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di tega.

Awards Paid by the Society to Active Members

Members or lodges who have any outstanding tickets or bills, please make an effort to straighten out with Vic Mezzogio, not later than Jan. 7. There will be a meeting of the Ath-

My Week

By Louis Beniger

This week, as the New Year is making its bow, we are prone to exclaim that it will surely bring us many changes, hoping and wishing that they will be much better than the old. Above all, most of us sincerely wish that in this year Democracy will triumph over the despotic rule of the dictators.

These are indeed hectic days in American preparedness. All sorts of suggestions are being offered on how best to speed up defense production. Similarly, all sorts of suggestions are circulating in the country for an "early peace"—through appeasement.

I think that it is quite clear that the great majority of the people want a strong national defense and are in accord to give all possible aid to the democracies in their mortal struggle against the aggressors. Also, it is obvious that both the reactionary and the radical pacifists and appeasers are playing directly into the hands of the fifth column. The former think that by appeasement they will save their chances for exploitation and the latter think that this is an "imperialistic war" on both sides anyway, therefore, we must appease the dictators.

One of the best analyses of the present situation and of the real meaning of democracy was given last Saturday by President Robert Maynard Hutchins of the University of Chicago in a radio address during the intermission of the Metropolitan Opera broadcast, who said that "in view of the huge resources of the United States, all that we have to fear is that the moral and intellectual stamina of its defense will not be equal to an attack upon it."

"Democracy is the best form of government," said Hutchins: "It is worth dying for. We can preserve its blessings to this country if we will grasp the principles on which it rests and recognize that unless we are devoted to them with our whole hearts democracy cannot prevail at home or abroad."

President Roosevelt's address last Sunday was a clear-cut statement of the present crisis, of giving all possible material aid to the democracies and of America's part in the present war. His condemnation of the dictators left no one in doubt as to the course this nation will pursue.

In Chicago we have a wealth of fine entertainment to choose from: the opera, symphony orchestra, various concerts, ballet, plays and revues. The sad thing is that most of us can afford these good things only occasionally. However, at this time at the Studebaker Theater the "New Pins and Needles" hit musical revue is playing at prices from 40c to \$1.45. This is a labor stage production, and generally considered the most brilliant and best show in town.

First Annual National SNPJ Scribes' Supper

CLEVELAND, O.—Now that the first Scribes' Supper is an event of the past, we take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped to make it a successful one.

Although it was held on very short notice and right during the holidays, yet we were glad to see so many scribes in attendance, not only from Ohio alone, but from several other states, too.

Those who attended were as follows: Mike Kumer of Universal, Pa.; Frank Rezek, Girard, Ohio; Dan Fabace, Pittsburgh; Larry Casab, Yonkers; James Maglich, Imperial, Pa.; Joe Fiftol, Rose Zinder, Frank Chell-zoy, Mickey Cesen, Pauline Spik, Marie Stefanie, Frank and June Yankovic, Josephine Yankovic, Chas. Cetinsky, Stan Zernel, Ed Azman and others from Cleveland.

To the many others who sent us their best wishes and their suggestions for the Scribes' Supper, we wish to extend our thanks.

To Louis Beniger of the Prosveta editorial staff and writer of "My Week," to Mary Jugg, writer of "A Column," to Donald Lotrich, writer of "Flashes," to Frank Rezek of the Girard Golden Eagles, Mike Kumer of the Universal Comets, Frank Jereb and Louis Zupancic, the "We" of Yaukegan, Ill., Albert Gorenc of Sharon, Pa., Mary Elizabeth Fradel of Latrobe, Pa., Frank Rezek of Sheboygan, Wis., Mary Grajzar of the Struglers, Olga Knapich of the Detroit Y. A.'s, Tony Steffler of the Detroit Wolverines, Sylvia Fabec of Pittsburgh, Betty and Chris Ambrozic of Moon Run, Pa., Hank Rupert of New York, Joe Bertovic of Universal, Pa., Johnny Aynik of Cleveland, Virginia Selak of W. Va., Johnny Ujeich of Pittsburgh Morning Stars and Al Peternel of the Detroit Young Americans: We certainly appreciated your good wishes and suggestions. We hope to see all of you at the next Scribes' Supper.

Plans already are under way for the second annual scribes' supper which will probably be held in Pittsburgh under the co-chairmanship of Dan Fabace and Johnny Ujeich.

Any suggestions, ideas, etc., which any of you scribes may care to submit, will be more than welcome.

Please send such to D. Rossa, 995 E. 141 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

DOROTHY ROSSA, ROSE MARY ROSSA, AUBINA GRUDEN, Lodge 590.

FLASHES

CHICAGO, ILL.—Altogether, seventeen applications for new members are being sent to the Head Office by the Pioneers for the month of December. Seventeen new members means a record number of initiations for one month. It also means that the third month of the membership campaign netted us nearly as many new members as the first two months combined, and that we have made a net gain in new members of thirty-five during the past three months. These figures are given after corrected and completed tabulation.

The day before Christmas, we laid Brother Frank Petek to rest at the Montrose Cemetery in a civil funeral. John Darovic, John Rak, Frank Zordan, Frank Groser, Leo Vidar and Donald J. Lotrich served as pallbearers. A few remarks were made by the Pioneer Secretary at the chapel and the Pioneer President read the ritual at the grave. A peculiar story came out in the Chicago Tribune on the morning of Brother Petek's funeral. Some liquor dealer identified him as a robber who entered his store the Friday before and whom he was supposed to have hit on the head with a bottle expecting to inflict a serious wound. The family complained to the Tribune and the police and we took up the matter with our own Lawndale police. Captain Frank Malone of the Lawndale police wants to be quoted that the identification made was not only erroneous but dumb as well. While Frank Petek was only 5 foot three inches tall and weighed 110 pounds, the actual liquor store robber was supposed to have been five foot eight inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. A corrected story appeared in the Chicago Sunday Tribune of December 29.

Pioneer juvenile members who have not received their Christmas party gifts because they weren't able to attend the party should send their tickets to the Secretary at once, so that the gift can be secured for them from the Federation. The outcome of the entire Federation Christmas party was satisfactory. We did receive suggestions from the Tree Committee to get new lights for next season, and we hope to do that soon. Leo Schweiger and his wife were in town for our Juvenile Christmas party and liked it. They reported having a similar party by their juvenile groups in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on the night before. Marko Schappek, as usual, and one of the best supporters of SNPJ social ventures in many cities, drove the Milwaukeeans to Chicago. He was accompanied also by Miss Ivanich.

In the Slovene section of Prosveta, Brother Mike Brilli of Lincoln, Ill., related a few things in connection with the accident last Labor day to Rudy Kral. He didn't quite tell the whole story, however. He forgot to mention that he not only visited our sick friend at the hospital frequently, but also brought him flowers and fruit. What makes the story interesting is that Brother Brilli never saw the wounded fellow before, but he extended every aid possible without compensation. What we are trying to bring out is that Brother Brilli performed his fraternal duty excellently. We have just learned that Edwin Yabec is editor of the "Streamliner," the shop and office bulletin of the Electro-Motive Corporation at La Grange, Illinois. It's really nice to see our young people get into prominent places in their everyday life. Al Rak, who works as a brick-layer in one of the Gary steel mills, stopped in to tell us at what a terrific speed the mills are now operating and how, despite precautions, workmen are injured and killed in the mills. It is interesting to note the manner in which steel is melted and produced. Matilda Clayton has left for Scammon, Kansas, for a rest. Her doctor ordered more rest for her. Emil Hrast came in from Washington, D. C., for Christmas because he was homesick, and flew back on the Mainliner. He must have had an enjoyable trip because flying really is

SNPJ Lodge 232 Didn't Give Yule Party-Dance

WHITE VALLEY, PA.—In the Dec. 18 Prosveta heading announced that SNPJ lodge 232 was sponsoring a play and dance here. It was either my mistake or the editor's. The affair was sponsored by the local SSPZ lodge and what we mean was, to invite the other lodges to attend. We didn't mean to use the SNPJ lodge for advertising and I hope this will not cause any ill feeling between the members of the two lodges concerned. A MEMBER.

(Ed. note: In your letter only SNPJ lodge 232 was mentioned. We do not advertise affairs sponsored by other fraternal, unless our lodges are co-sponsors.)

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Any suggestions, ideas, etc., which any of you scribes may care to sub-

a pleasure, these days. Johnny Petras, one of our new members, was well satisfied with initiation night and gave the gang a real send-off in nice words.

Everyone in America, practically, admits that our help to Britain and our attitude towards Germany, makes us a party to the present war. In a recent issue of the Wall Street Journal, they say as much as that and even more. They say that we are already at war and while everyone of us wants to see the Fascists defeated, still sober heads will tell us that what we are doing may lead us directly into the conflict.

You ought to read "In Fact," which tells you a good deal about the movements of the inner-circle, and particularly about the Fascist-minded Americans, who are utilizing the present emergency for their patriotic ardor. "In Fact" brought out the truth about the Vultee Airplane Co. strike, how the Morgan loans helped make war, and how the press betrays everyone who is really working for a decent economic set-up, the workers, and everyone who is opposed to the war mongering machinations of the powers that be. Right now they tell us plenty about the fight between the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the broadcasting chains. The broadcasters are trying to squeeze out the authors, composers and publishers and we hope they will not succeed.

DONALD J. LOTRICH, 559. (Ed. note: "In Fact" is a follow-traveler sheet which is doing its best to help Hitler and his sympathizers.)

The Unselfish N. A. M.

Labor has been asked in a number of ways to waive its rights to promote the national defense program, but never more definitely than by the resolutions committee of the National Association of Manufacturers which last week presented its demands to the Congress of American Industry in New York.

Here's what industry wants Labor to do to make every day of 1941 a sort of merry Christmas for the big boys: "The government—should enforce Labor statutes through the courts, and not by withholding or threatening to withhold defense contracts from those whose policies are under criticism by government boards charged with administration of specific statutes."

"Government should protect the right to engage in lawful strikes by lawful means, but its primary obligation is protection of the right to work. There should be no arbitrary interference by either government or unions with the right of employers to employ, retain or promote the most competent workers available."

"Such increased earnings as are necessary and desirable during the armament period in the individual cases should be made in the form of temporary wage bonuses rather than increases in the basic wage rates."

"Labor unions should abandon and suspend rules and practices which prevent maximum production by individual workers."

"The right of courts to issue injunctions in Labor disputes should rest upon the same fundamental principle of opposition to any wage in excess of equity as in any other class of cases and should not be limited or destroyed by statute."

Boiled down, the National Association of Manufacturers merely reaffirms its position of opposition to barring of contracts to Labor law violators, demanding protection of strikebreakers, the open shop, decreases, demanding the speedup system and opposing any and all anti-injunction legislation.

In other words, the NAM is merely telling Labor how it can co-operate in the promotion of industry's greed by repudiating and disavowing everything Labor has fought for and won during the past 50 years.—M. U. A.

Lodge 170 to Meet Each 3rd Sunday

AKRON, O.—Attention, members of SNPJ lodge 170: Our meetings will be held each third Sunday of the month at Bavarian Hall on Grant Street at 9:30 in the morning.

MARTIN J. KLARIC, Secretary.

6,000,000 New Jobs Forecast for 1941

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Approximately 6,000,000 unemployed workers will connect with payrolls during 1941, bringing the total number unable to obtain jobs down to 2,000,000, according to the Twentieth Century Fund, an institution devoted to economic research.

Many of the jobless will not be absorbed by industry because they are in the wrong places or the wrong occupations, it was asserted.—Labor.

Logical Why is a ship always referred to as "she"?

Rear Admiral Chester W. Nimitz gave an answer to the Society of Sponsors of the United States Navy. "Because it costs so much to keep one in paint and powder," he said.

Juvenile Circles

Circle 11 Will Meet Jan. 5 at Franklin; Yule Party Success

ARCADIA, KANS.—The final and most important activity of Jolly Kansans, Circle 11, in 1940 passed with great success. That was our yuletide program which was held on Dec. 21 at Frontenac.

Circle President Henry Jelochan was master of ceremonies and Mr. Anton Shular gave a speech about our activities. Brother Shular is always ready and willing to help us, and with his help all of our affairs are successful. We also had recitations, musical numbers, singing, and a playlet. Everyone who participated did a good job.

We had a Christmas tree nicely decorated and old Santa paid us a visit in the name of the SNPJ. He gave each member who was present a gift. Refreshments were served, and then the dance followed. Our Circle hopes everyone has a very happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be held on Jan. 5, 1941, at the Franklin SNPJ Hall at 2 p. m. Let's start the New Year right by having a large attendance at the first meeting. Until next time, I am,

Fraternally yours, FANNIE GALICICH, Secretary.

Midway Circle 22 Has Busy Season; Will Continue Activity

MIDWAY, PA.—Our Juvenile Circle 22 held its annual Christmas party on Dec. 20 at the local Slovene Home. The party was a big success and the attendance was large. Of course, Santa was there with gifts for everyone present. We all had a wonderful time.

Our Circle has been very active during the past Fall and is continuing its activities during the winter. Last Fall the Circle gave two plays here and in another town. Dances are held, plays are enacted, and trips are planned. Everyone of our members enjoys these activities.

Our Circle is growing larger from meeting to meeting and each member is working hard to make it more active in various fields of endeavor. Our regular meetings are held on the last Friday of the month.

JULIA PAVLICH, Rec. Sec'y.

Junior All Star News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—This is the last report of 1940 for the Junior All Stars, Circle 4.

The two Milwaukee circles, 4 and 18, held their 3rd annual Christmas party on Dec. 21. It proved to be a wonderful evening for young and old. The highlight was the distribution of gifts by the SNPJ Milwaukee.

The Junior All Star Chorus sang five songs. The other acts were well received, especially the swell play put on by circle 18, under the direction of Mrs. Ambrosch. The program lasted till 10, when Santa gave gifts to the kiddies. After 10, dancing prevailed. The party was well attended and the public enjoyed it. I wish to thank all the workers from the English speaking lodges, and the ladies from lodge Venera who served such delicious sandwiches.

The January meeting of the Junior All Stars will be held on Saturday, Jan. 4, at 2 p. m. at Ripple's Hall. The new officers will be installed and various ideas will be discussed. Refreshments will be served and games will be played. All the members should be present.

Bob Glavan, my sister Mary, and I had the pleasure of meeting a very active young SNPJ member, formerly of Kansas, now of Detroit. Her name is Olga Knapich. Olga happened to be visiting at a friend's house, so she invited us to come and see her. We

discussed many things, especially about the Juvenile Circle she is starting in Detroit and about things in general. (Next time you visit Milwaukee, Olga, tell us sooner. We all hope your new circle succeeds. Mary, Bobby and I enjoyed your company. We hope to hear from you.)

JOHN POKLAR JR., Circle 4.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO, ILL.—On Dec. 22 at the annual meeting the following members were elected to take care of the Integrity Lodge affairs in 1941: Albert Roych, president; Augusta Di Cenzo, vice president; Michael R. Fleischhacker, secretary; Frank Lenassi, treasurer; Julius Abram, recording secretary; Rose Roych, sergeant-at-arms.

Auditing Committee: Albert Di Cenzo, chairman; John Lenassi, Helen Ken. Midwest Athletic League Committee: Louis Baffetti and Michael R. Fleischhacker. Prosveta Agent, Julius Abram. Mollie Zardoni, Manager of Juvenile Circle.

Meetings fourth Sunday of each month at 2 p. m. at 2403 W. North Ave. until further notice.

It is the duty of all members to help the officers to put over any affair sponsored for the benefit of the Lodge. We are hoping for good results in 1941.

Sis. Ann Zagor, Sis. Margaret Per, Bro. Martin Abram, and Sis. Josephine Mikottis are on the sick list. We wish them speedy recovery.

Juvenile Circle

Sis. Mollie (Konec) Zardoni is the Manager of the Circle for 1941. She pledged herself to work for the success of the Circle but all parents who have their children in the Juvenile Dept. should cooperate with her 100%. She is a hard working member and when she takes over any job, she sees to it that it is carried out. Of course, the job of managing a circle is not one person's job; in order to create something worthwhile for our Juveniles, members, you must give them a helping hand. So remember that success depends upon you also.

In 1940 the Integrity Lodge have secured 23 new members, 9 adults and 14 juveniles. This is a fair number for the size of the lodge. We hope to have even better results in 1941.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHHACKER, Secretary.

Lucky Stars Map Plans for Jan. 25 Dance

IMPERIAL, PA.—The Imperial SNPJ Lucky Stars will open their 1941 social season by sponsoring a dance in the local Slovene Hall on Saturday evening, January 25. Music by Martin Serro and his orchestra. (Sorry that this date conflicts with Burgettstown.)

December bank note winner was Tillie Tome. You can't win unless you attend the meetings. Try to be present, won't you? John Trushovic is on the sick list. Visit him and ease the time.

Every month a few new members. Not breaking any records, but getting there. The girls look swell in their new bowling outfits. If they can bowl the way they look, well—

Nice meeting so many SNPJ friends around Cleveland way. To Betty and Lou: I'll tell you more about the particular topic next time. The scribes' supper was swell, so was the gang. Thanks, Dottie, Rose and Albina.

A good subject for discussion at my meeting at this time may be, "THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SNPJ."

JAMES M. MAGLICH, Lodge 716.

EDITOR'S NOTE

BYGAN, PA., J. B.: Your letter of Dec. 23 was mailed at 3 p. m., just at the time last week's paper went to press, much too late for the Dec. 24 issue.

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A COLUMN

By MARY JUGG
NINETEEN-FORTY

This year there was no Spring.

The wild storms raged and froze the Northland;
They froze the heart of man
That he could gaze upon his brother
And say, with frosty breath,
"The freezing cold is merciful,
For freezing dulls the pain from bayonet and shell . . .
Pile high the frozen bodies for a barricade."

Then Springtime strained to raise its head;
It brought the thaws upon the land,
But could not thaw the aged ice;—
The Sun of Reason could not shine.
The muddy grounds engorged the splintered bodies—
The targets of the bombing rains.

Then wilder, yet still wilder storms
Unleashed across the lands,
Sweeping vaster, ever vaster,—
Crushing, twisting, beating, blighting
Men and homes, and all that Home has meant,
And all that Man and Woman meant,
And all that Spring has meant.—

If Man beats Spring into a pulp,
What can the year bring forth?

So, Chicago's Column

SO, CHICAGO, ILL.—The December Christmas party sponsored by South Chicago's three SNPJ lodges was a successful affair. The newly decorated, reconditioned Croatian Hall drew many favorable remarks.

As the afternoon play and stage presentations unfolded an appreciative audience applauded, laughed and enjoyed the entire program. Built around a minstrel show, each successive presentation was well received. Bro. Donald Lotrich gave an appropriate address, bringing to the many juveniles present a direct message from the SNPJ. Also, he gave encouragement to the Southside lodges to continued achievement for the Society. The "Plut triplets" rendition of Hawaiian music were another highlight of the afternoon. All in all, the entire program was well received. Sister Slobodnik, Lorraine Bresovec, and the entire cast deserve a note of commendation for the afternoon's work.

At the program's close Santa took the center of attention. Before presenting his many gifts he gave a brief talk to the SNPJ youngsters. After that a great array of fine gifts were distributed to every juvenile member present.

As no program can be had without work on somebody's part, an acknowledgment should be made of the committee and their helpers. Lodges 8, 490 and 610 provided the initiative. Members of the three lodges did the work. Chairman for the affair was Frank Kosele. Associated with him were Mary Slobodnik, Joe Kosele, Frank Gorenc, Steve Malnarich Jr., John Kosele, Mike Chandlek, Steve Malnarich Jr., and other members. To all of them the Society owes a word of appreciation.

In addition to our many Southside members present at the affair were other visitors. The Hon. William A. Rowan and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Vidar, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zalta, Mr. John Potokar and Mr. Anton Trojar were among the many present.

The Calumet Sentinels' annual meeting was better attended than many previous sessions. In the election of officers for 1941 the following were placed at the helm: Louis Kosele, pres.; Howard Elsas, vice-pres.; Krances Kosele, sec'y, Carl Bozich, treas.; Angelina Kuhel, recording secretary; Mary Kuhel, chairman; Jennie Kosele and Anne Kuhel, Delegates to Federation sessions; Steve Malnarich Sr., Rudy Kosele, Steve Malnarich Jr. and Louis Kosele. Publicity committee, Jennie and Louis Kosele. Dr. Paul Weiner was reelected as lodge physician. The meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m. at the Calumet Field House.

Bro. Rudy Kosele of the Sentinels expressed an idea at the annual meeting that should receive additional attention. The three South Chicago lodges have at times presented unitedly Christmas parties, picnics, etc. Why should not the three lodges draw up a definite set of rules and regulations to promote these mutual interests? With organization a

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greater degree of understanding, of initiative could be had in sponsoring accepted activities. The idea has healthy possibilities and should be further studied by Lodges 8, 490 and 610.

ALL THAT SORT OF THING!

This is the first holiday season spent altogether indoors. But it had its moments. When Santa came down our chimney from his pack were taken a typewriter, dresses, cigars, other gifts and a number of things for ailing Raymond. . . . Likewise, so many send such fine greetings from Ambridge, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Girard, Universal, Chicago and other points. Thanks, and best of years in 1941 to all of you. . . . Ladi Kuhel wasn't around to pick up \$5 from the Sentinels on Dec. 16 so Stanley Malnarich picked out Louis Kosele as the recipient. . . . The Carl Bozich's Christmas sock included a new Hudson. . . . Mrs. Mary Kuhel spent her holidays taking care of an ill Raymond Kosele. . . . Ben Boits from Colorado is visiting Chicago these days. . . . The Sentinels wish the best of health to Sister Cerovac. . . . Proudly displayed is a Bowen "B" on Rich Kuhel's sweater. . . . Andrew Jarokovec proved to be the ideal doorman at the Christmas party. . . . So long, until again.

LOUIS KOSELE, 610.

FDR Scorns the Scorners

Of course the republican press will sneer and declare the President has become thin-skinned but to most people willing to be fair the fact that President Roosevelt declined to attend the Washington Gridiron dinner last week should raise him several notches in their esteem.

The Gridiron club is an organization of Washington newspapermen which stages a dinner twice a year for the sole purpose of lampooning—in the presence of their employers—any public figure who may have proven distasteful to the Habbits and their Charley McCarthys. For the past eight years President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet have been held up to ridicule and contempt. For eight years the President has been a good sport. He has taken it on the chin, laughed when tears may have been close to his eyes, roared in honest appreciation of cleverness when cleverness was the foil.

This year the President had other and more serious business to administer. So he simply declined an invitation to attend the 1940 Gridiron and the little Tommy Tuckers of News, paper Row won't have an opportunity this winter to practice literary sadism on "that man in the White House" for the entertainment of those honored guests who pay the bills and spare no expense when the President is to be lambasted, ridiculed, slandered and hurt.

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Miss Margaret Lally, a visitor to the National Chemistry Exposition in Chicago, demonstrates a new mask designed to protect workers from dust particles in textiles and other plants.

Official Proceedings

SNPI FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Oct. 12

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a. m. by Chairman Petrovich. Minutes of the Sept. 14 meeting were approved.

The chairman made the following report: Mortgagor who has loan 33-J went into bankruptcy and the Society was obliged to buy back the property for the unpaid balance of the mortgage. With the back taxes and other expenses, our total investment in this property now is \$3718. He is prepared to take back the property on contract with a down payment of \$300 and balance in monthly payments of \$25 on principal. Interest at the rate of 5% is to be payable quarterly and a deed is to be delivered when one-half of the principal amount has been paid to the Society. The property is still worth about \$4500. By unanimous consent, Bro. Petrovich was authorized to proceed with this sale.

Sec'y Vider read letter he addressed to the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois regarding the possibility of investing our funds in certain communities such as Detroit, Chicago, etc., which were slightly over the mark on indebtedness, and the reply of the Insurance Department in which they quoted the law.

Upon information from other Chicago members of the Finance Committee, he called the Village Clerk at Westchester, Illinois, regarding the notice to foreclose in order to bring the village to a functioning basis. Since our investment in the Westchester Special Assessment bonds amounts to over \$24,000, and since he wanted to protect the Society's interest, Attorney Philip B. Heller was selected to represent the Society at a meeting of the Village Board which was held on October 7. Attorney Heller reported that the Village Board passed a resolution to foreclose on all delinquent taxes.

Petrovich, Lotrich and Zupan gave added information on this subject. Vider moved that we sell these Westchester bonds at 25c or better. The motion was seconded. Voting for the motion were Cankar, Olip, and Vider; opposed, Lotrich and Zupan. The motion carried.

W. Gill of Bowman and Co., Toledo, Ohio, appeared before the Committee in regard to our Tiedke Stores bonds. Because the Committee rejected an offer of 86 on these bonds, Mr. Gill, after explaining the entire situation about the property, offered about 94 for our holdings. After considerable discussion, it was unanimously agreed that we are prepared to sell these bonds at par. In the meantime, Petrovich was asked to investigate the situation and advise us further about the bonds.

Mortgagor who has loan 35-A, is six months in arrears with his interest payment. The original loan was \$2500 and in ten years the principal balance was reduced to \$2194. A motion was duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, that the borrower be instructed to make a substantial payment within thirty days and if the payment is not forthcoming, foreclosure proceedings should be instituted.

Crummer and Co. advised us that they are prepared to send an investigator to Winnett, Montana, to check over the situation regarding our holdings in that community. The expense for such an investigation would be about \$300. Other members of the Committee reported on the possible comeback of Winnett, Montana, as a growing and prosperous community. The matter was held under advisement until a later date.

A letter from Crummer and Co. advised us that Lake County, Florida, Road and Bridge District bonds of which we have \$20,000, would be refunded. The interest rates on the new bonds would be reduced to 4%. It was unanimously agreed to exchange par for par our holdings in the new issue.

A letter from Poor Publishing Co. offers their financial advisory service to our Society. The letter was filed. Loan 27-A in the original amount of \$10,000, the balance of which is only \$4750, will expire on October 30, 1940. It was unanimously agreed to allow the extension of this loan.

Loan 30-A, which original loan was \$6000 and which loan after ten years has been reduced to \$4760, is also expiring. A motion was duly made, seconded and carried, that we grant the extension if the mortgagor will pay \$200 down on principal.

Prompt Publicity in Prosveta

When writing to the Prosveta, observe the following rules:

1. The deadline for long articles is Monday and for short notices Tuesday forenoon of each week; time your letter according to distance from destination.
2. Write legibly in ink on ONE side of paper only, or type your letter, double spacing; use standard size paper (8 1/2 x 11).
3. Give full name, address and badge number; pen name may be used but the full name MUST accompany it; no anonymous contributions will be considered.
4. Unpublished articles, manuscripts, letters and pictures will not be returned.
5. The editor reserves the right in accordance with the by-laws to accept or reject any letter or article intended for publication.
6. Address all communications intended for the paper—NEVER to individuals—ALWAYS to:

PROSVETA, 281 S. LAWNDALE AVE., CHICAGO, ILL.

It was decided that Petrovich would investigate about our loan 60-J.

Lodges 6 and 669 of Sygan, Pa., sent a communication to our Committee for a possible \$12,000 loan with which they intend to construct a set of bowling alleys. The original plans call for an expenditure of \$15,500 for such alleys. After considerable discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried that on the basis of past practices, and decision of the Supreme Board, the loan cannot be granted.

Stifel-Nicolaus and Co. sent a communication regarding our Chicago Park District bonds. The communication was filed.

We have \$75,000 to invest. Investments: By a vote of 4 to 2, \$25,000 was ordered placed in Southern California Edison Light and Power 3% bonds, 1965 maturity at about 104 to yield about 2.77. Those voting for the purchase were Cankar, Lotrich, Olip and Petrovich; opposed, Vider and Zupan.

By unanimous vote, it was decided to place \$25,000 in insured savings and loan institutions.

Also, by unanimous vote, it was decided to place \$25,000 in U. S. Government 2 1/4 % bonds, 1964-66 maturity to yield about 1.95.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p. m.

Matt Petrovich, F. A. Vider,
Chairman Secretary
Donald J. Lotrich,
Recording Secretary.

American Blitzkrieg

Apparently the National Association of Manufacturers has learned a thing or two from Hitler's blitzkrieg on Britain and from now on Labor can expect a strafing from the mudgums of paid-propagandists of those who at least pay Hitler the high compliment of imitation.

Day after day and night after night the airways are filled with propaganda calculated to show that Labor is stalling the national defense program, that Labor is a war profiteer; that Labor is exploiting the U. S. housing program; and that Labor is in fact the real fifth column of Hitlerism in the U. S. A.

The radio broadcasts are supplemented with day-by-day editorial blasts against Labor in the newspapers. These editorial tirades are occasioned by doctored stories, deliberately concocted in many instances to "justify" an editorial harpooning of some union official. These stories sometimes concern what are considered exorbitant union initiation fees; sometimes the stories revolve around mythical wage scales or weekly incomes for "common laborers" who repair and install bronze roofs over Washington public buildings, or "common laborers" who construct high-voltage power lines.

The Book Carters, the Edwin C. Hills, the H. V. Kaitenboms and others—all of whom earn princely salaries for little or no efforts—delight in telling how millions are being spent by the government to house defense workers on swamp lands suddenly become valuable. They tell of seventy-five, eighty-five and ninety-five dollar-a-week laborers; of \$300 union initiation fees; of unskilled workmen getting twelve-dollar-a-day jobs provided they take out a union card. It's all blitzkrieg intended to whip the new congress into either repealing or nullifying the Wagner Labor Relations act, the Norris-La-Guardia anti-injunction law, the Walsh-Healey act, the wage and hour law and other measures enacted during the past seven years.

—A. F. Lockhart in Minn. Advocate.

Farmers, Consumers Victims of Monopolies.

How do manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers set the prices they pay each other, and the prices you pay for their products? Have businessmen been shortsighted in keeping their prices high during the depression, thus decreasing their sales, instead of lowering their prices to stimulate sales by giving consumers a "break"?

Those questions, and others like them, are answered in detail in a 419-page report published last week by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney's Monopoly Investigating Committee. Entitled "Price Behavior and Business Policy," the report was prepared under the supervision of Isador Lubin, chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, by economists and statisticians of the bureau and Harvard University.

Both businessmen and consumers will find much food for thought in this study. A few of its highlights are:

Farmer Monopoly Victim

Farmers have almost no control over the prices at which they sell their products. On the other hand, the prices of many manufactured products are controlled partially or completely, all the way from the producer to the consumer.

"Businessmen are eager to exercise control over the prices of their products." In other words, though they constantly praise "free competition," they do not really want it, and get away from it as far as they can.

The old methods of monopoly, price-fixing cartels, and "restraints of

trade" are too well known to require much attention in the report, which discussed less familiar subjects.

One of these is the so-called "fair trade laws" passed in recent years by 44 of the 48 states and by Congress in the Miller-Tydings Act.

Consumer Also Is "Goat"

These lifted the antitrust laws far enough to permit manufacturers to fix the prices at which their products must be sold by retailers. The result, according to the report, has been "rigidities in retail prices, which prevent them from being reduced freely."

That is, the consumer has been "the goat" of the "fair trade" laws and the report questions whether the manufacturers and retailers have really benefited by keeping prices so high that they limited sales.

Also of particular interest to consumers is the part of the report which tells how manufacturers, in an attempt to get away from price competition, have turned to fancy packaging, expensive advertising of fictitious qualities of their products, and other means of deceiving buyers into paying more than the products are worth.

These tricks are beyond the reach of regulation or the antitrust laws, the report says, and consumers will have to protect themselves by learning how to judge the real value behind advertising claims, "brand names" and "trade marks."

The report itself gives a wealth of information which will enable consumers to exercise better judgment and protect themselves.

For example, it lists many brands of canned vegetables, fruits, and tomato juice, comparing their "quality grades" and prices, and showing that the "B" and "C" grades are often sold for more money than the top quality "A" grade.

It also lists many drugs, comparing the price you pay for an ounce of them under their "chemical names" and under their advertised "brand names." One of these drugs, for example, can be bought for 67 cents an ounce, instead of the \$6.90 demanded for the branded kind, a saving of \$6.23.

A long list of patent medicines, cosmetics and packaged foods compares price of the advertised products with the "cost of their ingredients."

It shows that a 14-ounce package of "Ovaline" sells for 75 cents, though its ingredients cost only 10 cents; "Listerine" charges \$1 for a bottle whose ingredients cost only "a few cents," and many other advertised products have still wider margins between their cost and selling price.

—Minn. Union Advocate.

Defense Program to Make 1,527,000 More Jobs in Coming Year

The national defense program will result directly in the employment of an additional 1,527,000 workers by June 1, 1941, the National Industrial Conference Board predicts. The forecast was made on the basis of orders awarded up to November 1, 1940.

Defense work will employ approximately 4,000,000 persons next June, of which 2,440,000 will be engaged indirectly, the board said.

At the same time the board estimated unemployment in all industries dropped to 8,853,000 persons in October; or 45,000 fewer than in September. From August to September unemployment declined 900,000. The board calculated that current total unemployment should drop to 4,404,000 by next June. Allowance was made for entrance into the labor supply of about 400,000 young workers.

She Knew

A distinguished visitor to an insane asylum went to the telephone and found difficulty in getting his connection. Exasperated, he shouted to the operator:

"Look here, girl, do you know who I am?"

"No," was the calm reply, "but I know where you are."

"The Real Issue . . ."

SO. CHICAGO, ILL.—I notice in "A Column," by Mary Jugg, in Prosveta, Dec. 11, that she quotes approvingly the opinions of Ethel Kristan with regard to the recent presidential election. What she quoted was essentially a "plug" for Roosevelt as the symbol of democracy and reform.

To begin with, "A Column" quotes Mr. Kristan as admitting "that although both (Roosevelt and Willkie) were for preserving the capitalistic system, one was the symbol of social reforms within it, while the other proclaimed his sympathies for the workers at a rather late date."

In essence, this quotation surreptitiously injects a premise—the premise that improvement of the workers' condition is possible under capitalism; consequently, that the end to be sought by workers is not the abolition of capitalism. Proof that this is Mr. Kristan's fundamental premise comes in his conclusion, which was quoted to wit, "that it is now the responsibility of the workers to establish firm ground for the social progress that has been initiated."

Is it possible for workers to improve their lot under capitalism? Modern history proves that, despite the tremendous progress made by industry in the past fifty years, workers each year have been receiving less and less in proportion to what they produce. For instance, in 1890, workmen received approximately one-fifth of what they produced. Today government statistics on wages and production show the workers to be receiving less than one-seventh of what they produce—this despite all social reforms designed to improve their lot. Furthermore, considering the working class as a whole, we have Mr. Roosevelt's own assurance that one-third of the nation is ill-fed, ill-housed and ill-clothed.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Willkie enlarged on the shortcomings of capitalism. What neither mentioned was that under capitalism labor is a commodity, subject to the same laws as all commodities, namely, that the greater the supply (of labor) in proportion to demand, the cheaper the price (wages). With an army of unemployed at our backs, how can our conditions be improved?

Preserving capitalism simply means preserving our own misery and assuring our continued existence as commodities. Our job, then, is not to preserve, by reforming, capitalism, but to abolish it—whether capitalism masquerade as a democracy, as Nazism, or as Fascism.

Only one candidate in the recent election dared to expose the real issue, and that is whether or not capitalism should be preserved. John W. Aiken, candidate of the Socialist Labor Party for president, proposed that capitalism be abolished, that only with the abolition of the capitalist system could our condition as workers be improved. With Mr. Aiken I heartily agree, and with Mr. Kristan I disagree most emphatically.

RUDOLPH KOSIC, Lodge 610.

British Workers Are Champions of Democracy

Remarkable Tribute Paid to British Labor by U. S. Industrialist; Transport Workers Are Heroes

NEW YORK.—Labor's heroic role in the "Battle of Britain" brought a remarkable tribute last week from one of America's outstanding industrialists—W. L. Batt, president of S. K. F. Industries, Inc.

Batt, who is now also serving on the staff of the National Defense Advisory Commission, told the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at a meeting here that Great Britain would have gone under had it not been for the brave stand taken by Labor.

As a result, he said, workers are now really running the British government and "the social and financial aristocracy that has directed the af-

fairs of the British Empire for so long has seen its day."

Workers Saved London

"London might well have been lost during the worst days of the early air raids if the transport workers had not been willing to carry on," Batt declared.

"The British workingmen are the ones who have borne the brunt of this war's terror and in whose hands now rests the fate of the Empire. It is they, not the old leaders, who cry out: 'This war will bloody well be fought to a finish.'"

"Britain may go down, but no compromise settlement will be engineered behind their backs. Their spirit is the soul of England today—our guarantee that if we send help it will be put to the uses for which it was intended."

"They are in the saddle and when the fighting is over and Britain has won, they will remain in the saddle."

Lesson for Industry

There is a grim lesson in that experience, Batt made it clear, for the industrialists in the United States—a lesson that workers must be relied upon primarily to carry forward the defense effort, rather than those employers who constantly harass Labor.

In support of that, he approvingly quoted Ernest Bevin, British Minister of Labor, who declared: "The task of rebuilding the world has to be done by the working class."

"There, then, is a phenomenon of great importance," Batt added. "If Britain is victorious, it will be because of a new kind of leadership—a leadership of the working people—of the people who stand the brunt of the struggle—out of whose burning sacrifices has grown this epic soul."

Plan for Post-War Emergency

Batt also declared that the great industries being built up in this nation now under the defense program can be converted after the war is over into production of so vast an amount of peacetime goods as to bring record prosperity to the United States. He urged that planning for such a goal be started now.

"If we tackle this problem of post-war demobilization of industry and manpower with all the energy we are now devoting to the opposite process," he said, "we can build an economy and a standard of living the like of which the world has never dreamed of."

—M. U. A.

Pity the Poor Rich! Estates Shrinking

Here's something to worry about. The economist for a New York investment house says that big American estates are in danger "through erosion by income taxes, surtaxes and death duties."

Those unfortunates who inherit "estates of \$2,000,000 and over" may not receive any net income and may be compelled to "live entirely on principal."

According to this authority, the poor devil who has only \$1,000,000 must "spend significantly less" of his income if he hopes to have anything to pass along to posterity.

Truly shocking, but apparently there is nothing to be done about it.

An Expert

The American and the Irishman were trying to see which could tell the taller story.

Said the American: "Well, I guess this beats everything. I once knew a man in the States who could take a 20-rung ladder into a field, stand it up on end, and then walk up to the top and down again."

"Bogorrah, that's nothin' at all," replied Pat, not to be outdone. "O'know a man in Oireland who can take the same ladder into a field, stand it on end, walk up to the top and then pull it up after him."

Poverty Is Pneumonia's Ally

After a study extending over three years, Cincinnati has discovered that 65 per cent of its pneumonia victims come from slum areas, although those areas contain only 25 per cent of the population. A somewhat similar survey in 19 other cities produced substantially the same results.

Evidently pneumonia, like tuberculosis, is "a scourge of the poor." Medicine has done what it could in both fields, but its spokesmen confess they cannot win the battle unless economic conditions are so changed that slums will disappear and their unfortunate inhabitants will be assured decent housing, clothing and food.

Household Hints

Talcum powder spread on thickly and left for several hours will often remove fresh oil stains from floors.

In erecting buildings, it is usually advisable to have foundation posts of concrete or decay resistant wood, topped with metal termite and vermin shields.

Harder woods hold nails better than softer woods, though the latter are often preferred for construction purposes because of their greater ease of nailing. However, the nail-holding power of wood can be increased by changes in the surface condition of the nail, such as a "cement coating."

In building a new home, you will find that a house with rooms the standard lumber lengths is more economical to build because it eliminates waste.

It is frequently convenient for the new home owner to take advantage of built-in features such as furniture, and save some of the money he would have to pay out for furniture during the first few years of occupancy.

Two Good Liars

For about an hour a man from Denver had been boasting to an Englishman about the magnificence of the Rocky Mountains.

"You seem very proud of them," observed the Englishman.

"You bet I am," replied the man from Denver. "And I ought to be, since my ancestors built them."

The other thought this over for a few moments, and then asked, "Did you ever hear of the Dead Sea?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the man from Denver. "I know all about the Dead Sea."

"Well, did you know that my great-grandfather killed the thing?"

Best and Worst

The best day—today.
The greatest mistake giving up.
The best town—where we are located.

The most expensive indulgence—hate.

The biggest fool—he who will not learn.

The biggest secret of success—perseverance.

The stupidest and easiest thing to do—find fault.

The greatest trouble maker—the spreader of gossip.

Our best friend—he who makes us do the best we can.

The greatest comfort—knowing that you have done your work well.

Some Do

Candidate—I want to assure you, fellow citizens, that I have constantly labored in your behalf to the best of my ability.
Heckler—We know it. That's why we want an abler one.

POSTAL REGULATIONS

A SUGGESTION: Postal regulations prohibit publishing or mentioning in any way items covering raffles or games of chance, in newspapers. Papers containing this information are refused admittance to the mails. Our members will, therefore, kindly eliminate such subjects from their articles.

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Philip Godina, Manager.



CIO President Philip Murray discusses important issues with executive officers of the CIO in a meeting at Washington. Shown (seated) here are Sec. James Carey, Murray and Vice-Pres. Frank Rosenblum. Standing: Vice-Presidents Reid Robinson, S. H. Dalrymple, Emil Rieve and R. J. Thomas.