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RUSKA ARMADA PRESEKALA NEMŠKO BOJNO ČRTO

Novi bombni napadi na nacijska oporišča v Franciji

JAPONCI PRODIRAJO V INDIJO

London, 28. marca.—Ruska armada pod poveljstvom maršala Gregorija K. Žukova je prekorčila reko Dnjester in invadirala Bukovino, predvojno rumunsko pokrajino, prodrla 23 milj v južni smeri do točke, ki je oddaljena samo dve milj od Černovic, glavnega mesta Bukovine, poroča Moskva. Ogrski regiment je bil zdrobljen v bitki z Rusi.

Ruska armada je presekala nemško bojno črto na vzhodni strani Karpatskega gorovja v prodiranju proti železnici Bukarešta-Černovice-Lvov. Prvi oddelki so dospeli do ozemlja, ki je oddaljeno samo 25 milj od severne rumunske meje. Černovice so tretje največje rumunsko mesto.

Vse ozemlje v južnozpadnem kotu stare Poljske ob bregu reke Dnjester je pod rusko kontrolo. Nemška oborožena sila na ozemlju severno od Dnjestrja je v pasti in v nevarnosti uničenja.

V južnovzhodni Besarabiji, kjer se Rusi pripravljajo za prekoračenje reke Prut in udor v Rumunijo, je Moskva naznanila okupacijo mesta, ki leži enajst milj severovzhodno od Jassija, velikega rumunskega železniškega križišča na zapadnem bregu reke. Železniške proge vodijo iz Jassija v Odeso in Nikolajev, luki ob Črnem morju. Nemška posadka v Nikolajevu je obkrožena po ruski armadi, katere poveljnik je maršal Ivan S. Konev.

Neapel, Italija, 28. marca.—Zavezniki poskusi, katerih cilj je bil iztrganje Cassina iz nemških rok, so se izjalovili. To dejstvo sta priznala lista Stars & Stripes in Maple Leaf. Prvi je glasilo ameriških vojakov, drugi pa kanadskih. Oba naglašata, da so zavezniki dobili dober nauk iz operacij proti nemški sili na tej fronti.

Odmor v operacijah na obeh koncih italijanske fronte še traja. Večraj so se vršile le praske med zavezniki in nemškimi vojaškimi stražami.

London, 28. marca.—Čez dva tisoč ameriških letal in bombnikov je metalo bombe na nacijska oporišča v Franciji. Bombe so padle na Tours, železniški center, in vojaške objekte od Pas de Calais ob Biskajskem zalivu do Pirenejskega gorovja v bližini španske meje.

Napadi je sledil bombardiranju Essena, središča nemške orožne industrije, po angleških letalcih. Sodi se, da so ameriški in angleški letalci vrgli čez tri tisoč ton žažigalnih in razstreljivih bomb na Essen in nacijska oporišča v Franciji.

Zavezniki stan na Pacifiku. 28. marca.—General Douglas MacArthur poroča, da so ameriški letalci vrgli 178 ton bomb na Wapakonabe, japonsko mornariško bazo na Novi Gvineji, ki je bila drugi japonski vojaški objekt v tistem delu. Vse japonske vojaške ustanovitve, se glasi, bodo prenesene na japonsko bazo na severni strani admirala Louis Mountbattena, vrhovnega britanskega zaveznika v južni Aziji.

New Delhi, Indija, 28. marca.—Japonske čete prodirajo proti Kalkati, komunikacijskemu centru v severovzhodni Indiji, do česar so bili drugi japonski vojaški objekti ustavljeni, se glasi. Vse japonske vojaške ustanovitve, se glasi, bodo prenesene na japonsko bazo na severni strani admirala Louis Mountbattena, vrhovnega britanskega zaveznika v južni Aziji.

Turčija se upira pritisku

Vojaška misija odpotuje v London

Ankara, Turčija, 28. marca.—Negotovost glede razpleta mednarodne situacije se izraža v pisanju turških listov. List Tanin je objavil uvodnik, v katerem naglašata, da se v sedanji "živčni vojni" Turčija ne bo udala pritisku Velike Britanije za vstop v vojno na strani zaveznikov.

Skoro vsi časopisi so prinesli vest, da sta Velika Britanija in Amerika ustavili dovoz orožja v Turčijo. "Ako bodo zavezniki storili nekaj na Balkanu, nas bodo našli na njihovi strani," pravi list Tanin. "Trditve, da ne morejo storiti ničesar na Balkanu, ker se Turčija neče ganiti, je brez podlage. Turčija se neče ganiti, ker se zavezniki še niso odločili za invazijo Balkana."

Drugi listi, med temi Vatan, pravijo, da je prestiž Velike Britanije padel v Turčiji, ker izjavlja nepravilno politiko napram Poljski in Grčiji.

"Politika demokracij je naša politika," pravi list Vatan. "Turško ljudstvo, ki pozorno opazuje razplet dogodkov, se zaveda resnosti situacije. Ono je proti sklepanju paktov z onimi, ki vidijo pravico le v brutalni sili."

Nepotrjeno poročilo pravi, da bo turška vojaška misija kmalu odpotovala v London. Vest iz drugega vira, ki tudi ni potrjena, pravi, da je Franz von Papen, nemški poslanik v Ankari, zagotovil turškega zunanjega ministra, da bo Nemčija, če zavezniki ustavijo dovoz olja v Turčijo, storila vse, da nadomesti izgubo.

Trditve, da bo Turčija še nadalje čepela na plotu, ni povsem pravilna. Sedaj se še odločno upira pritisku zaveznikov in Nemčije.

Nove regulacije glede odmerkov

Datumi veljavnosti preklicani

Washington, D. C., 28. marca.—Odslej naprej bodo rdeči in plave znamke v knjižici 4 dobre za nedočen čas. Datumi poteka veljavnosti teh znamk so bili preklicani.

Chester Bowles, načelnik urada administracije cen, je naznanil nove regulacije. Dejal je, da je bila sprememba storjena z namenom, da se gospodinjam odzveze breme čuvanja, kdaj potече veljavnost rdečih in plavih znamk.

Drugi faktor, katerega pa Bowles ni omenil, je sistem, ki so ga gospodinje osvojile z izmenjavanjem znamk za "tokense", ki so vedno dobri. Trgovci so se pritoževali, da "tokensi" prihajajo v privatne roke. Spremembi ni glede vrednosti znamk. Tri rdeče znamke so vredne 30 pointov, pet plavih pa 50 pointov. V veljavno stopijo z začetkom vsakega meseca.

Stavka ustavila obrat premogovnika

Pittsburgh, Pa., 28. marca.—Medzni spor je rezultiral v ustavitvi obrata premogovnika Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. v Californiji, Pa. Sporu je sledila stavka, v kateri je prizadetih 1300 rudarjev.

Tekstilna unija zahteva zvišanje plače

New York, 28. marca.—Tekstilna unija včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, zahteva zvišanje plače. Emil Riev, predsednik unije, je dejal, da so nizke plače odgovorne za pomanjkanje delavcev v tekstilni industriji.

MURRAY ZAHTEVA ODPRAVO MEZDNE FORMULE

Garancije letnega zaslužka v povojni dobi

JEKLARSKA KOM PANIJE POSVARJENE

Washington, D. C., 28. marca.—Jeklarska unija, včlanjena v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, je utrla novo pot v ekonomiji z zahtevno glede odprave mezdne formule "malega jekla" in zvišanja plače jeklarjem za 17 centov na uro. Philip Murray, predsednik unije in CIO, je obsodil to formulo na zaslišanju pred člani vojnega delavskega odbora. Dejal je med drugim, da bo unija vztrajala pri zahtevi glede garancije delovnega tedna 40 ur in letnega zaslužka za jeklarske delavce, ko se vrnejo iz armade v civilno življenje.

Murray je govoril dve uri pred člani odbora in reprezentanti ter odvetniki jeklarskih kompanij. "V boste morali posvetiti večjo pozornost problemu uposlavitve delavcev v povojni dobi," je dejal. "Sedanji položaj in razmere, ki nastanejo po zaključitvi vojnega, bodo to zahtevale. Odgovornost je na vaši strani. Vi ne predstavljate malih korporacij, katerih vodilni interesi so v plačevanju dividend delničarjem. Javni interesi so prvi in glavni."

Glede mezdne formule je Murray dejal, da "zamrznjenje" mezd ni bil namen kongresa. Stabilizacijski zakon, sprejet v oktobru l. 1942, ne zanika delavcem pravice pritoževanja proti krivicam. Mezdna formula dovoljuje zvišanje plače le za petnajst odstotkov nad točko, ki je prevladovala v januarju l. 1941, ignorira pa problem naraščajoče dragine. Cene potrebščinam so od takrat poskočile za 45 odstotkov.

Murray je poudarjal, da ne bi nobena druga stvar bolj prispevala k splošni blaginji ameriškega ljudstva kot garancija uposlavitve, tedenskega zaslužka ali letnih dohodkov onim, ki delajo v ameriških industrijah. Vlada garantira cene farmarjem, profite korporacijam in morala bo garantirati tudi letni zaslužek delavcem.

Možnost nemške okupacije Finske

Nov razplet dogodkov na vidiku

Stockholm, Švedska, 28. marca.—Cenzurirana poročila iz Helsinka kažejo možnost novega razvoja v vojaškem in diplomatičnem oziru na Finskem. Nekateri švedski krogi slutijo, da bo Finsko zadela ista usoda kot je Ogrska, ki je prišla pod kontrolo nemške oborožene sile. Nemška okupacija Finske bo morda odrejena pod pretežno ojačanja vojaških posadk v finskih pokrajinah.

List Svenska Dagbladet piše na podlagi dobljenih informacij o intenzivnih vojaških in diplomatičnih aktivnostih na Finskem, čeprav vlada v Helsinku molči. Pričakujejo se dogodki, ki bodo presenetili ves svet.

Očitno je, da se nemško poveljstvo boji ruskega sunka. Vsa poročila govore, da nemške čete prihajajo v Turku in Hanko in pristanišna mesta ob Finskem zalivu. Švedska vlada, ki se je nedavno silno trudila v naporih, da pridobi Finsko za sprejetje ruskih mirovnih pogojev, pozorno zasleduje razvoj.

Domače vesti

Nova grobova v Minnesoti. Ely, Minn.—Umrl je Jacob Chepelnik, star 49 let. Tu je bival 32 let. Druge podrobnosti niso znane.—V bolnišnici v Duluthu je umrla Madelina Radich, stara 21 let in rojena v Hibbingu. Zapuščica mater, štiri brate in tri sestre.

Na dopustu. Indianola, Pa.—Na dopustu v Harmarvillu se nahaja mornar John Zorch, ki služi pri mornari. To je njegov prvi dopust po 18 mesecih.—Na dopustu v Oakmontu je saržent Bill Sorch, ki služi v armadi že tri leta. Ves ta čas se je nahajal v coni Panamskega prekopa.

Iz Clevelanda. Cleveland, O.—Po težki bolezni je umrl Rudolph Pucel, star 66 let in doma iz Sodražice, po domače Hostarjev. V Ameriki je bival od leta 1895. Zapuščica žena, šest sinov, tri hčere, tri vnuke in enega brata.

Nov grob v Chicagu. Chicago.—V okrajni bolnišnici je umrl Matija Perič. V bolnišnici ni bil dolgo, bil pa je prej bolan doma precej časa.

Odstop ministra Edena napovedan

Konflikt s premierjem Churchillom

London, 28. marca.—Diplomatični krogi napovedujejo, da bo zunanji minister Anthony Eden resigniral pod pritiskom onih, ki se ne strinjajo z njegovo politiko. Nobenega dvoma ni, da je vprašanje odstranitve Edena iz Churchillovega kabineta prišlo v ospredje. Elementi, ki zasledujejo gotove cilje, se ne strinjajo z njim.

Edenovi tovariši in prijatelji trdijo, da je preveč zaposlen. On mora opravljati dolžnosti kot zunanji minister, vodja parlamenta in član vojnega kabineta. Poročila iz zanesljivih virov trdijo, da je nastal konflikt med Edenom in Churchillom zaradi problemov, kakršni je priznanje odbora za osvoboditev Francije, čigar načelnik je general Charles de Gaulle. Eden je za popolno priznanje tega odbora, dočim je Churchill proti. Slednji ima oporo pri predsedniku Rooseveltu in državnemu tajniku Hullu.

Položaj francoskega odbora je eno izmed spornih vprašanj med Edenom in Churchillom. Trdi se, da ni soglasja med njima glede stališča napram konfliktu med poljsko ubežno vlado in sovjetsko Rusijo. To je povezano z ureditvijo bodoče meje med Poljsko in Rusijo. Edenu priznavajo poštenost in vodstvo zunanje politike.

Strogo izvajanje protitrustrnega zakona

Washington, D. C., 28. marca.—Wendell Berge, pomožni federalni justični tajnik, je dejal, da se Shermanov protitrustrni zakon prvič strogo izvaja, odkar je bil sprejet. "Brezbriznost" s strani federalne vlade je omogočila koncentracijo ekonomske sile v rokah male skupine ljudi do l. 1933," je rekel Berge. "Razbijanje trustov se je začelo v večjem obsegu pred dvema letoma."

Kršenje zakonov proti otroškemu delu

Springfield, Ill., 28. marca.—Francis B. Murphy, državni delavski direktor, je priznal, da dobiva pritožbe zaradi kršenja zakonov proti otroškemu delu. Odbor za zaščito otrok je opozoril Murphya, da je bilo državnemu departmentu prijaviženih 126 slučajev kršenja teh zakonov in da ni bila odrejena nobena akcija.

MOBILIZACIJA FAŠISTIČNE ARMAD SE IZJALOVILA

Neznatno število Mussolinijevih pristavev na fronti

ITALIJANI V NEMŠKIH UNIFORMAH

Fronta pete armade v Italiji, 28. marca.—Bahasha napoved, da bo Mussolini mobiliziral močno fašistično armado in da bo ta pomagala Nemcem v operacijah proti zaveznikom, se ni uresničila. Ameriške in britske čete so prvič naletele na Italijane, boreče se na strani Nemcev, na rimski fronti. Ti so bili padalci, ki pa niso bili v akciji kot separatna enota pod svojo zastavo.

Značilno je, da so ti Italijani, ki so ostali lojalni Mussoliniju, nosili nemške uniforme in bili pod poveljstvom nemških častnikov. Le delovni bataljoni, ki kopljejo jarke ali so uposleni pri prevažanju orožja, pomagajo Nemcem v večjem obsegu. Člani teh nosijo napise "Deutschland Wehrmacht" (nemška armada) na rokavih. Ti so bili, kot se zdi, rekrutirani za armado črnosrajčnikov, katero naj bi tvorili Mussolinijevi bataljoni za dejansko bojevanje proti zaveznikom. Taka armada je imela biti mobilizirana v nekaj dneh potem, ko so Nemci osvobodili Mussolinija in po formiranju republikanske fašistične vlade, v kateri je maršal Rodolfo Graziani dobil pozicijo vojnega ministra.

Nekoč so trdili, da se je 50,000 fašistov pripravilo za vstop v armado. Okrog 20,000 izmed teh je bilo poslanih v Nemčijo, da se izvezbajo, drugi pa so ostali v Italiji, kjer so nadlegovali svoje rojake, če so demonstrirali svoje simpatije napram zaveznikom in sovraštvo napram nacijem.

Američani in Angleži so upali, da jim bo dana prilika za boj s fašisti, toda upanje se ni izpolnilo. Mislili so, da bodo poslani v akcijo, toda feldmaršal Kesselring je moral potegniti nemške divizije iz Francije in jih zagnati v boj proti zaveznikom. Nobena tajnost ni, da Nemci prav tako sovražijo Italijanske fašiste kot protifašiste.

Požar v hotelu zahteval 21 žrtev

San Francisco, Cal., 28. marca.—Najmanj 21 oseb je izgubilo življenje, čez 30 pa je dobilo težke opekline v požaru, ki je nastal v hotelu Amsterdamu danes zjutraj. Gasilski načelnik Albert J. Sullivan je dejal, da bo mnogo izmed onih, ki so dobili opekline, umrlo. Mnenje prevladuje, da je bil ogenj podtakten.

Ogrska plača stroške vzdrževanja nemške armade

London, 28. marca.—Poročilo iz Berna, Švica, pravi, da je ogrska lutkarska vlada prevzela stroške vzdrževanja nemške armade, ki je okupirala deželo. Vlada je označila okupacijo za nemško vojaško pomoč Ogrski.

Kallay dobil zavetje v turškem poslaništvu

Istanbul, Turčija, 28. marca.—Nicholas Kallay, ki je bil odstranjen kot predsednik ogrske vlade, je dobil zavetje v turškem poslaništvu v Budimpešti. On se je zatekel v poslaništvo, ko so nemške čete okupirale Ogrsko.

Baze za Ameriko na Pacifiku

Diskuzije o dominaciji v Londonu

London, 28. marca.—Garancija Ameriki glede dominacije Pacifika v obliki otoških baz bo predmet razgovorov, ki se prično v Londonu, ko pride tja ameriški pomožni državni tajnik Edward R. Stettinius. Razgovorov se bo udeležil tudi Joseph C. Grew, bivši ameriški poslanik v Tokiju.

Stettinius bo imel podatke o raziskavi otoških baz na Pacifiku, katero je pred enim letom odredil senatni odsek za mornarične zadeve. Razprave v Londonu se bodo nanašale ne samo na vprašanje dominacije baz, temveč tudi na ekonomske in politične probleme zaveznikov, osištih in nevtralnih držav.

Možnost je, da se bodo razgovori nanašali na povojne meje evropskih držav, ki bodo začrtane po članih zaveznikovih komisij. Značilno je naznanilo, da bo Stettinius spremljal dr. Isaiah Bowman, predsednik univerze Hopkins, Rooseveltov svetovalec in vodilni ameriški geograf. Druga vprašanja, ki bodo predmet diskuzij, so:

Status Badoglijeve vlade po okupaciji Rima.

Obnovitev naporov, da se Turčija postavi na stran zaveznikov.

Status odbora za osvoboditev Francije po zaključitvi vojne.

Postopanje napram satelitnim državam osišt.

Poučeni britski krogi trdijo, da se bodo diskuzije vršile na široki podlagi o vseh vprašanjih, katere je vojna potisnila na površje.

Pomanjkanje delavcev v industrijah

Produkcija orožja in streliva zavrta

Washington, D. C., 28. marca.—Donald M. Nelson, načelnik odbora za vojno produkcijo, je objavil poročilo, v katerem naglašata pomanjkanje delavcev v nekaterih industrijah, ki so udeležene v produkciji vojnega materiala.

Pomanjkanje je nastalo zaradi vpoklica velikega števila mladih delavcev v vojaško službo. Nelson naglašata v poročilu, da je produkcija orožja, streliva in drugega materiala padla v februarju v primeri s prejšnjim mesecem.

"Ne morem dovolj poudariti, da postaja problem pomanjkanja delavcev v vojnih industrijah resen," pravi Nelson. "Treba bo storiti potrebne korake v tem oziru, da se zadosti potrebam oborožene sile."

Vladna kontrola industrij v povojni dobi

Washington, D. C., 28. marca.—Donald M. Nelson, načelnik odbora za vojno produkcijo, je dejal, da bo morala vlada kontrolirati industrije nekaj mesecev po zaključitvi vojne, ko jih bo treba preurediti za produkcijo civilnih potrebščin. Vse industrije bodo dobile priliko, da si zagotove obstoj v mirnem času. Nelson je dejal, da bo vzel najmanj šest mesecev po zlomu Nemčije za obnovo produkcije civilnih potrebščin.

Grški gerilci ustanovili odbor

Kairo, Egipt, 28. marca.—Pogajanja v grških hribov so rezultirala v ustanovitvi političnega odbora petih članov, ki bo vodil kampanjo za formiranje koalicijske vlade. Za načelnika odbora je bil izbran polkovnik E. Bakirdiz, vodja največje grške gerilske grupe, ki se bori proti nemški okupacijski sili.

VAŽEN ODLOK FEDERALNEGA VRHOVNEGA SODIŠČA

Ustavnost kontrole stanarine in cen potrjena

RAZSODBA V PRILOG RUDARJEM

Washington, D. C., 28. marca. Federalno vrhovno sodišče je potrdilo oblast urada administracije cen v zadevah kontrole stanarine in cen z osmini proti nemu glasu. Z večino se ni strinjal samo sodnik Roberts.

Odlok pravi, da ima urad oblast kontrole cen in stanarine na podlagi v kongresu sprejetega zakona. Kongres ni šel preko federalne ustave s sprejetjem tega zakona.

Vrhovno sodišče je s tem razveljavilo odlok distriktnega sodišča v Georgiji, da je zakon glede kontrole cen in stanarine neustaven. Vrhovno sodišče je s tem potrdilo obsodbo Alberta Yakusa in Benjamina Rottenberga, trgovcev z mesom v Bostonu, Mass. Oba sta bila spoznana za kriva kršenja regulacij, ker sta prodajala meso po višjih cenah.

Z drugim odlokom je vrhovno sodišče potrdilo, da so rudarji, uposleni v rudnikih železa, upravičeni do plače "od vrat do vrat," za čas, ki ga potrebujejo, ko grejo na delo in odhajajo z dela. Odlok se aplicira na rudarje, uposlene v trinajstih rudnikih Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co. in Republic Steel Co. v okraju Jeffersonu, Ala.

Odlok je važen, ker se bo končno apliciral tudi na rudarje, ki delajo v premogovnikih. Voditelji rudarske unije United Mine Workers of America in operatorji so se že prej sporazumeli glede vključenja provizije, ki določa "plačo od vrat do vrat", v pogodbo. Ta je zdaj pred vojnim delavskim odborom in pričakuje se, da jo bo odobril. Zadevni odlok je bil sprejet s sedmimi proti dvema glasovoma. Večina članov vrhovnega sodišča je izjavila, da je provizija v soglasju z določbami mezdournega zakona.

Amerika jači svojo mornarico

Dvanajst parnikov zgrajenih dnevno

Washington, D. C., 28. marca.—Mornarični tajnik Frank Knox je na sestanku s časniki izjavil, da ameriške ladjedelnice zgrade povprečno dvanajst parnikov dnevno poleg pomožnih ladjic. Problem, ki dela preglaivice, je moštvo.

Konferenca se je udeležil tudi podadmiral Randall Jacobs, načelnik biroja mornaričnega osebja. On je dejal, da bo Amerika potrebovala skoro pol milijona častnikov in mornarjev za službo na parnikih. Skupno število častnikov in mornarjev ob koncu tega leta bo značalo okrog 3,700,000.

"Maksimalna stopnja v obsegu ameriške pomorske sile bo dosežena v prihodnjem letu," je rekel Jacobs. "Amerika je imela v januarju l. 1942 913 parnikov, sedaj pa jih ima 4274."

Meja med Turčijo in Sirijo zaprta

London, 28. marca.—Po nacijskih kontrolirani radiopostaja v Vichyju, Francija, poroča, da je bila meja med Turčijo in Sirijo zaprta, "ker so v teku vojaški manevri." Poročilo ne omenja, na kateri strani meje se vrše manevri.

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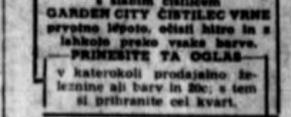
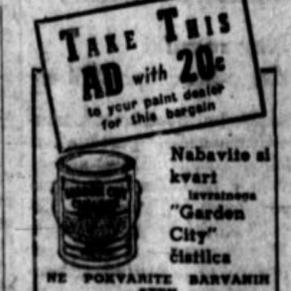
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Na cvetno nedeljo...

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Na cvetno nedeljo, 6. aprila 1941, so zabrnili nad pomladno Slovenijo težki nemški bombardirni letalci...

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Toda trpljenje velikega petka se nadaljuje z vsemi grozotami, kot ga je napovedal v svoji pesmi Alojz Gradnik:

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Taka je triletna usoda tvoje in moje rodne zemlje. Kaj sva napravila za to trpečo in umirajočo slovensko grudo?

Morebiti sva se v svoji domišljavi pameti sporekla, da bo naša pomoč malo pomagala. Zelo malo bo pomagala, če bova "česnala"...

Morebiti se pripravava, komu bova dala? Ali naj bo deležen najine podpore oni, ki se vzdignil golo pest proti sovražniku slovenske zemlje...

Toda eno je gotovo, da se večina našega naroda bori na svoji zemlji za povrnitev svobode in demokracije.

Jugoslovanski pomožni odbor, slovenska sekcija, je to že izrazilo v svojih pravilih in izjavah, katere je izdal v teku zadnjih treh let.

V nedeljo, 2. aprila, na cvetno nedeljo, priredi lokalni odbor št. 2 JPO-SS v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju v Clevelandu, Ohio...

Kdor čuti z nesrečno domovino, bo tam, ako ne bo imel tehtnega zadržka. Kdor iz malomarnosti ne mara priti, ta je obudil svoj narod v domovini...

Spet prihaja vigred v tužno, je, da se ura osvoboditve podjarmljenih slovenskih in jugoslovanskih krajev čedalje hitreje približuje.

Johnstown, Pa. — Vabim članstvo društva Triglav 82 SNPJ, da se v polnem številu udeležite prihodnje seje 9. aprila.

Edaj, brat in sestra, bova pa odgovarjala midva, kaj sva napravila za te trpine v rodni slovenski zemlji.

Društvene vesti

Cleveland, O. — Članstvo društva Naprej št. 5 SNPJ je vabljeno, da se v obilnem številu udeleži redne mesečne seje, ki se vrši v nedeljo, 2. aprila.

Bridgeport, O. — Pozivam članstvo 13 SNPJ, da se v polnem številu udeležite redne seje v nedeljo, 2. aprila.

Beulah, O. — Iz urada tajnika bridgeportske federacije SNPJ se službeno naznanja, da se vrši prihodnja seja federacije 23. aprila.

To bo zadnja seja teh postojank pred priredbo. Zato naj vsa društva pošljejo svoje zastopnike, da uredimo vse potrebno.

Prosimo tudi članstvo društva 13, da se odzove pozivu uprave Prosvete, kateri prejmete več tednikov, da jih odstopite, dokler bo trajalo pomankanje tiskovnega papirja.

Detroit, Mich. — Članstvu društva Sunce za Istoka 711 SNPJ želimo dati na znanje godišnji račun za 1943 kako sledi:

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u 1942, jer smo za istu godinu uplatili SNPJ svotu \$2.234.26, a primili smo iz fonda bolne podpore od jednote \$74.50.

Glede društvene aktivnosti i kampanje za novo članstvo i pomladka, naše društvo ne vrši svoje dužnosti kao što niti mnoga druga društva, no, ali ove 40. jubilarne kampanje treba da se i mi sjetimo svoje dužnosti u pridobivanju novoga članstva.

Za vse gornje manjkavosti u društvenem radu, po zaključju sjeđnice 19. marca pozivlje se cjelokupno članstvo na aprilsku sjeđnicu na kojoj ćemo imati opširniju diskuziju o kampanji kao i podizanju društvene blagajne.

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Obenem apeliram na članstvo, da pridno sežete po vstopnicah, ki so že v razprodaji in so po 50c. Dolžnost vsakega člana je, da jo kupi in tudi pride na veselico.

Frank Chuchek, tajnik.

Federacije SNPJ

Čikaška federacija preločila jednotino proslavo na jesen

Chicago. — Naznanjam članstvu društve, ki spadajo k čikaški federaciji, kakor tudi ostalemu članstvu SNPJ v Chicagu in okolici, da je pripravilni odbor za proslavo jednote 40-letnice, ki bi se imela vršiti 9. aprila.

Apeliram na zastopnike k federaciji pridruženih društve, ki se udeležijo prihodnje federacijske seje, ki se vrši v četrtek zvečer, 30. marca v navadnih prostorih.

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Bratje in sestre, vsaka seja naše federacije je bila do zdaj velikega pomena za članstvo in jednoto.

Torej veže bratska dolžnost vsa društva v tem okrožju, da gotovo pošljejo svoje zastopnike na sejo, če so pridružena ali ne.

Torej še enkrat apeliram na vsa društva v tem okrožju, da skrbite, da bodo gotovo zastopana na tej važni seji. Vsi vemo, da so v teh kritičnih časih težkoče s transportacijo, ampak enkrat vsake štiri mesece se spodobi, da žrtvuemo nekaj ur časa naši federaciji.

St. Louis, Mo. — Prosim vse zastopnike društev SNPJ, spajajoča k centralno-illinoiski federaciji, da se takoj zglašite pisмено, ako je vaša želja, da bi imeli federacijsko sejo 30. aprila v St. Louisu.

Ciril Medved, 6007 Gravois ave., St. Louis, 16, Mo.

Predsednikova kolona

Jednota nas kliče. Prihodnji teden poteče 40 let, odkar je bila ustanovljena SNPJ.

njenega rojstva izide posebna slavnostna številka Prosvete, na katero že sedaj opozarjamo. V tej izdaji bo kratek opis zgodovine jednote ter mnogo drugih podatkov v zvezi z njenimi aktivnostmi.

V važnem jubilejnem letu se torej nahajamo in jednota nas zove, da dobro to obletnico proslavimo. Spodobi se, da bi ob tako važni obletnici imeli veliko slavnostnih prireditev.

Te dni smo spet prejeli pismo, ki je vredno, da se omeni in bo morda tudi kaj pomagalo k boljšemu uspehu naše kampanje.

Prav lepo in iz srca se zahvaljujemo glavnemu izvršnemu odseku SNPJ, ki nam je priskočil na pomoč z nakazanjem lepe vsote iz sklada za izredne podpore.

Ako so agenti "insurance" uspešni med našimi ljudmi, bi morali biti naši agitatorji toliko bolj. Kajti mi imamo boljše zavarovanje kot ga nudijo zavarovalne družbe, poleg zavarovalnin in rednih podpor pa še razne izredne podpore, ki jih ne najdete pri "insurance" in nikjer drugod.

Imamo še eno znamenito obletnico pred seboj. Ravno kar je tri leta od tega, kar je vstalo jugoslovansko ljudstvo v starem kraju in se uprlo Hitlerju ter strlo svojo lastno vlado.

Naše ljudstvo je smatralo tako pogodbo za izdajalsko početje in dasi je vedelo, da nima opravka samo s svojo vlado, temveč s silno močnim in krutim sovražnikom, kateremu se ne bo moglo dolgo upirati.

Da—narod je vstal in mi smo ponosni! Močna ljudska volja je prišla do pravega izražanja in demokracija se je uveljavila! Iz zdravega jedra v ljudstvu so se razvili novi, napredni voditelji in mi se tega radujemo!

Sploštvano se ob tretji obletnici spominjamo velike narodne revolucije ter težkih žrtve, ki jih naši bratje in sestre v starem kraju doprinašajo v boju za svobodo in rešitev vse od tedaj.

V. CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

Društvene priredbe

Veselica društva 265 Southview, Pa. — Naše društvo zdrami se trpin 265 SNPJ je sklenilo na zadnji seji, da priredi veselico 15. aprila.

Torej vabimo vse mlade in stare iz bližnjih naselbin, kakor tudi vse one, ki radi plečejo, ker godbo bomo imeli prvovrstno. Igral bo dobro znani Paul Dolinar iz Libaryja poskočne komade.

Chicago. — Sporocam članom društva Narodnih vitezov 39 SNPJ, da smo najeli jednotno dvorano za našo domačo zabavo, ki se vrši 20. maja v korist društvene blagajne.

Na tej prirdbi bomo oddali tudi vojni bond v korist naših članov-vojakov, katerih imamo že 19 v službi Strica Sama.

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Na delo za uspešno kampanjo!

Jubilejna kampanja SNPJ ob priliki njene 40-letnice se začne v soboto, dne 1. aprila. Trajala bo osem mesecev—do 30. novembra 1944.

Področnosti o kampanji so bile objavljene v Prosveti pred dvema tednoma. Vsakemu društvu je določena kvota, gotovo število novih članov, katero nar skuša doseči v svojem kraju. To pa ne pomeni, da društva ne smejo prekoračiti svoje kvote; določena kvota je le minimum v številu novih članov, ki naj ga posamezna društva skušajo doseči. Za število novih članov ni torej nobene mese, zato imajo društva vso pravico, da pridobijo čim več novih članov v obo oddelki.

Vodstvo kampanje bo pričelo rezultate o poteku kampanje tedensko, čim se kampanja razmahne. Iz teh tedenskih poročil bo razvidno, kaj delajo društva in posamezni člani ter članice v tej kampanji, tako da bo splošno članstvo imelo pred seboj jasno sliko o napredku kampanje.

Kampanjske nagrade so dokaj privlačne in članom so vsi zavedni detajli še znani. Sedaj je glavno to, da gredo vsi bratje in sestre, ki želijo jednolično ob njenem štiridesetletnem jubileju pridobiti čim več novih članov, takoj na agitacijo!

Poskrbimo, da bo vsako društvo doseglo svojo kvoto še v prvih mesecih kampanje, nakar bo imelo priliko prekoračiti svojo kvoto in s tem dobilo dodatne nagrade.

Pomožimo vrste SNPJ s novimi člani v obo oddelki! To bo najlepše darilo članstva SNPJ k njenemu letošnjemu jubileju!

Najnovejša ustanova SNPJ

Med najnovejše ustanove v okviru SNPJ spadajo naši mladinski krožki, ki poslujejo v raznih nasebinah pod vodstvom enotnih društev že šesto leto. V tej relativno kratki dobi so te naše mladinske celice s svojimi številnimi aktivnostmi jasno izpričale, da je njihov obstoj vitalnega pomena za napredek jednote.

Ideja za ustanovitev te mlade veje pri debilu SNPJ, ki se je porodila pred šestimi leti, je postala meso in kri na 10. redni konvenciji v Clevelandu leta 1937. Na tej konvenciji je bilo zaključeno, da krajevna društva lahko ustanove mladinske krožke in v ta namen je bil sestavljen poseben program, ki se je izkazal za praktično podlago naše nove ustanove.

Prvi odmev za organiziranje mladinskega krožka je prišel iz Walsenburga, Colorado, kjer so člani društva št. 299 SNPJ na iniciativno br. Edwarda Tomšiča, distriktnega podpredsednika SNPJ, v marcu leta 1938 ustanovili prvi mladinski krožek naše jednote. S tem je bil led prebit in v naslednjih mesecih so temu zgledu sledile druge nasebine. Walsenburgski krožek je ves ta čas od svoje ustanovitve stal med najaktivnejšimi in je za svoje delo odnesel že lepo število nagrad v raznih kontestih.

Danes imajo nekatere nasebine po dva krožka, na primer Milwaukee, Cleveland, Chicago in Strabane. V Kansasu imajo živahen krožek pod okriljem tamkajšnje federacije in pod vodstvom br. Antona Šularja, predsednika gl. porotnega odseka SNPJ, medtem ko vršita slično delo v Evelethu, Minnesota, ses. Ursula Ambrožič, distriktna podpredsednica SNPJ in ses. Lillian Bundič, dočim vršijo ta posel v Milwaukeeju br. Frank Puncer, br. Joseph Fritz, ses. Marge Golob in ses. Helen Ambrožič, v Girardu, Ohio, br. Frank Rezek, v Waukeganu ses. Christine Stritar, v Clevelandu ses. Marian Adams in Marge Jerič, v Chicagu pa ses. Anne Sannemann in br. M. Fleischacker. Če pogledamo v Penno, vidimo, da v Strabanu to delo vršijo br. John Zigman, ses. Justina Sedmak, ses. Mary Podboy in ses. Yarkosky, v Sharonu ses. Frances Novak, v Roundupu, Mont., ses. Lea Oset in v New Yorku ses. Jennie Padar in ses. Rose Mateković. Poleg teh so še drugi, ki se udeležujejo v mladinskih krožkih.

Izmed 51 mladinskih krožkov je okrog 35 aktivnih, ostali pa valed pomanjkanja voditeljev le životarjajo. Njihov bodoči obstoj je odvisen od odraslih članov, ki so zmožni in imajo voljo, da to važno delo vršijo.

V Pennsylvaniji ima naša jednota 10 krožkov, kajti Penna je še vedno hrbtenica SNPJ po številu članstva in društev. V Ohiju je šest krožkov, v Coloradu štiri, v Illinoisu tri, dočim imata državi Wisconsin in New York vsaka po dva. Po en krožek imajo države Kansas, West Virginia, Minnesota, Montana in Indiana.

Ta kratek, nepopolen pregled je namenjen v vzpodbudo tistim našim aktivnim članom, ki posvečajo obilo svojega prostega časa in energije napredku naših mladinskih krožkov, ki so za napredek naše jednote velikega pomena.

Zivahnost in aktivnost naših mladinskih krožkov se najbolj odraža v številnih prispevkih, ki redno napolnjujejo kolone Mladinskega lista in Prosvete. Da je to polje med našo mladino že dobro pripravljeno za bodoči razvoj krožkov, se jasno vidi iz številnih aktivnosti. Vzgoja, ki jo naša mladina dobi v krožkih, je neprecenljiva korist za našo jednoto. Tega se žavedajo vsi, ki želijo, da jednota raste in napreduje—in teh je na tisoče!

Največja zapreka za uspešno delo krožkov je—pomanjkanje večjih in voljnih moči. Upanje postoji, da se bo v tem pogledu veliko izboljšalo, čim se vrnejo mirni časi. Vsi oni, ki želijo dobiti informacije o ustanavljanju krožkov, naj se obrnejo na gl. urad SNPJ in br. Michael Vrhovnik, mladinski direktor, jim bo z veseljem ustregel.

Poskrbimo, da bomo ob 40-letnici SNPJ utrdili in poživili mladinske krožke ter da ji bomo pridobili mnogo novih članov!

Glasovi iz
nasebin

Kako je pri društvu 407

Windsor Heights, W. Va. — Večkrat berem v Prosveti, da je malo časa za pisanje, ker je vse tako zaposleno. Tako je tudi v tej okolici, vse dela, mlado in stari, ali mladih ni več veliko in jih bo še manj kot vse izgleda.

Tako je prizadeto tudi naše društvo 407 SNPJ. Do sedaj je že deset naših članov v vojaški službi. Od teh dva še nista bila na dopustu, dasi je minilo že več kot dve leti, odkar sta šla od doma. To sta J. Mesar in moj sin Martin. Prvi se nahaja na Havajih, moj sin pa v Novi Gvineji. Zadnjič nam je pisal, ako ne bo kaj posebnega, se vidimo v tem letu.

Kot v prejšnjih kampanjah se naše društvo pripravljata tudi na jubilejno, ki se prične 1. aprila, da pridobimo nekaj novih članov. Torej vsi na agitacijo!

Kot slišim, se iz naše nasebine več članov namerava udeležiti priredbe za pomožno in politično akcijo za stari kraj, ki se vrši 15. aprila v društveni dvorani na Boydsavillu. Vstopnice za našo nasebino se dobe pri meni.

Prihodnja seja bridgeportske federacije SNPJ se vrši v nedeljo, 23. aprila ob dveh popoldne na Boydsavillu v društveni dvorani. Ker bo seja zelo važna, apeliram na društva, da pošljejo svoje zastopnike.

Frank Kolenc, 407.

Kampanja in proslava jubileja SNPJ

Girard, O. — Meseca aprila poteče 40 let, odkar je bila ustanovljena SNPJ. Da se čim bolj počasti ta važna obletnica, je glavni odbor zaključil, da se priredi kampanja za nove člane v obo oddelki in določene so tudi lepe nagrade.

Torej je nas vseh dolžnost, da skušamo poagilirati v prilog te kampanje in za počastitev 40-letnice jednote. Seveda moramo gledati, da pridobimo v organizaciji dobre člane, ne oziraje se na nagrado, češ, da je za dobitve nagrade važno le število.

Pri nas v Girardu bomo skušali proslaviti enotni jubilej čim bolj pomembno. Ne vemo, kak bo uspeh, ker tukaj je že polje precej izpraznjeno za nove člane. Društvu Golden Eagles se mogoče posreči dobiti več novih članov, ker oni imajo več prilike na tem polju, posebno med drugimi, angleško govorečimi narodni. Kot sem že prej omenil, gledati moramo na karakter prošilca, ne pa na par dolarjev nagrade.

Na iniciativo društva Golden Eagles bomo proslavili 40-letnico jednote z veselico, to je obe društvu skupaj, št. 49 in 643. Ta naša proslava se vrši v soboto zvečer, 8. aprila v Slovenskem domu. Ni mi še znano, kak bo program, ker posebni odbor je še na delu, da ga pripravi za to važno slavnost.

Seveda smo v izrednih časih in pripravljamo odbor ima veliko skrbi, če mu bo mogoče preskrbeti vse potrebno, ker je vse na odmerke. Kolikor se veselice tiče, je odbor že gotov, da bo imel vse v redu, tudi pričakuje veliko udeležbo s strani članov obeh društev. Seveda odbor vabi tudi članstvo drugih enotnih društev iz okolice.

Torej—bratje in sestre, ne izgovarjajte se, češ, jaz moram na delo v soboto zvečer ali v nedeljo zjutraj in ne morem na veselico. Tak izgovor velja le za nekatere, ne pa za veliko večino. Pomisliti moramo, ko smo pred par leti imeli naše mlade fante med nami, so bili zelo pridni na veselicah in nekateri so bili tudi večkrat v veselicnem odboru. Sedaj in teh fantov med nami, pač pa so v oboženi sili — od obeh društev jih imamo 48 pri vojaki.

Torej je sedaj nas starejših članov dolžnost, da jih nadomestimo pri delu in na veselici. Naj se nihče ne izgovarja, češ, drugi dan moram na delo in se mi ne ljubi. Le korajžjo, saj nismo še tako priletni. Samo odločiti se je treba in gre. Tudi s finančnega stališča ne more biti izgovora, kajti večkrat se zatečemo v razne lokale, kjer plačujemo ode-

ruške cene, toda drugi dan gremo na delo. Torej žrtvujemo tudi par dolarjev za svoje društvo in dobili bomo več z boljše postrežbe.

Apeliram na naše člane, zlasti na one, ki se ne udeležujejo sej, da posetijo to važno priredbo. Ako pa je res kdo, da se ne more odzvati, bi bilo priporočljivo, kadar plača svoj assessment, da kupi tudi vstopnico, ki stane 50c. Na ta način se bo vsaj malo žrtvoval za svoje društvo.

Torej na velikonočno soboto zvečer vsi na proslavo 40-letnega jubileja Slovenske narodne podporne jednote, ki se vrši v Slovenskem domu pod okriljem društev 49 in 643. Vabljeni je tudi ostalo občinstvo iz Girarda in okolice. Igral bo Peršinov orkester iz Warrens.

John Tancek.

O društvu in drugem.

Aguilar, Colo. — Ker je bila zadnja seja društva 381 SNPJ zelo slabo obiskana, smo sklenili, da povabimo vse člane na prihodnjo seja, ki se vrši 9. aprila. Torej ste prošeni vsi, da se gotovo udeležite, ker na dnevnem redu bomo imeli več važnih zadev.

Prva stvar je, kako bomo proslavili 40-letnico naše jednote. Druga stvar je, ali bomo proslavili 25-letnico našega društva, ki je bilo ustanovljeno 25. maja 1919. (Sedaj smo še trije člani, ki smo ustanovili društvo: George Preskar st., John Kebe in podpisani.) Tretja stvar pa je, ali bomo proslavili petletnico krožka št. 20, ki je bil ustanovljen meseca aprila 1939.

Torej pridite vsi na seja druko nedeljo v aprilu ob pol desetih zjutraj v Mestno dvorano, da bomo mogli rešiti glede teh važnih obletnic.

Omenim naj, da imamo dva težko pobita bolnika. Prvi je Steve Jelenich, ki mu je pri delu v pregovoru zlomilo nogo pod kolehom 29. dec. 1942. Sedaj zdrav doma. Drugi je Louis Poma, ki ima zlomljeno kost v kolku. On je bil pobit 17. febr. tudi v majni. Tretji bolnik pa je John Strumbelj, ki je bil pobit v majni 13. marca.

Naj še omenim bolj žalostno četrtstoletnico. Dne 31. marca leta 1919 je bila razstrelba plina v rovu Empire v tukajšnji nasebini. V rovu nas je bilo 30 moži. Komaj smo dobro začeli delati, ko je nastala eksplozija. Tisti, ki so delali v hodniku št. 6, so bili vsi ubiti, po številu 13 moži. Nas drugih 17, ki smo delali v hodniku št. 5, pa ni zadelo prehudo, ker je bila voda med obema hodnikoma (entry). Nekaterim možem, ki so delali po hodniku, je vrglo prah v oči. Vsa naša skupina 17 moži se je rešila ven po starem hodniku. Seveda smo bili v strahu, da nastane druga razstrelba, ker je prenehali delovati pihalnik, toda je k sreči ni bilo.

V tej razstrelbi smo izgubili dva člana, in sicer Josepha Strajto, člana društva 39 SSPZ, in Jakoba Faturja, člana društva 201 SNPJ v Ludlowu.

Kaj pa okrožna federacija SNPJ v Coloradu in Novi Mehiki, ali bodo uradniki kaj ukrenili glede praznovanja 40-letnice jednote? Ali čakajo, da bo članstvo kaj ukrenilo? Jaz mislim, da morajo uradniki pričeti z delom, predvsem predsednik in članstvo se jim bo pridruživlo. Da bi imeli samo federacijsko seja, ni dovolj.

Joe Kolenc, tajnik.

Pomladanski koncert Prešerna

Chicago. — Dragi čitatelji Prosvete! Rad bi malo poagilirati za koncert pevskega zbora Prešerna, ki se vrši v nedeljo pop., 16. aprila v dvorani SNPJ na Lawndale in 27. ulici.

Zbor se pripravlja za ta pomladanski koncert, ki bo obenem petnajsetni jubilej, z vno mmo. Na programu bo poleg Prešerna tudi zbor Slovenske ženske zveze, kakor tudi več drugih zanimivih točk in na koncu pa še šaljiva igra.

Igra je iz domačega življenja v starem kraju, iz one dobe, ko še ni bil Hitler rojen, iz one dobe, ko so še valčki župani odločevali, kaj se sme in kaj se ne

sme. Vendar so pa bili tisti časi boljše kot so sedanj—posebno v domovini. Dasi je bilo preprosto, revno življenje, vendar radi gledamo igre in poslušamo pesmi, ki nas spominjajo mladosti, lepih domačih krajev ter nam obude mnogo lepih spominov.

In zakaj ne bi radi poslušali pesmi in gledali igre iz tega življenja? Saj je vendar to naše življenje, naše pesmi—in ako ne bomo mi ljubili svoje, dragi čitatelji, kaj naj potem ljubimo?

Zato vas in vaše prijatelje vabim v imenu zbora Prešerna, da gotovo posetite ta jubilejni koncert. Kar se tiče programa, vam zagotavljam, da vam ne bo žal, kar se tiče postrežbe, bo tudi preskrbljeno, kolikor je v danih razmerah mogoče. Upam, da boste razumeli iz teh vrstic, kaj vam želim položiti na srce ter vam ostajam s pevskim pozdravom,

Predsednik zbora.

To in ono iz Walsenburga

Walsenburg, Colo. — Vojna se zelo pozna zadnje čase, posebno pa še na društvenem polju, ker k vojakom so že šli skoraj vsi mladi fantje in možje. Mnogi so se tudi izselili za boljšim delom in zaslužkom.

Pri društvih ni več tiste aktivnosti in navdušenja kot prej, ker ni mladine, da bi prirejali veselice in piknike. Kar je starejših, pa večinoma premlajajo o vojni in žele, da bi bilo že konec te svetovne vojne. Vedno sem mislil, da v dvajsetem stoletju smo že toliko civilizirani, da ne bomo pobijali druge družge. Pa je ravno nasprotno: bolj kot ubijajo, več zaslug imaš. No, pa si pomagaj, ako si moreš.

Večkrat me kdo vpraša, kako to, da zadnje čase nimamo več zabav, kakor smo jih imeli v preteklosti. Odgovor je prav kratek: "Stop for duration." Tako je izgledalo tudi na naših zadnjih društevih sejah, ko smo razpravljali o proslavi 40-letnice naše jednote. Ampak nekaj bo vseeno, kar koli že. Seveda vsega primanjkuje, brez dobrot pa tudi proslave ni, kakršno bi radi imeli.

Naše društvo 299 SNPJ ima precej članov pri vojaki. Do zdaj smo izgubili enega, in sicer Petra Verbiča. On je bil pri letalcih in življenje je izgubil nekje pri Alaski.

Zadnje čase je bilo na vojaškem dopustu tudi nekaj naših članov. Edward Dolenc je prišel domov po poldrugem letu bojevanja v Afriki in Siciliji. On je že veliko videl in doživel, toda ostal je še vedno precej humorističen. S polbratom Louisom Zutmanom sta se srečala nekje v Afriki. Vsakdo si lahko predstavlja, kakšno je bilo njuno srečanje. Edy in Louis sta sinova znanega Louisa in Alojzije Zutman.

Drugi na dopustu je bil John Zorman, ki se nahaja nekje v Californiji. Či je sin dobro znane in večletnega blagajnika našega društva Johna Zorman. Nekaj dni sta bila doma tudi brata Viktor in Albert Tomšič, sinova Franka Tomšiča, ki je bil delegat na zadnji konvenciji SNPJ. Veselilo me je, ko je prišel domov tudi moj sin Eddie. On je pri mornarici in pohaja šolo. Tistih par dni je kaj hitro minilo.

Od vojakov pa sta bila odpuščena Joe Strovas, sin Blaža Strovasa, in Henry Geres. Naj omenim, da je bil Joe prvi predsednik našega mladinskega krožka št. 1 SNPJ. Henry pa je poročen s hčerko Georga Stigliča, bivšega večletnega tajnika našega društva. Vsem ostalim želim skorajnjega povratka.

Dokaj sem bil iznenaden, ko nas je pred nekaj dnevi obiskal Prosvetnin dopisnik Jakob Zupančič iz Libraryja, Pa. On je prišel obiskat bratrance Jovea Zupančiča in sestrično Antonijo Zudar. Jakob je precej rejen — le pari mese primanjkuje! Njega je doletela nesreča v pregovoru, kjer mu je zlomilo nogo in sedaj malo šepa. Z Jakobom sva si imela večko povedati, posebno o najinih nesrečah in o jednoti. Je škoda, ker ni ostal tukaj par tednov. Rekel je, da se mu Walsenburg in okolica dopade. Ne vem, ali se je šalil ali mislil resno. No, Jakob, ako imaš priliko, pridi v poletnem času in boš lahko ribe lovil. Včasih ima kdo tudi srečo, da namesto ribe privleče steklenico "ta bolje" iz potoka, kjer se hla-

di.

Kaj pa z našo podružnico SANSa? Se bo treba malo bolj oprijeti. Do zdaj je še šlo, ali kot izgleda, bo kmalu denarja primanjkovalo. Pozdrav vsem čitateljem Prosvete.

Edward Tomšic, 299.

O vremenu, bolnikih, veselici

Presto, Pa.—Vreme imamo res čudno. To pišem na dan, ko se je na koledarju pričela pomlad, v resnici je pa prava zima. Decembra in januarja je bilo lepo vreme, februar in marec sta pa od sile. Če en dan solnce posije, potem se cmeri štiri ali pet dni. En dan dež, drugi dan sneg, tako da se naveličš pri peči sedeti. Če bi imeli take peči kot v starem kraju, da bi lahko na njih ležali, potem bi si lahko še revmatizem ozdravili.

Zadnje dni sem brala v Prosveti več dopisov, v katerih pravijo, da jih muči revmatizem. Med temi sem tudi jaz. Neka dopisovalca piše, da je njeni sosedki zdravnik prepovedal piti kavo in pivo, kavo je opustila, ne pa piva. Če bi kava res škodovala zdravju, bi bila jaz že zdavnaj v grobu, ker živim večinoma te ob kavi. Pa naj bo že kakor hoče, pomlad je blizu, gorko solnce tudi in delo na vrtu in tudi revmatizem bo šel v pozabnost.

Sedaj pa se o naših bolnikih. Mary Stravs, članica društva 166 SNPJ, je zadel mrtvoud, toda upamo, da kmalu okreva. Njen brat Joseph Krek je bolan že skoraj dve leti. Na bolniški listi je tudi Lovrenc Dolinar. Četrtri bolnik je Joseph Jeki, tudi revež. On si je zlomil nogo še lani 28. julija. On je bila v tej okolici velika povodnja. Ta član je šel na delo kot navadno. Ko pride do majne, mu pravi boss, naj gre pomagat, da rešijo šest premarjarjev, ki so bili zaliti v majni. Rešili so jih žive, toda temu članu je odletela tračnica v nogo in mu zdrobila kost, tako da revež še danes trpi. Drugače je zdrav in močan in bi še lahko delal, toda ne more skoraj nič stopiti na nogo. Član jednote je že 38 let.

Vsem tem članom želimo, da se jim povrne ljubo zdravje. Opozarjam vse člane društva 166, da se udeležite prihodnje seje 2. aprila. Kakor je že vsem znano, bomo imeli veselico 13. maja. Potrebno je, da pridete na seja in izvolite odbor, ker je vseh dolžnost, ne samo odbora, da pomagata karkoli bo potrebno. Vstopnice za veselico bodo po 50c in plačati jo mora vsak član in članica; izvzeti so samo vojaki in bolniki.

Omenim naj tudi, da smo na zadnji seji sklenili, da priredimo še eno veselico septembra ali oktobra, in sicer "victory dance" za naše člane-vojake, da jih primerno sprejemo, ko se vrnejo iz vojne. Članov imamo 16 pri vojaki in nič ne vemo, kakšna usoda jih čaka, ker raztreseni so po vseh delih sveta. Želimo, da bi se vsi vrnili zmagovalni in se zbrali skupaj na našem "plesu zmage" v jeseni.

Opominjam tudi vse pa kampanjo za nove člane, ki se prične 1. aprila in konča 30. novembra. Kvota našega društva je devet ali deset novih članov. Torej člani, pridobite kakšnega, bodisi v odrasli ali mladinski oddelek, ker SNPJ nam je do brava mati v bolzini in nesreči, po smrti pa našim dedičem.

Helen Robich, tajnica.

Član društva 39 odklikovan

Chicago.—Charles Renar, član društva 39 SNPJ, je dobil telefonično obvestilo, naj 23. marca ob 11:45 dopoldne posluša po radiopostaji WJJD, kar je seveda rad storil in bil je zelo iznenaden. Njegov sin Milan, štabni aržent, ki služi v bombarju na Pacifiku, je bil namreč odklikovan za svoj hrabri čin z letalskim križem (Distinguished flying cross) in v počast njemu in njegovima dvema tovarišema sta bili zapeti dve pesmi.

Milan je v vojaški službi dve leti in tri mesece in član našega društva Narodnih vitežev št. 39. Ko je postal štabni aržent, je bil poslan na Pacifik, na Novo Gvinejo, in od tam bombardira Japonce na otokih že osem mesecev. Milan je pred kratkim izgubil mater, ki je umrla tukaj v Chicagu. Milana želimo obilo sreče in zdrav povratek med svoje in društvene brate.

John Potokar, tajnik.

Spominaki shod v New Yorku
New York.—Združena slovenska društva v New Yorku in podružnice SANSa prireajo dne 2. aprila, na cvetno nedeljo, velik spominaki shod v Slovenskem domu na 253 Irving Avenue, vokal Bleecker St., Brooklyn. Začetek shoda, katerega se prireja v spomin tretje obletnice napada na Jugoslavijo, bo ob štirih popoldne.

Na ta shod bo prišel kot govornik Louis Adamič, ki je dejal, da mu je zelo žal, ker ni utegnil že prej priti enkrat med nas tu v naši newyorški nasebini.—Naša dolžnost sedaj je, da napolnimo dvorano v Slovenskem domu do zadnjega kotička, ker prazni dvorane ni vredno takemu govorniku hoditi gledati. Pisatelj Adamič je zaposlen čez mero in njegov čas je dragocen, zato skrbimo, da pridemo na shod v velikem številu in tako oddolžimo rojaka Adamiča za njegovo naklonjenost in njegov čas, ki nam ga bo dal na razpolago.

Poleg Adamiča pričakujemo tudi govornika od gl. odbora SANSa. Mirko Kuhel je dejal, da bo prišel sam, ako ne bo mogel priti Etbin Kristan ali kateri drugi.

Med domačimi govorniki, ki bodo nastopili s kratkimi nagovori, bo tudi naša marljiva delavka v nasebini, Miss Jennie Padar, ki je bila na zadnji seji gl. odbora SANSa imenovana v širši odbor za naše predelje. Ona bo govorila v angleščini.

Program shoda bo zanimiv, toda podrobnosti o njem se niso docela urejene in zato ta del shoda prepustimo odboru, ki bo poskrbel, da bo dostojno in lepo obhajana tretja obletnica napada in borbe našega ljudstva, ki je po napadu sovražnikov vzlic velikemu trpljenju in preganjanju ter moritvam visoko dvignilo svoj narodni in človeški ponos ter se liki razjarjen lev postavilo v bran proti onim, ki so prišli, da ga prisilijo na kolena in v sužnost.

Ker je to narodni in zgodovinski dan za naš narod, bo lepo, če pridejo taki, ki imajo narodno nošo, na shod v narodni noši, da bo shod imel tembolj narodni značaj in pa, da bomo tem lepše sprejeli v svoji sredi odličnega gosta-govornika, ki se toliko trudi za naše ljudstvo v domovini. Človeku, ki deluje in se žrtvuje za pravice naroda in ljudstva, ni mogoče dati lepšega priznanja in zahvale, kot živ dokaz, da stojimo trdno za njim in podpiramo njegovo besedo v prilog junaškega jugoslovanskega ljudstva.

Po shodu bo imel Dom dobro godbo, da se bodo lahko pozabavali vsi, ki bodo želeli ostati še dalje v dvorani in malo pokramljati s svojimi prijatelji in znanci. Ne pozabite, na cvetno nedeljo je dolžnost vsakega zavednega Slovence in Slovenke v New Yorku in bližnjih nasebinah, da pride na spominaki shod v Slovenski dom v Brooklyn! Ve pribitek je namenjen SANSu. Vstopnina je prosta.

Newyorški Slovenci naj bodo tudi opozorjeni na svojo dolžnost prispevanja Rdečemu križu tekom kampanje, ki traja vse mese marea. Na noben način ne smemo zaostati za drugimi, ki pridno prispevajo. Našim fantom, možem in dekletom v vojni službi dolgujemo to, da podpremo Rdeči križ in njegovo delo. Vsi oni, ki še niste darovali, storite to takoj. Naši društveni delavci imajo nabiralne pole, kdor pa nima prilike priti z našimi nabiralci v stik, lahko pošlje svoj prispevek na sledeča naslova: Mr. Ivan Ručigaj, 60-43 Putnam Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., ali pa na: Mrs. Anna P. Krasna, 200 W. 67th Str., New York 23, N. Y. Lahko se pošlje prispevke tudi na list Glas Naroda, ker sem skoro vsak dan v uradu in mi je pošta, name naložena, točno izročena. Mr. Ručigaj je blagajnik našega odbora za Rdeči križ, podpisana pa je predsednica tega odbora.

Vse, kar je izročeno Rdečemu križu po našem odboru, bo zapisano v kredit nam Slovencev v tej okolici, zato potrudite se, da bo slednji izmed nas napravil svojo dolžnost. Darujte in pomagajte vašim lastnim sinovom in hčeram, vašim bratom in sestram. Ne pozabite, da je Rdeči križ vedno in vsak čas ob njegovi strani.

Anna P. Krasna.

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held Feb. 10, 11, 12, 1944, at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

(Continued)

SESSION FEB. 11, 9 A. M.

President appoints Ambrozich and Tomsich to serve as vice-presidents of the session. The minutes of opening session are approved as read. Minutes of second session are approved with corrections.

Program of Activities

Maglich reads program prepared by district vice-presidents and juvenile director Vrhovnik of various activities scheduled for the anniversary year. Discussion follows:

Items 1 and 2 are accepted as read. There is a debate on item 3 concerned with changing name of Mladinski List, and unanimous opinion is that a new, English name should be chosen.

Malgai moves that a contest shall be held for a name to be participated in by juvenile members only and lasting until the next supreme board meeting; the executive committee to allow up to \$50 for prizes. Motion is carried.

Shular states that members in Kansas are in favor of changing the name, but would not approve if Slovene material was discontinued. In debate which follows it is brought out that while it is true that the majority of children cannot read the Slovene language, and that an all-English publication would be more attractive, nevertheless, there is still a necessity for Slovene material, and besides it would be unwise to discontinue it at this time when our kin in our homeland are fighting for their liberation and future. It is decided to continue with the Slovene as long as necessary.

Spiller reports that committee was uncertain about possibility of carrying out item 4 which provides for a juvenile convention, but he believes it necessary and recommends it.

Grum believes that such convention cannot be contemplated under present conditions; it is necessary, however, to develop more interest for the juvenile movement among juvenile circle managers.

Petrovich agrees with Grum and moves that matter be referred to executive committee who shall carry it out if it is possible and practical.

Ambrozich states that she has had this idea for a long time, and feels that in this way circle managers would be honored and rewarded for their work and sacrifices. If possible, the juvenile convention should be combined with the membership campaign.

Gradisek feels that a juvenile convention is not possible under current conditions, but that a meeting of juvenile circle managers is in order. Vidrich is of the same opinion, and recommends that this should be done.

Petrovich motion is carried.

Item 5 is approved as read.

It is decided to cancel item 6, concerning pictures of soldier-members, after explanation of difficulties connected.

Items 7 and 8 are approved with slight changes. The program as accepted is as follows:

1. That a membership campaign, honoring the 40th Anniversary of the SNPJ, shall be held this year, beginning April 1, and ending November 30, 1944.

2. That the English Section of the Prosveta, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Society, shall be arranged with pictures of outstanding contributors and special articles on the organization of the SNPJ.

3. That the name of our Juvenile magazine "Mladinski List" be changed to one that will have more appeal to the average American-Slovene youth.

4. That the Society arrange for a Juvenile Convention and, also, a conference of the Managers of Juvenile Circles as soon as conditions permit.

5. That the Society continue to give every encouragement to the promotion and development of juvenile cultural activities, and at this time, especially, designate the opening concert of the Cleveland Juvenile Chorus on May 27, a national event as our juveniles' cultural contribution to the 40th Anniversary.

6. That as soon as possible, after the war, a National SNPJ Day shall be dedicated to the Society's members returned from the armed services.

7. That if possible, some financial assistance be given by the Society to disabled members who desire to attend this gala national celebration and reunion.

8. Likewise, local and sectional demonstrations of some what similar nature shall be encouraged.

9. That the Executive Committee be empowered to work out some feasible plan to collect funds for the disabled war veterans.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 11—1 P. M.

Report of Special Committee on Publications

Your committee, composed of Vider, chairman, Medvesek, Lisch, Olip and Zupan, recording secretary, was in session from 1:30 to 6:15 yesterday and continued this morning. All supreme board members who had any complaints, comments or suggestions in this matter were invited to come before the committee.

The following were heard: Cankar, Zaitz, Kuhel, Malgai, Vidrich, Vrhovnik, Gradisek, Lotrich and Vratarich; all stated that the official organ has not improved in the past six months, evidence that the editor did not heed the decision of the supreme board made at its last meeting;

b) that such writing is harmful to the Society's interests as it destroys good will and the desire to work for the organization on the part of many progressive and active members;

c) that it is urgently necessary to adopt at this meeting a definite stand on Prosveta policy, so as to make an end to the unhealthy conditions brought about by the present attitude of the editor.

We asked the opinion of Bro. Godina who thinks that the present controversy does not harm the organ or Society, except perhaps morally. Other names are used in the articles.

Complaints against the editor's stand from Lodge 56, and against the writing of Bro. Barbic from a member of Lodge 447, were read. Bro. Barbic was then called before the committee. He does not agree with the editor in all matters and admits that there is confusion in the paper. He heard only one complaint at his lodge, and never any among Cleveland members. He

admits that the membership does not like the controversy.

Upon hearing the complaint of member of Lodge 447, Barbic states that he never accused anyone of communism, if the person did not state this himself. He considers a saboteur to be anyone who works against a certain thing. He does not attack anyone in his articles, but only defends himself.

Bro. Molek was heard at length, and was asked many questions which he answered. It was established from information given that here and there he made mistakes, as he is not perfect, that a number of incidents were the fault of assistant editors, although the responsibility falls on him, and that in the main, he must adhere to the decisions of the convention. For this reason he cannot observe the supreme board decision in question, since the resolution does not permit him to defend dictatorialships. He points out that the supreme board decision uses the word "shall" and not "must", but even if it were "must" he would not accept it. He declares that during the past half year he has tried to fulfill the wishes of the supreme board, and has discontinued injecting and adding remarks to articles, nor did he attack Soviet Russia and the Partisans in his editorials, except once or twice. He suggests the following compromise:

a) He will discontinue all comments.
b) No politics in editorials—except American and educational and cultural according to political, economic and social democracy, which would be in effect for contributing writers also.

c) He will write his own column, in which he is to have complete freedom.

He adds that it would be best to stop the controversy entirely. On direct question if he will obey the decision of the supreme board, he states that he will, if the resolution is correctly interpreted. On question as to who decides if the interpretation is correct, he states, the supreme board, which can be wrong, however, and in this case he cannot accept such interpretation.

On the basis of all the evidence, we have come to the following conclusions:

1) Prosveta's policy is morally detrimental to the interests of the Society.

2) Bro. Molek did not obey the decision of the supreme board made at its last semiannual meeting, nor did he heed the repeated advice of the executive officers.

3) During the last six months, personal matters have appeared in Prosveta, which is against the by-laws.

4) Interpretation of resolution on publications which appears on page 118 of minutes of last convention as presented at the previous supreme board meeting is in accordance with the by-laws, and the declaration adopted is not in conflict with the particular resolution.

5) On the basis of our evidence, the editor's assertion that remarks between and after submitted articles have been discontinued, is not true.

6) There is insubordination among the assistant editors.

7) The editor's personal opinion is expressed in many of the editorials, but the impression is made that this is the stand of the organization.

8) We cannot recommend Bro. Molek's compromise, because we cannot be neutral at this critical moment. United Nations' statesmen have assured the world that their armies are fighting for liberty and democracy, which is in accordance with the principles of our Society; as long as this shall be true, it is our duty to support them.

In view of the above facts, we recommend for adoption the following

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the by-laws of this Society provides that the supreme board has the same powers as the Convention in the period between Conventions, except the power to amend the principles, charter and by-laws; and

WHEREAS, according to the above named section and Resolution on SNPJ Publications adopted by the 12th regular convention, the supreme board has full power to decide on all matters concerning the welfare and prestige of the SNPJ and its membership; and

WHEREAS, the supreme board considers that the controversy on certain contemporary world problems and political movements which is being conducted in the official organ by editor Ivan Molek does not serve the interests and prestige of the Society and members; rather, it is our deep conviction that it is detrimental now and to the future development of our organization, and must cease for this reason; and

WHEREAS, the supreme board deeply sympathizes with the United Nations, and particularly with Soviet Russia and the National Liberation Front of Yugoslavia, in their strong resistance and death struggle against totalitarian powers, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the supreme board does not permit the editor to follow a policy in the Society's publications which is antipathetic and opposed to Soviet Russia and the Yugoslav Liberation movement and its leaders; nor to oppose and obstruct the Slovenian American National Council and the United Committee of Yugoslav Americans and their officials who are leading the political action on behalf of the Yugoslav Liberation movement, but that he shall allow them space in Prosveta for publication of constructive material, as long as such material shall be in accordance with the principles and other requirements of SNPJ.

Effective on adoption by majority vote of supreme board members present; the supreme president being charged with the duty of seeing that this decision of the supreme board is promptly and consistently executed.

In the event that the Society's Publications shall not be edited according to this Resolution, then the executive committee is authorized to call a special meeting of the supreme board at which it will be decided what steps to take to insure that these decisions on policy of the Society's publications will be carried out.

Bro. Molek states that he will present a written statement tomorrow. Zaitz declares that some of this would have happened if Bro. Molek would be reasonable and admit that the supreme board must make decisions and not an individual. Vider states that a good, sincere member and worker for the Society could not be so stubborn and unwilling to cooperate in this matter.

Lisch moves that roll call vote shall be taken on the Resolution. Motion is carried unanimously.

Result of voting: In favor of Resolution—Cankar, Vider, Trojar, Kuhel, Gradisek, Vrhovnik, Godina, Culkar, Maglich, Spiller, Ambrozich, Tomsic, Petrovich, Lotrich, Shular, Vratarich,

Vidrich, Mocnik, Zaitz, Medvesek, Malgai, Grum, Lisch, Olip—24 votes.

Molek votes contrary; Zupan and Barbic refrain from voting on a political issue because of employment rules.

Resolution is adopted.

Molek advises that Prosveta's political policy in the coming elections shall be determined, and states that he has no suggestions.

After short debate, it is agreed that previous decision on this matter shall remain in effect.

CAMPAIGN

Vrhovnik reads plan for 40th anniversary campaign. There is discussion of item which provides \$4 prize for each \$1000 new insurance, also on special prize fund, but both items are accepted as presented.

Lotrich moves that each contestant may enroll members in any lodge in his locality. Motion is seconded and carried.

Plan of campaign as presented and accepted is as follows:

SNPJ THIRD WARTIME MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN—1944

Name: SNPJ 40th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Slogan: Strengthen Unity, Security and Purpose of the SNPJ.

Limitation: The campaign will be conducted in both departments of the Society, beginning April 1 and ending November 30, 1944.

Participation: Any member of the Society may participate in this campaign. The name and certificate number of participants shall accompany the membership applications, along with any other necessary information, when forwarded to the main office by the local lodge secretary.

Quota: Each lodge shall be assigned a quota of new members, this graded proportionately according to the adult membership on December 31, 1943, using the ratio of one new member for every ten until a maximum of forty is reached.

Compensation: Regular and Special prizes shall be awarded as inducements to stimulate activity and attain greater success in the campaign.

Regular Prizes: Regular prizes shall be paid for all new members according to the scale below, provided at least six monthly assessments have been paid.

For each juvenile member—Plan 1 or 2.....\$1.00
For each juvenile member—Plan 3.....2.00
For each adult insured for \$250.....1.00
For each adult insured for \$500.....2.00
For each adult insured for \$1000 or more.....4.00

Special Prizes: In addition to the regular prizes, there shall be Special prizes for all campaign participants who enroll TEN (10) or more new members. The four top special prizes shall be as follows: \$125 for first place, \$100 for second, \$75 for third and \$50 for fourth place. All other special prizes shall be arranged proportionately and distributed among those participants who attain or exceed the goal of ten new members.

Special Prize Fund: All special prizes shall be paid from a fund created in the following manner: The sum of 50 cents shall be set aside for this purpose for every new adult and juvenile member, including transfers from the Juvenile Department who insure themselves for \$1000 or more.

Medical Examination Fees: Medical Examination fees up to \$2.00 shall be paid by the Society for new adult members. No examination is required for juveniles unless insurability is doubtful or questioned. In such cases, the Society shall pay up to 50 cents for each juvenile examined.

MISCELLANEOUS:

(a) Each campaign participant shall receive credit for new members enrolled in any lodge of the Society. Credit for new members is not transferable once received and filed at the main office.

(b) Any adult or juvenile, who is eligible for reinstatement under the By-laws of the Society, cannot be credited as a new member in this campaign.

(c) All applications for new members shall be mailed to the main office not later than the 5th day after the official closing date of the campaign. The postmark shall determine the date.

(d) The SNPJ 40th Anniversary Membership Campaign shall be conducted under the direction of MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, as Campaign Director, and VINCENT CANKAR, as Chairman.

SPORTS

Vrhovnik reports that there is to be an election for Athletics Committee, and he distributes the ballots. The following are candidates:

1st district—Frank Jacoby.
2nd district—Lawrence Cassol.
3rd district—Joseph Golia and John Spillar.
4th district—Julius Abram, Louis Baffetti and Frank Lotrich.
5th district—Anton Verbič.

Each district may have one representative.

Result of voting: Jacoby 27 votes, Cassol 26, Golia 6, Spillar 20, Abram 9, Baffetti 7, Lotrich 8, Verbič 26. The following are declared elected: 1st district—Jacoby, 2nd district—Cassol, 3rd district—Spillar, 5th district—Verbič.

Another vote is taken for 4th district in which Abram received 11 votes and F. Lotrich 15. Frank Lotrich is declared elected for 4th district.

INTERPRETATION OF BY-LAWS

Secretary reads section 33 of by-laws concerning segregation of funds. He explains that this is intended to mean segregation on the books of the Society only, but that the state examiners insist that this means actual segregation also until the provision is not more definitely interpreted. He recommends that the supreme board shall interpret section 33 to mean that each fund shall be maintained separately only on the books of the Society and shall otherwise remain combined; the supreme secretary to be governed by this interpretation.

It is moved, seconded and unanimously carried that section 33 shall be so interpreted and binding for administration in the supreme office.

Session adjourned.

SESSION FEB. 12—9 A. M.

All supreme officers are present except Bro. Grum who was excused yesterday. Ambrozich and Maglich are vice-presidents of this session. The minutes of third session are read and corrected to include figures cited in discussion on Mladinski List. The minutes of fourth session are approved with corrections.

Molek reads his reply to report of special publications committee and resolution governing policy of Prosveta.

STATEMENT BY THE EDITOR

The resolution submitted by the Committee on Publications against me as editor of the Society's publications states at the outset that the present controversy about world problems and political movements is detrimental to the best interests and the future development of the SNPJ. The Committee presented no proof of this. The controversy, which began last September, was in progress during the Juvenile campaign, and both

the Supreme Secretary and the Director of the Juvenile Department reported at this meeting that the campaign was successful. In this respect, therefore, the controversy did no harm. If harm was done, it was to lower the prestige of the Supreme Board. This was encouraged by the Resolution accepted by the Board at its last meeting. Of the extent of this injury only time will tell.

At this meeting an appeal was made for an understanding between the editor and the Supreme Board. To this I responded and presented a compromise to the Committee on Publications. The Committee rejected my compromise, and with that gesture, it denied me as a member (as well as to all other members who will not be in agreement with the arbitrary demands of this Resolution) the freedom of criticism. The right to criticize is among the fundamental principles of democracy, and this freedom has now been stifled in Prosveta. Of the Soviets or the Partisans there must henceforth be no criticism! These, in the same fashion as religious dogmas among religionists, are now above all criticism. If this is not an offense against democratic principles and our resolutions governing the policies of Prosveta, then I do not know what it is.

The Resolution states that the Supreme Board deeply sympathizes with the Allied Nations. Did the authors of the Resolution forget that among the nations of the Allied Nations are also the Yugoslav government in Cairo, the Polish government in London, and other countries which America and England still officially recognize and about whom I have often been critical—critical as I have been towards any others when occasion demanded? According to the Resolution now adopted, the editor of Prosveta is restrained from all criticism of Soviet and Partisan politics, but the Resolution is silent against restraining criticism against America and other official governments. By this the Supreme Board made undemocratic exceptions for two factions. This has never before occurred among us. Even during the period when Prosveta had expressed Socialist policies, the editor was never prohibited from criticism of the Socialist Party and its leaders.

The resolution emphasizes sympathy for the Liberation Front in Yugoslavia, despite the fact that to date there has been no formal declaration from the leaders of this movement that they favor a democratic republic in the old country, as the SNPJ Resolution on this matter states. Likewise there has been no declaration for a democratic republic in Yugoslavia by SANC or by the United Committee of Yugoslav Americans. In fact, the first meeting of SANC of the current year, on Jan. 8, in Chicago, unanimously accepted a Resolution which is critical of the actions of its own Executive Committee, and pleads for a return of the spirit in which SANC was established, eliminating partisan plans for domestic and foreign management. In this same Resolution the larger committee of SANC also recognizes that the Partisans are only a section of the people in the old country, that it has Communist leadership, and that there are other factions which are also waging an equally strong fight against the aggressor who has occupied their country. If the Executive Committee of SANC will recognize this Resolution—and I do not see how it can ignore it—how will it agree with the present declaration of the Supreme Board, which places the Partisans as the only faction worthy of recognition?

The Committee on Publications insists that its Resolution is in agreement with the Resolutions governing the policies of Prosveta and the old country, accepted at the last Convention of the SNPJ. I hold that the present Resolution breaks anew both of the Resolutions accepted by the Convention. The meaning and purpose of both the Convention Resolutions is ignored.

Brothers and sisters, you know me well, even though you place false judgment against me today. I steadfastly hold the same principles today that I have held throughout these 28 years since I first came to Prosveta. My faith in democratic socialism has never wavered; I am as confirmed a free-thinker as I was 40 years ago.

What course is open to me now that you have in an arbitrary manner not only ordered that I deny my convictions but also that I violate the Resolution of which I was author and which was adopted by the 12th regular Convention of the SNPJ and included your votes also? If I were an opportunist, turning like a vane in the wind, this would be an easy matter. If I were a hypocrite, who hides his head and accepts every "line", I would resign myself to you. But I am neither the former nor the latter. I shall continue in the path of my convictions until my death.

For these reasons I submit my resignation as editor of the publications of the Slovene National Benefit Society.

Brothers and sisters! Twenty-eight years of my life have been largely devoted to Prosveta and the Society. For fifteen years I have worked with you as a Supreme Board member for the interests of our Society. I was always honest and sincere with you. Thus I wish to remain. The present war destroys brotherhood and friendship; but I hope that it will not destroy our brotherhood. I shall remain a loyal member of the SNPJ until my death and my hope is that we part as brothers and friends. My thanks to you, brothers and sisters, for the cooperation and trust you have given me through these long years!

IVAN MOLEK.

Cankar states that it is not necessary for Bro. Molek to resign, and no one urges him to do so. We have cooperated and worked together for so many years, and it was not intended to make a change in this manner although it was necessary to do something to establish order in Prosveta. Everything can be accomplished in a peaceful and sensible manner, and if we work together for the welfare of the organization, we can surmount these difficulties also. He does not accept Bro. Molek's resignation.

Zaitz states that no rights have been denied to Bro. Molek. He points out that he was begged to discontinue his one-sided policy, but all to no avail, and he cannot understand how Bro. Molek can accuse the rest of the supreme officers of something for which he alone is responsible. He asks what his connections are with the opposition.

Molek replies that he stands alone, and has no connections.

Vidrich asks if Molek believes that all this came from the supreme board or from the membership.

Molek replies that he does not know, and does not accuse the supreme board, but considers that there are greater forces behind which you are unable to resist.

Vider states that the welfare of the organization should be our only consideration in this important matter. The case has been kept quiet for a long time, in the hope that the editor would come to an understanding and abandon his course. We expected of him that he would accept the instructions and decisions of the majority, which is true democracy.

our desire to dismiss Bro. Molek, but there must be order. Molek must obey the decisions and rules of the organization in the same way as the rest of the supreme board members and the membership. Since he refuses, we have no course but to accept his resignation. He moves that Molek's resignation shall be accepted.

Vratarich states that it is our duty to work for the benefit of the Society. Petrovich states that the Resolution has been adopted, and further action is up to Bro. Molek.

Vrhovnik suggests that the minutes of the special committee be read to clarify the situation.

Zupan states that the greater part of the discussion has been reported, but that the minutes are not ready. Medvesek states that committee conducted an impartial hearing and the resolution is the result of its findings. Bro. Molek may remain in office and cooperate with us, if he wishes.

Lotrich seconds motion of Bro. Lisch.

Cankar believes that it is the intention to prevent the resignation. The resolution does not deny the editor his rights, but restricts him in matters which are not beneficial to the organization.

Olip states that Molek's statement should be published in full. Barbic agrees, stating that only in this way can we give the members a clear picture of the entire affair.

Zupan declares that the special committee should be permitted to reply to the editor's statement because Bro. Molek is not consistent when he states that freedom of criticism has been denied him, and he is not logical in his conclusion concerning the resolutions adopted by the 12th regular convention.

Kuhel regrets that things have gone so far, although one who believes in democracy must believe in the rule of the majority. Every individual member must abide by the decisions of the board, for this is democracy. But if an individual rebels against the decision of the majority, he demonstrates that he believes only in his own freedom. If Bro. Molek had been consistent, we would not have this unpleasantness. Concerning Bro. Molek's comment on SANC and the United Committee, it is true that neither has as yet declared itself for a particular form of government.

SANC follows the decision of the Slovene National Congress, which declared itself for a united Slovenia within a free, democratic and federalized Yugoslavia, the form of government to be chosen by the people themselves. SANC and the UCJA support the side which is fighting for these principles and help the Yugoslav Liberation movement. As edited at present, Prosveta gives the impression that SNPJ members are not in favor of SANC and the United Committee, whereas in fact the opposite is true, and SNPJ is the leading force in this movement. The saddest part is, that the worst enemy of the Slovene nation, Ambassador Fotich in Washington, exploits Prosveta in his attempt to prove that the Slovenes are against SANC and the United Committee. An end should be made of all this.

Molek protests against insinuation that he has connections with Fotich and others, and cannot help it if others abuse his statements, nor if the SANS matter is included in the resolution. He claims that he wanted freedom of expression in Prosveta, which has been unjustly denied to him. He wants to go his own way, and tenders his resignation for this reason. In his opinion, this is the honest thing to do. The intention is to besmirch him, but if he is considered a reactionary, what opinion can he have of other supreme officers?

Cankar asks Molek if he does not think it would be wiser and better for the Society if he would withdraw his resignation, and inquires if he is prepared to do this. Molek answers: "Withdraw your resignation and I will withdraw my resignation!"

Zaitz moves to accept Molek's statement; the special committee to prepare its comment. Motion is carried.

Vider states that our only course now is to accept the resignation, otherwise the entire matter will remain as before. We showed our desire to solve the problem by our vote on the resolution yesterday.

Vratarich adds that if we reject the resignation we approve Molek's dictatorship in editing the Society's publications.

Tomsic moves that a roll call vote shall be taken on motion to accept resignation of Bro. Molek. Motion is carried unanimously.

Result of voting: In favor—Cankar, Vider, Trojar, Kuhel, Gradisek, Vrhovnik, Culkar, Maglich, Spiller, Ambrozich, Tomsic, Petrovich, Zupan, Lotrich, Lisch, Shular, Vratarich, Vidrich, Mocnik, Medvesek, Olip, Malgai—total 22 votes. Contrary—Godina, Zaitz, Barbic—total 3 votes. Motion to accept resignation of Bro. Molek is carried.

Vratarich moves, Zupan seconds that Bro. Molek shall remain in office until March 1, 1944, if he will observe the rules and decisions of the supreme board; the executive committee and President Cankar are to see that everything is satisfactory. Motion is carried.

After discussion of vacancy, it is decided that executive committee shall conduct an election for editor of SNPJ publications.

Zaitz moves that the executive committee shall appoint a temporary editor in event that vacancy occurs before new editor is elected. Motion is carried unanimously.

Olip moves that the future editor shall keep a record of all suppressed articles and reasons, so that the auditing committee can determine the facts in each case if necessary. Motion is carried.

Godina moves that the minutes of this session shall be read in the presence of supreme officers of Chicago and vicinity. Motion is carried. Session is adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION FEB. 13

President Cankar calls meeting to order at 8 p. m. Present are Cankar, Vider, Kuhel, Trojar, Gradisek, Vrhovnik, Godina, Molek, Zaitz and Olip.

The minutes of closing session are read and approved with minor corrections.

It is decided that Bro. Cankar shall prepare and condense the minutes for publication.

The following are read:

Committee's Remarks on Editor's Statement
1) The editor declared in his statement that the committee presented no proof that the controversy in Prosveta is detrimental to the Society. We wish to state that all of the supreme officers who appeared before the committee admitted that the methods of the controversy which the editor has lately conducted in his editorials and contributed articles is without doubt morally detrimental to the organization.

2) The editor states that because the committee rejected his compromise, it thereby denied to him as a member, the freedom of criticism. This contention is far from the truth. The editor's interpretation is contrary to the facts of the resolution and the intention of our committee. However, there was a danger if his compromise had been accepted, that members would be denied political discussion of questions which might come up, and our committee could not agree to this. The editor

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A Significant Jubilee Campaign

The opening date of our Society's Jubilee Membership Campaign is this Saturday, April 1st. The drive is being conducted in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the SNPJ and will close on November 30, 1944.

We are now on the eve of the new campaign. This means that we must get ready immediately for the job ahead!

Details pertaining to the campaign were published in the Prosveta two weeks ago by Supreme President Vincent Cainkar, who is the Campaign Chairman, and Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik, the Campaign Director. These two Supreme Board members successfully conducted the past two campaigns which brought the Society many new members.

It is to be noted that each lodge, large or small, has been assigned a quota of new members to be enrolled during the drive. This, however, does not mean that lodges are limited to that particular number of new members; on the contrary, the quota given to your lodge should be considered as the minimum number of new members to be secured during the eight-month campaign. There is no limit to the number of members that a lodge may bring in.

The 40th anniversary of the SNPJ is an occasion which calls for a real celebration by all members and lodges and federations, also Circles.

This jubilee can best be observed by securing the greatest number of new members for both departments, as this will be the most fitting present the membership can offer to the organization. We feel certain that our active members and lodges will plunge into the campaign right from the beginning. They will do this primarily because they are fully aware of the significant meaning of their own Society's jubilee, which during the past forty years has performed great service in the fraternal field as well as in the field of labor enlightenment.

It is also fitting that we observe this outstanding anniversary with programs and gatherings, as well as with an anniversary edition of Prosveta, which will be published in a special rotogravure supplement. Due to present conditions many local celebrations can only be on a small scale, which means that we must put that much more energy into our campaign work.

Since its inception, the SNPJ has championed the labor cause. It has constantly advocated social legislation in its publications and otherwise. It has been a living lesson in the value of cooperative endeavor for mutual benefit.

In its early years particularly, it served as that "something our own" which had been born in a strange land to provide what experience had taught was vitally essential.

Then, as now, it paid benefits in time of sickness and accident, and in time of death. Then, as now, it provided through its publications labor oriented education, news and information, good literature, and a medium for exchange of ideas and experiences.

The SNPJ has grown from a small beginning into a powerful organization in these forty years. It has achieved this success because its members found that it was good—for them, their families, and for their friends whom they enrolled as members.

Let us demonstrate this year that our Society is better than ever by increasing its membership to an all-time high figure!

Golden Eagles and Lodge 49 Mark Double Anniversary Saturday, April 8

GIRARD, O.—Golden Eagles Lodge 643 and Ljubljana Lodge 49 of the SNPJ are sponsoring a dance to be held on Saturday, April 8, in commemoration of the Golden Eagles 19th anniversary and the 40th anniversary of the SNPJ. This gala event will be held at the Slovene Home at Girard and Jake Persin and his Jolly Jesters will entertain you with Slovene and popular music. With times as they are and rationing in effect we can assure one and all a most enjoyable evening and refreshments and luncheon will be plentiful.

We cordially invite all our friends from neighboring towns to attend and help make this affair a success.

Stan Hribar, our President, has passed his preinduction examination and will leave for the Army on March 29. Stan's one wish was to be here for our dance but Uncle Sam has priority on him so he will be unable to attend. He has been very active in our Lodge and many of our affairs have been a success due to his ability and willingness.

Cuddy Lodge No. 319 Holds Dance April 16

CUDDY, PA.—The dance committee is making basic preparations for the benefit dance to be held Sunday, April 16, and I'm performing my duty in repeatedly reminding you of the event. We hope to display if only in a small measure our abundant respect to our members that have answered the call to the colors so the proceeds will go towards those in service. The purpose alone is sufficient to automatically draw you to the affair. Selected to furnish the music is Jack Guzel and his Melody Mixers. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any time at the local hall or from your favorite member. Invest voluntarily a 50c piece and secure an evenings entertainment, while participating you will help to make this dance a success. Another dance date at Cuddy is April 30.

MOLLY, Lodge 319.

He is the Secretary of the Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania Federation of the SNPJ. His leadership will be missed and those of us that are still here should try to carry on for him and all our other members that are in the service. Around Town with the Eagles: Pvt. Freddie Klucik was home on a furlough recently. While here the Juvenile chorus, of which he was the organizer, met and sang together as they did before Freddie left for the service. Pfc. Frank Zitnik is now overseas. S 2/c Justine Baha will graduate from service school at Stillwater, Okla., next week. The Golden Eagles wish to extend their best wishes on the engagement of Frank Rezek and Mary Golob from Milwaukee. Pfc. Eddie Godec just left to go back to Indiantown Gap, Pa., where he is now stationed.

MARY MAKEK, Sec'y.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS OF
SNPJ LODGE NO. 583!

LOWBER, PA.—All members of SNPJ lodge 583 are hereby notified that each member must pay 50c special assessment into the lodge treasury to cover funeral expenses for the month of February of this year. Servicemen are exempt from this obligation. This is in accordance with the decision made at the annual meeting held in December, 1943. The said amount will have to be paid in each case of death of a member. All members are asked to pay the special lodge assessment with the regular dues.

JOSEPH KLUN, Sec'y.

Comets' Meeting

UNIVERSAL, PA.—All Comets are urged to attend the regular Comets' monthly meeting on this Sunday, April 2, at 7 p. m. in the Slovene Hall. Among other items of business plans will be made to arrange for the quarterly meeting of the Western Penna. E. S. Federation, which will be held in Universal on April 14.

Let's have a large attendance!
MAX KUMER, 715.

Sharon Keystoners Circle 26 Saw "Snow Maiden"

SHARON, PA.—Not much to report from the Keystoners' March meeting, only that we are getting ready to celebrate our sixth anniversary on June 24.

I wonder if some of our members know that we are to celebrate our sixth birthday on this date? I know that I could name you some members that haven't attended even five meetings in all these six years. They are the ones that believe in, "I pay my dues, so what?" Where would our lodge be if we would all think the same? It seems that we have the same members at every meeting, month after month. For example at our March drawing a member's name was called who was at that time at the club but didn't attend the meeting. There were only a few steps to our meeting room. There are many that come to the club rooms when our meetings take place—but never stop in to see if the Keystoners still exist.

Pay Your Dues

Secretary's complaint for the month. You who are behind in your dues, please try and pay up just as soon as possible. Pay as you can and when you can, but start reducing your indebtedness!

Did You Know?

That our Rec. Sec'y, Sis. Margaret Cimperman, was in the Pittsburgh hospital for an eye operation? That Sis. Mitzie Anzur was back from Leadville, Colorado? Welcome home, Mitzie! That our new Juvenile member's name is Joseph Valentine Jr.? That Sis. Nellie Culina's daughter, Marian, belongs to the Juvenile Circle? That Sis. Ann (Paulenich) Meshaw is expecting a stork call? That Tommy Dinoff is leaving for the Army? That Al Cimperman left for the Navy? That Joe Cvelbar was home on furlough? That Chuck Vidmar has a pretty smile? Nuf said.

I suppose that most of you know that maestro Jack Persin of Warren is deferred from the service until July. While you have the chance why not listen to his broadcasts on WRRN, Warren, Ohio, every Sunday, afternoon at 4:30. If you appreciate his music send him a card and let him know. If you send in requests, which he is very glad to fill, how about you showing your satisfaction with a little donation. With such beautiful Slovene music, he deserves it. Come on, do your part.

Day after day I have been receiving mail from our members in the service, here, in U. S. A., or overseas, and always asking me why don't our members write to them. Now we who are here, just for a minute put ourselves in their places and imagine how we would feel without a measly little letter or card from the members and friends. Now this week, and also the following weeks I'm giving you a correct address of one of our good members, which I want all of you to write to him. This isn't only for the Keystoner members alone, but also for anyone wishing to make our boys happy. Come on, everyone!

This week let it be: Corp. Rudolph Locnikar, 33078796, 3475th Ord. M. Co. (Q) APO 708, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

Are you getting ready to celebrate the biggest event of the year 1944? Don't you know? Why it's the 40th Anniversary of our Slovene National Benefit Society.

FRANCES NOVAK, 755.

Lieut. La Jevic



Lt. Frances M. La Jevic, P.S. Army Nurse, is a chief nurse on a hospital ship somewhere in the South Pacific.

Lt. La Jevic volunteered her services to the Army on Oct. 5, 1942. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John La Jevic Sr. of Canonsburg, Pa. She, and the entire family are members of the SNPJ Lodge No. 136 at Strabane, Pa.

Mrs. Brown (displaying new lampshade): "Isn't it perfectly lovely? And it cost only \$10."

Mr. B. (desperately): "If you wear that tomorrow, you go alone!"

Spirit-o-Grams A Few Highlights on the Membership Campaign

By Whoosits

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Plans are progressing smoothly for our May Dance to be held May 6 at the Concordia Hall, 13th and Arsenal Sts. We expect a record crowd, as the event will draw the curtain for our indoor activities till fall.

Every Spirit member is urged to dispose his or her quota of tickets; in fact, ask for a second set so that our financial report will read near or over 3 figures left of the decimal point. Tickets will be in charge of Helen Hervatin and Tillie Hervatin. You will receive tickets via mail, and at our April 14 meeting. Please do your part on the home front, which is much easier than in a fox-hole. We must carry on for our boys!

NOTE out of town lodges: If there are any of your members who are in the armed forces and are stationed here at Jefferson Brks., Scott Field, Ill., or Lamberts Field, please send their names and addresses to Helen Hervatin, 5914 Nashville Ave., or to Sec'y Odella Markoff, 3939 Randall St., and we will take care of the rest, but we beg you to send it before April 30.

We would be glad to see our SNPJ service boys attend the Planinski Raj's 35th anniversary celebration to be held April 30. At the Swiss Hall, 3110 Iowa St. It will be an all-day affair, with a program in the afternoon, having our Supreme President Bro. Vincent Cainkar as the principal speaker. Bro. Cainkar lived in St. Louis for many years, and his three children were born in St. Louis. His home, which he sold after moving to Chicago when elected as president of our SNPJ, still stands in A-1 condition on Gravois Ave., and the writer as well as many of our members who pass it daily, never fail to look at that home with a thought—Bro. Cainkar. He has laid the SNPJ foundation in St. Louis, as organizer of our mother lodge Planinski Raj 35 years ago, who will celebrate the event on April 30.

From the Home Front. April 1 is known as April Fool's Day, but that date is the beginning of the SNPJ Anniversary Membership Campaign, and it probably will be April Fool's day for you if you don't roll up your sleeves and fetch in those new members as your reward for enrolling them will be rich cash prizes. Since the Spirits as yet have not reached the century mark, I think it would be wise to set that number as our goal. We need only 22 to hit the top, which should be easy with just a little "oomph" behind the 78. How many of you parents encourage your juvenile members to read their interesting monthly magazine—Mladinski List. It's very educational, aiding them in their school work. Would like to see the Spirit Juveniles pen a few lines. How about Jakie and Mel Kacin, Richard and Charlotte Ducote, Mayer, Lucas sisters and others. Why not surprise us?

We are really enthused about the plans in purchasing the beautiful Odd Fellows building on Grace and Potomac for our Jugoslav people to call "Home." At present we are

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HARMONIZERS

ROUNDUP, MONT.—The Harmonizer members are reminded to attend the regular monthly meeting Sunday, April 2, which, as you may notice, is the first Sunday instead of second Sunday of the month. The reason for the change in the meeting time is because Easter Sunday falls on the second Sunday of the month. At this meeting the Harmonizers plan to initiate those that were absent for the last initiation.

Our Entertainment Committee is very busy this month. On the 28th of March the committee is sponsoring a public card party. The proceeds shall be donated to our Juvenile Circle 28. On April 2, after our regular meeting, the committee are arranging a card party, and a covered dish luncheon. This arrangement of entertainment and feed shall bring together the new and old members. The get-acquainted-program is somewhat different this time, and we are hoping it will go over in a big way.

Lea Oset, Rose Bujok and Eldna Compton were the three ladies that represented Harmonizers in the American Red Cross drive. Their work was well done and our lodge is proud of our Committee.

The write-wishes to make a correction in the Honor Roll which appeared in the last article. Three names, Frank Zupan, Wm Murphy, and John Nose were omitted by a mistake.

John Ravnakar Sr., Theresa Zupan, and Tony Hosner are on the sick list. Here's hoping they recover soon.

In conclusion I wish to say that the attendance to our regular meeting has definitely improved and the old time spirit prevailed although some of the old-timers were not present.

FRANK POLSAK, Pres.

News from SNPJ Lodge No. 259

MEADOWLANDS, PA.—Here I am back again with a little of this and that.

On January 28, one of our members of Lodge 259, Miss Rose Santel, was hit by a motorist on her front porch as she was returning from work and died from the injuries on January 30. She was an only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Santel to whom we extend our deepest sympathies.

I wish to announce that our last dance was a big success and that another dance is being held on April 15 at Bears Hall for that same good cause—a Slovene Home for Meadowlands. So come all you young and old from far and near and have a good time dancing to Les Faulk's orchestra. We'll be looking for you girls from Bridgeport and also for the gang from Cokenburg and Vestaburg.

I wish to remind all those who have stubs for the bond drawing to turn them in so that we can draw the winner at the dance on April 15. Due to the fact that the next meeting of the committee falls on Easter Sunday we changed it to

Ensign R. Gradisek

Ensign Rudolph Gradisek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gradisek, of Herminie, Pa., and member of SNPJ lodge 87, has completed his course at Princeton University and his naval training at Harvard University. At the present time he is stationed at Norfolk, Va., undergoing amphibious training and in a few weeks will be going out to sea for training for two weeks. A graduate of Sewickley Township High School, Herminie, and the University of Pittsburgh, Ensign Gradisek has been employed at Penn Twp. High School as physical education instructor and head football coach. He is also remembered as one of former star guards of University of Pittsburgh football team (1938-1940) playing under the coaching of Jack Sutherland and Charles Bowser.

April 2 at 10:30 at the usual place. See you all at the dance April 15.

STELLA MURN, Sec'y.

Big SANC Rally In N. Y. Sunday

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—On Sunday, April 2, all the SANC branches in New York City will unite and sponsor a rally at the American Slovenian Hall, 253 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, at 4 p. m.

This will be the anniversary of the third year since Jugoslavia was invaded. It is to be one of the biggest demonstrations ever held for the benefit of the SANC here.

At that time Mr. Louis Adamic, president of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans, will be guest speaker. Also on the same program we will be on hand to hear Mirko G. Kuhel, acting secretary of the Slovene American National Council. Mr. Ludwig Mutz will be the presiding chairman of the day.

By all the literature being distributed we are posted on all the latest developments. Now, we will have the opportunity to hear Mr. Adamic who will no doubt give us much clearer picture of what has been accomplished, and what yet remains for all of us to do.

Every lodge in the SNPJ has been given a quota of new members to fill. This quota is based on the lodge's adult membership as of December 31, 1943, and is arrived at by adding a new member for every ten adults up to a membership of 400. The lowest quota is ONE for lodges having 10 or less members, and the highest quota is FORTY for lodges having 391 adult members or more. What is the quota of your lodge? If you don't know, find out and make that quota your minimum goal.

We remind you again that no medical examination is required for juveniles unless there is some doubt or question about their health. For each new adult member the Society pays up to \$2.00 for a medical examination and, when required, 50 cents for juveniles.

Every campaign participant, who secures TEN or more new members, will be entitled to a SPECIAL PRIZE in addition to the regular amounts of \$1, \$2 or \$4 for each new member. The highest of the special prizes is \$125; this will be awarded to the one who enrolls the most new members during the next eight months. Second prize is \$100, third is \$75, fourth is \$50 and from there down lesser amounts, proportionately graduated, for all who enroll ten or more new members. The more new members one secures over ten, the higher will be the special prize.

You will find members in nearly every lodge who prefer to look at the dark side of everything—and who are now of the opinion that, because of the war and various reasons related to it, this is no time for an extensive membership campaign. Their attitude is one of outright pessimism. They refuse to do anything about it themselves and don't like to see anyone else do anything about it, either. That is exactly the attitude those, who plan and conduct our wars, want the people to take.

There are forces continually at work trying to disrupt the people—doing all in their power to get them to become disinterested in organizations of this kind. They want institutions and organizations designed to improve the living conditions of the masses to become divided and disorganized. They know from experience and records how hard it is to regain lost ground or to rebuild something that has been destroyed. We on the other hand must be alert and ready to do all we possibly can to encourage the growth of the Society in the face of every force and obstacle, no matter what the source of opposition. The SNPJ will be that much stronger, that much better prepared to carry on when peace once more enshrouds the world.

Let us briefly examine the records of the SNPJ and see what was accomplished in the first two years of war. We find that the progress in membership growth (financial, too) did not come to a standstill at any time, but steadily improved to match or exceed some of the best previous years. For example in 1942, the nation's first year at war, the total number of members admitted into both departments was 4692, and in 1943 this increased to 4929, or a combined total of 9,621 for the two year period. At the end of 1943 the Society reached the highest membership in its entire history, 47,294 adults and 16,850 juveniles, adding up to the grand total of 64,144 members, as compared with the previous high mark of 63,448 in 1930.

With such splendid examples to inspire us onward, what new membership mark will be achieved in this 40th Anniversary Year of the SNPJ? The final answer, of course, rests with the leaders and the members of the local lodges. Without their cooperation and support, there can be no real success, but with it a new record can be set and the goal of 5,000 members for one year, which never before was reached, can be surpassed in 1944. By working together, each doing his share, we will strengthen the unity, security and purpose of the SNPJ.

CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR.

Little Fort Lodge

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—Come one, come all to the card and bunco party held by the Little Fort Lodge 568 SNPJ on April 1, at 7:30 p. m. at Slovene National Home. There will also be pictures shown as a special entertainment. Some will be of Slovenia. So come on and join in the fun.

The committee helping out in making this a successful event consist of Josephine Bezak, Christine Stritar, Tony Kerzic, Dorothy Gabonsek, Edith Dobnickar, Anton Cebric, Angela Korenchan, Eva Simcic, Donna Simcic, and myself.

There will be many beautiful prizes donated by the members of the lodge. There will also be a 25 War Bond drawing. Tickets are being sold by some of the members.

We hope you members of the lodge will turn out for this event and make it a successful one. We also wish to see you folks who like to play bunco and cards. So come on and let's see you all there and have a good time.

By the way, if some of you decide to come the last minute you can buy your tickets at the hall.

DOROTHY OGRIN, 568.

JENNIE PADAR.

Our Front Three Long Fateful Years of Agony -- 1941-1944

By Louis Beniger

This week marks the third anniversary of the Yugoslav people's revolt against their fascist government as well as against the Axis domination.

It was on March 27, 1941, when the Yugoslavs overthrew their dictatorship in Belgrade, which had traitorously aimed to keep them in line with the Axis by signing a pact with Hitler. Nine days after the Yugoslav people forced their fascist government out and instituted a revolutionary government -- Hitler invaded Yugoslavia. On April 5, 1941, the Nazi war machine started to march into Yugoslavia and within three weeks the invasion was seemingly completed and all resistance crushed. But -- was it?

Subsequent events convincingly prove that as far as the people were concerned -- resistance in Yugoslavia has never been crushed and today it is carried on by the valiant Partisans under Marshal Tito on a scale that has astounded the entire world.

At this point it must be made clear that the revolutionary government instituted in Belgrade on March 27, 1941, had no definite program and it did not represent the movement created by the people; on the contrary, it brought to a focus and climax the confusion of the recent past.

The Partisan movement came into being and went on because it was the culmination of political and spiritual motivations in the people which are democratic and in effect in line with the American revolution. However, this movement went unrecognized in the Allied press until last September. The Yugoslav government-in-exile controlled the news pertaining to Yugoslavia and was allowed by censors to attribute the Partisan resistance and successes to Draza Mihailovich, who has been cooperating with the invader.

On March 27, 1944, Yugoslavs all over the world solemnized the third anniversary of that revolt -- the revolt of a few which grew to the present battling force of 300,000 men and women under Marshal Tito.

Last Sunday, in his speech to the world, Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid another glowing tribute to the Partisans and their leader. Churchill said that "the setbacks in the eastern Mediterranean are offset, and more than offset, by the panic and frenzy which prevail in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, by the continued activities of Greek guerrillas -- and above all by the heroic struggle of the Partisans of Yugoslavia under the leadership of Marshal Tito."

Winston Churchill paid high tribute also to the Russian armies which have advanced from Stalingrad to the Prut river on the Rumanian border -- a distance of 900 miles -- in a single year. This, said Churchill, constitutes the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing.

Lodge No. 540 to Mark Anniversary in June

ELIZABETH, N. J. -- The last meeting of SNPJ Lodge 540 was held on Sunday, March 12, with a full attendance. At this meeting many discussions were held concerning our 20th anniversary party, which will be held Sunday, June 11, at the Skerl Residence, 1491 Hiawatha Ave., Hillside, N. J., starting at 2 p. m.

The committee consisting of Joseph Pasarich Sr., Joseph Cipoth Sr., Joseph Oblak, Mary Skarl, and Mary Pezdirc, is all keyed up for this celebration, and will have leads to do before the final day arrives. They are willing to work hard and will try to make it a huge success. They only ask every member's cooperation and will get in touch with each member a little later on. It is a little early to make final plans, yet.

Every member of this lodge will be admitted free of charge. All non-members will have to pay \$1. Children free. We will have many kinds of drinks and refreshments and some surprises in store for everyone. Just keep that date in mind. More about this party in future articles.

I would like to make a correction about a statement I made in my last article concerning Louis Bettys Jr. I stated he was wounded in Italy. He is in the hospital in England but suffering from nervous shock. Speedy recovery is wished by all members.

Our service flag holds 10 stars. They are for Louis Bettys Jr., Ensign George Cerne, Iceland; Joseph Pasarich Jr., Kentucky; John Pasarich, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Skarl, Georgia; Tony Skarl, Florida; Frank Pasarich and Theodore Cipoth somewhere in the Pacific area; John Bratnik, Camp Carson, Colorado; and Joseph Cipoth, Medical Surgeon. Good luck, fellows.

"The sum total of the common sense of the common people is the greatest and soundest force on earth." -- Thomas Jefferson.

Little by little this truth is being acknowledged -- little by little its various facets are being brought into focus -- little by little the soul-stirring drama of our people in Europe is being revealed.

On March 27, 1941 the new revolutionary Yugoslav government dramatically placed itself on the side of the United Nations, astounding the world as well as the Masters of Intuition, no end. But the people fully realized the vengeance that would be brought upon their heads, they had had a thousand years of experience.

When the Nazi-Fascists blitzkrieged into Yugoslavia on April 5, 1941, it seemed just a routine matter to them, another country in which to exploit their powers of destruction to the hilt, a Slav country which had always been looked upon as quite a choice morsel by the German master planners.

We, Slovenes, are known as a rather mild and docile people, but if we look closely into our history, we will find quite a few individuals who belie that category. We will find crusaders, martyrs, sturdy fighters and independent thinkers, appearing whenever the need arose. They battled the Turks fiercely; they fought in the numerous peasant uprisings; and our first writer, Primož Trubar, was in the vanguard of European independent thought. We have our counterparts of the French Patriots and the American (Partisan) Minutemen.

The people were proud and happy at the stand their new revolutionary government had taken on March 27, 1941, they knew well enough what was in store for them, and grimly they set themselves to face it. For three long years now, day in and day out, they have faced disaster and destruction, cruelty and horror, they have seen the face of death around them, suffered untold agonies -- yet fought on and on, courageously, relentlessly.

When they saw their men folk forced into slavery, their young women sent off to worse than slavery, their children taken to Germany to be "re-educated," their houses pillaged and burned, their villages levelled; when they saw hundreds of their own folk mercilessly murdered, they had an answer ready. They went into the woods and mountains to be able to fight back at their enemy, they found leaders who taught them to live the life of guerrilla fighters -- they became Partisans. Their existence was precarious and dangerous -- an existence possible only to those whose courage is of the strongest, whose faith and hope in the future is of the highest.

Božidar Jakac was one of these -- the people of the Slovene School and National Home in Cleveland remember him well. His best friend, Milan Jarc, a picture of whom he left with us, was the victim of "hostage" murders. In Louis Adamic's book "My Native Land," Bozha and Batch, as well as Milorad Stosich, were of these; and little "Janezek" undoubtedly the target of a Nazi machinegun.

Joseph Vidmar, a modern thinker and philosopher as well as a great leader, in one of his addresses to the people, says in part: "I have spoken of the logic and reason of the Liberation Front, but it does not consist only of reason and logic. It is not only a program, it is a life's reality, it is life's maturity. It is our very life-blood, the essence of our feelings and emotions. It is suffering and inspiration. It is sacrifice and dying. It is creation, it is history. A nation which for a thousand years has shed its blood for foreign oppressors, a nation who seemed to others, and almost to itself, as though born for servitude only -- this nation has in its darkest hour, abandoned by its leaders, torn by three armed-to-the-teeth invaders -- this nation, single-handed, has dared to make a decisive stand to forcefully resist the aggressors. . . . And the greater miracle lies in the success of this struggle. . . . We accomplished this mad, heroic act -- of nothing, actually nothing but the faith of the people. We built, or rather created, our Partisan army, the first in our history, in this, the most terrible moment of our national life. The first Slovene army after thirteen hundred years. Our army, which is battling for us, for our destiny, for our future liberty."

This starts us with the realization of how little we knew, how much has been obscure. When the JPO was organized in 1941 the need for direct relief was apparent and obvious. But when at the close of 1942, the Congress was called in Cleveland, and the Slovene National Council was created, the majority of us did not realize how much our people had already done. Now the picture is being cleared steadily and day after day we find another article in a magazine or newspaper, another letter from one of our own soldiers in Europe, confirming the realization that the leaders of our SANC were in the right.

Bogdan Raditza concludes his report on Yugoslavia and its government in the Nation of January 29: "The old Yugoslavia disappeared on the battlefield, and a new one has

arisen -- a federation based on political, religious and social equality. . . . Against terrible odds and among the physical ruins of their country, the people have rebuilt their scattered armies and astonished the world with their spirit of unity, self-discipline and enormous courage. As one humble worker, I feel that my support belongs to them, because on their banners rest the hopes of my country."

Now let me quote just one more person, not a Slovene, nor a Yugoslav even, but an Englishman, the top-ranking Englishman of today -- Winston Churchill:

"In Yugoslavia, in spite of the most ferocious and murderous cruelties and reprisals perpetrated by the Germans both against hostages and village populations, including women and children, the Partisan forces have the upper hand. The Germans hold the principal towns and try to keep the railways working. They can march their columns hither and thither about the country, they own the ground they stand on, but nothing else; all the rest belongs to the valiant Partisans. German losses have been very heavy and as far as actual fighting is concerned have greatly exceeded the losses of the Partisans. But the killing of hostages and civilians in cold blood adds to the Germans' score -- and it adds to our score against the Germans. . . ."

"Around and within these heroic forces (Tito's Partisans) a national and unifying movement has developed. Communist elements had the honor of being the beginners, but as the movement has increased in strength and numbers, a modifying, a unifying process has taken place and national conceptions have supervened. In Marshal Tito the Partisans have found an outstanding leader, glorious in the fight for freedom. Unhappily, perhaps inevitably, these new forces came into collision with those under General Michailovich. The activities of the Partisans upset his commanders' accommodations (?) with the enemy. He endeavored to suppress them. Many tragic fights took place and bitter feuds sprang up between men of the same race and country. . . . Of course, the Partisans of Marshal Tito are the only people who are doing any effective fighting against the Germans now. For a long time past I have taken particular interest in Marshal Tito's movement and have tried and am trying by every means to bring him help. . . . I can assure the House that every effort in our power will be made to aid and sustain Marshal Tito and his gallant bands."

In our midst it is only natural that people who were born in Europe or who have lived there for a while should feel it their duty and obligation to help those people achieve the freedom and liberty they are so valiantly fighting for, and which we in the United States so proudly and consciously regard as part of our American heritage.

Just as the United States government has acknowledged Tito as worthy of help from the United Nations by sending a mission and aides to his headquarters, so has Congress approved the collaboration of the United States in the postwar world through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Act. When we are helping the SANC and JPO we are not only doing so as Slovenes but also as citizens of the United States. Someone has said "When we help another nation to attain freedom and democracy, we are guaranteeing the future continuance of our own democratic way of life."

I attended the yearly meetings of both JPO and SANC here in Cleveland as representative of the Comrades Lodge. The progress made so far was gratifying. The intense earnestness with which the men and women work together, their broad understanding of the many elements which are involved and cooperate in these vitally needed undertakings was heartening and inspiring. Working in unity is a marvelous achievement -- and the SANC and JPO are making the grade.

Much work has been accomplished so far, but we must realize that we have our shoulder to the wheel. This is the time when all our strength and persistence are necessary, a time of great concentrated effort in which we must brace the work that has been done and give impetus to the work which still must be accomplished in order to achieve our goal. We are, as it were, with both the SANC and JPO, at the peak of our effort, this year we must show our greatest drive, for in this year the fate of our people will be decided. We are giving them support in their greatest hour of need, we must continue to do so until their cause is won.

Just as we did for the Bond Drives, the Red Cross, the Russian War Relief, so let us do our bit for the JPO and SANC, both are greatly in need of our support.

In Cleveland, the JPO is having a performance of the play "Roxy" on April 6, at 3:30 in the afternoon. Be sure to attend. Slovene National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue. Here is your opportunity!

MARY KRIZMANCIC, 566 Cleveland, Ohio.

Golden Eagles

GIRARD, OHIO -- We here in Girard are preparing to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the SNPJ. A combined committee from Lodges 49 and 643 have been at work for some time and can now announce these facts.

The 40th anniversary celebration will be held on April 8 -- Easter Eve -- at the local Slovene Hall. You and you will dance to the music of Jack Persin and his Jolly Jester orchestra. There can be no guarantee of a great supply of refreshments or food but no one will leave complaining of hunger or thirst. It is quite a task -- these days -- to sponsor a dance but Girard will have one on April 8 unless something unforeseen appears. We have attached a great deal of significance to our 40th anniversary and we feel that it is proper and in the spirit of events to furnish this enjoyment.

We have this to consider also. Our soldier-members never fail to mention the fact that they want lodge activities to continue on as large a scale as possible. In a large sense, we have succumbed to the war effort. We are busy, to be sure, but that is no excuse for abandoning fraternalism. Lodge finances are also being rapidly decreased. While individuals are enjoying larger pay checks, lodge treasuries are sick and seedy. Anyway, it has been a good while since our people and their friends

VALUATION REPORT OF SLOVENE NATIONAL BENEFIT SOCIETY as of Dec. 31st, 1943

VALUATION EXHIBIT (Section 23-a method -- Basis other than Accumulation)

ASSETS -- Actual and Contingent	LIABILITIES -- Actual and Contingent
(Excluding assets of expense and special funds)	(Excluding liabilities of expense and special funds)
*27. Present mid-year value of future net contributions on following forms of certificates:	**38. Present mid-year value of promised benefits or net tabular mid-year values, on following forms of certificates:
36. Assets available for payment of death losses determined as follows: Admitted Assets, item 36, page 4 of annual statement (including loans and interest thereon secured by reserves or accumulations actually maintained on the corresponding individual certificates) \$10,867,076.29 less sum of (general or expense funds \$234,866.31, sick and accident funds when not valued \$684,175.92, and special funds (include all funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits) \$140,478.62	139. Adult death only \$7,003,393.00
9,807,555.44	142. Juvenile Certificate Reserve 88,045.00
(Includes \$681,239.00 Juvenile)	143. Adult Special 250,000.00
37. Assets -- Actual and Contingent -- sum of item 36, above	144. Juvenile Special 198,748.00
\$9,807,555.44	145. Juvenile Transfer Credits 113,252.00
	146. Total \$7,041,438.00
	47. Deduct liens and interest thereon, not included in Admitted Assets, and not in excess of required reserves on the corresponding individual certificates value according to Section 23-a Method -- Basis other than Accumulation None
	48. Balance, item 46 less 47, above \$7,041,438.00
	49. Liabilities of mortuary or benefit funds determined as follows: Total Liabilities, except reserve, page 5 of annual statement \$339,083.10 less sum of liabilities of general or expense funds page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 36, above) \$6,580.37; liabilities of sick and accident funds when not valued, page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 36, above); and liabilities of special funds (funds other than general or expense funds not available for payment of benefits), page 5 of annual statement, not in excess of balance in corresponding funds (item 36, above) \$146,183.23
	86,320.60
	50. Liabilities -- Actual and Contingent -- sum of items 48 and 49, above \$7,727,758.60
	51. Ratio per cent of Assets -- Actual and Contingent -- (item 37) to Liabilities -- Actual and Contingent -- (item 50)
	Dec. 31, 1943 120.91%
	Dec. 31, 1942 124.20%
	Dec. 31, 1941 123.71%
	Dec. 31, 1940 121.56%
	Dec. 31, 1939 118.08%
	Dec. 31, 1917 104.61%
	(Includes 36.12 Juvenile)

Form of Explanation for Publication

(N. B. The following is to be used only where the ratio of assets to liabilities is equal to or in excess of 100%.)

52. The above valuation indicates that, on the basis of the Am. Exp. N.F.C. & St. Ind. table of mortality with interest at 3%, 3 1/2%, & 4 per cent, the future assessments of the society, at the net rates now being collected, together with the now invested assets, are sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms, with a margin of safety of \$2,079,796.84 (or 26.91%) over and above the statutory standards.

SCHEDULE A

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Mortality and Interest Assumptions Used	Form of Certificate	Is Form still used?	*Certificates in Force Dec. 31, 1943	**Formula used in Valuation
(a) In Calculation of Rates	(b) In Valuation of Certificate		No. Amount	
ADULT				
(a) Am. Exp. 3%	Am. Exp. 3%	20 Yr. Endowment	Yes 129 \$ 91,800.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(b) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Whole Life	Yes 2053 1,241,518.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(c) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	Yes 1367 865,389.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(d) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Yr. Endowment	1941 161 89,890.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(e) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Endowment at 60	1941 1 1,000.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(f) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Whole Life	Yes 6198 3,647,850.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net
(g) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	Yes 3986 2,466,450.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net
(h) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Paid-up & Extended	443 244,857.00	Mean Terminal, Single Premiums
(i) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Whole Life	1937 4126 2,571,600.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(j) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Whole Life	1937 2892 1,922,400.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net
(k) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	20 Pay Life	1937 1595 961,876.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(l) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	20 Pay Life	1937 1420 970,800.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net
(m) Am. Exp. 4%	Am. Exp. 4%	Endowment at 70	1937 51 33,500.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(n) NFC 4%	NFC 4%	Whole Life	1937 25200 19,028,130.00	Attained Age Level Net
		Total Adult	49623 34,137,050.00	
JUVENILE				
(o) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	Yes 92 92,000.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(p) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Whole Life	1941 3 1,000.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(q) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Pay Life	1941 44 21,750.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(r) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	20 Yr. Endowment	1941 71 28,500.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(s) Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Am. Exp. 3 1/2%	Paid-up & Extended	6 322.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(t) St. Ind. 3 1/2%	St. Ind. 3 1/2%	Term to 18	1941 1692 786,693.00	Mean Terminal, Illinois Standard
(u) St. Ind. 4%	St. Ind. 4%	Term to 16	Yes 14060 7,370,900.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net
(v) St. Ind. 4%	St. Ind. 4%	Cash Settlement at 16	Yes 1469 1,469,000.00	Mean Terminal, Level Net
		Total Juvenile	17437 9,670,167.00	
		Combined Total	67060 43,807,217.00	

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danced to some good, lively polkas. We need to relax and the 40th anniversary will give some of us that chance. Make sure you are with us on April 8. Make sure your friends are notified. You owe yourself a treat.

OFF THE RECORD -- Mary Yekle-levich, wife of Pfc. Anthony Yekle-levich, is now at Indiantown Gap, Pa. where her husband is stationed. And Rose Ann Cherne has gone to Trenton, New Jersey, to be with her husband. Our president, Stan Hribar, is due for induction soon. Pvt. John Ujeic, of the Pittsburgh Morning Stars, is "somewhere in Africa." Here is his address: H-394 Replacement Company, 9th Bn, APO 761, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

At the same time that we will be commemorating the 40th anniversary of the SNPJ, we will also celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Golden Eagles. So you have two good reasons for attending the dance on April 8.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS -- The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at seven o'clock. The change was made so as not to interfere with the coming and goings of the members on Easter Sunday.

Another large contribution to the Slovene American National Council will be made. Two hundred dollars will be sent at this time. Most of our people realize the importance of the organization but we do have those who have 20-20 vision but are totally blind.

Change of address of two fine SNPJs -- Lt. L. J. Zinder, 393 CCTS, BOQ AAB, Sioux City, Iowa. Spt. William J. Seiff, 714 Engineers Depot Company, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. FRANK REZEK, 643.

Would you buy another War Bond to help HIM come home safer and quicker?

Cavaliers Hold Anniversary Dance April 29

BURGETTSTOWN, PA. -- Since April marks our eleventh anniversary, we should take a few minutes to review the history of our lodge, Cavaliers, SNPJ 741.

It was founded by the late Joseph Pompe -- in 1933 -- to whom we owe all of our successful progress. With the beginning of our lodge, we had very few members, but as time went on, these charter members worked hard and took an interest in the business and social affairs of this society and helped make it the success it is today, with a total of 81 adult members and 19 juvenile members, but all of this success goes to the founder.

We also owe our continued success, to Mrs. Hannah Pompe Vietmeier, wife of the late Joseph Pompe, who has made several donations to our social affairs, which helped make them a success.

To commemorate our anniversary, we are holding our annual anniversary dance on April 29, 1944, music by the well-known, Slovenian Swing Kings of Willock, Pa. We hope this will be a great success. (I know that the Committee and all members will work hard to see that everyone has an enjoyable evening. All men and women in uniform admitted free.

The dance hall in our Slovenian Home is being enlarged and remodeled, and we, Cavaliers, are being honored by having the use of this hall for our anniversary dance. On Sunday, April 2, our regular monthly meeting will be held at 2 o'clock and to celebrate our eleventh anniversary, all members are urged to attend. Let's try to make this 100% attendance. In the past, our meetings have been very poorly attended, so to show our founder, the late Joseph Pompe, our apprecia-

Frank Kirm



The Veronians, SNPJ lodge 680, extend their deepest and sincere sympathy to the Kirm family on the death of their son and brother -- Frankie Kirm. Frankie, who was killed while in action overseas, was 23 years of age at the time of that tragic moment Jan. 30, 1944. This youngster, who could have doubled for Jackie Cooper of the movies, was a student of the Oakmont School. Upon completing only two years of high school, Frankie went to work at the local Scaife's plant, at a job making shells for the government. Surviving him are his mother, a brother and three sisters.

tion for the great work he had started and how successful our lodge has become, let's all attend this special anniversary meeting. EMMA KOROSEC, Sec'y.

Juvenile Circles

GOWANDA SLOVENCES HELPED WAR BOND DRIVE



In the group of Gowanda organizations which did such a splendid job in the Fourth War Loan drive was the Slovene Club which conducted a booth in its hall. In charge of the booth and pictured above are (seated l. to r.): Rose Matekovich (Circle Manager), Joe Korber, Lottie Ligiecki, Marion Dubaj, Frances Strauss and Joe Pechnick; (standing l. to r.): Lawrence Andolshek and Louis Klucik. All are members of the SNPJ.

Gowanda Circle No. 40 Active in Patriotic Project

GOWANDA, N. Y.—When members of the SNPJ organized the Juvenile Circle in Gowanda, N. Y., in 1939, we had no idea that these same juveniles would be called to duties of war.

Since that time, not only did the German Nazis and Italian Fascists overrun the country in which the elder Slovenes were born, but by tri-partite agreement with Japan persuaded Tojo with his military clique to stab their new home, America, in the back on December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor.

While we are thinking and worrying about our dear ones over there, not knowing if they are still alive or not, at the same time we feel it is our duty as citizens to support America. Thousands of American-born Slovenes are today serving in American armed forces, hoping that some day they will have a date with Slovene Partisans and repay the Nazis for the cruelties they have done to their grandparents, or to have a date with little Japs to repay them for Bataan and the "March of Death."

Today, some sixty Slovene young men from Gowanda serve in American armed forces. As every American soldier, these men need our support. Under capable leadership, Slovenes of Gowanda were called to "Back the Attack" on the home front and they gladly accepted, and are performing their duties to the best of their ability.

The SNPJ Juvenile Circle members really enjoy themselves at each meeting and, at the same time, are always ready to help with war duties. They collect discarded material vital for war, raise money for the Circle to buy bonds, etc.

For the Fourth War Loan Drive, a new idea was initiated. While selected men canvassed from house to house for prospective bond buyers, a bond booth was installed in the Slovene Club under the management of the Juvenile Circle, admittedly without much hope for any great success. The results, however, were as follows: The Slovene Club bought \$5,000 in bonds, various individuals \$800 bonds, \$52.05 War Stamps and \$56.40 in Warstamps. Total sales amounted to \$5,909.05.

The girls who donated their time working in the booth are members of the Circle—Lottie and Florence Legiecki, Marian Dubaj, Anna Stibel, Anna Sladick, Frances and Sophie Boich, Marian and Jennie Widgoy, Eleanor Matekovich and Sylvia Korber. They deserve a million thanks for their good work.

This undertaking was something new for our Gowanda Slovenes. When it was learned that the Slovene Club planned to invest in \$5,000 worth of War Bonds, arrangements were made to have a picture taken of the Club Directors and bond sellers. The picture and a write-up, very similar to this, appeared in the Gowanda News on March 2, 1944.

ROSE MATEKOVICH, Mgr.

party was planned for April 2 at 3 p. m. We will have sandwiches, cocoa, candy, ice cream, and cake. The entertainment committee will meet to discuss it further. Getting a new hall for our meeting was discussed. Some of the girls will collect waste fats during the month.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 2, at our Manager's home, at 3 p. m. All members are urged to attend.

JOAN FINCO, Sec'y.

Circle 4 J.A.S. Chorus Disbands For the Duration

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Because the Junior All Star chorus has disbanded there will not be a spring concert this year, as there always has been. Due to work and other activities, the members have found it impossible to attend the rehearsals every Wednesday evening. We hope that after the war we will be able to continue the singing club which has worked together so splendidly for the past five and a half years.

We want to thank Mr. Puncer, who gave his time every Wednesday, for five and a half years, to us young people so that we could read the Slovene language correctly. We'd like to add at this time that he was never paid for his faithful service to the chorus.

To Mr. Stephen Jersic, who has been our music teacher since the beginning of the club, we want to express our sincerest thanks for being so patient and for his cooperation in making our chorus a success. We would also like to thank the Senior Singing Club Naprej for letting us use their piano and music.

Although the chorus rehearsals are discontinued, Circle 4 will still hold its meetings the first Wednesday of the month, the next one to be held on April 5.

On April 14, the Circle is holding a party for all Circle members and their friends. All friends invited by members will pay an admission charge of 25c. Music for dancing will be provided by Rudy Smole, Elmer Vachet, Leon Bizjak, and our own "Harry James"—Peter Zachowski. All names of members and friends planning to attend must be left with either the President or the Secretary by April 5, the latest, so that plans can be made as to the amount of refreshments, etc.

FANNIE RADELJ, Pres.

OFFICE HELP WANTED

Notice is given hereby that there is a vacancy in the SNPJ supreme secretary's office. Any person, preferably a girl, who is a typist, and is good at figures may apply for the position. A knowledge of shorthand would also be an asset. In other words, a person with a general business course and willingness for office work is desired. Applicants who are SNPJ members will receive first consideration. Starting salary upon agreement.

Because this help is urgently needed, we ask those members who feel qualified, and who would be interested in working for their own organization to apply immediately. Your application, which should state your age, education and previous business experience, if any, should be addressed to the supreme secretary.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Sec'y, 2857 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago, 23, Illinois.

Gold is the fool's curtain, which hides all his defects from the world. —Feltbam.

Skeptic Miss: "Can this coat be worn out in the rain without hurting it?"

Fur Salesman: "Lady, did you ever see a skunk carrying an umbrella?"

In Loving Memory of our dear Brother Pfc. FRANK SEIBERT

who was killed in action in North Africa, one year ago, March 28, 1943. We miss you now, our hearts are sore. As time goes by, we miss you more; Your loving smile, your gentle face, No one can fill the vacant place. Sadly missed by brothers, sisters and friends.—Johnstown, Pa.

at least as much moral support in their fight for a just cause, as is given materially by the United States and England.

4) It is further stated that the present resolution is a new violation of both resolutions adopted by the last convention, and their meaning and purpose entirely ignored. The supreme board, which, according to the by-laws is the only authority to interpret ambiguous provisions of the by-laws and similar matters, has determined that basically the resolutions are not opposed to each other. Individual supreme officials in a democratic institution should obey the majority even if their personal thoughts and sentiments are otherwise.

Motion carried unanimously to accept this explanation, which is to be published in the minutes. Session is adjourned at 9:30. Vincent Calkins, F. A. Vider, Anton Trejar, President Secretary Recorder

Spirit-o-Grains

(Continued from page 5) like "Orphans in the Storm." We actually haven't a home, where we Jugoslavs could meet, have entertainment, recreation or hold our lodge meetings. You must pay wherever you go, so why not add a little more and have "Our Home," something to be proud of especially when "Johnny Comes Marching Home." Let's extend our hand, Spirits, for a good, solid "hand clasp."

We were surprised to see a Lincolnite article last week, also the Hearts out Kansas way. Let's hear from you now and then. Tell us of your doings, names of those gone to service, etc. What has happened to our Louis Kosela? We miss you news. Sis. Anna Bognich from Collinsville who has been on the sick list for several months is reported doing nicely, and we would like to see Anne attend one of our meetings when she recovers. Al and Ida Kacin escaped a near tragedy when Al found one of the furnaces in the 4-family apartment where he resides, all ablaze, and the fire spreading rapidly. Being 9:30 evening and their son Bobby already asleep, they really had to do some fast thinking. Their furniture and other belongings were ruined mainly by smoke and water.

Congrats to Walter Boranich who was married in San Diego, Cal. (his naval base). The Spirits just cannot find words or should I say the words "thank you!" are not enough to convey to Frank Roseman. Why? 'Cause he has never failed the lodge yet—his donation of \$5 for every dance he does not attend, although he has a valid excuse, working nites. He has made these donations for the past 7 or 8 years. Never fails! So from our heart, Bro. Roseman, accept our "Thanks".

Front Lines: Bro. Fritz Rugel is home from Texas, on a 30 day furlough. Hope that we see him before he leaves. Congrats to Tony Spacak, as he received his wings recently. Bro. Leroy Hervatin is somewhere in Pacific. Bro. John Kozman, lodge 230, has received his induction papers. Sis. Anne Kokal's brother, Nick Domitrovich, was among the 14 Granite City men who stood on the railroad platform waiting for the train to pull in to take them to Chicago for induction. As the train approached they said a quick goodbye once more to their families and friends and moved away, but the train whistled and then thundered right on past the group of men. No, the war wasn't over suddenly. Some

New York All Americans

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—First of all, I wish to correct my error in my column in the Feb. 29 issue of the Prosveta. John E. Champa, GM 3/G, objected to my listing the Wisconsin as a 50-ton battleship. The correct weight is approximately forty-six thousand tons.

Although the SANC movement is very much alive in this action of the country and any number of branches have been organized, there still remain those who have not been convinced. Therefore a rally will be staged on Sunday afternoon, April 2, at the American Slovene Auditorium, 253 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, to start at four o'clock. This will be sponsored by the United Slovene Lodges and those of us on the committee will endeavor to make this the best and attempt to bring the moral support to a higher level.

Louis Adamic, who needs no introduction, and Mirko Kuhl, acting secretary of SANC, will address the audience on that day. A short program is being planned to allow more time to the guest speakers. All members of the SNPJ lodges and SANC branches situated nearby are most cordially invited to attend and hear what is being done and remains to be accomplished.

Bro. Feliks Kramarsich Sr. donated \$18 to SANC branch 46 and a few days later, Bro. Joseph Petek came along with a \$15 donation. Both these contributions are in addition to their generous monthly pledges. Here we have two members of the SNPJ who understand the work that is being done and both agree that this is a most worthy cause. My sincere "Thank you" goes to both you gentlemen.

Nine months have elapsed since

one had just forgotten to tell the engineer to stop at Granite City. So they tried it again the next day—it worked.

Cpl. Johnny Rhodus, stationed in England, tells us that when he's not on duty, he builds bicycles with odds and ends. Sold one and is struggling with his second. Bro. Ed Hervatin is still stationed at Jefferson Bks. and by the way, Ed and the missus made a date with the stork. Just in time for our membership campaign.

Remember the SANC meeting April 2, at 331 S. 7th. Important for you to be present.

the Honor Roll listing the Slovene boys and girls in the services was officially unveiled. All through these months the committee have been on their toes to keep the list up to date. Sides were constructed to permit space for the rapidly increasing list. Now once again a program will be presented to honor these people fighting and training all over the world. The day set aside for this is Sunday, April 30. An unusual program is being planned for that day, and all who attend are assured of a most enjoyable time.

The Red Cross War Campaign started off with a bang here on March 5, when a rally was held at the Slovene Hall. At that time the speakers were Anna Krasna, Ludwig Mutz, Hedy Pelich and Mr. R. McClellan who served in the last war and has just recently returned from England where he has served as a field director for eight months. Movies were also shown of the work of the Red Cross here and overseas. The response to the call has been great by the Slovenes here and it is expected all those who have not made their contributions will do so soon.

A Yugoslav Unity Festival will be sponsored by the Yugoslav Panel of the American Slav Congress of Greater New York on Sunday, April 23, at Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St. Assisting artists on that day will be Zlatko Balokovic, violinist, Zinka Milanov, opera star; Ann Kopic, lyric soprano; Olga Turkovich, dramatic soprano; Croatian and Slovene choruses, and dance groups. Guest speakers will be Sava Kosanovich, former minister of Yugoslavia; Leo Krzycki, president of American Slav Congress, and Zlatko Balokovic, president of New York Slav Congress. The admission to this spectacular presentation will be only \$1 including tax.

I am sorry to say that the regular monthly meeting of the New York All Americans held on Sunday, March 19, was not well attended, but nevertheless many important topics were discussed. We were happy to have with us two new members, Jerry Corel and Raymond Stresow, and hope in time they will prove most active members. We were glad to hear that Sister Josephine De Maso has fully recovered from her recent illness. Sister Jennie Padar, reported on her attendance as lodge delegate to the Emergency Conference on American Unity on March 18, sponsored by the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born. The speakers at the confer-

Of Our Community

Little Fort Lodge WAUKEGAN, ILL.—This will be the last reminder regarding the Little Fort Lodge, No. 568, SNPJ card and bunco party. The affair will take place on Saturday evening, April 1, at the Slovene Hall, commencing at 7:30 p. m.

The committee-in-charge, consisting of the entire membership present at the February meeting, has taken deep interest in the program and has tried to prepare entertainment of a kind which should be pleasing to all. The Ticket Committee has done a good job; the Prize Committee has assembled an array of trophies which will be greatly appreciated by the lucky persons, and the drawing books are almost full of names now—a week before the fun!

We urge all card and bunco players—members of Little Fort, No. 14, and No. 119—to come along for fun! Tickets for admission will be sold downstairs so if one of the members of the ticket committee has failed to see you, you still will be able to participate and perhaps even carry home a war bond or a food basket! Come, join with us in a gala evening.

T. K. Lodge 568. (Ed. note: Omitted items will appear in next week's issue.)



ence represented Yugoslav, Polish, Ukrainian, Finnish, Latvian, Greek, Hungarian, and yes even the German, Italian and Japanese nationality groups all working hand in hand for the same goal. Don't forget the SANC rally on April 2, Sunday, 4 p. m. Come early and bring your friends! JENNIE PADAR, 580.

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EXPECTED AND ACTUAL MORTALITY ON GROSS AMOUNT AT RISK

	—Adult—	Juvenile
54. Expected mortality on gross amount at risk	\$461,979.00	\$84,287.00
55. Total death losses incurred during the year determined as follows: Death losses paid during the year including the commuted value of installment death losses J. 6,530.00 item 1, page 3 of annual statement, plus such death losses unpaid December 31 of current A. year \$83,834.62 (line 1, cols. 1-4, incl., page 5 of annual statement, and less such death losses unpaid December 31 of previous A. year \$58,703.55 (line 1, cols. 1-4, incl., page 5 of annual statement for said year), giving actual mortality on gross amount at risk	\$339,789.75	\$ 6,530.00
56. Ratio per cent of actual (item 55, above) to expected mortality (item 54, above) on gross amount at risk during 1943	73.55%	7.75%
	1942.....71.18%	19.62%
	1941.....74.28%	29.03%
	1940.....78.89%	36.64%
	1939.....75.64%	24.79%

INTEREST INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

(Excluding items belonging to general or expense funds) NOTE.—The figures entered in items 57 to 64, inclusive, below should relate to benefit funds only. The general or expense fund figures are to be excluded from items 57 to 63, inclusive, below, and in calculating the percentages shown in items 62, 63 and 64, below, the assets of general or expense funds are to be excluded.

	—Adult—	Juvenile
57. Interest, dividends and rents received during the year, per items 12 to 18, inclusive, page 2 of the annual statement (less item 41, page 3, and less \$..... amortization and plus \$..... accrual)	\$313,401.54	\$20,037.04
58. Add the excess of interest and rents due and accrued over interest and rents paid in advance December 31 of current year determined as follows: Item 18, page 4, less the sum of item 33B, page 4, item 12, page 5, and the interest in item 10, page 5, of annual statement	73,577.90	5,279.54
59. Total	\$386,979.44	25,316.58
60. Deduct the excess of interest and rents due and accrued over interest and rents paid in advance December 31 of previous year determined as follows: Item 18, page 4, less the sum of item 33B, page 4, and the interest in item 10, page 5, of previous year's annual statement	72,765.95	4,848.56
61. Interest earned during the year, item 59 less item 60, above (..... per cent of mean ledger assets less one-half of interest earned)	\$314,213.49	20,468.02
62. Investment expenses paid during the year A. \$29,173.85 plus A. \$2,826.45 unpaid December 31 of current year, less A. \$1,597.25 unpaid December 31 of previous year, giving incurred investment expenses (averaging .3048 per cent of mean ledger assets)	30,403.05	1,679.50
63. Net interest (including rents) on investments of benefit funds, item 61 less item 62, above (2.917 per cent of mean ledger assets less one-half of net interest income from investments)	\$302,598.88	Combined
64. Net rate of interest earned on benefit funds during 1943	2.917%	
	1942.....3.121%	
	1941.....3.228%	
	1940.....3.337%	
	1939.....3.352%	

65. Instructions for Calculating Expected Mortality on the Gross Amount at Risk.	
JUVENILE	ADULT
\$ 29,353.00 (a)	\$480,367.00, qx+n times insurance in force December 31 of previous year, less reserve liens and interest thereon.
139,951.00 (b)	475,421.00, qx+n times insurance in force December 31 of current year, less reserve liens and interest thereon.
169.00 (c)	3,270.00, qx+n times death losses incurred during the current year, less reserve liens and interest thereon.
\$168,573.00 (d)	\$923,958.00, Sum of items (a), (b) and (c), above. Divide item (d) by two to obtain:
84,287.00 (e)	461,979.00, Expected gross death losses during the current year.
	(f) The above calculations were made on basis of American Experience, N. F. C. and Standard Industrial table of mortality.

State of Illinois County of Cook)
Ralph I. Booth, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the actuary who made the foregoing computations and answers to the questions above set forth concerning the condition of Slovene National Benefit Society as of December 31, 1943 and that the same are correct and true to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, 1944.
Official Seal if any)
Donald J. Lotrich (Notary Public)
Ralph I. Booth (Signature of actuary)
175 W. Jackson Blvd. (Street and Number)
Chicago, Illinois (City and State)

Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board

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is aware of the meaning of the words "criticism" and "antipathy" even if he applies them incorrectly in this case. If criticism in the editorials would be so constructive concerning Russia and the Partisans as it is for instance, concerning the rest of the United Nations, it almost certainly would not have come to this dispute.
3) Nowhere in the resolution is there a statement from which it could be concluded that the supreme board considers the Partisans to be the only party in Yugoslavia, in spite of the fact that they would deserve this because of their superhuman resistance to the invaders. However, it would be fitting for the publications of a workers' benefit institution like the SNPJ to give them