. It seems to me that it was this political action that injected more life into our Society's movement. This is especially as regards our lodges and federations which are supporting the political and relief action of SANC morally and materially. This makes their meetings more attractive and as a consequence more members attend monthly meetings; also, constructive political articles appearing in Prosveta make it more interesting. All these factors serve as a stimulant in building up the members' morale, which is a very good sign. One notices this particularly when he attends our membership gatherings and hears their favorable reactions. In short, the material and moral support by our Society and its members to SANC's political and relief action, has gained many friends for us here and abroad, and we can never have too many friends. MIRKO G. KUHEL.

Report of Secretary of Sick Benefit Dept.

Financial Statement of Sick Benefit Funds
From January 1, to June 30, 1945

\$1 Class

Receipts:	
January	\$ 21,600.10
February	19,987.45
March	21,245.20
April	20,633.50
May	19,962.60
June	20,134.88
Total regular assessment	\$123,763.73
Special assessment	441.00
Interest	6,423.75
Total	\$130,628.48

Disbursements:

January	\$ 15,488.50
February	17,876.50
March	22,627.00
April	17,304.00
May	19,861.50
June	17,372.50
Total	\$110,330.00

\$2 Class

Receipts:	
January	\$ 12,489.30
February	11,328.30
March	12,376.80
April	11,889.30
May	11,653.80
June	11,633.60
Total regular assessment	\$ 71,371.10
Special assessment	472.00
Interest	1,451.02
Benefit returned	10.00
Total	\$ 73,304.12

Disbursements:

January	\$ 11,066.50
February	12,591.00
March	15,250.50
April	12,067.00
May	12,910.50
June	11,428.50
Total	\$ 75,314.00

Balance December 31 101,307.83
Six months' deficit 2,069.88
Balance June 30, 1945 \$ 99,297.95

Receipts:

January	\$ 1,674.00
February	1,540.70
March	1,608.90
April	1,568.60
May	1,608.90
June	1,512.80
Total regular assessment	\$ 9,513.90
Special assessment	18.00
Interest	226.75

arrangements should be made to organize district or regional conferences to which youth representatives of Lodges and Circles shall be invited, there to discuss the problems of the SNPJ and, if possible, arrive at worthwhile solutions. Such conferences should be encouraged for it is through them that it will be possible to more quickly impress upon the minds of the youth the purpose and work of the Society, and the responsibilities and privileges of the membership.

Sports in general were pretty much at a standstill. Whatever improvement was shown came mainly as a result of the national telegraphic bowling tournament held in April. This event attracted 127 teams from some forty lodges located in seven different states. Approximately 650 bowlers participated to make it one of the most successful tournaments conducted in the SNPJ. Although the financial inducements are higher than any time before, there seems to be little desire on the part of the lodges and Circles to take advantage of the offers to organize summer sports such as baseball and golf. Consequently, with few exceptions, activity is confined chiefly to unorganized or individual sports during the present season.

The expenses in connection with sports in the last half of this year amounted to \$1,402.74. This is considerably more than was expended for the comparative period in 1944. Since January 1, we have disbursed a grand total of \$5,873.51, which is less than \$1,000 over the amount approved by the last convention for a single year's appropriation. However, we are almost certain that when peace is restored and a majority of members in the services returned to their homes, we can then look forward to a "boom" in SNPJ sports that will break all previous records.

A meeting of the National Athletic Board was held in June at which a number of decisions were made affecting slightly higher schedules of expenditures anticipated as necessary in connection with the future program. Other plans also were discussed and approved for the coming bowling season and next year's tournaments. However, because of important war developments of the week, it might become necessary to alter plans accordingly. This the Athletic Board will be prepared to do as soon as the way is cleared of certain restrictions.

As I was the campaign director of the 40th anniversary membership drive, I would like to report briefly on the cancellation record of new members enrolled and the awards distribution. You recall, the campaign was conducted from April through November, 1944. Now, seven months after the close of the campaign, June 30th, examination of the records reveals that only 80, or 2.23%, of the total of 3576 adults juveniles enrolled have been canceled. Fifty-

percent of the canceled members were juveniles and were adults, approximately 60% of whom had their insurance prior to expiration of six months membership. The slightly higher than percent cancellation rate, covering the whole of fourteen months since the campaign began, can be taken as an excellent reflection on the part of members enrolled by the lodge secretaries, contestants and other workers. The awards totaled \$1,515.50 and were distributed among 90 contestants, each of whom enrolled ten new members. The regular awards total \$1,923.00 and these were distributed among 400 participants. The combined awards total \$5,438.50, an average of slightly more than \$1.50 per member. It is further pointed out that the First Year Preliminary Term membership assessments paid by the new members will more than sufficient to cover the entire cost, including medical fees and printing expenses.

It was my privilege to again meet with the District Vice-Presidents and preside over their meeting. Several important matters were discussed, among them a plan for a membership campaign to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the English-Speaking Lodge movement of the SNPJ. A draft of the plan was prepared for the meeting and submitted to them for discussion and change. The plan for the campaign will be mimeographed so that copies of it can be distributed among the members of the Supreme Council when it will be introduced at a later session. In addition to recommending this plan for approval, the District Vice-Presidents have drawn up a number of other recommendations and these will be brought to your attention at one of the members representative of the group. Their recommendations, I'm sure, will deserve your consideration.

Besides the work reported in the foregoing paragraphs, I have also devoted an average of about one working day each month to checking the monthly statements for cancellations, resignations, debits, credits, etc., of the members in my department. This and other more or less important matters have kept my regular hours in the office well occupied.

In conclusion, I cannot refrain from expressing my own grateful appreciation of the wonderful work which has come in the last few days and weeks—the end of war in the Pacific area against Japan—the end of World War II. This is good news all of us have been patiently awaiting for years. Soon our young men and women in military services will return home to their families, to their friends, and to our lodges. Welcome home manifestations will be held in their homes everywhere. The period of re-adjustment and conversion is here. New problems already are being drawn up and made effective so that the changes the times will bring. Let us be ever on our guard to preserve peace and security and democracy wherever it is endangered. Let us keep ahead. It is my sincere hope and desire, as sure that it is yours also, that we will accomplish much at this meeting that will be of benefit to the Society and the general welfare of the membership in the years of peace to come.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Report accepted.

Manager's Report

PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT
For the past six month period of business, my report is as follows:

PROSVETA: Wednesday issue or the so-called "small organ" is now being printed in 33,600 copies, about the same amount as in the previous six months, while daily Prosveta is printed in 6,200 copies. Of these, 6,044 copies are directly paid subscriptions, the remainder is sent to advertisers in exchange with other newspapers. Although we earned almost 100 new subscribers, subscriptions are being paid more promptly than before. Noticeable progress has been made in the advertising department. This, of course, is a great deal toward the realization of a goal set during this period. You will note the accompanying financial report, that our

gain is over \$3,000, in comparison with a very slight loss in the last six month period, that is, in the last half of year 1944.

THE VOICE OF YOUTH OF SNPJ: Formerly known as the "Mladinski List," our juvenile publication is now being printed in 11,000 copies, a few hundred copies more than during the last six months. No changes have taken place concerning this magazine.

PRINTERY: My report, insofar as the printing department is concerned, is much the same as in the previous period. I can only add, with much regret, that things have taken a turn for the worse, because we cannot get efficient help, this especially for hand composition. It was impossible for us to take on any other larger job besides our own regular publications; in fact, we were forced to decline this year's printing of May Herald. We could not locate, for any money, a man for hand composition, without which the job cannot be completed. Because we have handled the printing of May Herald for a good many years, it was especially regrettable that circumstances forced us to turn away this year's service. Besides our regular publications of Prosveta and the Voice of Youth, we have a difficult time completing even small outside jobs. In addition, the foreman in the composing room left our employ so that we had to work with temporary help the best we could. As in the previous period, we still cannot get a lot of printing material we need. Exorbitant prices are being asked for most of whatever is available. Until such time as conditions will return to normal, we can only be patient and make the most of our shortcomings.

I am happy to say, however, that in spite of prevalent conditions, harmony and cooperation are still dominant in relationship between lodges, representatives and the home office. Books of account have been, as usually, audited by professional accountants and our own supervising committee.

PROSVETA

Financial Statement for Publications Department and The Voice of Youth

Six months ended June 30, 1945

RECEIPTS:

Subscriptions—Daily	\$ 7,230.65
Subscriptions—Weekly	29,038.02
Advertising	3,620.59
Maintenance Fund for Magazine	4,769.37
Editors' and Office Service for Magazine	780.00
Interest on Securities	404.35
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$ 45,862.98

DISBURSEMENTS:

Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising	\$ 1,356.07
Cost of printing Prosveta and The Voice of Youth	28,557.00
Editors' and Office Salaries	8,920.90
Stationery and Office Supplies	59.10
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	48.14
General Expense	8.22
Audit Fee	100.00
Rent	300.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	181.36
Second Class Postage (Prosveta and The Voice of Youth)	2,187.35
Publishing Expense	819.94
Social Security Tax	69.22
Unemployment Compensation Tax	71.35
Exchange on Checks	20
Total	\$ 42,898.85
Profit in department for six months	3,164.13
Total	\$ 45,862.98

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Cash in Northern Trust Company Bank	\$ 15,298.04
Accounts Receivable—Advertisers	286.19
Accounts Receivable—Weekly subscriptions due from SNPJ	4,703.72
Deposit—Second Class Postage for Prosveta	465.37
Deposit—Second Class Postage for The Voice of Youth	85.17
Securities	35,333.13
Furniture and Fixtures (at cost)	6,328.24
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$ 62,499.86

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS:

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,854.50
Social Security Tax	89.38
Unemployment Compensation Tax	49.08
Reserve for Withholding Tax	166.00
Employees' War Bond Savings Account	179.40
Reserve for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures	6,100.00
Surplus	52,061.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$ 62,499.86

PRINTERY

Financial Statement for six months ended June 30, 1945

RECEIPTS:

Publications Sales—Prosveta and The Voice of Youth	\$ 28,557.00
Sales to SNPJ	1,931.29
Sales to Customers	907.73
Sales to Prosveta	298.26
House Sales	65.86
Total receipts for completed work	\$ 31,670.14

Waste Paper Sales	23.75
Cash Discounts Earned	58.65
Interest on Securities	687.53
Interest on Mortgage Loan	108.71
TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS	\$ 32,518.78

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paper Purchases	\$ 6,678.31
Ink Purchases	196.15
Miscellaneous Materials Purchases	1,676.72
Publications Postage	820.45
Factory Pay Roll	15,787.22
Rent	1,800.00
Fire Insurance	87.53
Depreciation	268.10
Power	504.01
Liability Insurance	95.61
Stock Handling Expense	56.00
Departmental Machine Expense	323.63
Work in Process December 31, 1944	442.19
Total Factory Expense	\$ 28,735.92
Less Work in Process June 30, 1945	557.65
Manufacturing Cost of Sales	\$ 28,178.27

Shipping and Mailing Department Expense

Advertising Expense	142.78
Office Salaries	315.00
General and Office Expense	2,085.30
Postage	109.93
Social Security Tax	111.31
Unemployment Compensation Tax	178.32
Audit Fee	142.66
Total Expense	\$ 31,414.07
Profit in department for six months	1,104.71
TOTAL	\$ 32,518.78

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank	\$ 14,422.70
Accounts Receivable	3,889.50
Debit Balance Accounts Payable	4.00
Materials Inventory (Paper and Ink)	2,617.83
Work in Process Inventory	587.85
Investments	46,562.96
Real Estate Mortgage	3,517.71
Machinery and Equipment (at cost)	54,869.24
Unexpired Insurances	599.96
Mailing Department Inventory	131.12
Publications Postage	114.18
Postage Inventory	58.54
General Factory Inventory	4.60
Shipping Department Inventory	11.01
Total	\$127,380.80
Less Reserve	52,340.19
TOTAL ALL ASSETS	\$ 75,020.61

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES:

Accrued Wages	\$ 41.36
Social Security Tax	172.62
Unemployment Compensation Tax	96.65
Accounts Payable	164.69
Withholding Tax	411.78
Employees' War Bond Account	268.12
Employees' Vacation Reserve	14.00
Allowance for Depreciation	52,340.19
Original SNPJ Investment	50,000.00
Surplus	23,851.39
Total	\$127,380.80
Less Reserve	52,340.19
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$ 75,020.61

Report accepted.

Editor's Report

There have been no changes in the editorial department of Prosveta and The Voice of Youth. All our work is open to either praise or criticism, which is true of all newspapers and publications. As far as I know, there are no special complaints from the subscribers.

There is plenty of work especially at this time due to the annual vacations. When one member of the editorial staff leaves for his vacation, the other three perform his duties. Material for the fourth and partly for the third page of the daily is always prepared by me at home.

Contributions are not as numerous as formerly and are published as they are sent in. You have undoubtedly noticed that even the weekly Prosveta is not filled with lodge material as in former years. The reason is the fact that this year our cultural activities for which we have always tried to find space in the official organ, have decreased considerably. All this is inevitable because wartime conditions have cut deeply into our activities. Let us hope that after the war all this will be improved again.

Several weeks ago, immediately after the re-establishment of mail service with the old country, I wrote to Mile Klopčič if he would want to become our reporter or if he would secure some other good correspondent. I have not received a reply as yet, nor anything, in fact, from the old country up to now. Where and what the obstacles are, I do not know. However, I shall try to get the best possible reportorial connections with Slovenia for Prosveta, as well as interesting material for the readers.

There are no special changes in connection with The Voice of Youth. I have tried to persuade Katka Zupančič to again become a contributor, but I regret that I have not succeeded. Partly because of this and partly because of other reasons, the Slovene section has been shortened considerably. I wish that the supreme board would express its opinion at this meeting and give its directives as to what to do with the Slovene section. To continue the section as it is now does not seem practical.

I wrote to the well known labor writer and journalist, McAllister Colman, if he would want to become a contributor to our juvenile magazine. I mentioned the kind of material wanted, that is, labor material, popular biographical sketches about labor leaders, material on the people's rights, socialism and liberty. I have also tried to get permission to reprint a few chapters of the book The Hunger Fighters, a very interesting, educational, scientific book for old and young. I regret to say that this permission has not been granted.

Report of the Finance Committee

We are herewith presenting to you the report of our committee and a review of all purchases, sales, and other changes which have taken place in the list of our investments during the six month period ending June 30, 1945.

Purchases.—The par value of securities purchased during the first six months of 1945 was \$695,000, and the price paid was \$697,957.82, or at a premium of a little less than \$3,000. This represents an average monthly investment of \$116,000. Total investments show a decrease of \$55,000 over the previous six month period. Approximately \$333,000 of the money invested was obtained by disposal of our securities, and the actual increase of our assets is about \$365,000.

The only securities purchased during the first six months of 1945 were U.S. Treasury Bonds, most of which were bought at face value at the time they were issued, and a few were purchased at a small premium between campaigns. The reasons why all of our purchases were limited to Federal Securities were often commented upon in our past reports, and we do not deem it necessary to repeat them here. No change in our investment policy is anticipated until the end of the war.

Securities Disposed.—A considerable amount of securities were disposed of during the last six month period. The securities matured, called, and sold—not including our investments in Real Estate Mortgages and shares in Federal Saving Loan Banks—amount to \$335,850 in face value.

Securities valued at \$48,500 were matured and paid. Securities valued at \$175,000 were called and paid off—some at face value and some at various premiums which total about \$3,000.

Securities valued at \$108,250 were sold for the following reasons:

a) \$25,000 Edinburg, Texas, school district 1-5% bonds.

These bonds were purchased in 1927 at a cost of \$27,864.15. Soon after the purchase they were in default and remained in default until 1940 when they were refunded at a decreased rate of interest. The following market quotations will give you an idea of the value of these bonds during the last ten years. 23 in 1936, 24 in 1937, 25 in 1939, 30 in 1940. After refunding they have continued to increase in value, and an offer of 39 plus interest was received in 1942. They were sold this year for 75.

b) \$38,250 Tarpon Springs, Florida 1-5% bonds. The loss on these bonds was even more serious. \$50,000 face value of these bonds were purchased in the year of 1921, and they were obligations of a small Florida village. They went in default during the Florida crash, and remained in default until 1939 when they were refunded. The market quotation on them was as low as 12. Refunding was carried out on a 75% basis, and we received \$38,250 face value for our \$50,000 bonds. The new

interest rate on refunding bonds was 1-5%. After investigation, the finance committee decided that selling was the best way out and 78 was received for these bonds.

c) \$30,000 Grand Rapids, Michigan, bonds. These were the only bonds sold to make a profit for our Society. These bonds were purchased in 1939 for \$29,700. They were now sold for \$37,548, or at a profit of \$7,848. Their interest rate was only 2 3/4% and after thorough consideration of both interest yield and final payment of principal, the finance committee came to the conclusion that a sale at this time was of financial benefit to the Society.

In addition to the above sales, our investment of \$40,000 in shares of 8 savings and loan institutions was liquidated. This was in accordance with our rule for this type of investment.

Real Estate Mortgages.—Our investments in first mortgages on real estate are continuing to be paid off at a good rate. All borrowers are taking care of their obligations and twelve mortgages have been paid off in full. Among these are the mortgages on Slovenian homes in Verona and Sygan, Pa.

This is a joint report of our committee and detailed figures of all these transactions are given below. We shall be glad to give any additional information which may be desired by the Supreme Board members.

REVIEW OF TRANSACTIONS from January 1st to June 30, 1945

NEW INVESTMENTS (Bonds acquired to June 30, 1945)

Par	Description	Cost	Vendor	Date
\$100,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 3/15/71-66	\$101,500.00	C. F. Childs & Co. 2/15/45
70,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 3/15/71-66	70,853.13	C. F. Childs & Co. 3/20/45
100,000	U.S. Treasury Ser. G 2 1/2%	due 3/1/57	100,000.00	Fed. Reserve Bank 3/27/45
340,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 6/1/72-67	340,000.00	Fed. Reserve Bank 6/18/45
//15,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 3/15/71-66	15,225.00	C. F. Childs & Co. 2/15/45
//25,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 3/15/71-66	25,304.69	C. F. Childs & Co. 3/20/45
//40,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 6/1/72-67	40,000.00	Fed. Reserve Bank 6/18/45
/ 5,000	U.S. Treasury 2 1/2%	due 3/15/71-66	5,075.00	C. F. Childs & Co. 2/15/45
\$695,000	Totals		\$697,957.82	

/ denotes Minor's fund
// denotes Juvenile fund

INVESTMENTS DISPOSED OF

Shares in Federally Insured Savings & Loan Ass'n

Par	Description	Cost	Disposition	Date
\$ 5,000	St. Clair Savings & Loan Co., Cleveland, Ohio		Withdrawn	Jan. 5, 1945
5,000	First Federal " Ass'n, Boston, Mass.		"	Feb. 21, "
5,000	First Federal " " Wilmette, Ill.		"	Jan. 10, "
5,000	Home Federal " " Tulsa, Okla.		"	Jan. 30, "
5,000	Peoples " " Peoria, Ill.		"	Feb. 13, "
5,000	Sterling " " Sterling, Ill.		Called	Jan. 10, "
5,000	Talman " " Chicago, Ill.		Withdrawn	Jan. 10, "
5,000	Standard " " Chicago, Ill.		Called	Jan. 31, "
\$40,000	Totals			

SNPJ and FHA Mortgages repaid

No.	Name	Amount	Repaid	Date
100	Mary Juratovac, Cleveland, Ohio	\$ 370.25	Paid	April 6, 1945
114	Sam Knezevich, Chicago, Ill.	1,049.09	"	Jan. 2, "
169	Lodge No. 6, Sygan, Pa.	4,800.06	"	May 17, "
200	Veronians Club, Lodge 680, Verona, Pa.	1,099.46	"	Feb. 23, "
FHA 15	M. Hammel, Chicago, Ill.	3,265.86	"	Jan. 9, "
42	Erich Schnell, Chicago, Ill.	503.05	"	Mar. 2, "
67	F. Policiec, Chicago, Ill.	417.87	"	Mar. 2, "
102	Hjalmar Johnson, Chicago, Ill.	2,148.96	"	Mar. 5, "
112	B. Poliz, Chicago, Ill.	2,834.29	"	Jan. 24, "
29	Ray Miller, Cleveland, O.	514.27	"	Apr. 17, "
26	Wm. Leonard, Cleveland, O.	2,208.90	"	Apr. 9, "
53	James O'Boyle, Cleveland, O.	287.70	"	June 11, "
\$19,499.70	Totals			

Bonds disposed of

Par	Description	Cost	Consideration	Disposition	Date
\$ 11,000	Benson, N. C. Graded S/D	\$ 12,301.51	\$ 11,000.00	Matured	June 1
25,000	Birmingham, Ala., Water	25,000.00	25,750.00	Called at 103	Feb. 2
2,000	Chicago Park District	2,000.00	2,000.00	Called at par	Mar. 1
35,000	Park Ridge S/D Cook Co.	35,000.00	35,000.00	Called at par	Mar. 1
2,000	Veterans Park District	2,189.54	2,000.00	Called at par	Jan. 29
25,000	Edinburg, Tex. S/D	25,000.00	18,750.00	Sold to F.S. Kelly Co. at 75	Apr. 10
10,000	Grays Harbor, Wash.	10,000.00	10,500.00	Called at 105	Jan. 4
10,000	Highlands R/B Dist. Fla.	10,000.00	10,000.00	Matured	Apr. 1
50,000	Miami, Fla., Water	50,000.00	52,500.00	Called at 105	Mar. 1
10,000	Moorehouse Parish, La.	9,950.00	10,000.00	Matured	Feb. 1
15,000	State of Oregon	15,332.99	15,000.00	Sold to M. B. Vick & Co. at par	Mar. 27
15,000	Parma, Ohio	15,000.00	15,000.00	Matured	Apr. 1
2,000	Putnam County, Fla.	2,000.00	2,000.00	Matured	June 1
10,000	Rock Island, Ill.	10,530.50	10,500.00	Called at 105	Feb. 1
38,250	Tarpon Springs, Fla.	38,250.00	29,835.00	Sold to M. B. Vick & Co. at 78	Feb. 16
18,000	Willacy County, Tex.	19,440.00	18,000.00	Called at par	Mar. 1
500	Winnett, Mont.	500.00	500.00	Matured	Jan. 1
5,000	Pere Marquette Ry. Co.	5,312.50	5,250.00	Called at 105	Mar. 27
3,900	Washington Gas & El. Co.				

the second half of last year \$2,144.21. Of the former amount \$4,942.50 is awards and the remainder for medical examinations and other incidentals.

Advertising—Disbursements for advertising during this period were \$665, of which \$190 was paid for ads in various publications and program booklets, \$275 for ads in Prosveta, \$20 for hall advertising and \$180 as support to the juvenile chorus of the Cleveland federation.

Convention Fund—On June 30, 1945, this fund totaled \$39,095.16, or \$6,292 more than at the end of 1944.

Building Fund—On June 30, 1945, this fund totaled \$58,815.10, or \$1,339.14 less than at the end of 1944. Disbursements were \$5,982.48; these pertain to cleaning, taxes, for janitor's wages, repairs, insurance, etc. Net income from halls was \$181.80, and in the second half of last year \$339.75.

Special Benefit Fund—We examined the disbursements from this fund which are ordered by the executive committee and partly by the supreme board.

Publications & Printery—As usual, we audited the books of Prosveta and the printery. A detailed report was given to you by Manager Godina. We also examined the accounts of the minors' beneficiary fund and found them in order. Likewise, we examined accounts and contributions sent to V. Cankar for relief and various other purposes and found everything in order.

JRZ Trust—The additional amount of \$4,000 was paid to SANC from this fund, or a total of \$5,000, as it has already been reported in the press by SANC.

Miscellaneous—Our committee received no complaints during this period. Administration in all SNPJ departments is excellent in spite of wartime difficulties. The members of the executive committee cooperated with us fully. We spent three days to complete our audit. The accountants stated that the bookkeeping in all SNPJ departments is in excellent order.

Rejected Manuscripts—We examined rejected manuscripts of which there were seven. Our decision is that the editor acted correctly in rejecting them.

This concludes our report. FRANK ZAITZ, Chairman; ANDREW GRUM JR., JOHN OLIP, FRED MALGAL, JOS. F. FIFOLT. Report accepted.

Report of Medical Director

I wish to report as follows on my work from Jan. 1st to June 30, 1945:

Number of operation claims received for review were 554. Of this amount 429 were approved for payment, 98 were referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and 27 were rejected.

Disability claims received for review were 25. Of this amount 21 were approved for payment, 1 was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and 3 were rejected.

Applications examined for membership in the Society amounted to 215; 214 were approved for membership and 1 was rejected.

All letters received from members requesting medical advice, were promptly answered.

JOHN J. ZAVERTNIK, M. D.

Dr. Zavertnik explains that he is unable to be present at the sessions because of his work and asks to be excused; he is willing to answer any questions anyone present might like to ask.

Sis. Ambrozich asks why a member stricken with paralysis due to cerebral hemorrhage is not entitled to disability benefit. Dr. Zavertnik explains that a majority of this type of cases is curable, or at least 50%, but the recovery is gradual and in most cases it takes three years; it is impossible to determine whether it is curable immediately after the attack nor to what extent it has effected the patient. If it is decided to pay the disability benefit it shouldn't be paid until after the three years' period.

Dr. Zavertnik's report is accepted; unanimously carried that he be excused.

Cankar submits Tomsic's resignation and adds that Tomsic wrote that he was compelled to take this step because of continuous and unfounded criticism on the part of some members. He explained to Tomsic that he shouldn't pay any attention to such criticism which comes from those who are dissatisfied and jealous of his successful work for the organization. He advised him to continue his work as a member of the board because the Society appreciates his accomplishments. He recommends that the board does not accept the resignation because Tomsic is an active and worthy member of the board, a tireless and fearless worker for the Society.

Lisch moves that Tomsic's resignation should not be accepted and that the board give him a vote of confidence in recognition for his tireless work for the organization. Motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Vider submits a letter from lodge 10 and explains that it was first sent to Tomsic who sent it to the main office. The lodge asks the board to rule that medical expenses for discharged soldier-members who wish to re-insure for sick and disability benefit be paid by the Society.

Mocnik motion that expenses for such medical examinations up to the sum of \$2 be paid from the expense fund, is unanimously carried.

Vider submits the problem of members who were canceled upon entering military service in accordance with the by-laws which were in effect until Jan. 1, 1942, that is, prior to the supreme board decision that such members shall not be canceled. He submits a letter from a member whose son was canceled and who asks that he be readmitted with previous rights. Zupan moves that members canceled upon entering the U.S. army during the past ten years be readmitted and their rights restored on the following conditions:

- 1) They have to present a medical statement that they are physically fit for readmission.
2) They have to pay all assessment in arrears into the mortuary fund in which they were insured at the time of their cancellation, that is, for the death benefit for which they would have been accepted.

3) If they are readmitted for sick, disability and operation benefits, they shall be bound by the same provisions that are in effect for members who signed waivers.

Motion is carried.

Vider submits request of lodge 648 of Toronto, Canada, asking that the Society permit the admittance of new members into Canadian lodges. He explains that we cannot expect that the number of immigrants from Yugoslavia to Canada would increase because of existing conditions; also, it is not advisable to start admitting new

members into Canadian lodges again because of the strict Canadian laws.

Lotrich states that perhaps it would be wise to study this problem more thoroughly to see whether there is a possibility to increase the number of members in Canada by conducting a well-planned campaign, after which a definite decision could be made.

Gradisek explains that the accounts for the past few years show that there has always been a deficit in the sick benefit fund of Canadian members and in view of this he is of the opinion that it isn't advisable to relax the existing rule as it is extremely doubtful that this would improve the situation. Vratarich, Kubel, Vrhovnik and Petrovich talk on the subject.

Lisch moves that the letter of lodge 648 be placed on file; motion is seconded and carried. Session adjourned.

SESSION AUG. 16, 1 P. M.

President calls meeting to order in presence of all board members who were present at the morning session.

Vider submits a letter from the western Penna federation asking help for wounded soldier-members who suffered the loss of limbs and according to the by-laws are not entitled to disability benefit. He explains that the executive committee has already adopted a resolution concerning such members, and submits it now to the supreme board for approval.

RESOLUTION

for members who suffered loss of limbs or total and permanent disability in World War II

WHEREAS, the Twelfth Regular Convention of the Slovene National Benefit Society held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in September, 1941, adopted a resolution which provides that a committee shall prepare a practical plan affecting members who enlisted or were drafted into the armed forces of the United States during the present war (World War II), under the provisions of which plan it will be possible for the Society to grant the maximum concessions, and

Whereas, under the provisions of the By-Laws, members in the armed forces are not entitled to any regular benefits for disabilities or sicknesses contracted on the battlefields of the war, and

Whereas, the Slovene National Benefit Society has a fund known as "Special Benefit Fund" from which donations are made to members in financial distress or to those not entitled to regular benefits, BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE, that the Executive Committee is empowered by the Supreme Board to make payments out of the Special Fund as follows:

"A"—To members who were insured for disability at the time of enlistment or induction into the armed forces of our country, and who suffered loss of limb or limbs or total and permanent loss of the use thereof, through injuries and/or sickness incurred in the line of military duty—

- 1) Loss or total paralysis of one hand or arm from wrist up, or loss or total paralysis of one leg from ankle up... \$200.00
2) Anatomical loss of one eye or 5/200 loss of sight of one eye... \$200.00
3) Loss or total paralysis of both arms or legs... \$400.00
4) Anatomical loss of both eyes or 5/200 loss of sight of both eyes... \$600.00
5) Loss of four fingers at first or second joints or loss of foot up to the ankle... \$ 75.00

"B"—Members who were insured for sick benefit at the time of enlistment or induction into the armed forces, who signed waivers, and are rejected for reinstatement of previous insurance for sick benefit on account of injuries or sicknesses contracted while serving in the armed forces, shall be paid as follows:

- 1) To those who were insured in the \$1 Sick Benefit Class, \$50 for each year of insurance up to the maximum of \$150.00.
2) To those who were insured in the \$2 Sick Benefit Class, \$75.00 for each year of insurance up to the maximum of \$250.00.

"C"—And furthermore, in special cases, when necessary and satisfactory evidence and proof are submitted that such a member has a family of his own and/or parents fully dependent on him, or if such member has suffered greater disabilities than specified under "A," the Executive Committee is empowered to make higher payments than are provided, but in no case shall the total amount payable to any member under provisions "A," "B," and "C," separately or combined, exceed the sum of \$700.00.

All payments under the provisions of this resolution are to be considered as special benefits (donations) and in no way whatsoever as obligations of the Society. All applications coming under the provisions of this resolution shall be held (considered) as addressed to the benevolence of the Executive Committee, and shall not be made the basis of any legal claim or liability against the Society.

Special benefits under this resolution are payable upon approval of the Executive Committee, only to members honorably discharged from military service. No beneficiary or estate shall have any right or claim to any benefit payable under this resolution.

The Executive Committee shall prescribe proper forms or applications to be filled out and signed by the member applying for such special benefit.

Petrovich motion that the resolution be approved is seconded.

Shular asks whether anything has been done concerning those members who did not sign waivers and who are not entitled to sick benefit for sickness or injury sustained on the battlefield.

Gradisek explains that they are entitled to sick benefit for other sicknesses and injuries; however, if a member is incurable he is entitled to the commensurate claim from the sick benefit fund.

Vrhovnik explains that section "B" pertains only to those members who could not be readmitted for the previous sick and disability benefit because of sickness or injury received on the battlefield and who signed waivers before entering service; this section does not pertain to members who did not sign waivers because they are insured for sick and disability benefit which cannot be denied them until they withdraw. If we want to help these members who are not entitled to sick benefit according to the by-laws, it will be necessary to adopt a special resolution which would cover such cases; it is impossible to include this into section B. Others also speak on the subject.

Lisch moves that Petrovich motion should include an amendment to the resolution stating that a special benefit be given also to those members who remained insured for sick benefit but who would not be entitled to it according to the by-laws. Petrovich accepts the amendment. Motion is unanimously carried.

Maglich submits the following report on recommendations adopted at the district vice presidents' conference:

MEETING OF DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS. AUG. 15, 1945

The District Vice Presidents met with Brother Michael Vrhovnik at Society Headquarters on Aug. 15, 1945. Absent were Brother Ed Tomsic and Ray Fravnik.

Recommendations to the Supreme Board are: 1.—The executive committee be empowered to make preparations for the National SNPJ Day and Welcome Home Celebration with particular reference to site and date.

2.—Recommend a contest to be conducted in "Prosveta" this year. The subject to be: "SNPJ Post-War Plans." The Executive committee to draw up the rules for the contest. Also an attractive prize list be available for winning contributions. Contest to be concluded in such time so winning contributions will appear in the Special section of Prosveta commemorating the 20th Anniversary of English Speaking Lodges.

3.—We recommend recognition be given in form of compensation to members who write regularly for the English Section of Prosveta. Awards be based on composition and fraternal value.

4.—We have made a study of the 20th Anniversary of English Speaking Lodges membership campaign as submitted by Brother Vrhovnik and recommend its approval.

URSULA AMBROZICH, JAMES M. MAGLICH, JOSEPH CULKAR, JOHN SPILLER

Unanimously carried that each section be discussed separately.

Sec. 1.—Lisch moves that the plan be prepared by Cankar, Vrhovnik and Garden and submitted to the executive committee for approval. Garden, Olip and Vider explain that difficulties will arise in carrying out the proposed plan by having present at the welcome-home celebration discharged soldier-members because of considerable expense involved, and that it would be more appropriate if such affairs are limited to individual lodges and federations.

Spiller and Vrhovnik explain that this does not mean there wouldn't be any local celebrations, but besides these affairs there should be a big celebration similar to prewar SNPJ day celebrations.

Lotrich states that it isn't so hard to sponsor a big celebration if it is well-planned according to existing conditions and circumstances; from the agitational viewpoint such affairs would be of great benefit to the Society, and ways and means should be found to finance the project as the final result would cover the expenses involved.

Grum states that some lodges are already collecting money for a special fund for this purpose and if an appeal is sent to all lodges they will gladly respond; no doubt, lodges will help willingly to make the affair a success financially and morally.

Lisch's motion is unanimously carried. Sec. 2.—After a brief discussion it is recommended that the contest be open to manuscripts in both languages, Slovene and English. Maglich explains that he has so corrected this section in agreement with the other district vice presidents. Unanimously carried to approve the amended section.

Olip asks if it is in order to discuss Prosveta since it had been mentioned in connection with the above topic; if it isn't, the subject should be taken up later. President explains that this comes under Miscellaneous.

Sec. 4 is approved as submitted. Unanimously carried that the recommendations of the district vice presidents and amendments be approved.

Spiller explains that he has to leave because of pressing duties and asks to be excused. Unanimously carried that he be excused.

President submits matter of the 13th regular convention which has been postponed indefinitely because of federal and state laws. He has prepared a special resolution based on information given by the attorney which he presents for approval; the resolution concerns mainly the supreme board whose term of office expires Dec. 31, 1945, in accordance with the decision of the last convention; also, it pertains to the delegates elected in May and June of this year.

Vidrich states that it wouldn't be advisable to invalidate the mandates of the elected delegates because it would cause bad feeling in some lodges; the delegates should be confirmed as duly elected; if there are lodges that did not elect their delegates, they should be given the opportunity to do so.

Garden states that it would be best if this question is submitted to the membership in a referendum.

Petrovich explains that by holding another election the lodges and members will be given every right to decide who shall represent them at the coming convention. If a lodge considers the already elected delegate capable he or she can be reelected. This will give many lodges a chance to elect the delegates they really want, which was not possible in every case this year because of existing conditions. He moves that the resolution be approved.

Vider explains that many lodges failed to merge to elect a delegate because of uncertain conditions, and many that did merge did not do so in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws; in many lodges members were virtually compelled to accept the nomination because there was no one else to accept it.

Culkar moves that voting on the resolution be by roll call. Zaitz seconds the motion. The motion receives 7 votes; motion is not carried.

The adopted resolution reads as follows: WHEREAS, the by-laws adopted by the last convention held in September 1941 state that the regular SNPJ conventions shall be held quadrennially, in accordance with this provision and in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, in which our Society is incorporated, the 13th regular convention should be held in the year of 1945; and

WHEREAS, the supreme board, which is empowered to carry on the work of the Society between the conventions, is constantly on guard to see that the by-laws are strictly observed and has in this instance adhered to the by-laws and to all decisions made by the last convention, and last year made the necessary rules and preparations so that the 13th regular convention could be held this year, and definitely decided at the February meeting that the convention be held starting Aug. 13, 1945, at Eveleth, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the United States became involved in the second World War soon after our last convention, that is, into a conflict which affected all of us and brought about wartime emergencies which extended over a period of years, so that we found ourselves at the beginning of this year and early spring in an extremely unpleasant uncertainty concerning our convention; moreover, wartime

emergencies cause the ODT to ban temporarily all conventions involving more than 50 delegates; although it seemed in the spring that the transportation problem would be eased and the ban lifted, and the state law was still in effect which would compel us to hold the convention this year, there was therefore no other course but to continue with our convention preparations and order the election of delegates so that we would be prepared for any eventuality; and

WHEREAS, the state law was in the meantime amended (effective May 8, 1945) giving the supreme board the right to postpone the convention to a later date; and as the ODT informed us that the transportation problem was growing worse and that because of this it cannot issue a permit to hold the convention in August, adding that the transportation situation was critical and that a climax would be reached towards the end of this year. Considering these facts, the supreme board came to the conclusion that the convention could not be held this year. On the basis of this and in accordance with the amended state law 285 and the by-laws, section 1, the supreme board decided that the 13th regular convention shall be postponed; and

WHEREAS, there is no prospect that our convention could be held this year or at the beginning of next year, because wintertime is not suitable for our conventions and because the state law requires that the convention must be held within twelve months after the convention ban has been lifted, which will very likely happen by next summer;

Therefore, be it RESOLVED by the supreme board assembled at this meeting that the 13th regular convention of the SNPJ shall be held in August of the year 1946; and further,

WHEREAS in view of existing conditions the supreme board considers it to be to the best interest of the Society that the present supreme board members remain in office; also, in accordance with sections 28 and 29 of the by-laws and the laws of this state this is their duty, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that all members of the supreme board remain at their respective posts after Dec. 31, 1945, to continue performing their duties as prescribed in the by-laws until the convention shall elect new officers for the future term; and be it further

RESOLVED that the supreme board interprets the meaning of section 3 of the by-laws, which states that elections of delegates for the regular convention be held between May 1 and June 30 in the convention year, to be that elections must be held in May and June of the year in which the convention is actually held and that only so elected delegates shall have the right to represent the lodge members at the convention; and therefore the mandates of delegates elected in May and June of 1946 are declared void.

Vider submits matter of financial aid approved for SANC. He explains that the supreme board decided at the February 1944 meeting to contribute \$5,000 to SANC, that is, \$1,000 immediately and the remaining sum later if the board is convinced that SANC is carrying out the resolution adopted by the Slovene National Congress. As is well known, SANC is carrying out the directives adopted at the congress. Unanimously decided that the remaining sum of \$4,000 be paid to SANC. Session adjourned.

SESSION AUG. 17, A. M.

President calls meeting to order at 9 a. m.; absent are Travnik, Tomsic, Spiller and Zavertnik, who are excused. Minutes of first session approved with correction; minutes of second session approved as read.

Vider submits amendment to resolution on discharged soldier-members as proposed at the second session, that benefit be paid also to members who have been insured for sick and disability benefit but who would not be entitled to same according to the by-laws. This section reads:

"D"—To those members who are insured for disability and sick benefit and their assessment is paid as per provision of the by-laws the benefits are payable in the amounts as stipulated in the by-laws.

Unanimously carried that this amendment be added to the resolution.

Garden explains the difficulty in obtaining Slovene articles for The Voice of Youth due to lack of desirable contributors and would like to hear other members' opinion on this matter; one way would be to discontinue the Slovene section in the magazine.

General opinion prevails that the Slovene section be continued; interest in it is shown by the older and younger members, and the latter are using it in learning Slovene and many have improved their Slovene through this magazine. Several members point out that more and more juveniles of other nationalities are being admitted into the organization and for them the Slovene section is meaningless. It is explained that there aren't many cases of this nature, and the difficulty in obtaining Slovene reading matter will be overcome when normal relations with the old country are reestablished. The readers and contributors are satisfied with the magazine.

Vrhovnik states that he has followed the decision made at the February meeting and has prepared a plan for the campaign to be conducted in celebration of the 20th anniversary of English speaking lodges. That plan is as follows:

RULES OF "ESL 20TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN" OF THE SNPJ

Name "ESL 20TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN" of the SNPJ.

Slogan BUILD FRATERNALISM FOR PEACE AND SECURITY.

Purpose Build up the membership of the SNPJ in honor of the 20th anniversary since the establishment of the English-Speaking Lodge Movement, and as a special tribute to SNPJ members of the armed forces in World War II, who served and fought so courageously to bring peace among the peoples of the world.

Duration This campaign is to be conducted in both departments of the Society for a period of six months, beginning October 1, 1945 at the lodges, and ending at the lodges March 31, 1946.

Participants Any member of the SNPJ, adult or juvenile, is eligible to participate in this campaign. The name of the person, who secures a new member, shall accompany each membership application, along with other required information, when it is forwarded to the main office by the local lodge secretary.

Quota Each lodge is assigned a quota of new members, this starting with a minimum of FIVE for lodges

having twenty or less adult members and proportionately upward in accordance with the ratio of one new member for every twenty adult members until the maximum quota of twenty is reached, shown in the table which follows:

Table with columns: Adult Membership, Quota. Rows: 20 or less (5 new members), 21 to 40 (6), 41 to 60 (7), 61 to 80 (8), 81 to 100 (9), 101 to 120 (10), 121 to 140 (11), 141 to 160 (12), 161 to 180 (13), 181 to 200 (14), 201 to 220 (15), 221 to 240 (16), 241 to 260 (17), 261 to 280 (18), 281 to 300 (19), 301 or over (20).

Prizes

A—Regular, special and grand prizes shall be awarded as inducements for greater enrollment of new members.

B—REGULAR PRIZES shall be awarded for new members according to the scale of payment below, provided at least three monthly assessments have been paid:

For each juvenile insured under Plan 1... For each juvenile insured under Plan 2 or 3... For each adult insured for \$500 or less... For each adult insured for \$1,000 or more...

C—SPECIAL PRIZES of \$5.00 shall be awarded to all who enroll FIVE new members. An additional \$5.00 shall be awarded for each subsequent group of five new members, plus an extra amount when the maximum quota of twenty is reached and thereafter \$10.00 for each succeeding group of twenty new members.

D—GRAND PRIZES shall be awarded to twenty highest contestants, each of whom enroll 20 or more new members. The grand prize in each instance shall be a free round-trip to the 13th Regular Convention of the SNPJ where winner will be received as a special guest accorded the honor and recognition due him, case such contestant is elected to represent lodge as a delegate to the convention, he will receive in cash an amount equivalent to the cost of the railroad fare (regular coach) to and from the convention.)

Medical Examination Fees

Medical examination fees up to \$2.00 shall be paid by the Society for new adult members, examination is required for juveniles unless surability is doubtful or questioned. In such case the Society shall pay 50 cents for each juvenile examined.

Miscellaneous

All provisions of the "Annual Awards plan" lodge secretaries shall remain effective on sub-section "C" pertaining to payments for members. Instead, the more attractive prizes of the campaign shall apply for the period of membership drive.

Transfers from the Juvenile to the Adult department shall not count as new members in the computation of the amount of insurance.

The HONOR ROLL of the campaign shall include all lodges who enroll their respective members, and all contestants who succeed in enrolling 20 or more new members.

Each contestant shall receive credit for members enrolled in any lodge of the Society. Credit for new members is not transferable to other contestant, once received and filed at main office.

The membership goal is set at 2,000 new members. All applications for the final month of the campaign shall be mailed to the main office not later than the 5th day after the official closing date. The postmark shall determine the date of mailing.

The "ESL 20TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN" shall be conducted under the supervision of a committee of three, comprising of Supreme President Vincent Cankar, Supreme Secretary A. Vider, and Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik as the Campaign Director.

Unanimously carried that each section be discussed separately. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 approved as read.

Sec. 7.—Vider states that the prize of \$5,000 or more insurance is too high and that it would be more reasonable. Kubel states that in deciding prizes the determining factor is to keep members from insuring in life insurance companies, and insure in our Society. The amount they desire, that is, instead of carrying insurance in three or four life insurance companies for a total of \$3,000, they should be persuaded to insure for like amount in our organization.

Trojar moves that the prize for a \$1000 policy should be \$3, for \$2000, \$4, and for \$3000, \$5; higher the policy, the harder it is to get a member to insure for that amount.

Vrhovnik explains that the vice president discussed this problem thoroughly and finally decided on this plan. The main thing is to present prospects to insure for the highest amount possible and to hold them, and in this way keep them away from life insurance companies.

Maglich explains that it is important to consider the ability of new members to pay and it isn't advisable for one to insure for the highest amount if he isn't able to pay his assessments and in the first financial difficulty would be compelled to drop his insurance. It should be explained to everyone who is insured in other companies that it would be much better if he would increase his insurance in our organization and lighten his financial burden.

Trojar motion receives 5 votes; motion not carried.

Sec. 7-B is approved as read. Sec. 7-D.—Lisch moves that those who were entitled to these prizes should be paid transportation the same as convention delegates plus per diems; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Garden moves that the number should be reduced from 20 to 10; motion is seconded and unanimously carried. He also moves that the language of this section be changed so that those who will be entitled to these prizes, in case that they are delegates, would not get a double amount in transportation and two per diems in addition to the prize; motion is seconded and unanimously carried.

Unanimously approved that Vrhovnik shall prepare a new wording based on the changes made and submit same at the afternoon session for approval.

Sections 8 and 9 are approved as read. (Continued on page 8)