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THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

By LOUIS ADAMIC
(Continued)

Properly to honor the country, and to serve it effectively, we need to have a high regard for the entire body of the tradition as it has grown during the 172 years of our Independence. But more than all else we need to accept the need, the duty, and the privilege of change, of steady progress toward general welfare, called for by the Constitution. Under Henry Wallace's leadership, the Progressive Party offers itself as a medium through which those who love their country and are also in favor of their own rightful individual interests can express themselves in 1948... 1950... in 1952, assuming that the "next war," now being drummed up, won't destroy us all before then.

People's Party

At this moment no one can be certain how many votes Wallace and Taylor will get in November. Personally, I am not in this campaign only in reference to this year's election, or because I think, as I do think, that Henry Wallace is a great American who should be in the White House in this crucial period. In the main, I am in this campaign because, like Wallace and Taylor, like millions of other Americans, I became convinced that neither of the old parties is fit to deal with the profound crisis which is coming to a climax in these middle years of the 20th century. I am in this movement because I want to help build a new people's party that will be capable of coping with the crisis now converging upon us and the rest of the world.

Like many of you here, I am foreign-born; and every once in a while I hear or read some remark to the effect that I have no right to be doing what I am doing right now—helping Wallace to save the peace and build a new party. Such remarks amuse me. It so happens that I have read rather extensively in American history, not as taught in most schools but as it really happened; and I am impressed by this fact—that in all crucial or climactic periods in the career of this country the so-called foreigners played important roles.

The Irish and German elements, for instance, were the big "foreign" groups around 1776, and it was they who became the backbone of General Washington's revolutionary ar-

my. The same Irish and German elements furnished the mass support to Thomas Jefferson when he started a new party 150 years ago. The same was true again in the period of Andrew Jackson, when American democracy took another long step forward. When Lincoln came along and started a new party, his most steadfast backing came from the numerous new-immigrant groups — Germans, Scandinavians and others. This was quite natural. As newcomers who came here seeking liberty and opportunity, they had a more acute sense of what America professed, and they took American principles more seriously than many of the old-line Americans who had begun to be matter-of-fact, if not smug, about the country. As newcomers, they were somewhat outside the mainstream of American life. By going behind the cause of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln, they became part of the mainstream. They promoted themselves from second-class citizens to first-class. It is Americanization at its very best. It made history, it enriched the tradition of the country, it integrated the new Americans into the country as a whole.

Growing Impulse

And it is quite natural, and very fortunate, that many of us in the new-immigrant groups have joined with many old-line Negro Americans, with many white Americans of the earlier immigration waves, with Henry Wallace, in this movement to form a new party and make it competent to deal with the complex looming before us. Most of us in this room tonight are Slavic Americans who, already in 1946 and early in '47, sensed that Henry Wallace was right and became part of the growing impulse to form a new party. Regardless of what some of our opponents may be saying, this

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THE UPPER CRUST



"I can't excuse your lateness until your teacher signs a Taft-Hartley affidavit."

THIS WEEK'S CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

This week's outstanding membership gain came from Lodge 764, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, whose secretary, Jacob Rasie, enrolled 12 new members, thus increasing the lodge's total to twenty for the campaign and moving it up into fifth place in the district standings. It now has only nine more to go to attain its assigned quota. Should Lodge 764 succeed in doing this, it will be the second time in the two years since its merger with the SNPJ that it will have achieved this goal, having enrolled 31 new members in last year's campaign.

The second highest honors of the week were shared equally by two contestants, John Mandich, Secretary of Lodge 178, Piney Fork, Ohio, and Mike Machek, Secretary of Lodge 603, Samsula, Florida. Brother Mandich added 8 new members to smash the quota of his lodge and take over the leadership in the second campaign district with 16 members to his credit, while Brother Machek secured the same number in his district, giving him 10 for the second half contest and a grand total of 22 for the campaign up to this point.

Mary Gorence, Secretary of Lodge 609, Arma, Kansas continues to "bombard" the Main Office with a chain of membership applications as 7 more new members are recorded to her credit, boosting the total to 39 altogether. Both the lodge and contestant are now first in the fourth district and third in the national standings. They're moving up very fast, so watch out you leaders in Pennsylvania!

Oral Lodge 21 of Pueblo, Colorado also made a gain of 7 new members, this through the hard work of Secretary Rose Radovich whose record in past SNPJ campaigns ranks with the best. Since her election to the secretaryship of this lodge in 1943, Sister Radovich has secured over two hundred members and topped the quota in every campaign. We are confident that she will do everything in her power to make the Juvenile Anniversary Campaign equally successful.

The Trojans (748) of Johnston, Pa., with Ann Bricely and Dorothy Glavach "sparkling" the local drive, became the third lodge to smash the quota last week, doing this with 5 additional new members for a grand total of 27 for the campaign, moving it up very close to the top four grand prize positions and only one behind the district leader.

Still another lodge succeeded in smashing its quota. This was Lodge 87 of Hermine, Pa. whose secretary, Martin Urana, Jr., also secured 5 new members and at present is in third place in the standings of his district with a total of 26 members to his credit, all but three coming in the second half contest. And we have been assured by none other than Brother Urana that efforts to improve the membership of the SNPJ in his locality will be carried on right up to the closing day of the campaign and, we hope, with excellent results.

Noteworthy gains of 4 new members each were reported by John Stropnik (152), Maryville, Illinois and Otto Grosnik (254), Bon Air, Pa. Gains of three new members each were made by Jerney Okorn (225), Edison, Kansas, Anton Shular (434), Arma, Kansas, Lodge 386, Library, Pa., Lodge 564, Detroit, Mich., Lodge 700, Roundup, Montana and Lodge 715, Universal, Pa.

LIBERAL AWARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS

It is doubtful if ever in the history of the Society we have offered a list of prizes that quite equals that of the Juvenile Anniversary Campaign. Here is what you stand to earn and win:

REGULAR PRIZES of \$1 to \$4 will be awarded for each new member enrolled from April 1 to December 1, 1948.

SPECIAL PRIZES will be awarded to individual winners in the district contests, these consisting of eight prizes of \$50 each, eight of \$35, eight of \$25 and eight of \$15, totaling \$1,000 altogether.

GRAND PRIZES will be awarded to the four lodges having the highest enrollment of new members over their assigned quotas in the national contest (all districts combined), these comprising of a handsomely designed plaque and \$100 for first place and smaller but similarly designed plaques and \$50 each for the second, third and fourth place winners.

GRAND PRIZES will also be awarded to the four individual contestants having the highest enrollment of new members over their quotas in the national contest, these comprising of a 21 jewel gold wristwatch for first place and 17 jewel gold wristwatches to the second, third and fourth place winners.

SUPPLEMENTARY PRIZES, too, will be awarded, a plaque to each lodge and a 15 jewel gold wristwatch to each individual contestant finishing first in their respective district who fail to place among the grand prize winners—and in addition to these awards a copy of the book, "The Silent People Speak" by Robert St. John, to every contestant with ten or more new members to his credit who is not a winner of a special or grand prize.

Now that you have been reminded of what you can earn and win by enrolling new members, let's all go to work and smash the quotas in every lodge in the closing five and a half weeks of the Juvenile Anniversary Campaign.

Michael Vrbovnik, Campaign Director, SNPJ

California Progressives Indorse Holifield, Douglas

LOS ANGELES—(FP)—Indorsement of Democratic Rep. Chet Holifield, up for reelection in the 19th district, was announced here by the Independent Progressive party, thus removing one of the most frequent criticisms leveled at the new party.

At the same time, the Progressives announced withdrawal of their candidate, Jack Berman, and said their decision "was made after consultation with many non-political groups in the district who are interested in progressive issues."

Berman entered the race after Holifield turned down an invitation to cross-file on the Progressives' ticket in the primaries. While the Progressives declared they were forced to enter their own candidate to prevent a Republican from capturing the nomination under California's complicated cross-filing system, Berman's candidacy brought repeated charges that the new party would split Holifield's vote.

The Progressives' decision to campaign for Holifield foreshadowed similar action in the 14th district where Democratic Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas is running for reelection. IPP candidate Sidney Moore was named to oppose Mrs. Douglas in the primaries after she joined Holifield in turning down the new party's invitation to cross-file. Recently Moore also was withdrawn.

First announcement of the Holifield indorsement was made by Berman at a meeting of IPP members, AFL and CIO members for Wallace. The meeting was also attended by Holifield's campaign manager and other labor, political and community leaders, including some of Democratic and Republican affiliation who are backing Wallace. Previously, Berman and other IPP leaders had met with Holifield to discuss the indorsement.

It then called for support of Holifield and cited his "fine record," including "a strong battle against the Mundt-Nixon bill and vigorous opposition to the draft legislation... (and) his unequivocal position favoring repeal of the Taft-Hartley law."

Berman's withdrawal followed similar action in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. In Pennsylvania, the Progressives withdrew four congressional candidates and announced they would support "all consistently proved liberals," regardless of party label. Only Progressive congressional candidate remaining in the Pennsylvania race is Magistrate Joseph Rainey, prominent Philadelphia Negro Liberal.

In New Jersey the Progressives withdrew four congressional candidates, leaving six in the field, and declared their action "clearly shows that the false and reckless charge that the Wallace movement is splitting the progressive vote is deliberate distortion."

In Massachusetts' second congressional district, the Progressives withdrew their candidate, Mrs. Robinia Anthony, and threw their support to the Democratic nominee Foster Furcolo.

A Sensible Plea

By K. M. LANDIS II

Amid the angry indictments and recriminations over the Berlin blockade, there is one modest proposal that deserves some consideration.

It doesn't come from any of the great Powers that have been protesting so dramatically about their rights in Berlin.

The suggestion comes, oddly enough, from the principals in the case, from the blockaded people of Berlin in whose welfare we have expressed such a great interest.

We have warned the Russians most solemnly that no amount of coercion will cause us to let these people down. We have insisted that our interest in Berlin is "outstandingly humanitarian in character."

So before we get involved in war on this matter, it might be well to listen to what the Berliners themselves have to say—through their duly elected representatives.

The Berlin City Council, which is strongly anti-Russian, has made a special appeal to the United Nations.

"It will always be difficult," declares the Council, "to find a durable and final solution of the Berlin problems on an international basis."

What do the Berliners suggest? An answer that does not seem to have occurred to our military statesmen.

"We, therefore," says the Council, "urgently appeal to the occupation Powers and to the world to

Editor's Column

DO YOU REMEMBER?

In these days strange things are going on in this "Christian" world of ours. Stranger indeed than fiction. In the name of "Christian civilization," "democracy," "humanity," "patriotism" and other high-sounding words, revolting infamies and crimes are being committed. Not so much by the ordinary mortals who are but to do and follow and die, nor even by the ordinary criminals and gangsters of whose accomplishments we read daily in our press or hear over the radio, but by those who have our destinies in their hands, the destinies of the entire nations.

By the powers that be, strange things are being committed at home and abroad. At home by poisoning the minds of the people by witch hunts and red hysteria in order to fool and deceive them. All this to a large extent for the purpose to cover up what the bi-partisans are doing or what they intend to do abroad.

Anyone who has been following "our" bi-partisan foreign policy with any sense of objectivity is often amazed at the strange things "we" have been doing abroad in the name of "democracy," "Christianity," "humanity," or what have you. We could name at least a dozen countries, where "our" interests supposed to be "paramount," where what we do is stranger than fiction.

However, we shall only confine ourselves to Germany where we, as a nation, are committing not only grave blunders of policy but also such infamies as to be almost unbelievable. There we are not only hobnobbing with those Germans who had put Hitler in power—the powerful cartellists and Junkers, returning them to economic and political saddle—or planning to once more rebuild the immense German war potential, but what is even more revolting is our sudden leniency to and sympathy with the Nazi criminals. We do not have in mind so much the small fry but the big beasts of Nazism.

And nothing is more revolting, nothing more illustrative of our present policy, based on the vicious Truman doctrine, than the case of a female Nazi beast by the name of Ilsa Koch.

Perhaps you have heard something about her case, either recently or three years ago. Even if you did, we advise you to read the following account about her and about our current policy in Germany by Israel Epstein of the Allied Labor News. We are publishing his article on Ilsa Koch and Gen. Clay as part of our editorial because it precisely expresses our own views and feeling. It reads as follows:

GENERAL LUCIUS D. CLAY, U. S. commander in Germany, has signed an order commuting Ilsa Koch's sentence of life imprisonment to four years—of which she has already served three. So Ilsa may go free next year.

Remember Ilsa Koch? This fiend, masquerading as a woman, was the commandant's wife at Buchenwald concentration camp. When Allied troops liberated the camp, where the Nazis had kept and killed political prisoners and Jews, they found that Ilsa had had tattooed prisoners so she could make lampshades out of their skins. If a man confined in Buchenwald had a fine, young, healthy skin with no tattoo, in the opinion of Ilsa who stripped and examined them all, she had him printed with a design she fancied and then murdered.

The human-skin lampshades were right there in Ilsa's apartment. The world press carried the story, presenting all readers with an object lesson in the meaning of fascism. An Allied court decreed life imprisonment for the Nazi ogress, instead of hanging, only to save the unborn child she managed to conceive in jail.

Now Ilsa is to be released. This leads to another question. Who is General Clay, this man of fine moral unabilities who found sympathy in his heart for Ilsa Koch? Clay is the man responsible for the "get tough" policy in Berlin today. He often explains that policy by reference to his conscience, to the necessity of protecting "anti-Communist Germans" from a former ally. The "anti-Communist Germans" for whom Clay is so concerned are mainly former and present Nazis. Nazis, the U. S. military government admits, now hold some 70% of majorities and judge-ships in Clay's zone.

What has this to do with you? Whoever you are, Gen. Clay can decide whether you'll be exposed to war's destruction, and in what course. The mind that could free Ilsa Koch, according to such foreign affairs experts as Walter Lippmann and former Under-sec. of State Sumner Welles, now guides the U. S. course in Germany. And the question of Germany, as everyone knows, is the crossroads of peace or war in our time.

If you are a veteran and heard about Ilsa Koch while still in uniform, remember what CI's said as Hitlerite atrocity after Hitlerite atrocity was uncovered. They said, and perhaps you yourself did: "Hope the Russians take over Germany. They're the only ones who know how to deal with those Nazi bastards." Remember?

If you are a Jew, do you remember the six million of your people destroyed in Nazi gas chambers, buried alive, boiled down for soap, burned like cordwood in Nazi furnaces by the Ilsa Kochs? You have a right to speak because your casualties at Nazi hands were greater than those of any nation except Russia, greater 40 times than the total U. S. battle deaths against Japan and Germany combined. Now, while many Jews still rot in DP camps, Ilsa may be freed and have a homeland to go to. Remember?

If you are just a newspaper reader, do you recall worrying whether "the Germans would understand their guilt," how you felt that German understanding of fascism's responsibility was the only guarantee of peace? Does Gen. Clay's verdict on Ilsa Koch show that Nazi crime against humanity doesn't pay? Remember?

Whoever you may be, remember that the name of the majority of the world's people in our generation is one—Victims of Fascism. All the world was thrown into war by it. It devastated most of Europe, Asia and part of Africa. The people of the ex-enemy nations themselves were misled and debauched by it, led to slaughter others and condemned to defeat themselves. Even in comparatively untouched America, young men were sacrificed, careers were broken, families were destroyed by war. It was the fascist Axis, otherwise known as the Anti-Communism Pact, that the people's fought, and thought they licked, in World War II. Wartime Allied agreements solemnly committed the victors to exterminate even "the seeds of fascism." Who has forgotten?

Today Hirohito rules in Japan, under the benevolent protection of Gen. MacArthur, while a still unconvicted Tojo spouts endlessly in court about how he was right, in an "anti-Communist" way, even about Pearl Harbor, in Germany, under Clay, "denazification" courts acquit Hjalmer Schacht, who financed Hitler. They acquit the industrialists who made his weapons. Even top generals of Hitler's armies are being cleared, while U. S. and British brass-hats solemnly applaud because legal responsibility might make planning aggressive war dangerous everywhere. And now Ilsa Koch.

How many radioed weasel words, how many barrels of headline ink have been spilt to confuse the issue. How many phony issues are raised, and with what desperate energy, to obscure the fact that Ilsa Koch highlights once more in men's hearts and minds—that the fascist enemy is not only loose but being deliberately nourished. How shameful that highly placed Americans present the United States to the world's fascist-mauled millions in a new and unbecoming role, the role of defender of the beast.

withdraw the occupation troops from Berlin as part of an over-all end of the occupation throughout Germany."

The Berliners don't want the Russians to force us out of their city. They propose, however, that we should all get out together and vacate not only Berlin but all of Germany.

Aren't we in a silly position, all of us, all the occupation powers?

Here we are, more than three years after the war ended, arguing with great indignation over our respective rights in the capital of the

defeated enemy. And what is our reason for being in Berlin?

Supposedly we are there to instruct the Berliners on how to be peace-loving people, and to make sure they don't start another war.

A fine example we're setting. The fact is that all peace-loving people are scared to death that the occupation powers will start a war that will make the last engagement look like a Sunday School picnic.

The sooner we find a way to back away from each other, perhaps a foot at a time, the sooner the world will be able to breathe again.

(Sun-Times)

WE ARE CHOKING DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN GERMANY

"An alliance between an extreme-nationalistic Germany and Soviet Russia" is likely because the U.S. military occupation authorities are favoring former Nazis and ignoring the trade union movement and other democratic forces."

That is the warning sounded by the subcommittee of the Labor Dept.'s Trade Union Advisory Committee on International Affairs. The CIO was represented on that committee by Intl. Affairs Director Michael Ross, and the AFL by Irving Brown and Henry Rutz.

They were accompanied on their visit to Berlin and the most important centers of the three Western zones by Arnold Steinbach of the Labor Dept. Office of Intl. Labor Affairs.

The subcommittee's report is similar, in many respects to that of Victory Reuther, CIO Auto Workers' education director, who said recently after a visit to Germany, "We are hurting our true friends—the democratic trade unionists—and aiding our enemies, the former Nazis and the Communists." The subcommittee reported:

"Resentment and criticism throughout our zone, whether justified or not, are rife to such an extent that one can generalize by saying that no German political leader can afford to become too much

identified with occupation policy and administration.

"Yet it is true to state that the way in which we hand back our controls will determine economic and political conditions far into the foreseeable future."

The U. S. trade union representatives said they found that most of the German union members and all democratic forces in Germany "fear annihilation if military government disappears."

"They are unanimous in charging that under present conditions military government is handing Germany back to the same forces in the economic and political life of Germany who were mainly responsible for the rise and maintenance of a Nazi Germany."

The report is critical of the failure of the U. S. military government to return Nazi-confiscated property to the unions and to put social security plans into operation. Also criticized is the occupation authorities' "unreal concept of wages which has made collective bargaining impossible."

The subcommittee also reports that "the influence of labor within the military government has distinctly declined" since the return to the U. S. of Joseph Keenan, former labor adviser to Gen. Lucius Clay, head of the occupation forces. (CIO News)



Enroll a New Member and Win a Prize!

The satisfaction which comes from building a stronger SNPJ should be sufficient inducement to encourage and inspire all of us to work more diligently for the expansion of our membership ranks in the current Juvenile Anniversary Campaign. This, however, is not all one stands to profit through such service for the SNPJ offers. REGULAR PRIZES of \$1 to \$4 for each new member enrolled, besides thirty-two SPECIAL PRIZES, eight GRAND PRIZES and numerous SUPPLEMENTARY PRIZES, totaling approximately \$1,000. Never before has the Society offered a list of prizes as outstanding as this in a membership contest.

With only five and a half weeks of the campaign remaining, now is the time to swing into action with full force in one magnificent effort to secure as many new members as possible and qualify for one of the many attractive prizes which the SNPJ offers. GET INTO THE CAMPAIGN and SMASH THAT QUOTA!

STRABANE PIONEERS

STRABANE, Pa.—Our regular meeting of this month produced plans for many affairs, among them our annual Halloween party. It will take place on Sunday evening, Oct. 31. It is for our members only. The entertainment committee requests that we all come masked for more fun, however, if you choose NOT to mask, there will be an admission charge of 75c per person. FREE admission to masked members only. So let us all be good sports and rig up some freakish costumes. There will be plenty to eat and drink, for diversion, dancing and prizes for various costumes.

On Sunday night, Nov. 6, Frank Klemencic and his orchestra will furnish the music for a dance our club is sponsoring. Then on the next day, a Sunday evening, Nov. 7, Russ Romero and his orchestra will play for another dance, sponsored by our club, too. As it has been some time ago, that our club held a dance, let us all support these two dances coming up. It shouldn't have to be an effort because we all know how popular these two bands are in this district. Nothing much could be added in their behalf.

Millie Podboy took Angelo Grosso's unexpired term on the ent. comm. "Basha" Progar took Mary Chesnic's unexpired term on the auditing comm. and "Skinny" Koklich is our new vice president for the rest of this year.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. John Progar upon the birth of a son. She was the former Mary Sveton, Happy birthday to Kenny Progar for his very first one.

There was some discussion of our annual Xmas dance—so far as we know the plans are calling for a semi-formal dance. This should be thrilling to the younger generations especially—because of the war we didn't have any formal dances for years. So, girls, start dreaming about your formal gown and show the boys how really pretty you all can look on the best day of the year—Xmas.

Even if this is written at the 11th hour, so to speak, we must mention again, our huge celebration in honor of our children of both Juvenile Circles of the Joint Lodges 138 and 580. This 2-day affair will be honoring the SNPJ's 35th anniversary of the Juvenile Dept. and the 10th anniversary of the Juvenile Circles. It will begin on Saturday, Oct. 23, with a dance featuring the very popular Al Medofer and his Polka-teers. Then on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, at 3 the Juvenile Circle's directors and assistants will present a huge program with children from both circles participating. Our lads and lassies have an array of talent to offer for your approval. We assure you there won't be a dull moment. The guest speaker will be Bro. Michael Vrhovnik, Juvenile Director of SNPJ and proud to say, our home town favorite son.

This celebration will wind up with Frank Porovne and his Musical Stylists, a very fine band, too, playing for the Sunday evening dance (Oct. 24). This affair is an invitation to everyone, our members, their friends and all other lodges near and far. Come, help us celebrate the pride we have in our youngsters.

MARY KOVAL, 589

Lodge 82 Observe 40th Anniversary

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—Once again Triglav, Lodge 82 SNPJ, comes in to the spotlight with bigger and better news that has ever hit the city of Johnstown. On Saturday, Nov. 20, the lodge will sponsor its 40th anniversary dance at the Moxham Slovene Hall, Oakland ave., Lorain Borough.

This affair promises to be the "biggest event of the year." Music will be furnished by the Balkan Serenaders Tamburitza of Trafford City. The tamburitza is led by none other than Mickey Lakmer, and that man really knows his music. The boys will oblige you in whatever type of music you like—Croatian, Slovene, American, etc.

And, to get you all "limbered up" for that evening of swing, the Tamburitza will provide you with one-half hour entertainment over Radio Station WARD. The time will be announced later. There will be plenty of refreshments. Plan now to attend Triglav's 40th Anniversary Dance on Nov. 20.

JOHN KAPRIVA

Pioneer Meeting

CHICAGO.—The postponed Pioneer meeting will be held this Friday at the SNPJ Hall at 8 p. m. It is very important that all members attend as the committee has prepared refreshments and there will be music for dancing. Reports on our coming dance. Bowlers will be interested in the lodge's decision as to purchasing new bowling shirts. All bowlers planning to participate in the match games in Milwaukee, Sunday, Nov. 7, at 11 a. m., should sign up at that time.

Bowling League

The bowlers in the Pioneer Men's Bowling League are beginning to hit their stride. Paisoli with a 225 game and 999 series led the parade. Matt Brinovce had games of 205 and 202. Other good games were rolled by Anton Omerza 208, Ed Tyk 211, John Rak 202, Ed Smolik 202, and Zefran 201. Cer-Bell Inn shot a 920 game for high game for the season and Dr. Walters' 904 was good for 2nd high of the season. Dave Paisoli with 184 leads the league in individual averages followed by M. Brinovce 183, Louis Purnan 180, Ed Tyk 175, Ed Smolik 173, and Fred Bennett 171. Botrich Insurance team is in first place. Dr. Walters and Cer-Bell Inn are tied for 2nd and Skyline Tap, Jugoslav Savings and Slovene Center are tied for third.

Midwest Meeting

At the Midwest Athletic meeting Sunday at Waukegan the league awarded the next bowling tournament to the three Waukegan lodges and three tentative weekends were decided on, either the last week-end in February or the first two in March, with the final decision being left up to the convenience of the Waukegan committee. This year's tournament in the team events will be run on a handicap basis with the men using as 900 pins scratch and the handicap figured on actual and 70% of the difference, while the women will use 750 as scratch. Highest league averages for this year are to be used; where no league average for this year is established, last year's average is to be used; if there is no average, 125 will be used for women and 150 for men. The singles and doubles will be actual scores used. Entry fee will be \$12.50 for team event, \$5 for doubles and \$2.50 for singles.

Places to Go

This Saturday the Little Forts of Waukegan are holding their Harvest Dance at the SND, 10th and McAllister. The following day PWS are sponsoring a program and dance at the SNPJ Hall in Chicago, at which a group of Detroit players will present a drama and Prešeren will sing. There will be dancing to Joe Kovich's orchestra. On Saturday, Oct. 30, there will be two dances on the west side. Narodni Vitezi 39 are sponsoring a dance at the S. N. P. J. Hall, and on the north side, Lodge 86 is having a dance at Aldine Hall, 911 Armitage ave. Give them your support by attending if at all possible.

FRANK GROSER, 559

Cleveland SNPJ Fed. Meeting October 30

CLEVELAND.—As president of Cleveland SNPJ Federation, I wish to notify all lodge representatives that our next regular meeting will not be held on the 4th Saturday of the month, as customary.

It will be held on the 3rd Saturday, that is, on October 30, at 7:30 p. m. at Slovene Nat'l Home on St. Clair ave. This change of date is necessary on account of absence of the secretary, Mrs. Tratnik, who is vacationing in California.

Please, remember this date, Saturday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p. m. Slovene Nat'l Home, St. Clair ave.

MATT PETROVICH, Pres.

Lodge 600 to Hold Dance November 6

JOHNSTOWN, Penna.—Women's Lodge 600 is holding a dance in Moxham Slovenian Hall on Nov. 6, music by Eddie Lapanja and his Polka Masters. You can hear them on the radio Monday through Friday at 5 pm over WARD. We cordially invite all lodges from far and near, also friends and neighbors.

ANGELINE LOVKO

Morning Stars 665

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The Morning Stars Lodge 665 is inviting all our friends and neighboring lodges to participate in our Halloween Dance, on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Slovene Hall. Frank Porovne will supply the music for dancing. (Say, can't that Potochnik fellow go to town on that accordion!) Incidentally, we want all of you to come in costumes and make it a real Halloween party. Seems to me the old custom of dressing up is dying out. I can remember when I was a kid the streets just swarmed with young and old dressed in every conceivable costume with everyone having a gay time. So let's just for one night, recapture some of the thrills and fun of our youth.

The Morning Stars Bowling League is in full swing. Averages go up and down and every week someone comes through with a score to top the previous high. Right now the "Harvard" team with Dick Tremous as captain, is in first place. Dick also has high single game with 207. The writer has high single for women with 192. The Duke's team have high score for team with 861, the captain Stan Poploski. Next week the story may be a different one. I understand Stan Poploski won a couple trophies since becoming Publin's Champ. Congratulations!

It won't be long now and our boys will be sporting their new jackets as National Softball Champions. On them they look good!

Don't forget the dance date, Oct. 30! What are you going to be—for one night only—a clown, a witch or perhaps Bugs Bunny!

SYLVIA FABEC, Pres.

Struggler Lodge

CLEVELAND.—Many thoughts are running through the mind of our scribe as we try to submit an article for the Prosveta.

First of all, there is still excitement in the air over our Cleveland Indians winning the world series from the Boston Braves, the beautiful picture Mother Nature paints as is shown on the various trees and flowers, and last but not least, our social calendar shows activity as different lodges are preparing for their dances of the winter season and bowling teams are sporting new shirts and outfits.

Our October meeting was buzzing with new suggestions and now it can be told that it only lasted forty minutes. Some record! Our new transfer member, Marie Stefanic Shaver, got the surprise of her life when she walked in at 8:40—and it was all over! On the sick list we found the following members: Frances Fostick, J. Milavec, Mary Tolar, Josephine Gira, Mary Doslak, Joe Zabukovec and Joe Miskar. It was also passed and carried that bowling outfits for the girls and shirts for the men be purchased by the Strugglers, and that the bowlers work at our affairs to be entitled to bowling outfits and shirts.

Spirit-o-Grams

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Back in 1930, the writer originated this column and its little, and since its beginning has been its faithful contributor.

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The incident took place at the Spirit of St. Louis lodge meeting of Aug. 13 (at which time Bro. Spiller and the writer were absent, being out of town). At the said meeting a motion was carried that the Spirit-O-Gram writers hereafter must strictly adhere to writing of only lodge activities. The articles must not contain reading material along the lines of progressive thought, claiming it has hindered the progress of our organization (meeting attendance). Thus being the sole writer of our lodge's publicity committee whose articles contained bits of progressive writing, it naturally was directed at my writings.

It was at the September meeting that I first learned of the decision of the lodge and then only when the minutes were read. After a brief discussion and explanation, Bro. Spiller pointed out that such a decision is against the free thought principles of our Society, that our SNPJ was founded by the working class and based on the ideology of the common working man that struggled to overcome obstacles in building a mighty and beloved SNPJ. The chairman then conceded to have the motion stricken off record.

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I have always strived to make my articles as interesting as possible to the best of my ability, and I feel that I can only write in the manner in which I find facts worthy of writing according to my judgment.

I do not fear the attempted decision made by Lodge 659, nor do I have any fears which would prevent me from continuing my work as a contributor to the Spirit-O-Gram column. For I am certain that I have acted within the scope of the SNPJ, as an SNPJ fraternalist then and now. It would be impossible for me to continue writing the thoughts and viewpoints which I can not see or understand, for I would only be artificial as a contributor and not genuine in what I am writing about.

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DETROIT, Mich.—Our October monthly meeting was held and a few more members turned up than in the previous month. Much business was discussed, mainly our trip thru Brighton to the Ben Hur farms. As most of you already know, the Wolverines are planning on purchasing a place that will be a nice turnout so that the memberships can see the farm and give their opinions—pro and con on the matter. This is the only way any progress can be made.

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Predsedniško slamnato glasovanje

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V petih Embassy-gledališčih v New Yorku in New Jerseyju je po zadnjem poročilu (sredi oktobra) Wallace dobil več glasov nego Truman. Glasovanje je stalo sledeče: Dewey 11.948, Wallace 11.115, Truman 6.247. Wallace je bil pred Trumanom v vseh petih gledališčih.

V 12 kinogledališčih te družbe širom dežele je bil Wallace pred Trumanom v Los Angelesu in Portlandu, Ore. Po tem slamnatem glasovanju so dobili v 12 mestih: Dewey 52.274, Truman 41.725, Wallace 32.612 glasov.

Wallace bo prihodnje dni do volitev skoraj dnevno govoril po enem ali drugem radijskem omrežju širom dežele. V četrtek, 21. okt. ob 8:30 zvečer po omrežju ABC (American Broadcasting Co.); 22. okt. ob 9:19 zvečer po MBS (Mutual Broadcasting System); 24. okt. ob 7 zvečer po ABC; 25. okt. ob 10:30 zvečer po NBC (National Broadcasting Co.); 27. okt. ob 10:30 po CBS (Columbia Broadcasting System); 28. okt. ob 8:30 zvečer po ABC; 29. okt. ob 9:15 zvečer po MBS; 31. okt. ob 7 zvečer po ABC. Vse navedene ure so po vzhodnem času.

V Illinoisu, Oklahomi in Nebraski pa ni mogla premostiti teh zaprek, ker se je v vseh državah tudi vrhovno sodišče postavilo proti novi stranki. V Oklahomi je na primer šlo samo radi neke tehnične pogreške pri vložitvi nominacijske peticije z več ko 10.000 podpisov — vlagatelj jo je menda pozabil podpisati ali se je podpisal na napačnem mestu. To je dalo pretvezo državnemu tajniku, da je peticijo zavrgel, vrhovno sodišče je pa odločilo v njegov prilog.

V Nebraski pa je stranka naletela na tak teror ali zaroto, da ni mogla zadostiti predpisom volilnega zakona. Ta zakon zahteva podpis 750 volilcev, ki se udeležijo nominacijske konvencije. Za obdržanje konvencije pa stranka ni mogla nikjer dobiti dvorane. Potem je nabrala dovolj podpisov, toda te nominacijske peticije nista hotela priznati ne državni tajnik niti vrhovno sodišče.

Jugoslavija izključila protivoladne dijake

Cistka je zadela 233
študentov v Belgradu

Belgra. — Jugoslovanske šolske oblasti so naznanile splošno čistko antirežimskih študentov po vsej državi. Čistka se je pričela na belgradski univerzi in višjih tehničnih šolah, iz katerih je bilo izključenih 233 "politično in moralno pokvarjenih" študentov. Večinoma vsi prihajajo iz buržoaznih slojev.

Belgradsko univerzo in višje tehnične šole pohaja okrog 25.000 dijakov. To pomeni, da je bilo izključenih manj nego en odstotek. Poročila pravijo, da bo slična čistka zadela tudi druge univerze in višje tehnične šole širom države.

Imena izključenih dijakov so bila objavljena na tablah za šolske in univerzitetne razglase, kakor tudi navedeni vzroki. Izključeni so bili na predlog disciplinarne komisije.

Ta komisija pravi v objavljenih razlogih, da je proučevala študijski rekord in obnašanje študentov in prišla do zaključka, da je treba politično in moralno pokvarjene študente izključiti iz vseh višjih šol.

Kot politično in moralno pokvarjenost navaja, da so izključeni dijaki vodili propagando proti Titovemu režimu v šoli in izven šole, kakor tudi nagovarjali mladino proti prostovoljnemu delu in drugim mladinskim aktivnostim. Med vojno pa so bili na strani okupatorja. Radi sodelovanja z okupatorjem je bilo več študentov že prej izključenih.

Poleg tega so bili nekateri izključeni tudi radi tega, "ker so se zanimali za špijonažo, radi katere so se morali ali se bodo morali zagovarjati pred ljudsko oblastjo."

Nekateri so bili izključeni tudi radi tega, "ker so vodili nemoralno življenje, kradli ljudsko svojino in špekulirali."

Minimalna plača v tekstilni zvišana

Washington. — V onih tekstilnih tovarnah, ki delajo za vlado, je bila zvišana minimalna

Truman apeliral na Rusijo za 'zaupanje'

Govoril je pred
Ameriško legijo in
branil svojo politiko

Miami, Fla., 19. okt. — Predsednik Truman je v svojem govoru na konvenciji Ameriške legije v pondeljek apeliral na Rusijo za kooperacijo, "da se razženejo temni oblaki nezaupanja." Branil je tudi svojo misljo, ko je mislil poslati v Moskvo predsednika zveznega vrhovnega sodišča Freda M. Vinsona, toda so mu to preprečili v državnem in vojnem departementu.

"Moj namen je bil, da vprašam premierja Stalina za kooperacijo, da se razčisti sedanja zastrupljena atmosfera, ki obkroža pogajanja med zapadnimi silami in Sovjetsko unijo," je dejal Truman. "Misija mojega poslanca bi bila v tem, da bi preočil resnost in iskreno željo ameriškega ljudstva za mir."

On je zanikal, da bi bila tam misija v navzkrižju s pogajanjimi — v resnici s konflikti — ki so zdaj v teku v Parizu na zborovanju Združenih narodov. Dejal je, da bo kljub temu "porabil vsako priliko" za pospešitev svetovnega miru.

V svojem govoru je sploh branil vso svojo zunanjo politiko, o kateri je rekel, da je na vsej črti "miroljubna." Oplazil je domače in zunanje kritike, ki nifete kakor tudi enakopravnost pred zakonom. In sicer vse to iz razloga, ker radi geografske razporedbe predpisanega številca podpisov na nominacijski peticiji praktično nemogoče vsaki novi stranki priti na glasovnico. 52 okrajev s 16% prebivalstva države ima več pravice po tem zakonu nego pa 49 okrajev s 88% prebivalstva. Na nominacijsko peticijo je stranka v Illinoisu nabrala čez 75.000 glasov — trikrat več nego predpisuje zakon.

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plača s 50 na 87 centov na uro. To odredbo je izdal delavski tajnik Maurice Tobin.

VRHOVNO SODIŠČE ZASLIŠALO PRIZIV NOVE STRANKE

Država priznava, da je
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Washington. — Zadnji pondeljek se je pred zveznim vrhovnim sodiščem vršilo zaslišanje o prizivu illinoiske progresivne stranke, ki skuša priti na glasovnico s pomočjo najvišjega sodnega tribunala.

Stranko sta pred sodiščem zastopala John J. Abt, glavni pravni svetovalec narodne organizacije iz New Yorka, in Richard F. Watt, odvetnik illinoiske organizacije iz Chicagoa. Državnega justičnega tajnika Barretta je zastopal odvetnik William Č. Wines, Melvin F. Wingersky, pomožni državni pravnik, pa volilno komisijo okraja Cook.

Presenečenje tega zaslišanja je bilo v tem, da je odvetnik Wines v imenu države priznal, da je sedanji illinoiski volilni zakon neustaven in da je progresivna stranka s Henryjem Wallaceom in senatorjem Glenom Taylorjem na čelu upravičena do glasovnice.

Abt in Watt sta argumentirala, da je ta zakon neustaven iz razloga, ker krši 14. in 17. amendent zvezne ustave in zanika državljanom privilegije in imunitete kakor tudi enakopravnost pred zakonom. In sicer vse to iz razloga, ker radi geografske razporedbe predpisanega številca podpisov na nominacijski peticiji praktično nemogoče vsaki novi stranki priti na glasovnico. 52 okrajev s 16% prebivalstva države ima več pravice po tem zakonu nego pa 49 okrajev s 88% prebivalstva. Na nominacijsko peticijo je stranka v Illinoisu nabrala čez 75.000 glasov — trikrat več nego predpisuje zakon.

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Iz članske kampanje SNPJ

Štiri nadaljnja društva dosegla svoje kvote

Ta kolona bo kratak tedenski pregled dela naših najboljših agitatorjev. Kakor pravi kampanjski direktor br. Mike Vrhovnik, se je zadnji teden najbolje odrezal Jakob Rožič, tajnik društva Lilije 764 v Milwaukeeju, ki je prijavil 12 novih članov. Prej jih je društvo prijavilo osem, torej skupaj 20 v tej kampanji. Se devet in kvota bo dosežena. Društvo se je s tem postavilo na peto mesto v tretjem distriktu. Br. Rožič, ki je eden najprirednejših agitatorjev v milwauski naselbini, bo gotovo gledal, da v prihodnjih tednih zopet "priroma" društvo do kvote kakor je to storil v lanski kampanji. Društvo Lilija, ki se je pred par leti pridružil enotni (prej je bilo samostojno), je med najaktivnejšimi v naselbini. Sploh je edino društvo v enotni, ki ima svoj pevski zbor, in sicer zelo dober zbor.

Na drugem mestu sta bila zadnji teden John Mandich, tajnik društva 176 v Piney Forku, O., in Mike Machek, tajnik društva 603 v Samsuli, Fla. Prijavila sta vsak osem novih članov. Br. Mandich je s tem dosegel tudi društveno kvoto — 16 novih članov. V drugem distriktu se je njegovo društvo povzpelo na prvo mesto v drugi polovici kampanje. Br. Machek je v tej kampanji že pridobil 22, od teh 10 v drugi polovici.

Iz Arme, Kansas, se je zopet oglašila Mary Gorence, tajnica društva 606. Prijavila je nadaljnjih sedem novih članov, skupaj 39, kar pomeni, da se je v četrtem distriktu povzpela na prvo mesto posameznih agitatorjev, kakor tudi društvo.

Veselo nas je presenetila tudi stara znanca Rose Radovich, tajnica društva Orel št. 21 v Pueblu. Oglašila se je s sedmimi novimi člani. Sestra Radovich je bila zelo aktivna v vseh kampanjah zadnjih let. Odkar je prevzela tajništvo društva leta 1943, je društvu in enotni pridobila čez 200 novih članov, kar pomeni, da ima društvo Orel najvišjo kvoto — 25 novih članov. V resnici smo veseli, ko smo zaslišali ta glas iz naše zapadne metropole. Pri društvu Orel so fantje in dekleta od fare!

Tretje društvo, ki je zadnji teden doseglo svojo kvoto, je angleško poslušajoče (Trojans ali Trojanci) 749 v Johnstownu, Pa., kar je zasluga Ann Briceley in Dorothy Glavach. Prijavili sta zopet pet novih članov, skupaj 27. Se en skok in društvo se bo znašlo na čelu liste v prvem distriktu.

Kakor je bilo pričakovati ob zadnjem poročilu, tako se je tudi zgodilo. "Over the top" je šlo namreč društvu 87 v Herminieju, Pa., kar je zasluga tajnika Martina Urana ml., ki je prijavil zopet pet novih članov, skupaj 28. Večino teh — 23 — jih je pridobil v drugi polovici kampanje in je na tretjem mestu v svojem distriktu.

Po štiri nove člane sta dobila John Stropnik od društva 152 v Maryvillu, Ill., in Otto Grossnik od društva 254 v Bon Airu, Pa. Po tri so pridobili: Jernej Okorn (225) v Edisonu, Kans., Anton Shular (434) iz Arme, Kans., društvo 386, Library, Pa., društvo 564, Detroit, Mich., društvo 700, Roundup, Mont., in društvo 715, Universal, Pa.

Iz tega poročila je razvidno, da so zadnji teden dosegla svoje kvote nadaljnja štiri društva. Vseh društev, ki so se do zdaj povzpela na častno listo, je 30. Kampanja traja še dobrih pet tednov in potem bomo napravili račun. V tem času poskrbimo pri vseh društvih, da bo kampanja zadnji mesec dosegla svoj tedevn in potem bomo napravili račun. O nagradah, ako ste že pozabili, lahko čitate v poročilu kampanjskega direktorja v angleški sekciji.

Domače vesti

Nov grob na zapadu

Frederick, Colo. — Dne 3. okt. je tukaj umrl John Fink, doma iz Gabeerja, fara Kopanj pri Grosupljem, Dolenjsko, v Ameriki 43 let. Bil je dobro poznan v Montani — v Red Lodgeju, Bear Creeku in okolici. V starem kraju zapuščal tri sestre, tukaj pa bratrance Jovoa Smitha.

Nehru in Višinski konferirala

Pariz. — Zadnji nedeljo sta se v Parizu sestala Andrej Višinski, ruski zunanji podkomisar in načelnik delegacije na zborovanju Z. N., in Jawaharlal Nehru, predsednik indijske vlade — Hindustana. Konferirala sta eno uro. Za sestane, ki se je vršil v ruski ambasadi, je prosil Nehru, ki je zadnji teden prišel v London na konferenco načelnikov vlad angleških dominijev. Govorila sta o sovjetskoi-indijskih odnosih. Nehru je vsa le-ta od revolucije simpatično gledal na Sovjetsko Rusijo.

Delavska konferenca po volitvah

Detroit. — Bob Travis, tajnik narodnega odbora avtnih delavcev za Wallacea, je naznanil, da bo takoj po volitvah sklicana narodna delavska konferenca, ki bo napravila načrt za novo politično delo v okviru progresivne stranke. Konferenca se bo vršila v Detroitu proti koncu novembra.

Varnostni svet proti vojni v Palestini

Sklican je bil na
izredno zasedanje,
da ustavi sovražnosti

Pariz, 19. okt. — Ker sta vladi Izraela in Egipta ignorirali poziv dr. Ralpa Bunchea, ameriškega posredovalca Združenih narodov v Palestini, naj njih armade prenehajo s sovražnostmi, je bil Varnostni svet sklican k izrednemu zasedanju, da razpravlja o obnovi vojne med Židi in Arabci.

Seja je bila sklicana za turek zjutraj po predsedniku Varnostnega sveta Warrenu R. Austinu. Pričuje se, da bo Varnostni svet zopet dal ultimatum obema za vojevanima strankama, da morata prenehati s sovražnostmi. Ako bi tega ne hoteli storiti, lahko Varnostni svet odredi politične, gospodarske in vojaške sankcije proti obema.

Dr. Bunche je stopil v akcijo takoj po izbruhu bojnega metelja, ki se je obnovil zadnji teden v južnem delu Palestine, in pozval obe državi, naj pristane na tridnevno premirje. Odgovor je zahteval do pondeljka ob 2. popoldne. Ker ni prejel nobenega odgovora, je problem izročil Varnostnemu svetu.

Pred Varnostni svet sta bila pozvana Aubrey Eban, predstavnik izraelske države pri Z. N., in Mahmoud Bey, predstavnik Egipta.

V moči je še vedno resolucija,

POSVETOVANJA O OBOROŽITVI ZAPADNE EVROPE

Konferenca zapadnih
ministrov; računajo,
da jih oboroži
Amerika

MI NAJ STISNEMO
PASOVE

Pariz. — Medtem ko je Francija v obsevu stankovnega vala in medtem, ko se visoka diplomacija na zborovanju Združenih narodov in Varnostnega sveta davi z berlinsko krizo, je Pariz tudi pozorišče raznih drugih konferenc in posvetovanj.

Tako so se zadnje dni posvetovali tudi finančni ministri Anglije, Francije, Belgije, Luksemburške in Nizozemske, ki so se povezale v vojaški zvezi, kako in kje dobiti finančna sredstva za oborožitev zapadne Evrope. Svoja priporočila bodo predložili zapadnemu posvetovalnemu svetu, ki se sestane 25. oktobra v Parizu.

Doznava se, da na tem posvetovanju niso sklenili nič definitivnega, kako bodo financirali skupni generalni štab, ki bo pod vrhovno komando angleškega feldmaršala Montgomeryja. Sklenili pa so, da bodo predlagali standardizacijo vsega orožja, lahkega in težkega, po ameriškem modelu. Razlog za to standardizacijo je v tem, ker pričakujejo, da bo zapadno Evropo oborožila Amerika.

O možnosti Marshallovega vojaškega "lendleasa" sta svojim kolegom poročala Stafford Cripps in Maurice Petsche, finančna ministra Anglije in Francije, ki sta se zadnji teden vrnila iz Washingtona, kjer sta se posvetovala o vprašanju ameriške oborožitve zapadne Evrope. Ta posvetovanja se bodo nadaljevala v Parizu z Georgem Marshallom.

Washington. — Predstavniki generalnega štaba in drugih vladnih departamentov, ki studirajo problem, kako dobiti sredstva za oborožitev zapadne vojaške zveze, so optimistični, da se bo prihodnje leto našlo nekaj milijard dolarjev v ta namen. Drugi, ki opazujejo to planiranje s strani, so bolj skeptični.

Vprašanje namreč ni samo novih milijard dolarjev, marveč tudi produkcijske zmogljivosti Amerike. Jeklarska industrija že zdaj ne more zadostiti zahtevam po jeklu in železu, čeprav obratuje s polno paro. Če kongres odobri nove milijarde za oboroževanje Evrope, bo pomanjkanje železa in jekla za domače potrebe še toliko večje. Prav tako tudi morskaja drugača, predvsem lesa, katerega bo še manj za domače potrebe.

Pristajši tega oborožitvenega programa pravijo, da si bo ameriško ljudstvo moralo zadrgniti pasove in problem bo rešen. Po njih mnenju je oboroževanje Evrope bolj potrebno in bolj na mestu kakor pa na primer gradnja stanovanj, avtomobilov, traktorjev, lokomotiv, vagonov in podobno. Če ne bo šlo drugače, bo treba pa nekoliko skritiči Marshallov načrt, da bo na razpolago več denarja in več materiala za oboroževanje zapadne Evrope in Amerike.

katero je sprejel Varnostni svet 15. julija, s katero je ustavil sovražnosti med Židi in Arabci. S to resolucijo je obema strankama zagrozil s prej omenjenimi sankcijami.

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Amerika je postala toliko opevana in slavljena širom sveta ne samo radi tega, da je od svojega postanka vabila milijone pridnih delavcev na svojo bogato, brezemeljno in krasno zemljo, kjer jim je dajala priliko do kruha in marsikomu tudi do bogastva, marveč tudi radi tega, ker je slovela kot dežela svobode in priložnosti. Po svoji veliki revoluciji, zlasti v zadnjem stoletju je postala azil vseh, katere je preganjala temna evropska reakcija. Te ljudi, katerim so danes vrata zaprta, ker so "nevarni", je sprejemala v svojo sredo z velikim veseljem in ponosom, češ, tukaj ste svobodni, lahko izpovedujete kakršne koli misli in filozofije, lahko molite takega boga, kakršnega hočete, ali pa nobenega, lahko se svobodno gibljete širom vse dežele, brez vsakega potnega lista ali policijskega nadzorstva. Svobodni ste tudi, da si ustvarite novo življenje.

In v Ameriki je bila res tako široka svoboda kakor v nobeni drugi deželi pod soncem, odkar pomni zgodovina. V resnici je bila tako široka, da jo je bolela. Tukaj nimamo v mislih njenih civilnih svobodščin, njenega največjega zaklada, marveč jo je bolela, kakor jo boli še danes tista svoboda, ki je dajala posameznikom ali družbam priliko in pravico, da so lahko svobodno izkoriščali delovno ljudstvo in njene naravne zaklade. Radi te "free enterprizarske" svobode so bile marsikje spremenjene velike pa krasne pokrajine v goličave in puščave, uničene za dolge generacije, ako ne za vedno.

Toda o tem ne mislimo tukaj razpravljati, dasi je to velik gospodarski in politični problem. V mislih imamo nekaj drugega: sodobno teptanje civilnih pravic, ki je danes še bolj nujen in pereč problem, kajti dežela tudi na tem področju koraka v napačno smer.

Da dežela tudi na tem polju koraka v napačno smer, je lahko znano vsakemu, kateremu so civilne svoboščine v tradicionalnem pomenu besede kolkaj pri srcu. Sicer je v svoji zgodovini na tem polju že večkrat krenila v napačno smer in se trenutno predala v narode reakcionarnemu valu in civilne svoboščine bolj spoštovala v gaženju nego v izvajanju. Zanikala jih je tej ali oni garjevi skupini: dosledno vsakemu novemu radikalnemu političnemu gibanju. Tako po sprejetju ustave so bili garjeve ovice "jakobinci"—pristaši Thomasa Jeffersona, ki so bili takratni "komunisti". Potem so bili garjeve ovice skozi dolgo dobo, do današnjih dni, delavci, ki so se skušali organizirati v unijah. Vmes je bila še cela veriga drugih garjevih ovc—pristaši Roberta Owna, ki so sanjali in tudi ustanavljali svoje združbe ali "komunistične" kolonije. Enako so bile garjeve ovice tudi tako zvane "sufražetke", ki so dvignile boj za žensko volilno pravico in enakopravnost žene pred zakonom. Potem so postali garjeve ovice "anarhisti" in socialisti in IWW-isti. Danes so garjeve ovice—komunisti in "komunisti".

Proti vsem tem skupinam in gibanjam so letele goliče gnajnice s strani organov javnega mnenja in oblasti. Ameriška zgodovina je dejansko polna tudi spazmodičnih persekucij, naperjenih zlasti proti delavskim in radikalnim agitatorjem—proti "prekucuhom". Toda prej ali slej so prevladali treznejši elementi, pristaši civilnih svobodščin; deželo je obilila redica in začela se je sramovati dejanj svojih bigotov, pa bili v javnih uradih, na cestah, za uredniškimi mizami ali na prižnicah. Pojavil se je zopet nov veter strpnosti in dežela je storila nov korak naprej pri širjenju pravice, svobode in demokracije; enako tudi v spoštovanju človeka. Holt—ne vseh!

Skozi vso dobo ameriške zgodovine je ostala ena skupina državljanov, ki se še do danes ni mogla otresti svojega garjevskega pečata. Ta skupina so naši zamorci, po številu čez 13,000,000 državljanov ali več kot 10% prebivalstva. Ta narodnostna manjšina še danes v realnosti ne pozna ameriške svobode, ker je še vedno na vseh koncih in krajih, na vseh popriščih javnega in privatnega življenja deležna vseh vrst diskriminacij in zapostavljanja. V marsikakem predelu dežele so sicer enake garjeve ovice tudi razne druge narodnostne skupine, ki so v obeh stoprocentnih bigotov—"manjvredne" in torej izpostavljene raznim sikanam. Toda največji križ nosijo po svoji težki in brezemeljni Golgoti naši zamorski državljanjani.

Danes, skoro ves čas po vojni, so ameriške civilne svoboščine predmet težkih udarcev s strani vladajoče reakcije, zlasti s strani kongresnega neameriškega odbora pod vodstvom kongresnika Thomasa. Ta odbor se je postavil na čelo antideklačarske historije, katero namenoma razpihava in cinično tepta po ameriških svoboščinah. S pomočjo administracije, žoltega tiska in radia ki hlantata po njegovih "odkritjih" in šmiru in umetno škovanih senzacijah, dela s civilnimi svoboščinami kakor svinja z mehomo.

Ameriška unija za civilne svoboščine je zadnje dni izdala svoj letni pregled o stanju ameriških svobodščin pod naslovom "Our Uncertain Liberties". Naslov je zelo primeren in veliko pove. To poročilo pokazuje, da so ameriške svoboščine na vsej črti na umiku. Na eni strani točje po njih administracija s svojo inkvizicijo in teroriziranjem vladnih uslužbencev. Na drugi strani točje po njih juatčni department z deportacijami in persekucijo komunistov. Na tretji strani točje po njih državni department z mrzlo vojno in zanikanjem vize vsem tujezcem, ki so kolkaj usmerjeni na levo, z odprtimi rokami pa jih daje Moseleyem, bankrotiranim—desničarskim politikam iz vzhodne Evrope ali celo Hitlerjevim in Mussolinijevim kolaboratorjem. Toda najbolj se v tem teptanju civilnih svobodščin odlikuje, kakor že rečeno, Thomasov neameriški odbor, kateremu pridno sekundirata žolti kapitalistični tisk in radio. In v zatiranju civilnih svobodščin se odlikujejo tudi državne in lokalne oblasti, to zlasti pri ovrzanju in zatiranju nove progresivne stranke.

Čudo prečudno, da se naši novonovci "demokrati" (v idejnem

VABILO PROGRESIVNIH SLOVENK NA IGRO "SVET BREZ SOVRAŠTVA"

Chicago.—Ne pozabite, da bo v nedeljo, 24. oktobra, vprizorjena drama "Svet brez sovraštva", začetek ob dveh popoldne. S to krasno dramo bodo gostovali v Chicago igralci in igralkice iz Detroita za krožek št. 9 Progresivnih Slovencek.

Vsebine igre ne bom opisovala, ker to je bilo že poročano v Prosveti in Proletarcu, prav tako imena igralkice. Kot članica Progresivnih Slovencek pa mi velja vest, da z drugimi vred tudi jaz opozorim cenjeno občinstvo, da poseti to našo priredbo.

Na zadnji redni seji je naš veselični odbor poročal, da bo na razpolago dosti pristnih krofov, domače potice, purani, mesene klobase itd. Prav tako bo dovolj na razpolago za suha grla. Za ples bo igral Joe Kovič in njegov orkester. Tudi Prešernovci so nam obljubili, da pridejo zapeti nekaj lepih slovenskih pesmi.

Zagotavljamo vam dobro domačo postrežbo v vseh ozirih, kar je za nas delavce velikega pomena. Že vnaprej se vam zahvaljujemo za velik poset. Vam prijazno kličemo na veselo svidenje v nedeljo, 24. oktobra!

Ob tej priliki zaeno opozarjam na sejo našega krožka, ki se bo vršila 3. novembra v Slovenskem delavskem centru, začetek ob osmih zvečer. Upam, da se bodo sedaj, ko so večeri hladnejši, članice udeleževale seji v večjem številu. Na prihodnji seji bomo imeli nekaj izrednega, namreč prišla bo neka ženska in demonstrirala z različni plastičnimi predmeti.

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VABILO NA VINSKO TRGATEV

San Francisco, Calif.—Zima se bliža, zato že občutimo spremembo časa. Sonce postaja blede in izgublja toploto, po kateri vsako živo bitje hrepeni. Tudi rastline ne morejo dozoreti brez sončne toplote, ki so tako potrebne človeškemu življenju. Neke stvar nima letnih časov, to je ljubezen, ki prihaja iz srca in sega v srce. Res zanimivo! Narava dela brez hvale in "žegnane" vode, zato smo ji v Kaliforniji zelo hvaležni, ker nam je rodila toliko grozdja. Stiskanje grozdja pomeni, da bo marsikoga bolela glava.

Teden dolga vsakoletna trgatvena slavnost vse Californije se bo odpravila 13. oktobra v City Hall-rotundi. Kronane bodo kraljice grozdja, vina in trgatve. Tudi Izobraževalni in dramatični klub Slovenija priredi vinski trgatve v nedeljo, 24. okt. v Slovenskem narodnem domu, 2101 Mariposa in Vermont st. Program se bo pričel ob 1:30 popoldne. Po programu bo ples v obeh dvoranih—"prej pa ne gremo dam, da se bo šajnaljo proti Ljubljani". Čisti dobitek se bo rabil za zboljšanje dvorane in klubove čitalnice, zato pričakujemo od blizu in daleč velike udeležbe. Za vse potrebno bo skrbel odbor.

Peter E. Kurnick.

ŠE ENO VABILO NA VESELICO DRUŠTVA CVETOČI NOBEL

Euclid, O.—To je moj prvi dopis, odkar sem "izgubila" pozicijo društvene tajnice.

No, pa nič zato, saj se tajništvo še vedno nahaja v naši hiši, ki ga vodi moja hčerka. Ako ravno mlada, je vseeno prevzela to težko delo, za katerega sem jo priučila.

Ne vem pa ne, kako bo za naprej. Kar nekam omahuje. To pa zato, ker ni nikdar nobenega mladega člana ali članice na sejo. Sama med starejšimi člani se pa ne počuti preveč domačo. Zato pa v teh vrticah apelirajmo na vas, starše, kateri imate odrasle sinove in hčere, nagovorite jih, pojasnite jim pomen organizacije in društva ter poudarite njihovo dolžnost do njega in da naj pričnejo zahanjati na društvene seje. Samo še dobra dva meseca in zopet bo treba voliti nov društveni odbor.

Moj namen ni bil, da bi vas že sedaj vabila na decembrsko sejo, pač pa bo še nekaj zelo važnega poprej in sicer v soboto zvečer, 23. oktobra, bo naše društvo Cvetoči Nobel št. 450 SNPJ imelo plesno veselico v Slovenskem društvenem domu na Recher ave. v Euclidu. Za ples bo igrala dobro poznana godba Franka Zaica in njegovi polkatirji. Vstopnina je samo 65c. Kar se pa tiče drugih dobrot, bo pa tudi vse dobro preskrbljeno. Tudi potice ne bo manjkalo in dobrih kranjskih klobas. Niti ne bo nihče žejen. Pričetek veselice točno ob 7:30 zvečer.

Ker pa je ples na soboto, boste drugi dan lahko počivali, zato tudi nobeden izgovor ne drži, da bi se ne mogli udeležiti. Preglejte pa vaša obuvala poprej, da bodo cele, če ne se lahko pripeti, da se boste bosi vrteli.

Naj bo že kakor hoče, vsakega člana in članice je dolžnost, da poseti društveno priredbo! S seboj pripeljite tudi vaše prijateljce. Vsi ste dobrodošli! Torej na svidenje dne 23. oktobra.

Mary Dodic.

PRVA OBLETNICA KROŽKA 12 PROGRESIVNIH SLOVENK

Sheboygan, Wis.—Hladna jesen je prihaja, po goricah slanica pada, mene pa kar zebe že, treba bo ogreti se.

Da se bomo lahko pošteno ogreli, nam bo preskrbel poseben odsek Progresivnih Slovencek, ko se bo vršila naša priredba v Fludernikovi dvorani. Praznovali bomo prvo obletnico ustanovitve našega krožka. Za ples bo igrala izvrstna godba. Za majhno vstopnino se boste lahko zabavali vse večer. Za pripravo jedil pa so že zbrane naše najboljše kuharice, katere nam bodo pripravile nekaj posebnega, povrh pa še po zmerni ceni.

Več o tej priredbi bomo še poročale. Vsi odseki so že sedaj pridno na delu. Torej rezervirajte si 20. november za Progresivne Slovencek.

Odbor.

POPRAVEK K FEDERACIJSKEMU ZAPISNIKU

Barberton, O.—V zapisniku federacije SNPJ za severni Ohio, ki je bil priobčen 6. oktobra, se je vrnila pomota. Tam, kjer se glasi, da tajnik omeni, da nekatera društva sicer pošiljajo zastopnike na federacijsko sejo, a ne plačajo federacijske članarine, se bi moralo glasniti, da nekatera društva ne pošiljajo zastopnike na federacijsko sejo in ne plačujejo članarine.

Mary Šuštaršič, zapisnikarica.

PLESNA VESELICA V IMPERIALU

Imperial, Pa.—Društvo 106 SNPJ in gospodinjki klub priredita plesno veselico v soboto zvečer, 23. oktobra, v dvorani društva 106 v Imperialu.

Preostanek te veselice je namenjen za slovenski radijski program. Veselični odsek prijazno vabi vse brate in sestre in druge rojake. Odbor bo vsem dobro postregel. Na svidenje 23. oktobra zvečer! Pridite od blizu in daleč!

Anna Gorenc.

VABILO NA PLESNO VESELICO

Fairport Harbor, O.—Tukajšnji Ameriško-slovenski klub bo priredil ples v nedeljo, 24. oktobra, začetek ob osmih zvečer v Finski dvorani na Plum st.

Vabimo vse domače in zunanje občinstvo, da v velikem številu pohiti na ta ples. Za ples bo igrala dobra godba, odbor pa bo vsem vsestransko postregel. Torej na svidenje 24. oktobra.

Lorenac Balc.

smislu) okrog A. D. pa zmešani Jontezi in donkihotski Šabci čisto nič ne zmenijo za to teptanje po ameriških svobodščinah. Njim je pri srcu le "svoboda" in "demokracija" v vzhodni Evropi in Sovjetski Rusiji. Res čudni ljudje in še bolj čudni "demokrati".

Glasovi iz naših naselebin

K SLAVIJINI PROSLAVI

Chicago.—Prejšnjo nedeljo je Slavija, matično društvo naše jednote, praznovala svoj 45-letni jubilej v dvorani SNPJ s primernim programom. Udeležba je bila obilna, zlasti lepa s strani starejšega članstva. Mlajša, tukaj rojena generacija članstva se je bolj slabo odzvala. "Mladina" je menda bila pod vtisom, da programa ne bo razumela, ker je bil slovenski. Ampak bi ga bila lahko, ker je bilo na sporedu večina pesmi.

Gostovala sta čikaški moški zbor France Prešeren in socialistična Zarja iz Clevelanda. Sodelovali je tudi čikaški mladinski krožek št. 26 s skupino malih plesalcev in s svojim muzikalnim kvartetom—Myra Beniger, Ella Mač Selak, Rosemary Merhout in Dorothy Galavan. Krožek je bil skozi poletje brez voditelje, odkar je pustila Ann Sannemannova; nedavno pa je vodstvo prevzela sestra Terry Alesh, žena mlajšega Aleshevega sina Bojana. Poleg Prešerna je bil ta krožek zadnja leta v naši lawndalski naselebin edina tako zvana kulturna skupina. Mladina je v njem pokazala in razvila precej odrske nadarjenosti. Zeletj je, da bi krožek s tem delom nadaljeval. V imenu krožka je dguštvo pozdravila predsednica Myra Beniger.

Program je otvoril Slavijin predsednik Frank Zaitz s kratkim govorom in oddal vodstvo tajniku Milanu Medvešku, ki ima največ zaslug, da je ta proslava tako dobro uspela moralno in tudi finančno. Namreč največ zaslug poleg Prešerna in Zarje in mladinskega krožka, ki so podali program. (Edipa kritika je glede Milana, da je kot programovodja malo preveč govoril in s tem raztegnil program.)

Prvi del programa je otvoril Prešeren in zapel tri pesmi. Poslušati Prešerna je velik užitek, ker je zbor v glasbeni tehniki fino, treniran. Sploh so redki zbori, ki se v tehnični dovršenosti lahko kosajo s Prešernom. Občinstvo je zelo iznenadila šestletna Milena Medvešček, ki je prisrčno in zanosno deklamirala Katke Zupančičeve pesem "Mi mladina" in žela buren aplavz. V izgovorjavi in naglasih je bila zelo dobra.

Glavni del programa je podala Zarja, ki je v zboru zapela šest ali sedem pesmi, kakor tudi v kvartetu, duetu in par solospievih. V kvartetu so nastopili Albert Fatur, Andrew Turkman, John in Frank Kokal (brata). V solospjevu je nastopil baritonist Frank Kokal, v solozvižgu pa Joe Tekavec. Josephine Turk in Alice Tekavec sta nastopili v duetu. V solospjevu in duetu je imela nastopiti tudi Jennie Fatur, toda je par dni prej dobila hud prehlad in je sodelovala le v zboru.

Zarja ima dobre pevске moči, v resnici nekaj dobrih solistov. Skupina je bila po številu bolj majhna, okrog 15 pevcev in pevke, toda po kvaliteti dobra. Po tehnični zbor sicer ne dosega Prešerna, dosega ali celo prekaša ga pa po pevski nadarjenosti in po članu. Zbor bi sicer potreboval še nekaj dobrih drugih basistov in njegova kvaliteta bi narasla v lepih bilanci.

Občinstvu sta se najbolj dopadli dve zborni pesmi, in sicer "Na delo", ki je nova, zelo lepa, melodična in pomembna pesem, katero prepevajo v starem kraju pri gradnji nove Jugoslavije. Spada v vrste partizanskih pesmi.

Druga skladba je bila—"Himna SNPJ", katero je po zadnji seji glavnega odbora spisal in skomponiral gl. blagajnik jednote Mirko Kuhel. Na zadnji seji gl. odbora je bilo namreč precej diskuzije o "potrebi jednotne himne", kakor tudi ugibanj, kako priti do nekaj primernega. Tista diskuzija (ena pesnitev je bila tudi predložena in "vzeta na znanje") je v Mirkotu zbudila njegov pesniški talent in par dni pozneje je že prišel v gl. urad s pesmijo, češ tole sem sinoci napisal . . . Povedal je, da jo bo tudi skomponiral za zbor, duet in solospjev . . . Za zbor jo je že skomponiral. Zarja je imela samo par tednov časa, da se jo je naučila. Pesem je lepa po besedilu in glasbeno in Zarja jo je zapela z velikim zanosom in v lepi harmoniji.

Tako je "Himna SNPJ" (sedaj še "neuradna") dobila svojo krstno predstavo na Slavijini 45-letnici, kar je tudi zgodovinski dogodek.

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PROSLAVA 40-LETNICE DRUŠTVA 85 SNPJ

Oglesby, Ill.—Jesenska sezona je tukaj in zopet imamo v narčnih razne prireditve v dvorani. Tudi v La Sallu in Oglesbyju se pripravljamo, da bomo čim bolj uspešno proslavljali naše obletnice. Prva bo 40-letnica društva št. 85 SNPJ v Oglesbyju, ki se bo vršila v soboto zvečer ob 7. uri zvečer. Ob 8. uri bo na nastopil naš govornik in gl. odbornik Don Lotrich.

Želimo, da bi bila dvorana napolnjena že pred 8. uro, ker ob 9. uri se bo pričel ples. Igrala bo godba "Urbino's Polka Kingsters". Obljubljen nam je, da bodo igrali slovenske polke, kakor jih igra samo F. Yankovich. Torej vsi na plan, stari in mladi!

Društvo 95 je bilo ustanovljeno leta 1908. Ustanovnih članov, ki so ostali zvesti svojemu društvu vseh 40 let, je še med nami šest. Ti so: Frank Kernz, John Bukovec, John Zupančič, Joe Šenica, Frank Kodrič in Joe Goršek. Joe Brate pa se je preselil v La Salle, Anton Veber pa se nahaja v umnobilnici že mnogo let. Vsem tem članom čestitamo in jim kličemo še na mnogo let! Odbor posebno vabi te ustanovne člane, da se naj zagotovo udeležijo, in v vseli družbi vsega članstva poslavljajo 40-letnico svojega društva.

Na septembrski seji je bilo sklenjeno, da vsak član kupi za 50c trošnih listkov, ako se udeležijo veselice ali ne. Le bolni člani in pa izven države so oproščeni. Člani so prosti vstopnino in volimo vsi za Henryja Wallacea in Glens Taylorja.

Mi, delavci, ki moramo nositi na svojih plečah vse vojno breme, povrh pa se boriti na frontah, se moramo zavedati, da je za nas edini izhod, da se oklenemo progresivne stranke, katere je stranka miru, enakopravnosti in socialne pravice za vse delavstvo.

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Christina Nadvesnik.

VESELICA DRUŠTVA 262 SNPJ

Sharon, Pa.—Na društvo prihajajo vsakovrstne prošnje za podporo. Naše društvo 262 SNPJ odobri skoraj vsako prošnjo. Letos smo že darovali \$10 za svobodo tiska, dalje \$10 za Ameriški slovenski kongres, na oktoberski seji \$5 za Proletarca, na seji meseca avgusta pa \$10 za progresivno stranko.

Razumljivo, da se po tej poti naša blagajna krči, zato smo sklenili, da priredimo plesno veselico v korist društvene blagajne dne 24. oktobra, začetek ob pol devetih zvečer v Slovenskem domu. Vabimo vse članstvo in ostale rojake v tej okolici. Za ples bo igrala izvrstna godba slovenske polke in valčke.

Pri našem društvu nismo dosti napredovali v tej kampanji. Pridobili smo samo enega člana v odrasli oddelek in dva v mladinski, tako da ne bo dosežena naša kvota. Umrila pa sta letos dva člana, in sicer Stefan Bele in Antonija Slabe.

Naš mladinski krožek je tudi nekaj utihnil. Nekoč je bil zelo živahen, sedaj pa je kar v zastoj. Želim, da bi se tukajšnja društva zavežala in delala za njegovo oživitve. Joseph Garm.

PREŠERNOV KONCERT V LA SALLU

Chicago.—Pevski zbor France Prešeren bo priredil koncert dne 31. oktobra v La Sallu. Poleg petja bo podanih tudi nekaj drugih točk, o katerih bomo pravočasno poročali v tem listu. Naj omenim, da bo šel z nami tudi muzikant Joe Kovič in njegovi godci. Ta orkester dobro igra slovenske polke in valčke.

Torej rojaki iz La Salla in okolice, udeležite se številno te priredbe in vam ne bo žal. Prešernovci smo navajeni, da tedaj najlepše pojemo, kadar vidimo pred seboj polno dvorano, če pa so prazni stoli, pa nam ne gre petje tako od srca.

Naj tudi omenim, da nas je nekaj pri Prešernu, ki smo pred več leti delali v lasalski okolici, torej si bomo veselo stresli roke s starimi znanci in malo se pogovorili o starih časih.

Da smo vsi pevci pri zboru Prešeren precej zaposleni, mi ni treba omenjati. Sodelovali bomo tudi na priredbi Progresivnih Slovencek dne 24. oktobra v dvorani SNPJ. Na ta dan bodo gostovali v Chicago detroitski igralci iz igre "Svet brez sovraštva". Rojaki so vabljeni na to priredbo.

Dne 14. novembra pa bo imel zbor Prešeren svoj jesenski koncert. Ne pozabite tega datuma. O tem koncertu bomo več poročali pozneje.

Zaključujem in kličem na svidenje 31. oktobra v La Sallu!

Anton Gradšek.

SHOD PROGRESIVNE STRANKE V CLEVELANDU

Cleveland, O.—Progresivni klub 23. warda bo priredil shod v prid Wallace-Taylorjevi izvolitvi dne 22. oktobra v spodnji dvorani Slovenskega narodnega doma. Kot govorniki bodo nastopili lokalni in drugi voditelji in raztolmačili današnji politični in ekonomski položaj.

Politika naših državljanov je tako zavožena, da nas lahko dovede v največjo katastrofo. Zato je naša dolžnost, da sedaj delujemo proti taki politiki, dokler je še čas. Odrvnimo grožnjo katastrofe z našimi glasovnicami in volimo vsi za Henryja Wallacea in Glens Taylorja.

Mi, delavci, ki moramo nositi na svojih plečah vse vojno breme, povrh pa se boriti na frontah, se moramo zavedati, da je za nas edini izhod, da se oklenemo progresivne stranke, katere je stranka miru, enakopravnosti in socialne pravice za vse delavstvo.

O vseh teh stvareh in drugih boste slišali na shodu v Slovenskem narodnem domu na "St. Clair ave. v soboto, 23. oktobra. Po sporedu bo prosta zabava. Na svidenje!

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PRVA OBLETNICA KROŽKA ŠT. 10 PROGRESIVNIH SLOVENK

Johnstown, Pa.—Krožek št. 10 Progresivnih Slovencek bo praznoval prvo obletnico s plesno veselico dne 30. oktobra, začetek ob 8. uri zvečer v domu društva 38 ABZ v Conemaughu.

Na zadnji krožkovi seji je bilo odločeno, da ne bomo imeli maškarnega plesa, katerega bomo priredili pred pustom. Za ta ples dne 30. oktobra bo igral Jake Martinčič iz Strabana. Kakor čujem, se Jakob posebno odlikuje v igranju polk in tudi valčkov.

Progresivne Slovencek vrše tako plemenito delo, da zaslužijo vso kooperacijo. Te priredbe se bi morala udeležiti sleherni zavodna Slovenka. Več kot nas bo, bolj lušno bo!

Meseca novembra bo šla naša glavna tajnica na Finsko, kjer se bo vršila konvencija demokratičnih antifasističnih žena. Na tem kongresu bodo zastopnice iz 55 državah, katere bodo zastopale milijone žena. To bo demonstracija svetovnega ženstva za mir.

Torej, če ste za mir, pridite v naše vrste, v katerih delujemo proti vojni in za mirno sožitje vseh narodov. Mary Vidmar.

Glasovi iz naselbin

PO SLAVIJINI PRIREDBI

Chicago.—Pet in štirideset letnica društva Slavije št. 1 SNPJ je za nami. Z njo je bilo veliko dela, a na to človek pozabi, če trud ni bil zaman. In v resnici ni bil zaman! Program je bil lep, tak kot ga imamo v Chicagu le malo kdaj priliko videti, prav tako je bila priredba nad vse uspešna z gmotnega stališča, tako, da bo preostanek navzlic velikim stroškom večji kot smo pričakovali.

Sporjed je vzel dve uri in pol s 15 minutnim odmorom. V tem času je bilo podanih okrog 35 posameznih točk, in sicer šest krajših govorov; eden daljši, tri pesmi zbora Prešerna, šest ali sedem zbora Zarje, tri pesmi kvarteta, trije solopesvi, tri pesmi v duetu, dva plesa plesalcev Adams, dva plesa krožka 26 SNPJ, tri točke muzikalnega kvarteta, ena deklamacija in tri pesmi solo-žvižgača. Torej je bil ves ta pester program zvršen v kratkem času in voditelj programa vsekakor ni toliko govoril, da bi zaslužil kritiko, da je on zavlekel program, kot to na drugem mestu današnje Prosvete piše naš urednik. Seve, za take ljudi, ki ne morejo presedeti več kot dve uri pri lepem programu, je bila pač vsaka beseda voditelja programa odveč!

V imenu društva Slavije se v prvi vrsti najlepše zahvaljujem Zarjanom iz Clevelanda, ki so prišli od tako daleč in toliko prinesli k programu! Pa ne samo to! Za stroške so nam tako malo računali, da niso niti krili za voznino. Ker pa smo jim dali opoldne kosilo, so zvečer zavrnili pristoječo večerjo in vse naše prigovarjanje ni nič pomagalo—kratko malo so kupili trošne listke za vse pevce in pevke in plačali za večerjo. Povrh vsega tega pa je Rose Jurman, ki je tudi prišla z Zarjo v Chicagu, poslala Slaviji \$10 s pripombo: "Zadnji četrtlet sem šla na sejo Zarje, da bi poravnala voznino za vožnjo v Chicagu. Odgovorili so mi, da sem dolgoletna kuharica Zarje, zato ne dolgujem ničesar. Ker pa je Slavija povabila samo pevce, jaz pa nisem pevka, pri bari pa se tudi nisem oglasila, prav tako vam nisem skuhala ničesar, zato si štejem v dolžnost, da pošljem Slaviji \$10. Milan, imeli smo se res imenitno dva dni med vami in ostanete nam v trajnem spominu." Prav lepa hvala, Rozi, stokrat hvala vsem vrtilim Clevelandčanom!

Najlepša hvala našim vrtilim Prešernovcem! Člani naše ga društva lahko izkažejo hvaležnost temu našemu zboru, ki bogati priredbe vseh naših naprednih društev, s tem, da se v velikem številu udeležijo njihovega jesenskega koncerta, ki se bo vršil 14. novembra v dvorani SNPJ.

Prav tako hvala krožku 26 SNPJ, njegovi predsednici Myri Beniger in voditeljici Terry Alesh. Enako plesalcema Mame in Bobu Adams.

Sedaj pa nekaj besed o naših delavcih. Delavcev je bilo veliko in vsak na svojem mestu, zato ne bom omenil vseh, želim pa se posebej zahvaliti vsaj nekaterim, ki so res veliko delali. Frank Bizjak ni samo prodal 38 vstopnic v predprodaji, ampak garal od ene popoldne do ene zjutraj, prav tako njegova žena, ki je članica Pionirjev, in njegova vnukinja Tončka.

Ne smem pozabiti naše kuharice ses. Macerle. Ona je pred priredbo močno zbolela in zdravnik ji je ukazal, da ne sme iti zdema, toda ona se ni podala in imenitno izvršila svojo nalogo! Na priredbi je faktično pomagala vsa njena družina: njen mož Louis, hči Hilda, snaha Mary in prav tako sin. Prav lepa hvala!

Prav tako ne smem pozabiti Groserjeve družine, ki je prava jednotarska družina! Luka je prodal vstopnice, njegova žena pomagala v kuhinji, sinova Frank in Luka pa za baro. Frank in Luke sta člana Pionirjev. Frank je tudi ves čas oglašal našo 45-letnico v angleški sekciji Prosvete.

Sedaj pride na vrsto John John Sprohar, naš podpredsednik, in njegova žena Mary. John je prodal veliko vstopnic, dobil nekaj oglasov in veliko čestitk, poleg vsega tega pa še pridno delal za baro, njegova žena Mary pa v kuhinji, dasiravno ni članica Slavije, pač pa Pionirjev. Za baro je pomagala tudi Louis

Zefran, slovenski pogrebnik, ki je tudi član Pionirjev.

Naši Horvatovini so tudi doprinesli svoje, kot vedno! Katka je pridno pomagala v kuhinji, njen sin Joe pa za baro. Katka je nabrala tudi veliko oglasov in prodala lepo število vstopnic. Naj omenim, da je Joe postal pred kratkim ponosen oče zale prvorojenke. Njegova žena je švedskega rodu in bo najbrže v kratkem pristopila k našemu društvu, vsaj je vsa Horvatovina družina naša, pa bo še ona!

Tudi Joško Oven se je nekaj časa vrtil za baro, njegova žena Mary pa je odpeljala na postajo skupino Zarjanov, za kar ji lepa hvala! Za baro je pomagal tudi naš urednik Garden, dalje naš zvesti in pridni član George Strašek, Anton Trojar, Joe Sajovec, Fr. Grad, Fr. Muren.

Poleg že omenjenih kuharic in pomočnic, naj še omenim pridni sestri Thereso Erznožnik in Mary Janc, prav tako Ann in RobAnn Sannemann, Frances Mautz in sestri Novak-Sever. Tudi moja žena je doprinesla svoje.

Naš bivši blagajnik Videgar pa je pridno prodal trošne listke, za njim pa sedanji blagajnik Anton Udovich, ki si je utrgal čas vzlic temu, da je njegova soproga težko bolna.

Pri vratih so bili Peter Bernik, John Trojar, naš stari reditelj Valentin Meršol, Frank Aleš pa je zvečer prodal vstopnice. Vsem najlepša hvala za kooperacijo! Ako ne bi imeli zgoraj imenovanih pridnih mravelj, ne bi naša zgodovinska proslava tako lepo uspela!

Dalje se naj zahvalim vsem, ki so dali na razpolago prenočišča za Zarjane: Frank Bizjak, Luka Groser, Anton Garden, Lojzka Robavs, Rudy Hribar, Ann Sannemann, Joe Vidmar, Frances Vider in Joe Cerkoney. V sedanjih časih je težko dobiti stanovanja v Chicagu, a zgoraj navedeni so nam šli na roko in brez obotavljanja nudili vso gostoljubnost našim gostom. Lepa hvala!

Sedaj pa še nekaj. Želim, da vsi člani poravnajo za vstopnice, društva pa za oglašbo. Seveda te se tiče vseh tistih, ki še niso poravnali. Na prihodnji seji hočem imeti račune čiste!

Od zadnjega poročila sta zbolela br. Ciganich in Agnes Zvoček. Slednja se je podala v bolnišnico na operacijo.

Milan Medvošek, tajnik.

ZABAVA GOSPODINJSKEGA KLUBA

Detroit, Mich.—V tem velikem avtomobilskem mestu delavci delajo še vedno dobro. Tudi stavke so na dnevnem redu. Razumljivo je, da so delavci upravičeni pogajati se za boljše obstanke.

Sedaj bomo imeli predsedniške volitve. Kandidati prihajajo od vseh strani dežele in se obmetavajo z blatom, po volitvah si pa zopet podajo roke in voščijo novemu predsedniku vso srečo, pa naj bo republikanec ali demokrat.

Sedaj pa naj poročam, da smo meseca avgusta na seji ženskega odseka SND sklenile, da priredimo 9. oktobra "perutninsko" zabavo, pozneje pa smo odložile to zabavo na petek, 22. oktobra, začetek ob pol osmih v Slovenskem narodnem domu na John R. Vljudno vabimo članice, prijateljice in znance. Na svidenje v petek zvečer! Anna Sardonar.

PRAZNOVANJE MLADINSKIH OBLETNIC V STRABANU

Strabane, Pa.—V soboto, 23. okt., in nedeljo, 24. okt., bo v Strabanu zopet nekaj prav posebnega. Krožka društva št. 138 in društva 589 SNPJ bosta priredila veliko proslavo v počast 30-letnice mladinskega oddelka in 10-letnice mladinskih krožkov.

V soboto zvečer se bo vršil ples, za katerega bo igrala godba Alberta Midoferja, v nedeljo popoldne pa bosta podala krožka obširen program, za katerega se prav pridno vadijo in pripravljajo.

kar ne ostanimo od te priredbe, ki bo nudila vsem veliko duševnega užitka.

Ta prireditev je posvečena 30-letnici mladinskega oddelka in 10-letnici krožkov, zato pa je važno, da se je udeležimo vsi tukajšnji člani SNPJ. Naša mladina pričakuje poseta od nas vseh, zato se bo gotovo potrudila in podala vse točke dobro in učinkovito.

Za nedeljsko popoldansko prireditev ne bo nobene vstopnine. Zvečer bo pa zopet ples, za katerega bo igral orkester Franka Perovna.

Časi so se spremenili in tudi razmere, zato se danes vrši pridobivanje novega članstva na drugačen način. Agitacija za novo članstvo je v prvi vrsti osredotočena na tukaj rojeno mladino. Mladina je danes pri nekaterih društvih vodilna sila. V kratki dobi je bilo ustanovljenih že lepo število krožkov, s katerimi je jednota veliko pridobila.

Torej udeležimo se vsi teh priredb 23. in 24. oktobra.

John Koclich.

Frank Podboršek.

Nekaj vtisov z zborovanja ohijskih bratskih organizacij

Matt Petrovich

Po nalogu eksekutive SNPJ sem se udeležil zborovanja bratskih organizacij države Ohio, ki se je vršilo dne 8. in 9. oktobra v Clevelandu, O.

Navzočih je bilo okrog 100 delegatov in uradnikov, ki so zastopali 47 raznih podpornih organizacij. Imed slovenskih so bile zastopane tri; tudi dve hrvatski in dve srbski organizaciji so imele svoje zastopnike.

Državni bratski kongresi so nam koristni iz dveh vzrokov. Prvič, centralne organizacije nam omogočajo skupni nastop pred odseki raznih državnih predstavov. Složni nastop vpliva na državne legislativne in našim podpornim organizacijam ohrani tiste pravice, katere so si priborile zadnjih 30 let. Obenem pa nam je na ta način mogoče preprečiti sprejem predlogov, ki bi bili v škodo bratskemu načinu življenjskega zaveževanja.

Kongres je bil odprt z navadnimi formalnostmi: Molitev duhovnika, ki je prosil Boga, da bi blagoslovil naše delo; petje patriotskih pesmi in pa običajni pozdrav lokalne politične administracije.

Na dnevnem redu zborovanja smo imeli, razen poročil odborov, tudi razne referate o vprašanjih, ki so posebne važnosti za obstoj in napredek bratskih organizacij. Ker mislim, da bodo te stvari zanimale tudi naše člane, hočem tukaj navesti naslove referatov, imena govornikov in pa kratek pregled vsebine teh govorov.

1) "Kako zainteresiramo mladino v podporne organizacije?" Poročala je Mayme Hippler, uradnica Woodmen's Circlea. V svojem govoru je Mayme Hippler poudarjala potrebo, da vzgajamo mladino kot bodoče voditelje naših društev. Iz svojihkušenj je navajala, da mladino zanimajo predvsem razne zabave in športne igre. Posebno je poudarjala potrebo zmoglih direktorjev, ki razume mladino in si znajo pridobiti njeno zaupanje.

2) Kooperacija". Govoril je Homer Trantham, tajnik Insurance Federation of Ohio. V svojem govoru je poudarjal možnost in potrebo skupnega nastopa komercialnih zavarovalnih družb in bratskih podpornih organizacij pred odseki raznih državnih predstavov. Poudarjal je, da imamo v mnogih ozirih skupne interese, ki zahtevajo složnega skupnega nastopa.

3) "Zakaj moramo biti fraternalisti zainteresirani v politiko?" Govoril je M. J. Vargovich, glavni predsednik Prve katoliške slovaške zveze. Govoril je o "grozni nevarnosti, ki preti našemu načinu življenja in sploh vsem ameriškim institucijam". Ti hudobni komunisti in "fellow travelers" vrtajo vedno in povsod, ponoči in podnevi v podpornih organizacijah, šolah, cerkvah, političnih klubih, gledališčih, v izobraževalnih skupinah. Kako on to ve? Well, Louis Budenz, ki je bil nekdanji komunistični urednik, a se je spreobrnil in postal pobožen katolican, mu je to povedal. Vse to komunistično vrtanje je taj-

PLESNA VESELICA DRUŠTVA 450 SNPJ

Euclid, O.—Zopet je tu jesen, ki nam zapira pot v prosto naravo, sicer pa s tem ni rečeno, da se ne bomo mogli zabavati, saj imamo naše slovenske narodne domove, v katerih se bomo zabavali v zimskem času.

Naše društvo 450 SNPJ bo priredilo plesno veselico v soboto zvečer, 23. oktobra, v Slovenskem društvenem domu v Euclidu. Za ples bodo igrali "polkatirji". Odbor bo preskrbel za vsestransko postrežbo. Torej, bratje in sestre, prijatelji in prijateljice, udeležite se plesne veselice društva Cvetoci Nobe!

Na veselico pozivam tudi vse one člane, ki se ne udeležujejo ne naših sej in ne priredb. Prosim, odzovite se temu vabilu in z vašim posetom pomagajte društveni blagajni. Vstopnice so že v predprodaji. Vstopnina je samo 65c. Na gotovo svidenje!

Za veselilni odbor:
Frank Podboršek.



Zahvala za presenečenje

CHICAGO, Ill.—Ko smo se pripravljali v soboto 25. septembra na srebrno poroko Mary in Martina Keržana, si ni nihče najmanj mislil, da bo mrs. Keržan tako hitro preminula. Dvorana Masonic Temple, kjer se je vršila slovesnost srebrnega jubileja njenega zakonskega življenja, je bila polna gostov—okrog tri sto—in ona se je toliko števil prijateljev in prijateljic zelo vzradostila. 25. september je bil nedvomno eden najlepših dni v njenem življenju.

To slavnost so aranzirali nečak in nečakinje Frank in Mary Koblica, ter Jennie, poročna Jakaha. Ob omizju je bilo slavljencema izrečenih več govorov in zatej je bilo vse polno voščil in rokovanja. Še dneve pozneje je Mary pripravovala, kako vesela je, ko je uvidela, da ima toliko prijateljev.

Delo na tej slavnosti so vršili Annie Boršnik, Mary Vovk, Mary Kováč, Mary Divjak, Zofka Zalokar, Josephine Vuksinich, Mary Cahjen, Louise Robaus in mnogo drugih, ki so navzočim stregli. Vsem tem in natakem sta slavljena Martin in Mary Keržan izrekla iskreno zahvalo.

ZA BOŽIČNE PRAZNIKE

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Blagovne pošiljke: Za one, ki žele našega pohodevanja pri pošiljanju raznega blaga v Jugoslavijo, Avstrijo, Italijo in Nemčijo (moka, itd.) smo pripravljene urediti njihovo pošiljatev. Pišite, kaj in kam želite poslati, pa boste prejeli potrebna navodila. Potovanje: Za potovanje v Jugoslavijo in druge dežele ter od tam v Ameriko, izdajamo karte za parnike in eroplane po originalnih uradnih cenah. Druge zadeve: Ako imate kako drugo zadevo, v kateri rabite našega sodelovanja, nam pišite.

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katera je preminula 14. oktobra 1940 v stari domovini v Dragi na Dolenjskem

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JOHN LIKOVICHA

kateri je za vedno preminul dne 18. oktobra 1946.

Dve leti so še minuli, odkar v hladnem grobu spiš, od koder se ne vrneš več nazaj. Ni ga ne dneva ne ure, da mi ne bi mislili na Tebe. V mislih naših Ti še vedno živiš in ostanesh med nami do konca naših dni. Počivaj v miru in hladni ameriški zemlji.—Zaljujoci ostali: Mary Likovich, soproga in družina, ter sorodniki, Lloydell, Pennsylvania.

ZAHVALA

Zalostnega srca se na tem mestu želi najpriprčneje zahvaliti družina pokojnega vsem za iskranost naklonjenost in sojalne ob času smrti našega ljubelega soproga, očeta in starega očeta

VINCENT CAINKARJA

Najlepša hvala vsem za številne krasne vence in sojalne kartice. Vsem, ki so ga obiskali ob njegovem mrtnikem odru v dvorani SNPJ, vsem, ki so se udeležili pogreba, ter vsem, ki so nam na kakršen koli način pomagali in nas tolažili v uri žalosti.

Posebno lepa hvala B.N.P.J. za mnoge storjene dobrote.

Posebno lepa hvala pev. sboru "Franco Prešeren" za sapeto žalostinke in za poslovljni govor kot svojemu najstarejšemu podpor-nemu članu. Nadalje hvala vsem govornikom za poslovljne govore v imenu raznih organizacij: Društva Slavija št. 1 SNPJ in Modern Woodmen of America, katerih član je bil dolgo vrsto let; Proleteru, Sansu, gl. odboru B.N.P.J. in H.B.Z. iz Pittsburgha, Pa. Posebno lepa hvala Louis Zefranu za tako lepo vodstvo pogreba.

Vincent Cainkar je bil rojen v Jastrebu na Štajerskem v Jugoslaviji in ob smrti star skoraj 69 let. Umrl je 24. septembra po kratki boleznii in pokopan je bil 27. sept. 1948 na Čelickem narodnem pokopališču.

Tebi, dragi soprogo, oče in stari oče, šelimo, počivaj v miru. Ostanesh nam v trajnem spominu dokler tudi mi ne pridemo za Teboj.

Zaljujoci ostali: Marie Cainkar, soproga; sinovi Freddy, Leo, Louis ter Robert in njih družine; hči Lillian in družina, ter ostali sorodniki in stari domovini—Chicago, Illinois.

Naznanilo in zahvala

Zalostnega in potrtega srca naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, znanec in prijateljem tužno vest, da je za vedno preminul moj ljubljeni soprogo in naš dobi oče in stari oče

ANTON ZUPANČIČ

Umrl je 11. septembra in pokopan je bil 14. septembra 1948. Na prvem mestu se šelimo iskreno zahvaliti Rev. John McLoranu za obredo in lepa hvala tudi družini št. 14 SNPJ, katerega je bil član, za podarjeni krasni venec, enako tudi družini št. 568 in šenskem društvu št. 118 SNPJ za darovane vence. Hvala članom nosilec in pogrebniku Mr. Nemanichu za tako lepo urejeni spoved. Srčna hvala vsem prijateljem, ki so mu poklonili krasne vence in cvetlice in enako hvala tudi za darove za mazo, ter vsem, ki so ga obiskali ob mrtnikem odru in vsem, ki so ga v tako velikem številu spremlili in dali svoje avtomobile v spovedu na mirodvor. Pokojnik je bil rojen leta 1875 v vasi Zapeč, fara Cerklje ob Krki in Dolenjskem v Jugoslaviji. V Ameriko je prišel leta 1901 v La Salle, Ill. in od tam se je preselil leta 1909 na Willard, Wis., ter tam kmotval do leta 1943 in od tedaj naprej pa je bil v pokouju tukaj v Waukeganu, Ill., v bližini sinov in hčere. Bolehal je tri mesece in kljub dobri postrežbi in najboljših zdravnikov v Mayo kliniki v Minnesoti ni bilo pomoči sanj. Dragi soprogo, oče in stari oče, v naših srcih nam ostanesh in trajnem spominu dokler tudi mi ne pridemo za Teboj. Počivaj v miru.—Zaljujoci ostali: Caroline Zupančič, soproga; Anton in John, sinova in Loyd, posinovljenec; Mrs. Joe W. Polbicka (Caroline) in mrs. A. B. Polbicka (Angelina), hčere ter sedem vnukov, vsi tukaj; A. Waukeganu, Ill. Dva brata tu v Ameriki in ena sestra v Jugoslaviji.

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ANNA BOGATAY

katera je preminula po dolgi boleznii dne 20. oktobra 1947.

Eno leto je že minulo, odkar si dragi mati, za vedno zapustila nas in odšla v večnost. A ostanesh nam v trajnem spominu do konca naših dni. Počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bude ameriška zemlja.—Zaljujoci ostali: John in Frank Bogatay, sinova in Mary Beloh, hči. Dearborn, Michigan.

V blagi spomin prve obletnice smrti
naše ljubljene žene in matere

LOUISE HAFNER

katera je za vedno preminula dne 20. oktobra 1947.

Leto je minulo, odkar si zapustila nas in odšla v večnost. A ostanesh nam v trajnem spominu do konca naših dni. Počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bude ameriška zemlja.—Zaljujoci ostali: Frank Hafner, soprogo; Frank Jr. in John, sinova; Mollie, Louise in Helen, hčere in pet vnukov v Louisville, Colo.

Naznanilo in zahvala

Zalostnega srca naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, prijateljem in znanecm tužno vest, da je za vedno preminula moja ljuba soproga in mati

FRANČIŠKA ŽERJAV

Umrla je 23. avgusta 1948 in ob smrti je bila stara 58 let. Pokopana je bila 27. avgusta 1. l. na Braddock katoliškem pokopališču. Iskrena hvala vsem za darovane vi krasne vence in cvetlice, ki so krašili njeno krsto. Srčna hvala vsem, ki ste dali na razpolago avtomobile in vožili v spovedu na mirodvor. Najlepša hvala društvu št. 35 SNPJ, katerega članica je bila dolgo vrsto let, za darovanih pomoč, tolažbo in za venec. Hvala lepa ženski zvezi podružnici št. 27 in vsem, ki ste darovali za mazo. Najlepša hvala vsem skupaj. Tebi, dragi soprogo in mati, pa šelimo, počivaj v miru in lahki naj Ti bude ameriška zemlja.—Zaljujoci ostali: John Žerjav, soprogo; John Jr., Frank in Ludvig, sinovi; Jennie, hči, in sestra Milka, Turista Creek, Penna.

Naznanilo in zahvala

Zalostnega in potrtega srca naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, znanec in prijateljem tužno vest, da je dne 5. oktobra 1948 na nagloma preminula naša preljubljena soproga in leta

MARY KERŽAN

Pogreb se je vršil pod vodstvom pogrebniika L. Zefrana na Woodlawn Memorial pokopališču dne 8. oktobra ob oblihi udeležbi sorodnikov, prijateljev in znanecv. Krasne vence in cvetlice so ji poklonili mnogostevilni čikaški in okoliški prijatelji, ter tudi dveh drugih držav. Ob rakvi v pogrebniški kapeli ji je zapel dve žalostinki pevski sbor "Prešeren" in sborov predsednik Anton Udovich je imel poslovljni govor. Ob grobu je govorila pokojnici v slovo v imenu društva "Illini Star" Ameriške Bratske Zveze Agnes Jurečič, v imenu samostojnega društva "Zarja" Mary Udovich in v imenu krožka "Progresivnih Slovencev" pa Frances Vider. Slednje so po svojem običaju položile na pokopališču na rakev šop rudečih nageljev.—Pokojna Mary Keržan je bila rojena 2. avgusta 1880 v Domšalah na Gorenjskem. Njeno dekleklo ime je bilo Koblica. V Ameriko je prišla leta 1903. Najprvo se je bila nastolila v New Yorku in čez par let pa se je preselila v Chicago.—Na tem mestu se najlepše zahvalimo vsem za darovane vence in cvetlice, za obiske pokojnice ob mrtnikem odru in vsem, ki ste jo spremlili k mirnemu počitku na mirodvor. Draga soproga in leta naša, odšla si vse prerano od nas in nas pustila same. Mi se bomo Tebe spominjali do konca življenja našega. Počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bude ameriška zemlja.—Zaljujoci ostali: Martin Keržan, soprogo, ter nečak in nečakinje Frank in Mary Koblica in Jennie, poročna Jakša. Chicago, Illinois.

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DRUŠTVO ST. 102 SNPJ priredi plesno veselico na Silvestrov večer v sredo 31. decembra v SNPJ dvorani.

FEDERACIJA SNPJ proučavi 45-letnico ustanovitve SNPJ v nedeljo, 11. aprila 1949, v SNPJ dvorani.

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Seja federacije SNPJ vsake tobe sobote v mesecu v S. N. Domu na St. Clair ave.

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DRUŠTVO ST. 747 SNPJ priredi slavnostno 30-letnico v soboto zvečer 8. novembra 1948 v Sokol Hall dvorani na 1309 W. Walnut st., Milwaukee, Wis.

DRUŠTVO ST. 104 SNPJ priredi Silvestrovo večerno zabavo v Krovni dvorani na 6001 West Madison st., Milwaukee, Wis.

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VABILO NA KONFERENCO Westmorelandske Federacije društev SNPJ, ki se bo vršila dne 26. oktobra 1948 v Pleasant Valley, Pa.

bra v Girardu. Sprejet predlog, ki določa vstopnino 65c. Bogataj predlaga, da se plača nagrada za nove člane društvu 476, katere je pridobila sestra Dermota.

Br. Tancek čita pismo od br. Franka Režka, kateri poroča o narodnem dnevu SNPJ, ki se bo vršil prihodnje leto v Girardu.

Prihodnja seja se bo vršila 26. decembra v Girardu, začetek ob eni popoldne. Zaključek seje ob 5:30. John Rován, zapisnikar.

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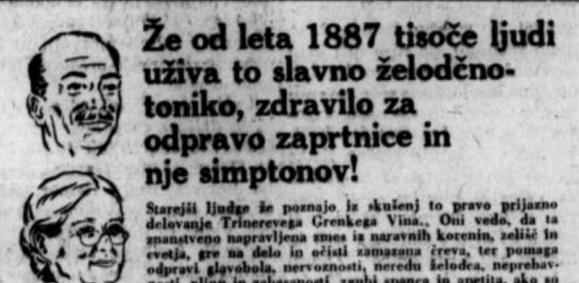
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SLAVIJA

CHICAGO.—At the last meeting held by Slavija, several interesting facts were disclosed concerning the success of the lodge's 45th anniversary. One of them was that the anniversary booklet had such enterprising and ambitious sales people that it brought in \$750 in ads, which is a very tidy sum indeed!

While we are discussing money in the hundreds, Slavija donated the sum of \$100 toward the sustaining fund of Proletarec.

We've got quite a number of members on the sick list now, among them are John Tezak, Anton Kukman, Frank Rakovic, Mike Koder, Leopoldine Ferek, Anna Bravc, Matt Pintar, Josephine Mautz and Magdica Bruchee. Drop in to see them and cheer them on to the road of recovery.

Generalities

Slavija member Edward Udovich had a wonderful three months visit down and around Galveston, Texas way this summer. Ed was doing summer stock, and had a chance to do some playwriting, directing and character acting. He is back at the Goodman Drama School, where he is a second year student.

Peter Bernik, Slavija's recording secretary, has been going around buying and displaying some darling baby clothes, and asking how much wool does it take to knit baby sweaters—nope, you're wrong, they are being sent to relatives in Yugoslavia.

Anton Slabe, one of the co-editors of Prosveta, and president of the Neighbors Lodge 449 in Cicero, is also on the sick list. Here's hoping it's not for long.

To the head of the class this week goes Pioneer member Joanne Rak, member of the student council at her school, and one of two to make the honor roll. What with so many new rules and regulations going on in most schools, it's getting tougher to make the coveted "Roll."

Frank Zordani, another Pioneer, tells me that there are still openings on that lodge's bowling teams—if you're interested, contact him or drop around to the Lawndale Lanes any Wednesday night, and the sooner, the better!

A reminder that this Sunday, Oct. 24, the Progressive Women, Circle No. 9, are sponsoring an affair at the SNPJ hall. Featured will be the Detroit Dramatic Club in a three-act Slovene drama, and as an added treat, the Proletarian Male chorus will sing several selections. Plan on having supper at the hall as they are going to serve a turkey dinner with all the fixins'. One half of the net proceeds from this affair will go to the sustaining fund of Proletarec.

It was my pleasure to spend last weekend out in Indiana, and with the countryside splashed with color, the crisp weather seemed to be made to order. The trip was made primarily to help one of my elderly lady-friends celebrate her birthday, and when I twitted her about her very many years, she remarked, "It's not how old one is, it's how much one has lived."

ANN SANNEMANN

Lily Social Club, SNPJ Lodge 764

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—First of all the Lily Social Club expresses its desire to welcome our new Supreme President, Bro. Joseph Culkar.

Next on the report are the following highlights: Coming in for first place again is Yankovic and his Yanks; tying with Silver City Recreation for second place is the Lily Social Club and coming close behind is Ermenc Funeral Home. High man bowler for the week is Vern Coyhis who bowled 208 and second high was Dick Tarkowski with 143. Of the women Dorothy Valencich 158; Tillie Butcher 145; and Ange Coyhis 130. It is our desire at this time to give the backers for the Lily Social Club bowling team; Jelenc Funeral Home; John Dobnik; Stanley Stemberger (Airport Inn); Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lustik; Mr. Matt Schimenz; American State Bank; Mr. John Stanzler; Mrs. Mary Rojek; Mr. Frank Perko and Mr. and Mrs. John Butcher. Again their thanks.

A recent addition to the Pincolic family is a bouncing baby boy named Robert. Congratulations. Mrs. Pincolic was formerly known as Louise Lubsek, and is a member of Lily.

oTrumy Leskosek who broke both legs at work several months ago is still convalescing at Mount Sinai Hospital, 908 North 12th Street. Folks, please remember him by visiting him there. Best wishes, Tommy, for a speedy recovery.

BUTCH, 764

Lodge 759 Slates Dance for Oct. 30

BROWNSVILLE, Pa.—On Saturday, Oct. 30, SNPJ Lodge 759 will hold a dance at the Sons of Italy Hall in Republic, Pa. Music by the famous Vagabonds of Sharon. Republic is 6 miles out of Brownsville. This will be the biggest event ever held by Lodge 759. We invite all the SNPJ lodges in western Penna. to attend. We are trying to raise enough money to build a Slovenian Hall in this district, so come all you SNPJ boosters and help us.

DANCE COMMITTEE

Juvenile Circles Of the SNPJ

Juvenile Circle 2 News and Views

CLEVELAND, O.—Near the close of Cleveland's most exciting baseball season, Circle 2 was very happy to receive an invitation from Circle 3 to attend a baseball lecture and program. On hand to speak to the group were two Cleveland Indians. All who attended, enjoyed the talk by the players and the program presented by the Circle members very much.

Both the director and myself were unable to attend as we were in Milwaukee at the time attending the SNPJ Day celebration where we were treated wonderfully by our hosts. Marie Ermenc and the Jr. All Stars should be commended for a good job in connection with the exhibit and other activities over the weekend. Just recently we were thrilled to learn that our Circle was one of two Circles to place first in the handcraft exhibit and are the very proud owners of a beautiful trophy.

The latter part of September also brought about our first session of bowling. For most it was the first try at the sport and I can say they all did remarkably well and all were very enthusiastic about it. We hope to have a few champions among the group.

The Circle received tickets from the Cleveland's Federation for a marionette show staged at the Slovene Home on St. Clair. The younger members especially enjoyed the show "Jack in the Beanstalk."

Right now the members are busy making plans for a gala Halloween Party to be held this month.

NADA ZAGAR, Ass't. Dir.

Circle 39 Plans Halloween Party

BON AIR, Pa.—The beautiful month of October is here. Really an ideal month for parties and social gatherings. At the regular monthly meeting Circle 39 decided to hold a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 27, starting at 7:30 pm.

When we think and speak of Halloween, fancy costumes, false faces pop up in our minds, therefore we urge our members to come to this party in some sort of disguise, that way we'll all have more fun and besides you may win a prize; yes, a prize will be awarded to the one in most comical costume.

Admission will be 15c if you come in costume and 25c in ordinary clothes. Refreshments, music, games and anything we can think of from now till then will be on hand to assure us of a good time.

OTTO GNOSNIK, Director

Circle 27 Plans Halloween Party

STRABANE, Pa.—On Oct. 7, Circle 27 held their monthly meeting. We planned for a Halloween party which is to be held at our next meeting. Everyone is to come masked.

We received a few new members. They are Pamela Podboy, Sylvia Jo Holsey and Thomas Chesnic. We are sorry that three of our members have left for California to make their homes there. They are Jo Lynn Drenick, Lorraine Christy and Jimmy Dudik.

We planned at our meeting for the program which is to be presented by both Circles. On Saturday, Oct. 23, is a dance and on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock both Circles are having a program. The parents of the children, the neighboring Circles, and the public are welcomed to come. We hope we have a large gathering at the program, and everyone is welcomed to attend the dance in the evening of the 24th.

MARGY ORAVIC

Circle 56-Jolly Quips News

ALBUQUIPA, Pa.—The Jolly Quips Circle members are looking forward in attending the coming anniversary celebration Sunday, Oct. 24, at Strabane. We know that we are in store for an entertaining afternoon as Strabane is noted for its fine talent. All members and parents are requested to meet at the Slovene Hall at 1 p. m. sharp.

The sudden death of President Vincent Calkar came to us as a shock. Although I knew him slightly he impressed me as a man of character and leadership. His passing is a loss to our Society. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

A beautiful trophy was awarded our Circle in winning a second place in the handcraft exhibition at the Milwaukee SNPJ Day. We are happy and proud in achieving this honor and feel that the time and work was worthwhile. I want to thank Marie Ermenc for arranging the articles attractively in the display. Since we were unable to attend we are looking forward in seeing the colored movies taken of this affair in the near future.

At our last Circle meeting our

Pres. Dorothy Rudic gave a fine pep talk stressing the importance of meeting attendance. If our Circle wishes to continue to prosper we must have good attendance at every meeting.

New members initiated at the meeting are Albert, Loretta, and Patrick Valessar. Welcome into our fold, members.

We wish a speedy recovery to Frances Derglin who is at home recuperating from whooping cough.

JOSEPHINE STRUBLE, Director

Circle No. 69 to Meet October 22

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—At our last regular meeting we had a good attendance. Everyone was still talking about the enjoyable time we had in Springfield. Plans were discussed for our Christmas program, to be given in conjunction with our annual Juvenile Christmas Party.

We were all sorry to hear of the passing of our Supreme President Vincent Calkar and we paused for a few moments to pay our tribute. Our sympathy is extended to his family.

An invitation has been received from Circle 68 to attend their Halloween Party to be held at the Swiss Hall on Saturday evening, Oct. 30. Prizes are to be given for the best and most original costumes. I think it would be a good idea to attend this affair and meet the members of that Circle.

We were sorry to hear that our member, Mary Yartz, has been on the sick list due to ear trouble. However, we hope it will be cleared up soon and she will be with us again.

Our next regular meeting will be held Friday, Oct. 22, at 3500 S. Broadway. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. It is important that all attend as parts will be given out for the Christmas program and further plans made for the Christmas Party.

IDA KACIN, Assistant Dir.

Circle No. 3 Stage Halloween Party

CLEVELAND, O.—With the falling of the leaves reminding us of the autumnal season here and with all of the summer activities now over, the mind naturally wanders to the social activities of the winter months.

After a short business meeting Oct. 2, forty members boarded a streetcar to Slovenian National Home to see a marionette show, "Jack and the Beanstalk." On Oct. 9, we all met again for our first attempt at bowling. The first game the children did fairly well. The second game all were too tired. This also was the day our champs the Cleveland Indians played for the world series, so there was a lot of excitement going on.

Next on the program is our Halloween Party which is to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p. m. Prizes will be awarded. The committee is working very hard to make this a night you'll never forget. Get your costumes out now and be ready.

Nancy Matthews has had her appendix out and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Alice Pike is the winner of the contest which was going on for a name of our Circle. Among thirty-five names the "Atomic Leaders" was chosen. So from now on it's "Atomic Leaders." Our colors are green and gold.

MARGE MASLAR, Director

Circle 64 Slates Halloween Party

HOSTETTER, Pa.—October 3 was our Circle day at the SNH in Pipe-town, holding the SNPJ juvenile handcraft exhibit. A few days later the mailman presented me with our trophy, emblematic of the first place winner displayed at the Milwaukee SNPJ Day affair. Beautiful indeed, words cannot express how well we are pleased to win our handsome award. The trophy will be shown at the meeting and will be on display at any time to be seen by all. Sonny Mazon promised to make us a case to store our handsome award.

Lodge 762 awarded the Circle three prizes: 1st, Nancy Pipak, needle and thread, scissors and hoops; 2nd, Richard Rock, wood work, tool box; 3rd, Rita Marie Ferlin, paper work, pencil box. Congratulations.

At this time, in behalf of Circle 64, I want to thank the SNPJ for giving us the opportunity to participate in displays and winning 1st place.

Our Halloween party is slated for October 30. Everyone that was at our party last year certainly will be on the ball to be present this year again, with quite a few newcomers this year. All must come masked. Again we are going to award prizes.

Circle 64 lost two members, Joseph and Edward Hollek, taking transfer cards to Lodge 379. We miss you boys. Eddy, this would

be the ideal time to have a juvenile Circle organized at Slickville. What do you say? We are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of Juvenile Circles this year.

Sept. 27, Slovenian radio hour—a date to be remembered. It was the day that we received word that we had lost a great man, President Vincent Calkar.

We were shocked and stunned. It was at Export, Pa., that I first met the late President when Lodge 753 was organizing an ES lodge, and the second time at the banquet of the 12th regular convention at Pittsburgh. And the last speech at the 1948 Nat'l SNPJ Day. He will be remembered as a father to most of us younger members. He is a great loss to the SNPJ and its members. We join together with his hundreds of friends in extending condolences to his family.

Speedy recovery to Bro. Ray Travnik.

Welcome and best of luck to our new Supreme President, Bro. Joseph Culkar.

Just a little reminder that the campaign is coming to a close Nov. 30. Better hurry and enroll those new members.

THERESA R. MAZON, Director

Jr. All Stars, Circle No. 4

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Circle No. 4's Halloween party was a big success and everyone who attended agreed that Joe Perko dressed as "Carmen Miranda" stole the show. Not only was Joe dressed as Carmen but rolled his big brown eyes and put on an act to go with the costume. Complete with bright red ostrich feathers in his turban, dazzling earrings and short fur jacket, Joe, I mean Carmen swung and swayed to the piano rhythms of Jackie Repensek, and asked all the colored hooes, namely, Eddie Udovich, Carl Volkoff and little Allan for a dance. Mike Malcreff and Luddy Vodnik were collegiate dorks. Donny Vodnik was the cutest little "Donald Duck", Antoinette Pontar a charming Geisha girl. Agnes Vodnik, glamour girl, Carol Guzik, a gypsy, Ellen Novak, "Ella Cindus" and Marilyn Bucovnik, the boy friend, were the prize winners. Space does not permit to mention all of the many others.

Some of the games played were questions and consequences, ducking for apples and many ducked for as many as twelve apples apiece. Boy, were they wet! Other games were directed by Lillian Puncer. A special thanks to Lil, Mrs. Tillie Vodnik, and Mrs. Sophie Stampfel for giving a helping hand and to Frances Delabak for delivering the Cracker-Jack. Refreshments were served and so ended another Halloween party.

Committees elected to plan another Juvenile Display for the year of 1949 are Matt Pontar, Joe Perko, Eddie Udovich, Ellen Novak, Marilyn Bucovnik and Antoinette Pontar. It was also decided to hold the original play rehearsal for SNPJ Day for the Xmas celebration.

Bowling season opened Saturday and Sunday at Silver City and it was wonderful to see that everyone seems to be right in the groove. High score man was David Obluck followed by John Hren. Carl Volkoff sure has a beautiful ball, watch him, he promises to be good competition in 1949 for being only ten years old.

MARY ERMENC, Director

Circle 51 Holds Halloween Party

AVELLA, Pa.—A Halloween party will be sponsored by the Lodge for all juvenile members between the ages of 3 to 16 years. The date is Oct. 29, the time 8 p. m., the place SNPJ hall, Avela. The party will end at 10 p. m. at which time our Circle will hold its regular meeting. We hope it will help get more of our juvenile members to join our Circle. It costs so little, and it's so much fun. So come on you juveniles that are not yet in the Circle, come out and see just what we do at our meetings.

This party is being held in honor of the 10th Anniversary of Juvenile Circles and 35th Anniversary of the Juvenile Dept.

There'll be prizes for the best dressed, funniest and most original costumes. We'll have eats and treats that goes with a real Halloween, so come one, come all. Please mask.

ETHEL RESNICK, Director

Circle No. 3 Give Halloween Party

CLEVELAND, O.—All Circle 3 (Atomic Leaders) members are invited to a Halloween party to be held Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 8:30 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home on Waterloo road. You are requested to come in costume and prizes will be given for the funniest, prettiest, and most original ones.

To all those interested in bowling, we meet every Saturday at 12:30 at the Slovenian Workmen's Home. Games are fifteen cents each plus 10 cents for bowling shoes.

ALICE PIKE, Sec'y

Future of Labor is Topic at Library

CHICAGO.—"Future of Labor Under the Taft-Hartley Act" will be the subject of the opening lecture

FLASHES

CHICAGO.—Dance music and refreshments are on the schedule for the October 22 Pioneer meeting at the SNPJ Hall. The Snyder brothers will play. We urge the members to attend in large numbers, participate in the discussions and approval of various applications and then enjoy the social hour. Bowling being our major activity at this season, we'll expect reports on that. Starting time, 8 pm.

One of the most receptive and enthusiastic crowds ever to participate in any local rally took place last Friday night when the 22nd Ward Progressive Party unit brought Henry A. Wallace and Glen H. Taylor to Sokol Chicago Hall. The hall was packed to capacity. Indeed, it overflowed into the street. They say, at least 1000 people stood on the walks outside and listened to the speeches via loud speakers. We had a complete program including music, dancers and instrumentalists by the Metros Club. All of the speeches were enthusiastically received. Wallace and Taylor were cheered lustily. Wallace's address was broadcast over WGN. The collection was good, too. Many a convert was made for the Progressives. The undersigned was chairman.

DONALD J. LOTRICH

Johnstown Trojans Lodge No. 749

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—The old proverb, "My cup runneth over," to my knowledge best describes the exulted feeling all members of Lodge 749 experienced when we received the news of Brother Joseph Culkar's elevation to the position of Supreme President of SNPJ. "Joe" was president of our lodge and we all know what a grand fellow he was to work with. We are confident he will fulfill his new position to the best of his ability. To our knowledge, Joe fulfills all the requirements that our great Society teaches—fraternalism, diplomacy and a spirit of close cooperation. Joe has had much experience in the principles mentioned above, not only in the Society as a whole, but in his everyday life as well. He came of humble origin, just as all SNPJ members have come. He showed great cooperation and brotherliness at the death of his parents, when he took over the job as head of his family when only in his youth. He didn't stop there tho, Joe raised himself to the position as burgess of his community, worked hard and earned the respect of all his friends and neighbors, as well as the respect of all SNPJ members in our community.

Lodges 3, 62, 264, 421, and 749, the Slovene Independent Lodge, the Slovene Home, the Slovene Savings and Loan bank, many independent Slovene businessmen, neighbors and friends were represented at a farewell party that was held for Brothers Culkar, Saturday night, Oct. 9, in the Moxham Slovene Home. We all felt a sadness because Joe would be leaving us the next day, but we all felt a gladness, too, for Joe. He deserves all the cooperation and respect our entire Society can give him. Good luck, Joe, and the best of everything to you, your wife, your son, and daughter. Don't forget to pay us a visit as soon as you can.

It's a little late to be reporting on the success of our first dance of the autumn season, which was held September 18 at the Slovene Home. But all of you who attended know just how grand it was and I've heard the word passed along quite often since then, of how much everyone enjoyed the music of Eddie Lapanja and his orchestra. He has a great deal of the Yankovic rhythm. We'll have him back again just as soon as we're able.

Everyone who has attended the pinnoche parties has told me they like the good, clean fun we all have and the spirit of friendliness that prevails. Keep up the good work, girls, and I know we'll all succeed. Our next pinnoche party will be held Oct. 22, a Halloween affair. Plan to attend. The purchase price of one ticket is only 50c.

Would you like to have a fresh dressed turkey for your Thanksgiving dinner? Contact any of the girl bowlers and they'll inform you how you may take home a turkey. Attend our Nov. 19 pinnoche party—there may be a turkey waiting just for you.

DOROTHY GLAVACH, Sec'y

(Ed note: The omitted part will appear in next week's issue.)

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California Capers

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—I'm sure there will be quite a few capers by Lodge 615 members on October 31. That is the date of our "Vinska Trgatev" at the Croatian Hall at 330 Ford Blvd. I believe this is the second Harvest Dance held in L. A., so the younger generation as well as the oldtimers will have a treat in store for them.

The complete story of the Grape Festival will be enacted, from the time the Gospodar announces the beginning of the festivities until the last miscreant is bailed out of the "keha." The fruits, sweets, etc., will be hung just out of easy reach of the dancers. You may steal them as you dance but if you are caught by the Viničari, they will take you to the Judge who will fine you according to your prize. If you cannot or will not pay the fine, he will lock you in his jail. The colorful costumes alone will be worth seeing. I understand the special prize, the big basket which is always hung in the center, will be worth from \$10 to \$15, so that's a real gift for some gentleman to give his lady fair.

A special invitation to our friends at Fontana, Anaheim and all others. We would like to see more of our San Pedro friends, also. Music will be by our Louis Simonic. The kitchen committee also promises real kranjske klobase, along with the potica, strude, etc. Remember, come early, so you won't miss the colorful, official "Grand opening."

The sports program in our state is developing wonderfully and you Easterners will soon have competition from the West Coast in SNPJ tournaments. Our local membership is so large and so scattered, we cannot all bowl in one place. However, we have our own SNPJ league bowling at 920 S. Grand Avenue at the Vogue Bowl. This is a mixed league; so any male or female member of our lodge wishing to bowl should report to me at the alley any Thursday evening about 7:45. Members on the west side of town, held by Bro. Guizzo, have a team entered in an independent league there. The east-siders have two teams in a league on the east side of town, I'm not saying a word, Fontana, but we'll do our talking after the first match between lodge 615 (please, note the number, Jane) and Fontana.

Don't forget the membership campaign is still on. Let us each try a little harder to get one member each.

Local members please note: If you don't want our lodge to "go in the hole," come to the dance and for goodness sakes, stay out of the spehkanra!

HELEN RIBARICH, 615

Lodge 450 Sponsors Dance October 23

EUCILD, Ohio.—Frank Zaic and his ever-popular Polkaaters will furnish the gay polkas and waltzes for a dance to be held at the Slovene Society Home on Recher Avenue, Saturday evening, Oct. 23, which is being sponsored by "Cveteci Noble" SNPJ, Lodge 450 of Euclid. Dancing will begin at 8.

This dance is an annual affair, and as usual there will be refreshments and plenty of roast beef, klobase and potica in the kitchen for everyone. Tickets can be secured from any lodge member, and you can also buy them right at the door from me for only sixty-five cents, and then walk right in.

If you're looking for a night of grand entertainment come down to Recher Hall Saturday night and join in the fun. So what do you say, folks? Let's see you all at our dance.

ROSEMARY JANEZIC, Sec'y

In Loving Memory of my dear Mother

Mary Werdinek

who passed away on October 18, 1938.

And while she lies in peaceful sleep, Her memory we shall always keep.

Always remembered by her son William Werdinek and Family, Pierce, West Virginia.

In Loving Memory of our dear Husband and Father

LOUIS AIDICH Sr.

who passed away on August 3, 1930 and our dear Daughter

Mary F. AIDICH-WILSON

who passed away on October 15, 1942.

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LOUIS Jr., JOHN and JOE AIDICH

All of Springfield, Illinois

Card of Thanks

It is with saddened hearts that the family of the late

VINCENT CAINKAR

wish to thank all who expressed their kindness and sympathy during the time of their bereavement.

All our thanks and appreciation for the many beautiful floral tributes and cards, to the many people who paid their last respects at the SNPJ hall and attended the funeral, and to all those who in any way expressed their feelings.

Special thanks to the SNPJ for all their many fine courtesies, to France Proletarian Male Chorus who sang and spoke at the wake, paying tribute to one of its oldest supporting members, to all the speakers for their eulogies on behalf of their organizations; Lodge No. 1 SNPJ and Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was a member for very many years, Proletarec, SANC, the Supreme Board of the SNPJ and C.F.U. of Pittsburgh, Pa. Special thanks also to Louis Zefran for conducting and arranging the funeral so well.

Vincent Calkar was born in Jasrebce, Styria (Štajerskem), Yugoslavia, almost 69 years ago. He died on Sept. 24 after a short illness and was interred at the Bohemian National Cemetery.

To you, dear husband, father and grandfather, we wish a peaceful sleep. You will live in our memory until we follow you.

Marie Calkar, wife; Sons: Freddy, Leo, Louis, Robert and their families; Daughter Lillian and her family. Remaining relatives in Europe—Chicago, Ill.

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Southside SNPJ Interlodge News

CHICAGO.—A review of last week's games in the Southside Interlodge Bowling finds the Bears winning one and losing two to the league Interlodge Mustangs. Mike Zatkovich again led his team with a 547 series. J. Pechar's 545 series. J. Pechar's 545 score was high as the Sox downed the Cougars three. Szuch's 528 was a big help to the Royals as they humbled the Sentinels twice. John Kosich had a good 598 total as the Rangers dumped the Panthers twice. Pelozo rolled a 558 score to help the Cubs win two from the Lions. F. Lazerri added a 618 series as the Ramblers took all three from the Tigers.

High scores for the week included F. Lazerri's 618 (217), R. Kuhel's 604 (211), John Kosich's 598 (245), M. Vrhovnik's 595 (208), E. Kuhel's 570 (210), F. Fitzpatrick's 569 (249), Joe Kosich's 566 (194), DeMarr's 559 (202), Pelozo's 558 (198), S. Tome's 555 (202), M. Zatkovich's 547 (192), Pechar's 545 (193), V. Tome's 543 (195), J. Soderz's 540 (216), M. Dobro's 530 (196), Szuch's 528 (182), M. Chandick's 527 (208), Brijavec's 526 (184) and Poppen's 521 (193).

Good games rolled by the ladies were Millie Zatkovich's 526 (214), B. Vrhovnik's 510 (182) and Mil Vrhovnik's 503 (178).

ALL THAT SORT OF THING. Last week the league acquired a few new bowlers. With full teams more interesting matches will be rolled. . . . Again the repeated reminder: the league starts bowling at 6:30 sharp. Captains should urge their teammates to be on time. . . . A sincere welcome to Joe Culkar to Chicago. And all members wish him success as he assumes his new responsibilities. . . . So long, until again. . . .

L. K., 610

Comets, Stars Tie For League Lead

CLEVELAND, O.—Seven weeks of bowling have gone by and we have a tie for first place by the two Comrade sister teams. The Stars brought about the tie by taking two games and three points from the leading Comets. Helen Grum with a 452 series was high for the losers, although the Comets had tough breaks in splits, some showed their artistic touch like Fran Pserm making the 6-7-10 and later the 5-6-7 and Antoinette Skok the 5-7. To make the two victories possible for the Stars was M. Beljan with a 218-502 series and S. Mocolinikar and M. Koren with 485 and 484 respectively.

On alleys 1 and 2 again we find two sister teams bowling against each other. Spartans 2 and 3. D. Prebil had a high of 176-449 for the 2 team but it didn't help to win more than one game. While F. Karnak had a 153 high for the 3 team and they won two games and

also three points. To help root behind some of these girls Messrs. Lunder, Plemel, Ljubi and Stan. Stokel.

Spartans 1, tied for third place bowled against the Rockets and came thru with a high game of 889 for the league. V. Debelak had top honors for the Spartans with a 469 series. The Rockets, bowling with a blind, put us a very good fight but they only took one game from Spartans 1.

Also bowling with only four girls, were the Concordians, who took two games from the Cleveland 2 team. The return of A. Jeric who was just recently married helped the team and also the bowling of A. Hoenig with 171-449 series. For Cleveland 2 L. Yakovac led her teammates with a 343 series.

The Cosmopolitan Four, I say four because this team bowled with a blind too, came up on top of their opponents, the Planets, with two victories and three points. F. Kolenc had 156-412 to lead the Cosmopolitans. J. Vihar tried hard for her team with a 359 series, but to no avail.

A battle between the last two teams was going on on alleys 11 and 12. Lodge Cleveland 1 out-bowled the lowly Napredne Slovenke by taking two games and three points. There wasn't any exceptionally high games bowled among the two teams, but high for Cleveland No. 1 had J. Ostanek with 161-453 and for the Napredne, a 120 game by D. Mustovich for a 328 series.

Team Standings: Comets 16-5, 21; Stars 15-6, 21; Spartans 2 14-7, 19; Spartans 1 13-8, 18; Cosmopolitans 13-8, 18; Concordians 12-9, 16; Spartans 3 8-13, 12; Cleveland 2 11-10, 10; Planets 8-13, 10; Rockets 8-13, 9; Cleveland 1 7-14, 9; Napredne Slovenke 4-17, 4.

VAL DEBELAK, Sec'y.

Hi Fri. Bowlerettes

CLEVELAND, O.—The Concordians and Loyalties 5 made their games up Sat. and the results were: Concordians won 2 and Loyalties 1. Mital Lunder on the winning team brought in a nice 489 series with a 202 game and making the 7-6-10 split.

Welcome back, Utopian Mary Strazisar, sure hope you continue feeling better and get back into your good bowling form.

We had two bowlerettes in the 500 series, Utopians Marie Son 520 and Loyalty Ann Grosel 508. Nice bowling. The Utopians 7 are leading the league by one game, hi 3 games 1235 and hi 1 game 829. Utopian L. Berzin leads hi ind. with 562, Utopian M. Strazisar leads hi ind. aver. 162 and hi ind. 1 220.

Mary J. Lunder, a Concordian, won that \$1 offered for the gal who bowled the most aver her average for three games. Mary bowled 97 pins over. Nice going, Mary. See ya all Friday at the alleys. LAVERNE F. BERZIN

New York City News

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Some time has elapsed since my last article in this publication. This certainly does not mean that there haven't been any events, for they certainly have. Something is cooking almost every day.

For instance this year sees the women extensively active in the presidential campaign backing Henry Wallace of the Progressive Party. The Yugoslav Women with headquarters at the Yugoslav Home, have been on their toes realizing the voting power of women can very well be felt in the final outcome. There are many improvements necessary and it seems they cannot be attained without some sacrifice on our part.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, the Slovenian Workingmen's Benevolent Society will celebrate their 30th Anniversary with a dance at the Slovene Hall also. The admission to this gala affair is only 60c and a suitable dance orchestra will be provided for your pleasure.

The Junior All Americans, Circle 50, SNPJ, certainly made a wonderful showing at their September meeting. Not only was the attendance at almost the 100% level, but a number of new members made their appearance. We had an exceptionally long business meeting, but a most enjoyable one. Each one of us had our chance to tell what we did during the summer and some really had experiences worth passing on. Seems that no one was particularly anxious to return to school, but we know, deep down in their hearts they are glad the summer is over and are ready to partake in the fall and winter activities. Our Assistant Director Katherine Stuart has been quite ill and we are glad that she has greatly improved and will be back to her former good health in a short time.

When the Slovene Choral Society "Slovan" sponsored their picnic in August, we sang a few selections as usual. This time, while we sang, my eyes wandered around the grounds and watched the expressions and reactions of the audience. Naturally, a stillness was the first result with all eyes turned on the singing group. The children got as close to the performers as they could and watched and listened with open mouths. The adults listened but their expressions were more serious. They listened attentively because it isn't often they can hear Slovene songs. The older people impressed me the most as they had tears in their eyes while they sat at their respective tables. I tried to imagine what could be on their minds at the time. Perhaps their thoughts wandered back to their younger days in Slovenia when Slovene songs were a daily occurrence. "Slovan" has resumed its weekly rehearsals after a 2 month vacation. As usual, new members are always welcome, but many need to be coaxed. Under the most capable

Lincolnite News

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Sunday, Oct. 24, is meeting day for the Lincolnite members, 2 p. m., at the Dom. We were glad to see so many men at the September meeting and will be looking for all of you back this month.

A combined wiener roast and Halloween Party has been planned for after the meeting. So folks, pack up some wieners and buns, dress up the kiddies for their annual fun, and come join us. We always have a good time and this year will be no exception. The more, the merrier.

We read with interest Sophia Vetrovsek's account of the Spirits' visit to the Lincolnite. Next time we Lincolnite ladies will get in the ball game, and make things a little different, perhaps. Anyway, everyone had an enjoyable day together and that is what counts.

Last Saturday night we enjoyed ourselves at the Grape Festival and dance. The best part about these social affairs is that we get to see a lot of our friends whom we otherwise don't see very often. Remember the meeting, members.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567

Editor's Note

Several articles have been crowded out of this issue by pressure of other material. With the continuation of the Supreme Board meeting minutes from the supplement in this issue, next week's issue will resume its usual form.

The deadline for lodge notices is on Monday of each week, but for long articles the deadline is on Friday of each week for the following week's issue. All contributors are asked to observe this rule.

OAKDALE, Pa., J.M.M.: Too late for last week's issue.

direction of Paul Siffer many new songs and arrangements are being learned at present. Preparations well in advance are being made for the special programs to be presented all through the months until next summer. If you have the slightest interest you are most welcome to make your appearance at any of their weekly rehearsals which are held each Wednesday at the Slovene Hall. The men start at 8 p.m. and the women at 9. I am sure each week will be a new experience just as I have found it. Let us build a large and strong singing group in Brooklyn, one of which we can be ever proud. Join today.

The news of Supreme President Vincent Cainkar's sudden death was a shock to us all. I remember when he made his first appearance for SNPJ Lodge 589 anniversary affair as speaker. He also showed movies then and that was the first of many times later that I had the opportunity of becoming more acquainted with him. He was a man one could easily admire for his vast knowledge of people for he spent the largest part of his life with them in his fraternal work. The SNPJ lost a great leader, but now we must be thankful we had him among us as long as we did.

Bowling Betsays

CLEVELAND, O.—The Live Wires had little opposition as they dusted off the Good-timers for three games. Capt. Bonney (it was green this week) posted marks of 143-190-181 for a swell 514 series. Makes you feel good, don't it, Jesn. M. Rupnik had a 491 series and a high 192 games which took third place in high one. The blonde bombshell came sliding in with a 417 to help her teammates cash in. The Good-timers were lead by M. Marold and R. Shume. The girls tell me that the gutter-ball dime bank is full with a ducat to spare. Going to get a bigger one, girls?

The Bar Five had tough sledding but they managed to take two games from the Woodchoppers. The Bar Five pinbuster, F. Mocolinikar chalked a fine 480 series. Wonder how she does it all the time. E. Grdolik (still trying to get three good ones) registered a 429 and R. Miklavic a 428. Beans did a nice piece of bowling as she made the 6-7-10. When you going to give me those lessons, Pro? Capt. Madye of the Woodchoppers turned the tide in the first game by five pins. M. Zakely did all right for herself as she posted a 418 series and A. Krivec a 403. "Little" Emma Selock sure found a lot of strikes laying around last night. Guess I didn't look in the right spots.

The V Boj newcomers pounced on the Rollettes and added a pair of games in the win column. D. Pike bowled a neat series of 430 and a 166 game. Nice going, Doris. M. Toncej rolled a 366. Good for a novice I'd say. For the Rollettes H. Kronik repeated her past performances and racked up a 182-100-189 for a 531 series. She's just good that's all. She has upped her average to 168 and still holds all leads.

The league leading timber-toppers salvaged one game as the Loyalties chopped them down a couple of notches. D. Grill of the Toppers bowled a 169-198-138 for a 499 series, followed by C. Kebe's 453, J. Nactigal's 414 and the Shrimps' 404. Fine teamwork in any league. For the Loyalties the "Miklich" sisters and "their night" as they rolled 464 and 482 respectively. The former being credited to D. Miklich Capt. Bebar and M. Dietz and the girls along with a 423 series and a 400. Could be the scorekeeper was an inspiration!

By the Way: Just remembered that La Verne of the Utopians is celebrating her birthday this month. The "Bar Five" hat now adorns the head of R. Miklavic for the week. The spectators included Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gerchman who came to root for the utopians. Faithful A. Poklar, J. Pinasky and the president of the Utopians, Nick Spenar, giving out with a cheer.

A reminder to the parents of the Circle 3 juveniles. A Halloween party will be staged at six-thirty p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Slovene Home. All parents and children are invited, the only catch is, you must be in costume. So go into the rag-bag and rig up an outfit that may copy you a prize.

JEAN JELINEK, Sec'y

THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

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fact is strictly and wonderfully in the American tradition. It is part of the Americanization process. We are promoting ourselves from second-class to first-class citizenship. This is resented by some of the Americans of the older strains, but don't let that worry you. They too are being Americanized or re-Americanized as you assume your full rights and duties of citizenship.

Slavic Americans are part of the whole immense American dynamic which is as yet little understood, and is full of promises and dangers. By coming here, we of the new immigration greatly complicated the American civilization as it was, say, 90 or 100 years ago. Most Slavic immigrants became workers in the great industries, and now their energy is integral with America as a whole. They worked hard, many of them too hard at too little pay, and helped to create a complex industrial machine which, lest it overwhelm us, now needs intelligent handling and control. It is our duty to take an active interest in finding an approach to the immense industrial, economic and social problems facing us: for, let me repeat, our coming here and our labors in the last several decades have helped to create these problems.

Most of us who came over were ordinary people. But in the new immigration waves were also some extraordinary human beings. There was, for instance, a young man of genius, Nikola Tesla. His numerous inventions now are one of the most important factors in the immense American industrial scheme which throbs with the high promises that pulsated through Tesla's brain and also with catastrophic dangers. Personally, as one who happens to be proud of being of the same background as was Tesla, I feel it is my special duty to help do what is necessary to insure that Tesla's work will go into the fulfillment of promises in our American Way of Life, rather than contribute to the catastrophe now threatening.

In 1942 Henry Wallace made his important speech on "The Century of the Common Man." Nikola Tesla, who was a very uncommon man, publicly endorsed that speech in glowing terms. And I think that tonight I speak not only for myself, but also for Tesla, when I assert that the American Way of Life is not the way of incredibly greedy monopoly profits and prohibitive prices for the necessities of life. Look at this picture: Millions of men in their best years who fought and suffered, many of whom will carry greater or lesser disabilities to their graves—veterans to whom we said "Nothing is too good for you"—are unable to secure homes of minimum decency and convenience. Their families cannot be adequately fed with meat 70c to \$1.20 a pound. Whatever wage increases they may secure through their unions, increased living costs still stay one jump ahead of them.

We of the Progressive Party say this is not the American Way of

Life. And "we" includes vast numbers of ex-GIs and young workers, old-stock Americans and immigrants; Americans of all breeds and backgrounds. When the Progressive Party gets into power, we mean to provide the opportunity for every industrious American family to own an adequate home. We propose to reduce living costs by raising taxes—not on honest profits of hard working small businessmen, but on the inordinate "take" of the great monopoly rackets; by restoring price controls; by instituting public ownership—an old American idea—of essential industries, particularly those which have monopolized natural resources; by making some of the food industries—meat packing, milling, and large-scale baking—public utilities, subject to regulation of prices and profits.

By these measures Progressives propose to restore opportunity for decent living, to ensure abundance, to safeguard liberty, to prevent war. If all Americans are employed at better than mere-existence wages or are engaged in business or professional activities at a reasonable compensation; if all Americans are well clothed and fed; if all Americans are secure instead of uncertain and worried, as the majority are today, there will be no war. The Hearsts, Peglers, Forrestals and Bullitts won't get to first base in trying to propagandize us into fear and hate of other countries which are emerging out of backwardness and, because of their different historic experience, are attempting a different system for providing benefits and opportunities for their citizens.

Why go to war to keep others from having their way of life? We in the Wallace movement, in the new Progressive Party, insist on peace in order to keep the American Way of Life. If our approach, if the Wallace approach, prevails in time, there will be no war and Russia will be no danger to America, to the American Way of Life. The chief danger to this country and to our institutions under the Constitution lies in our present high-level politicians and wire-pullers who have raised the cry of Communism and of the Russian menace as a smokescreen to neutralize any possible militancy on the part of labor, to scare us in the new-immigrant groups, to frighten the Negroes, and to confuse the people generally so they won't be able to figure out who or what is responsible for high living costs. Henry Wallace clearly means what he says; so he and his active supporters must be smeared, lest too many voters vote for him and their own interest.

The old-line politicians and wire-pullers and their propagandists are not afraid of Communism, but of American democracy and of the American people; of the people getting wise to themselves and demanding a return to the American Way of Life—the Way defined in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the U. S.

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Section 2—That editorials should appear also in the English section of the official organ.

Travnik, Lotrich, Lisch, Garden, Spiller, Cebular, Vider and Zaitz state that English editorials are necessary; they explain that a discussion on this subject took place at the last convention, however, since then English editorials no longer appeared and a renewal is essential. A motion is passed that these editorials be renewed.

Section 3—The SNPJ song approved by the district vice presidents on instruction of the last board meeting.

Kuhel, Godina, Zaitz, Lisch, Culkar, Fifolt, Travnik, Lotrich, Vidrich, Kaferle, F. Gradisek, Ambrozich, Petrovich and Zarnik participate in the discussion. Majority is of the opinion that neither the lyrics nor music of the proposed song expresses the ideas and principles of SNPJ and that it is necessary to find something suitable which would express what the SNPJ represents and for what it has been fighting for the last 44 years; it should express the work and sacrifices of the society's pioneers as well as its ideals and principles on which it was built and for which its progressive members are still fighting.

Lisch's motion that district presidents should continue to seek a suitable song is seconded and carried.

Zarnik moves that the executive committee should reward the author of the song according to its judgment; seconded and carried.

Section 4—Secretary explains that the executive committee already decided to send a speaker from the main office to the far west next spring, provided that the lodges there will be willing to arrange mass meetings in large centers, that is several lodges together where they are not distantly located.

Section 5—Cebular moves that the recommendation be approved and that the change should go into effect immediately, but the wording "and the name Prosveta" and the entire last line be stricken out. Polsak seconds the motion.

Kobi moves that a discussion on this subject be opened in the organ to hear the opinion of the membership and the change should be postponed until the next convention. Travnik seconds the motion.

Polsak, Kobi, Garden, Travnik, Fifolt, Culkar, Kuhel, Vrhovnik, Petrovich, Zaitz, Trojar, Lotrich, Cebular, Vratarih, Kaferle, Petrict, Vider, Godina and Cainkar participate in the discussion. Unanimous opinion prevails that this change is inevitable. Travnik, Vider, Culkar, Kobi, Vrhovnik,

Petrovich, Zaitz, Kaferle and Cainkar speak in favor of Kobi's motion stating that such sudden change without hearing the opinion of the members will not make a favorable impression and perhaps it will be harmful. The rest speak in support of Cebular's motion by stating that this is not a big change, nothing will be taken away from anyone, the difference will be only in that the section now appearing in the back part of the organ will be in the front part, that is, the English reading matter will replace Slovene, in position.

Result of voting: Cebular motion, 16 votes; against, 11.

Vidrich moves that telegram of greetings be sent to the AFU convention meeting at Ely, Minn. Seconded and unanimously carried.

Session adjourned.

THIRD SESSION, AUG. 14, A. M.

President calls meeting to order at 9 o'clock; present are all board members. Minutes of the first session approved as read, likewise minutes of the second session.

Secretary reports that Bro. Louis Skubic, member of Lodge 632 and cofounder of Lodge Slavija No. 1 SNPJ, died on Aug. 11. He suggests that the meeting adjourns at 12 and members of the board pay their respects to the departed member at the funeral parlor.

President states that the deceased was active in lodge Slavija and at the Milwaukee convention in 1912 was elected vice-president of the society, and since the president at that time did not reside in Chicago, Bro. Skubic presided at all executive committee meetings. It is customary that the executive committee sends a floral wreath to former board members a their passing if notified in time, and if at all possible the supreme president delivers a brief message at the grave. This was also done in this case. He calls on the board to rise in memory of the deceased member. Report accepted and suggestion approved.

Secretary asks for explanation or instruction whether the payment of special disability benefit to members injured in armed service according to the special resolution adopted by the board in August, 1945, be continued.

Following a brief discussion, Kuhel moves that payment of this benefit be discontinued on Dec. 31 because everyone concerned had enough time to apply for the same; motion seconded. Tyrk moves that the resolution remain in effect until the next convention; seconded.

Result of voting, Kuhel motion, 8 votes; Tyrk motion, 23. Resolution remains in effect.

President submits the question of the 45th anniversary celebration of the society; the executive committee has already discussed this matter. He thinks it advisable to issue a jubilee booklet in both languages containing the society's history.

Lisch moves that this matter be left to the executive committee; it is much more important to prepare for a fitting celebration of the society's 50th anniversary because it is of greater importance; seconded and unanimously carried.

Financial Matters—Petrovich explains that according to the present laws of the state of Illinois fraternal societies may make loans on first mortgages up to 65% of the appraised value, while until two years ago only 50% was allowed; the finance committee, however, still adheres to the decision made years ago in giving loans to national homes, that is, the 50% rule is still in effect because the risk in this type of loans is greater than loans made on private homes; the finance committee does not purchase bonds for speculative purposes but only as a safe investment of the society's assets; the market value of first mortgage bonds is always higher than the nominal value; if these bonds were sold now the committee would have to buy new ones at a rate higher than the nominal value and in most cases with a lower yield than the bonds which the committee would sell; therefore, the society wouldn't profit at all; in cases of long term bonds it would lose.

equality should be practiced, namely loans to national homes in cities of 500,000 or more population, up to 65% of the appraised value; motion seconded. Grum, Travnik, Vrhovnik, Vider, Kaferle, Lotrich, Trojar, Garden, Cainkar, Zaitz and Ambrozich take part in the discussion. Result of voting: 2 votes for; 20 against; finance committee abstains from voting.

Miscellaneous—Matter of Kumer complaint mentioned in the supervisory committee's report, that is, Kumer felt discriminated against when he found out he was invited by the Detroit federation to speak at its affair, but the main office failed to notify him. Cainkar explains that when Lotrich notified the main office that he would be unable to attend, the federation named three choices, and Kumer was the first. This came about between the meetings of the executive committee and during the absence of the supreme secretary but it was necessary to decide the matter at once. Since there were complaints heard about Kumer's stand at the federation affair held shortly before in Pennsylvania, the supreme president considered it most advisable not to send him until his case is heard and clarified at the board meeting which was not distant, thereupon he decided to ask Lisch who was named as the second choice and at the same time he notified the federation of Lisch's coming. No one was discriminated against, rather, the fact was taken into consideration that the Detroit national home had asked the finance committee for a loan, and Lisch, as a member of this committee, would have the opportunity to investigate the property and obtain necessary information.

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year's presidential campaign; it is impossible to be indifferent because the times are serious, more serious than perhaps ever before in the history of this country; all who are interested in the welfare of the people, who are against war and against exploitation, know well that it is their duty to cooperate with those who are striving to abolish the conditions which cause wars, exploitation and the trampling of constitutional rights. Supreme board members as speakers at SNPJ lodge and federation public affairs should consider the SNPJ principles and approved decisions concerning the present election campaign; freedom of speech must not be denied anyone.

Minority states that the Progressive party, according to the resolution on political policy adopted at the last convention, cannot be called "labor party"; organized labor does not support this party and no large labor union has endorsed it; the Progressive party was not organized by organized labor; its program does not represent the ideals for which the SNPJ has been fighting since its inception; that's why progressive labor cannot support something that would be against the fundamental principles of class conscious labor.

Lisch's motion carried by a majority of votes. Vrhovnik reports that Henry S. Manges, member of the athletic board in the 2nd district, resigned and that in his place the executive committee named Larry Cassol, lodge 680, nominated by the lodge; it is proper that the board approve this action. Motion to approve the action unanimously carried.

Vratarih moves that minutes of the executive committee meetings should be sent to board members no later than 15 days following the meeting. Seconded. Kuhel and Vider explain that the minutes are sent out as soon as possible after the minutes are approved; meetings are not held regularly each week. Motion carried.

Vratarih moves that the minutes of the third and fourth session be approved by the board members residing in Chicago and vicinity; seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION, AUG. 17, P. M.

President calls meeting to order at 8 o'clock. Present are Cainkar, Vider, Godina, Garden, Vrhovnik, Trojar, L. Gradisek, Zaitz, Turk and Lotrich; absent is Zupan, who is excused.

Minutes of the third session approved with correction; minutes of the fourth session approved with correction.

Godina moves that president prepares minutes for publication in the official organ and submits same to the executive officers for approval; seconded and carried. Session adjourned.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President
F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary
PETER BERNIE, Recorder

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Minutes of Meeting of Supreme Board of Slovene National Benefit Society

Held August 13-14, 1948 at Headquarters, 2657 S. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 23, Illinois

OPENING SESSION, AUG. 13 A. M.

Supreme President Vincent Cankar calls meeting to order at 9 o'clock with a brief message, calling for constructive deliberation on important matters which must be solved in the interest of membership and the society as a whole.

Roll call shows all board members present. President introduces Sis. Mary Prasnkar, lodge 419, newly elected vice-president of 3rd district to fill vacancy created by resignation of James Maglich.

Order of business accepted:

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

Sessions shall be from 9 to 12:30 and from 1:30 to 5 with 15 minutes intermission. Since there are no urgent matters there follow reports of supreme board members.

Report of Supreme President

We have assembled again after six months at the society's headquarters to hear reports of our work and results of our activities, and to consider various problems and find a solution to these problems that are before us. I am convinced that we came to this meeting with the best intentions to work only for the interest of the society, and that our deliberations will be constructive and our decisions fruitful. Only in this way will we be able to perform our duty correctly and well. It is customary that we first hear reports of the society's status, which is as it should be, because the status of the society is the most important factor for the entire membership. It is with great pleasure that I am able to report that the general condition of the society is good and especially its financial position. As you know, our assets are divided into various funds, which is also as it should be, because only in this way are we enabled to follow various expenses, determine contributions, etc. As you will note from reports which will be submitted later, some of our funds have decreased, which, however, is not serious but which nevertheless calls for our attention; on the other hand, most of our funds show favorable increases, especially the mortuary fund.

I would like to report as favorably on the progress of our membership, but I can't. While we admitted into the society during this period a large number of new members, we also lost a considerable number which fact causes worry. There are natural or so-called expected losses caused by death; these losses are correspondingly greater each year with the rising age of our membership. And there are deaths caused by accidents. What causes the greatest concern are losses due to the indifference of the young members. This is a problem facing other fraternal societies as well. Nevertheless, this is one of our important problems and it is necessary that we try first to find the causes for withdrawals and then a means to remedy this situation. We must see to it that these losses will be held down to the minimum.

As already stated we are losing mostly young members, which is so much more serious and harmful since we know that the future of the organization depends on youth. It is my opinion that members are not leaving the society deliberately but rather because of indifference and lack of fraternal knowledge. I think that we can meet this situation. If it pays to finance campaigns it will also pay if we spend some money to retain members in the society. If the members were sufficiently acquainted with the ideas and principles of the society and various advantages and benefits to which they are entitled in the society, and the fact that these advantages and benefits are by far greater than insurance companies and other organizations offer, many a member would think twice before he would leave the SNPJ.

As you know, the board at its annual meeting decided to launch a membership campaign in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the juvenile department and the 10th anniversary of juvenile circles. The campaign brought the society a considerable number of new members. Although the drive thus far hasn't been as successful as expected, the gain made has helped to offset the loss so that there is an actual increase in membership. Personally, I am convinced that our campaigns would be more successful if lodge officers and other campaigners were better acquainted with the real purpose and good work carried on by our society, which would enable them to convince all those whom they wish to secure. This would also enable them to successfully combat the competition of insurance agents and others who are working in the same field causing us damage. Times and conditions are changing and we find ourselves in a period which requires study and special training also in fraternal societies, as well as closer personal relationship between the main office and local lodges. The sooner we put this into practice the better. Of course, this will not be possible without funds, but we must not forget the big competition, and that other organizations are also spending money for these and other purposes.

In a manner similar to our campaigns, the lodge social affairs are useful in promoting our activities and good will as well as building up morale. For this reason, the main office is encouraging and supporting such undertakings; we are cooperating with lodges and federations in this respect as much as possible. We are trying to promote and increase this phase of our activities so that it will be on the same plane as before the war, during which we were forced to almost completely abandon our social affairs. As you have noticed, there were many more lodge af-

fairs this year and others are being scheduled. We also had several successful sectional SNPJ Day celebrations, for instance, in Cleveland, western Pennsylvania and Los Angeles, while others are now in preparation. There is no doubt that interest for these affairs is growing, and there is a healthy sign towards this end especially in the Far West. As you know, our lodges in California held a combined SNPJ Day celebration on Independence Day in Los Angeles in presence of a large attendance of members and friends. The success was excellent and they merit our appreciation. Their lodge activities are on the upgrade and they are displaying greater interest for the society. It is hoped that they will be also successful in the membership campaign and that their lodge activities will continue. It is also hoped that other lodges in the West and other localities will follow their example.

As you also know, this year we will again have our traditional celebration of SNPJ Day as has been celebrated with brief interval during the war for thirteen years. This will be our second postwar celebration. Just as we gratefully accepted the offer of the Cleveland federation last year, we are equally grateful to the Milwaukee federation for assuming the responsibility of carrying out this year's celebration. Preparations are in capable hands and indications point to a huge attendance, so that the observance will be worthy of the name of our society. The Milwaukee lodges as well as our people in general expect that all supreme board members will be present.

As already reported concerning lodge affairs, I deem it necessary to call attention to a previous board decision which provides that the executive committee may send speakers at society's expense only to affairs sponsored by federations or a combination of lodges and only to important anniversaries of individual lodges. However, experience has shown this decision as impractical and detrimental to the society. The executive committee does not send speakers if the request is not justified, that's why the said decision is superfluous. There are many cases which can be considered important enough to send a speaker to not only because of the lodge's social affair but also because of other considerations, but in accordance with the decision we cannot do so. Therefore, I recommend that this decision be changed.

The last convention adopted a resolution which states that we follow the labor movement and political trends in our country and if a progressive political movement is evident, which is in the interest of labor and dedicated to the people's welfare, we should give it our moral support. As you know, a strong political movement has developed which at its recent convention adopted the official name of Progressive party. The executive committee considers that this party represents such a movement as envisioned by our last convention and gave it its moral support. We did this by publishing articles favorable to this movement, and the new party, as well as by publicizing the party's releases in Prosveta and in many other ways. As can be seen, our membership agrees with this and approves the stand of the executive committee on this score. Therefore, I recommend that the board acts likewise.

It seems necessary that I briefly touch on the relations of employees at the main office. As you know from discussions at the last board meeting, the employees' union submitted a new contract at the beginning of the year, demanding pay increases and other concessions. Later a similar demand was submitted by the union of the editorial personnel. The executive committee in view of the steadily climbing cost of living considered it necessary to allow small increases and several negotiation sessions were held in this connection. The office employees finally agreed and the contract was signed, while negotiations with the editorial personnel have been prolonged and the contract has not yet been signed; however, there are signs that an agreement will soon be reached. Cooperation among the office personnel is excellent and conditions at the main office are relatively good.

Next year, as you no doubt know, will mark the 45th anniversary of our society. This will be an important anniversary and it is proper that we observe it fittingly. The SNPJ has an interesting and honorable history behind it, with which the majority of the members is only partly acquainted and some don't know it at all. For this reason a booklet or a book should be published in which its history would be related so that the younger members would also get acquainted with it. I recommend that this meeting decides something about this, since we are almost obligated to publish something on the occasion of this anniversary, be it a jubilee book or something else. If we decide to write our society's history, it will be necessary to gather information and start with the work soon.

Report on Prosveta, The Voice of Youth and printery will be given by the manager of SNPJ publications and partly by the editor. As you know, the printery is going through a difficult period due to high costs of material and the situation is not rosy.

Report of financial standing will be submitted by respective officers, as well as report on investments of our society's assets; this will be best seen in the report of the finance committee.

This concludes my report.

V. CANKAR

Report accepted.

Report of First Vice-President

I hereby submit a report of my activities in the SNPJ for the last six months.

Since I was not delegated for any special assignment in this period, I have nothing to report in this regard.

I have noticed, however, that a much greater interest has been shown in the SNPJ by the lodges throughout the country, if the columns of the Prosveta can be used to any degree of accuracy.

This activity will, in my opinion, help to stimulate interest and the desire of others to join our organization.

The juvenile anniversary campaign has generally been slow in picking up in our vicinity, but with cooler weather coming I believe we too will be helping make this campaign become a grand success.

I have watched with interest the activities in the far west and notice that we have a splendid chance of gaining many new members out there. I believe the SNPJ should give both financial and moral aid to these people in organizing lodges and juvenile circles.

I had intended to elaborate on the political situation as it stands, but I am convinced that nothing would come of it. I am, however, disappointed in the fact that progressive people of this country have not had the necessary leadership in solidifying our people under one roof, and supporting one candidate instead of each of us traveling in opposite direction. I think it is highly important, however, that all reactionary congressmen be defeated for reelection. To do this we must combine our forces and see that this program is carried out. Since I believe this discussion will take place at this meeting I will voice any further opinions at this time.

I am certain that a record attendance will be at the SNPJ Day in Milwaukee. I sincerely hope as many supreme board members as is possible will attend and congratulations and good luck to Milwaukee.

RAYMOND TRAVNIK

Report accepted.

Report of 2nd Vice-President

We are again here assembled after six months to make our individual reports of our activities in our respective districts.

I have strived to attend as many lodge meetings as possible in my district and tried to be of assistance wherever possible. I paid particular attention to the membership campaign and emphasized the importance of this campaign and the celebration of the anniversaries of the juvenile circles and the juvenile department. I feel assured that this campaign will be as much of a success as previous ones.

Sports Activities—Activities in sports are proving more and more to be of prime importance to our organization, as a means of interest to our younger people and to serve as an inducement for them to become and remain members of our Slovene National Benefit Society. It has been proven that through this medium they will become interested in their respective lodges and become future officers and boosters of the organization.

Activities—It was my privilege and honor to be the main speaker at the annual Westmoreland County Federation picnic on July 18. This affair was well attended and I am sure both a financial and moral success. The same day I gave a short talk over radio station WLOA Braddock, on the Slovene Hour program. I spoke on the juvenile campaign, and stressed the importance of increasing their activities and to develop new means of interest to juveniles. I also emphasized the importance for lodges to plan affairs to celebrate the two juvenile anniversaries.

Political—In my personal contacts with various lodge officers and members, I have observed that our political movement is in a serious state of confusion. Since our last supreme board meeting we have had four political party conventions, and as usual each party had presented to the voters a platform.

The SNPJ is composed of the working class of people, and is a non-political organization, but we are obligated to inform our membership, as recognized leaders in our respective districts, the importance of being registered voters and to cast their votes right.

I am sure that this coming election is going to be of extreme importance to the labor movement and this is not the time to propagate sympathetic voting. I am a resident of an industrial community, and a member of my local Union CIO. It is my sincere desire to do all in my power to defeat all unfavorable candidates for public office. At the present time it is obvious that the defeat of the Taft-Hartley Law is a must, and as for such, it will be necessary for me to act accordingly.

May all our deliberations be given extra thought at this session, for in my estimation the next six months will be of supreme importance to our members and our organization as a whole, and if it is in our power to guide our members through this confusion, may this power be used in the best interests of the working class of people and thus to help to safeguard the foundation of our organization.

JOSEPH L. CULKAR

Report accepted.

Report of 1st District Vice-President

This report, that I am going to present to you of my activities for SNPJ for the last six months, may or may not meet with the approval of this board.

I don't see why anyone of us here should try to kid ourselves if we are earnest and sincere in working for a bigger and better SNPJ.

We have problems before us today that are affecting us now and will effect the course the SNPJ will follow in the future.

If the political theory that this organization has stood for since its founding is right, then it is natural that within two years there will be a bust; a bust that will bring a depression that the American people have never suffered as yet.

We all should know that a depression will hurt and hurt badly the present quota of our membership.

We all should know that the very existence of SNPJ as other fraternal organizations, professional people, small business men or unions have to

depend for their existence, on the future economic conditions in this great land of ours.

SNPJ membership is comprised of the working class. The class that live from hand to mouth; the class that when their wages disappear, our membership decreases because they cannot meet their obligated assessments. The time, effort and price paid to secure new members for the past few years would be costly to our society and most likely these members would be the first to be dropped from our rolls.

The SNPJ is paying today through loss of new membership for the anti-Slavic sentiment that is sweeping our country. During this present campaign it happened to myself. After explaining to a prospect the cost and benefits received he said, "I am convinced that the cost is reasonable and the benefits are good, but your organization must be a red front. I wouldn't have my name connected with it."

I sincerely believe that these two problems that I have mentioned and many more that confront us can only be answered by political action here and in our homes.

My activity for the past six months has been working for the founding of the new people's party, the Progressive Party, the only political party that has any even chance today, that will solve our society's present and future problems. Let us make sure for the sake of our members here and at home that we are in complete agreement on this issue before we adjourn this semi-annual board meeting.

In all sincerity let us show them that there is nothing that will block the path of their supreme board and that we can and will work for the best interest of this society.

I hope that when we get home we will all fight through political action for the future of a bigger, better and stronger SNPJ.

JOHN V. CEBULAR

Report accepted.

Report of 2nd District Vice President

As vice-president of district 2, I hereby submit a brief report for the past six months. I again state that my work has been very interesting and it has been a privilege and a pleasure in meeting so many SNPJ members who are progressive minded of a class conscious working people.

In my travels to the numerous lodge dances, picnics and federation outings, I find many of the old pioneers of the SNPJ still very active in their lodge activities. Although this work should be followed up by the younger members, I have discovered a do-nothing attitude or let somebody else do it policy among too many of our younger generation members. The future and success of this organization lies in their hands to help build it bigger and better and to carry on the progressive principles and policies of the society established by our fathers and mothers in the years gone by.

The Westmoreland County Federation of SNPJ Lodges' annual picnic at Beechwood Park, July 18, was well attended by the large crowd of SNPJ members. I spoke at this gathering. Brother Joseph Culkar of Johnstown was the main speaker. This affair again was morally and financially a success. By order of the executive committee, I was sent as a guest speaker to Republic, Pa., on July 25. SNPJ Lodge 85 was celebrating its 40th anniversary. A pleasant afternoon and evening was spent with this fine group of SNPJ members. In this section of Pennsylvania, some hard battles were fought to establish the United Mine Workers of America Union with the SNPJ lodges and members as the leading agitators for this movement.

In regard to the juvenile anniversary campaign, in my contacts with the various lodge officers, I have continuously stressed the importance of enrolling new members. We have less than four months to go in this campaign and the officers of Lodge 613 of Herminie have promised to take special efforts in securing new members in the last half of this campaign.

This concludes my semi-annual report and in closing, I wish to state that all my efforts have been for the best interests of the society.

FRANK GRADISEK

Report accepted.

Report of 3rd District Vice President

My report will be short because the time since I assumed this office is short, that is, from June 9 and on. During this period I have done as much as possible for the promotion of our society's interests. I have been active in my lodge, in the federation and at the recent celebration of the Pennsylvania SNPJ Day on June 27. I have been striving to coordinate my activities to the spirit of progress and in accordance with the SNPJ principles, as well as for the best interest of the membership and Slovene people.

However, in my immediate vicinity strange things are happening about which I must report because I know this is true, although this affair dates back prior to my becoming a member of the supreme board. Bro. Vider has himself seen how some officers of the English speaking federation act and that their action is harmful to the society's prestige and its interests. Their action was vigorously criticized also at the January meeting of the Slovene speaking federation. I regret to say that for this action is partly responsible also Bro. Kumer, who permitted destructive tactics of the federation president for a long time without calling his attention to the fact that such action is contrary to the ideals and principles of the SNPJ. It is also regrettable that he himself denied the right of free expression at the recent SNPJ Day celebration, and behaved himself as though he wanted to show that the SNPJ is no longer on the side of labor and the progressive

political movement, on which honest Americans are basing such high hopes and expectations.

I trust that the board will take cognizance of my report and will try to iron out these misunderstandings before they cause the society more harm.

MARY PRASNİKAR

Report accepted.

Report of 4th District Vice President

The following constitutes my report as 4th district vice president for the first half of 1948.

The early part of this year, a splendid testimonial dinner was given in honor of Bro. L. Medvesek, secretary of lodge 8, who was leaving for his homeland, Yugoslavia. In addition to representatives from the main office, practically all of the supreme board members of Cleveland attended. The large gathering was a tribute to Bro. Medvesek and demonstrated that the SNPJ and other organizations he was connected with, appreciated his past efforts.

At the last February meeting, the district vice presidents were requested to investigate the possibility of an SNPJ song. The writer contacted Bro. Yankovic who in turn referred me to Louise Recher. She was kind enough to prepare a song. This was mailed to all vice presidents for their study and consideration.

Since February of this year, no requests were received from the main office for investigation or action. Some requests from members in Cleveland, also outside of Cleveland, were received and taken care of to the best of my ability.

The SNPJ Farm is proving out to be one of the most popular picnic spots in Cleveland. Many improvements to facilities in the hall as well as the grounds have been made this year. The farm has been booked every Sunday, with practically all Saturdays taken also. The question of finances is a stumbling block and one that prevents additional needed improvements from being made. The SNPJ Farm is a great medium of continually advertising the organization.

The SNPJ Farm has given an opportunity to the various SNPJ lodges to continue their summer activity on a year around basis. With a break in the weather this year practically every affair has been a moral as well as a financial success.

In June one of Cleveland's English speaking lodges chartered a bus to participate in the Penns. SNPJ Day. The affair was successful as others in the past.

The writer investigated the probable purchase by the society of a small photostatic machine, which data was passed along to Bro. Vider.

The question of microfilming of records was investigated with the State Insurance department of Illinois. They substantiated the statements that Bro. Vider made of not approving this system, however, did state that under section 133 (2) of their code, fraternal societies are permitted to request permission to destroy certain records. After permission is granted for destruction of certain records, they have no preference as to whether they were microfilmed before being destroyed. How many records the society is retaining that could be destroyed is something that the secretary knows best.

Participation in baseball by a few lodges has constituted the summer athletic activity. Soon the bowling season will start. The interest will be greater than in any previous year. In Cleveland the number of teams has increased to the extent that a split up of the leagues into two sections has been found necessary.

The question of a new building for the SNPJ was discussed at the last meeting of the Cleveland federation. Representatives present from various lodges were wholeheartedly in favor of the idea that if and when it is decided that a new building was needed that it should be located in greater Cleveland and agitation towards this goal should be directed.

Circle 2 under the direction of the Zagar sisters is progressing satisfactorily.

Some months ago Bro. J. Durn from lodge 83 with the cooperation of other lodge secretaries reorganized Circle 3, under the direction of M. Maller, assisted by Christine Lisch and Doris Pike. Their present membership is approximately 60, with large attendance at all their meetings. Experience has found it necessary to split the membership into age groups and it is their intention to have a separate meeting for the older children and one for the small fry. Athletics and hikes have constituted their main activity.

JOSEPH FIFOLT

Report accepted.

Report of 5th District Vice President

Since the last supreme board meeting which inaugurated the anniversaries of our juvenile dept. and juvenile circles a favorable number of newly organized units have added to the circle roster of the SNPJ—two of these being in St. Louis, Circle 68 and 69.

Lodge 659 with its Circle 69 are planning a reunion with the Springfield ESL 567 and their Circle 57 in the very near future. This get-together may stir greater lodge and circle activities and probably be a drawing card for prospective members.

In my previous report I mentioned the need of ESL conferences and again appeal to you that such conferences are important in the fraternal field. The primary purpose would be to educate and inspire the leaders in our fraternal work, acting as a stimulant to the local lodge officers.

The SNPJ cannot continue the same method of 40 years ago, as we must bear in mind, that our society in the years gone by could practically handpick its members and only those who were most suitable in principle accepted. Today con-

ditions have changed. The SNPJ has found itself in the field of selling; as a result, it has grown in number, having a membership of wide variety of opinions and interests in the SNPJ.

While our society continued to expand we have failed to consider the need of fraternal training for our local leaders. Once the leadership fails the lodge soon takes a downgrade; gradually the circumstances will compel the SNPJ to set up collectors.

Some fraternal organizations have become quite successful in sectional conferences, while we of the SNPJ continue to stand by the method as it has been practiced since its founding.

According to the latest business reports there have been several hundred newspaper failures last year throughout the nation, due to increased operating expense.

Report accepted.

Report of 6th District Vice President

My report is brief since our last supreme board meeting. I have worked with interest and pride for the welfare of our society.

I attended the Minnesota SNPJ Federation meeting at Chisholm and gave a full report of our last supreme board meeting, with particular stress given to our campaign for new members.

Regarding Juvenile Circle 48, they are active and very progressive youngsters. For Mother's Day, a tea and program was arranged on May 7, to which all SNPJ women were invited.

Report accepted.

Report of 7th District Vice President

My report of the last six months up to and including July 4, 1948.

I am happy to report that the Lodges of Fontana, California, have organized a juvenile circle. With the moral support of the senior lodge, the circle will progress.

During the last few months, I have had a great deal of correspondence with the lodges in California, in reference to SNPJ Day, which was held July 3 and 4.

Report accepted.

Report of 8th District Vice President

There have been very little changes since my last report to the supreme board. Although there was some gain we feel that we can not boast much.

Campaign—The reports show that the juvenile anniversary campaign is progressing but not satisfactory, it is very important to induce the spirit and fraternalism in our passive lodges which have not as yet secured any new members.

Report accepted.

Report of Supreme Secretary

Since the last board meeting there were no important changes in the organization. Administrative work between lodges and the society goes on satisfactorily.

Just as disputes are not the best measure of fraternal cooperation in the society, so also is not in all cases too great harmony which may develop into dormancy and stagnation.

In spite of the current membership campaign, we cannot boast of progress in membership. Making decisions is one thing while campaigning for new members and after they are enrolled retaining them in the lodge and society, is quite another thing.

I wish to add that we must be conscious of the fact that if we are to become indifferent and lukewarm towards the fundamental principles of the society, which have been the driving force and inspiration in its development, then we cannot count on successful progress.

Report accepted.

Report of Adult Department

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Membership Dec. 31, 1947 (50,490), New admitted (4245), Transferred from juvenile dept. (413), etc.

Report of Juvenile Department

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Membership Dec. 31, 1947 (19,642), New admitted (914), Deceased (1), etc.

A total of 257 adult members died in the first six months of this year, and one juvenile member. Among these were many pioneers and active members; we shall miss them greatly.

In this period there were 878 operations for which the society paid \$48,640 and 26 disability cases for which \$5,680 was paid.

Turning to financial matters, let me mention that all funds do not show increase which in these times is more or less understandable, but none is in any danger.

Financial increase in both departments was \$308,538.95, and total assets of the Society on June 30, 1948, were \$13,850,543.87.

All members who were active in promoting the society's interest in one way or another deserve recognition and gratitude, for without them the society would not register progress.

Following is the financial statement:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for the period from January 1, 1948, to June 30, 1948

ADULT DEPARTMENT MORTUARY FUND

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$10,976,650.04), Unpaid Death Claims (44,813.75), Assessment (305,843.90), etc.

DISABILITY FUND

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$227,706.36), Assessment (47,158.82), Interest (3,238.59), etc.

SICK BENEFIT \$1 Class

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$1,614,632.86), Regular Assessment (143,137.10), Special Assessment (366.00), etc.

Report accepted.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$128,115.54), Regular Assessment (78,851.54), Special Assessment (4,000.00), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$18,509.12), Regular Assessment (5,683.80), Special Assessment (18.00), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$235,053.37), Assessment (24,392.13), Repaid Assessment (490.37), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$1,739.24), Rent of Office and Hall (4,926.00), Interest (739.25), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$1,630.50), Assessment (6,048.98), Interest (346.42), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$6,483.15), Assessment (43,671.00), Interest (1,467.25), etc.

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STATUS OF FUNDS

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Reserve (Dec. 31, 1947 \$11,329,432.20), Mortuary Fund (\$10,976,650.04), Disability Fund (\$227,706.36), etc.

Report accepted.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Unpaid Death Claims (\$4,813.75), Social Security Tax (100.87), Real Estate Tax Reserve (26.16), etc.

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Home Office—Land and Building (\$42,016.09), Real Estate—First Mortgage Loans (363,193.01), FHA Mortgages (147,497.16), etc.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Balance Dec. 31, 1947 (\$888,508.99), Assessment (48,778.38), Net Income from Investments (12,053.15), etc.

ASSETS

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Real Estate—First Mortgage Loans (\$34,166.16), Real Estate—Second Mortgage (600.00), U.S. Treasury Bonds (632,452.72), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes 1948 Jan (441), Feb (457), Mar (466), etc.

During this period the Society paid an average of \$987.33 per month, or \$2.09 per member, which covered an average insurance of \$898 per member.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes 1948 Jan (287), Feb (209), March (251), etc.

This gives us the picture of gain and loss in membership of adult department. The number of canceled and deceased members makes up the decrease, and reinstated canceled plus the new members compose the increase in membership.

Allow me to add to this that the importance of getting new members is not only to increase the membership, because with this we also add to the income of the Special and Expense Funds.

Report accepted.

Report of the Treasurer

Financial administration of the society in the first half of this year is reflected in financial reports submitted by executive officers and members of various committees of the supreme board.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes go, Illinois (\$12,270.79), Bank of Montreal, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (1,712.43), Savings and Loan Associations (104,000.00), etc.

TOTAL ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 1948

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Total Assets of Adult Department (\$12,676,692.29), Total Assets of Juvenile Department (\$897,690.56), etc.

In conclusion I wish to add that the executive committee carried out the decision of the board passed at the last meeting and called on lodges in the 3rd district to nominate candidates to fill vacancy created by the resignation of the district vice president Bro. James Maglich.

Report of Assistant Secretary

Although the customary reports of an organization are seldom liked, either by those who prepare them or by those who are supposed to read them, they are of utmost importance and it's essential that every member read them, because they really provide the source showing the condition and functioning of the organization.

During the six month period I was partly engaged in the Tabulating Department, as I had been previously. Having already described the functions of this department, I will avoid it this time. Occasionally I helped in the department of sick benefit to prevent accumulation of unfinished work.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes 1948 April (477), May (492), June (496), etc.

The assets of the insurance department, that is the adult and juvenile departments, exclusive of Prosveta, prinary and the minors' beneficiary fund in this period increased by \$308,538.95 and amounted to \$13,850,543.85, that is \$12,976,692.29 in the adult department and \$897,690.56 in the juvenile department.

Membership dues amounted to \$724,715.71, income from various investments was \$186,936.26, from various other sources \$28,363.94, total \$939,015.91.

The society paid to members and others in various benefits a total of \$487,556.96, while payments for administration, official organ, various activities and transactions amounted to \$141,896.61.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Main office (\$84,511.87 less \$42,295.78 reserve) (\$42,016.09), Other assets (4,826.35), etc.

Our checking accounts are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Public utility bonds (\$2,719,270.93), Industrial bonds (4,865.63), Shares (9,750.00), etc.

STATEMENT OF THE CHECKING ACCOUNTS

| | Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill. | Continental Illinois National Bank & Co., Chicago, Ill. | Bank of Montreal, Chicago, Toronto | Totals |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Balance Dec. 31, 1947 | \$ 106,482.16 | \$ 10,988.97 | \$10,790.62 | \$ 128,261.75 |
| Deposits | 866,600.82 | 220,883.94 | 57,882.95 | 1,145,367.71 |
| Withdrawals | \$1,153,082.78 | \$240,872.91 | \$68,479.57 | \$1,462,435.26 |
| Balance June 30, 1948 | \$ 73,017.72 | \$ 16,814.41 | \$12,370.79 | \$ 102,202.92 |
| Outstanding checks | 40,151.88 | 24,663.24 | 655.00 | 65,470.12 |
| Bank balances | \$ 112,169.60 | \$ 41,481.65 | \$12,925.79 | \$ 166,577.04 |

Six months' reports usually do not present a real picture of the actual standing of the society; a more reliable picture is shown in the annual report. For this reason it wouldn't be right to make a final conclusion. But it is clear that the assets of the society are steadily increasing and demand more and more attention. At the same time conditions in which we live are changing. The yardstick which perhaps was valid a year ago today is invalid. Because of this we must be constantly prepared for the unexpected and make our conclusions on the basis of new developments. The unprecedented inflation has inflated all economic sectors, and our society is no exception. The benefits paid to members do not by far have the same buying power they had in the so-called normal times; conversely, the same holds true in regard to monthly dues paid to be society by the members. It is necessary, therefore, to follow carefully all these changing conditions and study their trends along with the society's economy.

The administration of the treasurer's office is closely connected with the rest of the work in the insurance department, and cooperation and understanding prevails among us. Only in this way it is possible to be prompt and to promote satisfaction between members and the main office.

In conclusion, I wish to add that in my relations with the membership I have not noticed that enthusiasm concerning the membership campaign as was shown in former years. The reason for this is the present unsettled situation, uncertain future, dissatisfaction with the government's domestic and foreign policy, political campaigns, and other activities besides the society's. Our active workers have been overburdened all these years, are tired and desire rest. It isn't advisable to plan any long campaigns in the near future. Causes for the growing passiveness can also be found in the ever greater hysteria campaign waged by reaction which is in full swing and aimed in the first place against such organizations as the SNPJ. It is my move to maintain and expand our position. Right now there is an opportunity that the society actually practices those progressive labor principles which it has been spreading among its members during its entire existence and which are coming to their greatest meaning and expression on the very eve of its 45th anniversary. Today, a struggle is going on in which progressive thought must become stronger or be destroyed. Our Society has developed into its present eminence because of its progressive principles, therefore, we cannot be indifferent as to what goes on within or outside the society's official jurisdiction. In this respect there must not and cannot be any neutrality or hair-splitting, otherwise we would witness the crumbling of the foundation which has been holding us in the front line almost half a century. The society must survive, keep on struggling for its existence and for the realization of its progressive humanitarian principles.

MIRKO G. KUHEL

Report accepted.

Report of the Secretary of the Sick Benefit Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SICK BENEFIT FUNDS

January 1 to June 30, 1948

| \$1 Class | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Receipts: | |
| January | \$ 21,528.75 |
| February | 23,421.15 |
| March | 26,213.35 |
| April | 23,300.65 |
| May | 22,457.45 |
| June | 26,215.75 |

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Total regular assessment | \$143,137.10 |
| Interest | 8,765.26 |
| Special assessment | 386.00 |
| Returned benefit | 19.00 |
| Total | \$152,287.36 |

| Disbursements: | |
|----------------|--------------|
| January | \$ 21,105.50 |
| February | 21,440.50 |
| March | 25,191.00 |
| April | 26,780.00 |
| May | 20,172.00 |
| June | 21,292.50 |
| Total | \$136,081.50 |

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| Six months surplus | \$ 19,235.96 |
| Balance December 31 | 614,082.96 |
| Balance June 30 | \$833,888.92 |

| \$2 Class | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Receipts: | |
| January | \$ 11,316.60 |
| February | 12,245.28 |
| March | 13,457.80 |
| April | 12,129.10 |
| May | 11,694.80 |
| June | 12,190.16 |

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Total regular assessment | \$ 74,051.54 |
| Interest | 1,630.51 |
| Special assessment | 400.00 |
| Total | \$ 76,082.05 |

| Disbursements: | |
|----------------|--------------|
| January | \$ 12,859.00 |
| February | 12,962.50 |
| March | 14,251.30 |
| April | 16,253.00 |
| May | 12,532.00 |
| June | 12,815.50 |
| Total | \$ 61,713.30 |

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Balance December 31 | \$128,115.54 |
| Six months deficit | 4,891.45 |
| Balance June 30 | \$123,224.09 |

| \$3 Class | |
|-----------|-------------|
| Receipts: | |
| January | \$ 1,320.80 |
| February | 1,447.70 |
| March | 1,599.60 |
| April | 1,411.30 |
| May | 1,342.30 |
| June | 1,562.40 |

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Total regular assessment | \$ 8,683.80 |
| Interest | 228.81 |
| Special assessment | 18.00 |
| Total | \$ 8,930.61 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|----------|--------------|
| January | \$ 2,289.50 |
| February | 1,786.50 |
| March | 1,843.00 |
| April | 2,515.00 |
| May | 1,795.50 |
| June | 1,153.00 |
| Total | \$ 11,382.50 |

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Balance December 31 | \$ 16,569.12 |
| Balance June 30 | 2,451.89 |
| Six months deficit | \$ 14,117.23 |

As can be seen, the \$1 class shows a \$19,235.96 surplus, the \$2 class shows a decrease of \$4,891.45 and the \$3 class a decrease of \$2,451.89. Total regular assessment amounts to \$225,872.44, interest \$10,824.68, special assessment \$784, returned benefit \$19, total income \$237,500.02; sick benefit paid \$225,607.50; or \$23,702.70 more than in the previous six months. Balance of all classes June 30, 1948, was \$771,230.14.

As far as work in my department is concerned, there were no special changes. However, I have been in poor health for almost a year and it is with great effort that I am able to perform my duties. This is the reason that I am not able to devote my time to the membership campaign. However, other officers successfully publicize the drive in their articles, for which they deserve recognition, as well as those members who are diligently at work to increase the ranks of the SNPJ.

LAWRENCE GRADISEK

Report accepted.

Report of Juvenile Director

In reviewing some of the results accomplished through my office in the past six months, I will first of all report briefly on Juvenile Circles and a few of their related activities.

Juvenile Circles

The record of our Juvenile Circles since the first of the year has been one of much activity and progress. A greater percentage of them are now more active than at any other time. The fact that the Society is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Juvenile Circles and the 35th Anniversary of the Juvenile Department no doubt accounts for this progress. Our Circles have shown increased activity in their social functions, cultural programs, sport events, the Voice of Youth contests and, also, in membership enrollment. The directors of our Circles are capable leaders, usually highly respected in their communities, and as such are rendering a splendid service to the SNPJ and the community in which they reside by working with the children and keeping them occupied in useful endeavors at meetings and other special occasions. Probably no service if the Society is more deserving of praise and reward than the conscientious work of the Circle Directors.

Since last January four new Circles have been established and two others reorganized, these at Anaconda, Montana, St. Louis, Missouri, Fontana, California, and Cleveland and Warren, Ohio. On the other hand two Circles are known to have stopped functioning actively, both in the state of Pennsylvania, giving the Society a total of 41 active Circles at this writing, more than any other time in the ten years they have been in existence. There are at present several localities in which movements are under way to organize new Circles, and so we feel reasonably confident that the minimum quota of ten new Circles set as the goal for 1948 will be reached before the end of the year.

The National SNPJ Day will be staged in Milwaukee on September 4-5-6 and, as previously decided, will be dedicated to the two juvenile anniversaries observed this year. The local Circle (Jr. All-Stars) will have a prominent role in the main program of this three day celebration. Excellent cultural performances are expected to be rendered by this active group in collaboration with adult groups which will fittingly honor the anniversary events. A national handicraft exhibit, the second in two years, participated in by many of our Circles will be on display to the public and we expect that this will be a feature well worth seeing. While this affair will be the climax of the year's celebrations, there will no doubt be other commemorative affairs and programs staged in honor of our juvenile anniversaries right on up to the close of the year.

Expenditures in connection with Juvenile Circles for the period ending June 30 totaled \$1,303.58 of which amount \$1,015.00 was disbursed as remuneration for services given by the Circle Directors and the balance for promotion of activities, books, etc. In this period we also expended the sum of \$895.90 for various juvenile membership pins and \$293.97 for The Voice of Youth contest awards for the final quarter of 1947. Adding these items together, we have a grand total of \$2,493.43.

Athletics

There has been marked improvement in sport activities in the first half of 1948. All six bowling tournaments held earlier in the year, national as well as sectional, established new entry records. Each of these events was staged in conjunction with well-planned social affairs which brought together thousands of members and friends of the Society seeking and finding entertainment, pleasure and good fellowship. Many SNPJ bowling leagues operated successfully in the eastern section, the midwest, and are now beginning to spread to our lodges on the west coast. It is quite probable that a tournament will be held in California for the first time next year.

Since the middle of May, no less than twenty adult softball teams were organized, fifteen of them affiliated with three SNPJ leagues. At least a dozen Juvenile Circle teams were also formed and saw action in this sport. The outlook for softball in 1948 appears even brighter as more teams and leagues are expected to be organized.

Preparations have been under way for some time for the National SNPJ Day sport events. The national softball play-offs will bring together, as usual, the four district champions and the golf tournament will probably attract many of the best golfers in the Society. These are the only events on the sports program this year, ballina having been dropped due to the fact that no courts were available for such a tourney in Milwaukee. A meeting of the National Athletic Board and

a conference of delegates from lodges represented at the SNPJ Day celebration will also be held there during the Labor Day weekend. A preliminary draft of rules and regulations, affecting all SNPJ sports, is being prepared and should be ready for the meeting of the Athletic Board.

Expansion of the Society's athletic activities has resulted in a corresponding increase in expenditures. Altogether, we have spent \$5,191.78 for the promotion of sports in the first six months and, according to a tentative budget submitted to the Athletic Board in April, it is very likely that an amount nearly as large, if not larger, will be required to meet expenses for the balance of the year. Itemized expenses for six months ending June 30 are as follows:

Disbursements for Athletics

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|----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| National Tenpin Bowling Tournament at Detroit, Mich. | \$1,566.22 |
| Eastern Bowling Tournament at Cleveland, Ohio | 430.00 |
| Midwest Bowling Tournament at Sheboygan, Wis. | 225.00 |
| National Duckpin Bowling Tournament at Pittsburgh, Pa. | 270.00 |
| Nat'l Juvenile Telegraphic Bowling Tournament | 313.94 |
| Pioneer Invitational Bowling Tournament at Chicago, Ill. | 200.00 |
| Donations for bowling shirts | 480.00 |
| Inter-lodge bowling league trophies | 145.28 |
| Donations to lodge and Circle softball teams | 1,055.00 |
| Nat'l Athletic Board—for per diems, traveling, etc. | 506.32 |
| Total | \$5,191.78 |

Membership Campaign

The Juvenile Anniversary Campaign, which has been in progress since April 1, has been fairly successful to date, considering that conditions with which we are faced today are not very favorable. Campaign results, no doubt, have been affected to some extent by the high cost of living which is forcing more and more people to economize, the slackening of employment and strikes in some sections of the country, compulsory military training recently passed by the 80th Congress, the political campaign which is growing daily stronger, and the ever-present competition of the highly specialized fields of commercial and mutual insurance companies, as well as non-profit benefit organizations and societies similar to our own.

Despite these and other obstacles, our lodges have succeeded in enrolling a total of 1,455 members, juvenile transfers inclusive, during the first four months of the campaign. Past experiences have proved that in a long campaign, such as this one, the first three or four months are seldom as fruitful as we would want them to be. While I am not so optimistic as to believe that this campaign will break any past records, I feel sure, nevertheless, that the achievements of the SNPJ down through its forty-four year history and the principles and traditions which enabled the members to carry on so successfully will make it possible for our lodges and contestants to conclude the Juvenile Anniversary Campaign next November in a blaze of glory. The best months of the campaign are directly ahead of us provided all our efforts are positive efforts to cooperate with and constantly encourage those in the field who are willing to devote their time and effort to expansion of the membership ranks of the Society.

Cancellation of Members

The cancellation of juvenile and adult members has been unusually heavy this year. The average has been about 185 per month which is approximately twenty more than for the first six months last year. On the other hand, new members have been coming into the Society at an average rate of about 225 (exclusive of transfers from the Juvenile Department), which is a little more than enough to offset the members lost through cancellations and deaths. This falling off in membership cannot be attributed to any one particular cause, but rather to a combination of them, with pretty much the same obstacles causing cancellations as are hindering the enrollment of new members in the current membership campaign. An intensive educational drive in the Official Organ, through letters and bulletins sent out to the lodges from the Main Office, and frequent lectures by qualified speakers in localities where most needed might help to reverse this trend.

In conclusion I wish to report that a meeting of District Vice-Presidents was held yesterday over which I presided, and that a number of recommendations were discussed and approved by them which will be submitted later at this meeting.

MICHAEL VRHOVNIK

Report accepted.

Manager's Report for Printing and Publications Dept.

Prosveta—The report for the past six months of 1948 is rather short because during this time there were no special changes and because I submitted a detailed report at the last board meeting.

The official organ is being printed in 36,200 copies, or 550 more than in the last half of 1947. This increase is mostly due to the fact that during this time about 320 subscribers with one or more members in the family that were previously added to subscribers to the daily have discontinued the daily and are receiving the weekly. At the end of 1947 the daily was printed in 6,820 copies, and on June 30, 1948, in 6,303, which means that we have 317 less subscribers. Reasons for this decrease are various—some dropped the daily due to death, old age, poor vision, and some because of fear due to threat of subversiveness and agitation spread by hostile elements, as reported by our representatives, while some dropped the paper because of its ideology. In this period we again have a deficit, as I reported at the annual board meeting; the deficit is about one thousand dollars monthly. On my recommendation to partly cover this deficit, the executive committee decided to transfer \$5,000 from the printery into Prosveta fund. In January the sum of \$1,000 was contributed to the free press fund. In addition, \$317.69 on account to former Ljubljana correspondent Franjo Ales and we still owe him \$315.62.

The Voice of Youth—the juvenile monthly magazine is now printed in 12,290 copies, which is considerably more than in the previous six months period. Otherwise there is nothing new in this department.

Printery—There were no special changes in the printery during this period. As far as work is concerned it was about the same as in the previous six months. High prices are the main difficulty; these are still rising and predictions are that the situation will get worse. Whether there will ever be an end to this or not, it is difficult to say.

The financial statement will show that there was a \$6,026.55 deficit in this department also, which, however, actually is not correct. As I mentioned before \$5,000 was given to Prosveta and \$500.01

was paid for a small printing machine bought during this period; in addition, we paid \$751.26 insurance in advance for three years, or a total of \$251.27, less deficit as shown in the statement; actual surplus in this period was \$224.42.

The contract with the printers union has been approved for a period of 18 months, from July 1, 1948 to Dec. 30, 1949. Their wages are very high; hand printers get \$95.75 to \$98.75 for 36 1/2 hr. work week, linotype operators get \$97.15 to \$102.15 for 30 hour work week. Of course, this includes paid vacations and six paid holidays a year. Pressmen get \$90.85 to \$121.330 for 36 1/2 hour work week; included in this are paid vacations and six paid holidays per year. Mailers get \$89.60 to \$95.60; binders (women), when needed, get \$49.40 to \$55.05. From this it can be readily seen why there is a deficit. Aside from this, the cost of newsprint and supplies is steadily rising.

The above figures show how much higher these wages are than the salaries of the executive officers, which range only from \$75 to \$95 weekly. Employees in the manager's office get \$50, \$57.50 to \$62.50; the three assistant editors get \$70 per week each; the union of the latter is now negotiating for an increase. This is the situation in these departments today.

The books were audited by accountants and the supervisory committee, as usual. I wish to add that we had no special complaints in this period; we cooperate with our agents, lodge secretaries and the office personnel. If any board member would like to have further explanation, I will be at your disposal.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS ended June 30, 1948

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Publications Sales—Prosveta and The Voice of Youth | \$43,348.65 |
| Sales to SNPJ | 2,694.65 |
| Sales to Customers | 2,183.84 |
| Sales to Prosveta | 238.50 |
| House Sales | 65.22 |
| Total receipts for completed work | \$48,530.86 |
| Waste Paper Sales | 25.25 |
| Cash Discounts Earned | 78.21 |
| Interest on Securities | 657.53 |
| TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS | \$49,291.85 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Paper Purchases | \$12,164.79 |
| Ink Purchases | 278.62 |
| Miscellaneous Materials Purchases | 2,197.16 |
| Publications Postage | 968.16 |
| Factory Payroll | 27,439.17 |
| Rent | 1,800.00 |
| Fire Insurance | 26.13 |
| Depreciation | 273.28 |
| Power | 495.18 |
| Liability Insurance | 240.37 |
| Stock Handling Expense | 55.00 |
| Departmental Machine Expense | 613.33 |
| Work in Process December 31, 1947 | 809.30 |
| Total Factory Expense | \$47,359.89 |
| Less Work in Process June 30, 1948 | 190.33 |
| Manufacturing Cost of Sales | \$47,169.56 |

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Shipping and Mailing Department Expense | 187.21 |
| Advertising Expense | 326.00 |
| Office Salaries | 1,635.00 |
| General and Office Expense | 148.77 |
| Postage | 122.78 |
| Social Security Tax | 286.65 |
| Unemployment Compensation Tax | 230.93 |
| Donation—to Prosveta | 5,000.00 |
| Audit Fee | 208.00 |
| Franklin Ass'n—Insurance Fund | 30.00 |
| Total Expense | \$53,319.70 |
| Loss in department for six months | 8,026.85 |
| TOTAL | \$49,292.85 |

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance in Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank | \$ 9,271.45 |
| Accounts Receivable | 8,149.15 |
| Materials Inventory (Paper and ink) | 6,529.49 |
| Work in Process Inventory | 199.53 |
| Investments | 46,562.96 |
| Machinery and Equipment (at cost) | 58,297.44 |
| Unexpired Insurances | 751.26 |
| Mailing Department Inventory | 120.88 |
| Publications Postage | 238.44 |
| Postage Inventory | 80.71 |
| General Factory Inventory | 7.19 |
| Total | \$128,208.30 |
| Less Reserve | 53,842.05 |
| TOTAL ALL ASSETS | \$ 74,366.25 |

LIABILITIES, NET WORTH AND RESERVES:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Accrued Wages and Salaries | \$ 718.97 |
| Social Security Tax | 280.26 |
| Unemployment Compensation Tax | 156.66 |
| Accounts Payable | 894.99 |
| Withholding Tax | 457.75 |
| Employees' Vacation Reserve | 365.58 |
| Allowance for Depreciation | 53,842.05 |
| Original SNPJ Investment | 50,000.00 |
| Surplus | 21,489.04 |
| Total | \$128,208.30 |
| Less Reserve | 53,842.05 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH | \$ 74,366.25 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE VOICE OF YOUTH

Six months ended June 30, 1948

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Subscriptions—Daily | \$15,193.44 |
| Subscriptions—Weekly | 30,178.08 |
| Advertising | 4,150.22 |
| Maintenance Fund for Magazine | 6,777.00 |
| Editors' and Office Service for Magazine | 1,260.00 |
| Interest on Securities | 457.53 |
| Supplements to Prosveta—from SNPJ | 1,462.00 |
| Donation—from Printery | 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS | \$64,386.27 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Commissions and Discounts on Subscriptions and Advertising | \$ 2,671.62 |
| Cost of printing Prosveta and The Voice of Youth | 40,329.40 |
| Cost of printing Supplements | 1,241.00 |
| Editors' and Office Salaries | 13,962.35 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Stationery and Office Supplies | \$92.28 |
| Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures | 19.78 |
| General Expense | 2.08 |
| Audit Fee | 150.00 |
| Rent | 308.00 |
| Donation—National Committee for Free Press | 1,000.00 |
| Postage and Shipping Expense | 147.69 |
| Second Class Postage (Prosveta and The Voice of Youth) | 2,470.57 |
| Publishing Expense | 372.95 |
| Social Security Tax | 138.57 |
| Unemployment Compensation Tax | 110.86 |
| Exchange on Checks | .15 |
| Dead Accounts | 5.00 |
| Total Expense | \$63,314.30 |
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efforts, helps our progressive press and the new progressive party headed by Wallace and Taylor. Since the beginning of this year we have no correspondent in the old country. What original material we print from there, is obtained through EANS. Other material necessary for all our dailies here, is taken from the old-country papers. There are difficulties in this respect because their press contains very little material suitable for our readers; their press follows the political line and needs of the new regime.

Letters from readers have always played an important role in our press, and Prosveta always had the most letters of all our papers. This is still true, but you have no doubt noticed that correspondents in recent years are becoming fewer. Deah is taking its toll because our older generation is aging. Immediately after the war this gap was temporarily filled by numerous letters from the old country. This is over now and Slovene letters are fewer. It is hoped that our correspondents will write oftener and let their voices be heard especially now in the present struggle against our own and Wall street reaction. All correspondents deserve our gratitude for their work and sacrifice.

This concludes my report. The stand and policy of Prosveta is known to you because you yourself helped to create it. I am convinced that this policy leads to the right path, to the road of the broadest democracy of the working people, on which our society has traveled since its inception. We are all subject to criticism because no one is so perfect, wise or learned that he would not make mistakes or err in judgment.

ANTON GARDEN

Report accepted.

Report of Finance Committee

We are herewith submitting to you the report of our committee including a detailed review of all purchases, sales, and other transactions which have taken place in our portfolio during the six-month period ending June 30, 1948.

Purchases of Securities

The securities purchased during the first half of 1948 have a par value of \$734,079.08, and were acquired at a cost of \$730,329.08. In other words, the cost is \$3750 less than the par value of the securities. In the previous six-months period the amount invested was \$855,000. Of the funds invested, \$549,829.08 represents the new investments and \$183,500 is a re-investment of funds received from disposal of securities formerly held by us.

All of the purchases were made in the following amounts and classifications:

1. G. I. First Mtg. Loan.....\$246,429.08 \$246,429.08
2. Ins. Sav. & Loan Certi-

| | Par value | Cost |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| ificates | 225,000.00 | 225,000.00 |
| 3. Direct 1st Mortgage Loans | 137,850.00 | 137,850.00 |
| 4. Public Utility Bonds | 100,000.00 | 97,375.00 |
| 5. Mun. Revenue Bonds | 25,000.00 | 23,875.00 |

First Mortgage Loans: We reported to you six months ago that there was a considerable change in the investment field, and that funds available

for investment were not as plentiful as in former years. These changed conditions have enabled our committee to obtain higher yields on newly-invested funds. For the first time in several years no investments were made in obligations of the Federal Government. Instead, we have invested \$384,079.08, or more than 50% of available funds in real estate mortgages. These mortgage loan investments were made as follows:

A. By purchase of 32 G. I. Loans from the St. Paul Savings & Loan Company, Chicago, Ill. The purchase was made at par plus 1/4 of 1% and amounted to \$246,429.08. The selling institution has agreed to service these loans at a cost of 1/2%, which gives us a net yield of about 3 1/2%.

B. By making a direct First Mortgage Loan of \$125,000.00 to the Cooperative Trading Inc. of Waukegan, Ill. This loan is secured by a first mortgage on various pieces of real estate with a total value over \$200,000.00. It bears 3 1/2% interest and is payable in ten years on the amortized basis.

C. By a direct first mortgage loan on real estate owned by Isadore and Anna Roth, Chicago, Ill. Federally Insured Savings and Loan Certificates: We have again invested a very large amount of money, namely \$225,000 in the above type of securities. This amount was invested in forty-five associations located in various states. These certificates, with a comparatively liberal yield and a high degree of security, still afford a satisfactory outlet for our funds.

Public Utility Bonds: Our investment in this type of security has not been as heavy as in the previous six-month period. An equal amount of \$25,000 was placed in obligations of four different public service corporations. We have paid \$97,375 for these securities with a par value of \$100,000, and the yield obtained is a little less than 3%.

Disposal of Securities

Securities with a par value of \$183,500 were disposed of by being called, matured, or sold. We have received \$184,545.00 for these securities. By balancing book losses against profits we have obtained a net profit of \$1,045 on these transactions.

In addition to the above securities, a block of 77-7/10 shares of South Carolina Gas & Electric, common, were sold on May 20. Since these shares were unlisted assets the sale represents a profit of \$526.21.

Real Estate Mortgages: Eight first-mortgage loans on properties located in the Chicago and Cleveland areas were paid off in full. The most important of these loans was the one on the building owned by Six Points Realty Company in West Allis, Wis. The original amount of this loan was \$125,000. This has gradually been reduced and now the balance of \$68,000 has been paid off in full. The present outlook for investments is about the same as six months ago. It seems that in the immediate future, barring another war or severe depression, we shall be able to invest our surplus funds at a yield of 3% or better.

This is our joint report and a detailed review of all of our transactions is given below. We shall be glad to give any additional information which may be desired by the members of the supreme board.

MATT PETROVICH, Chairman

Report accepted.

| State of Arkansas, Pension, 4 1/2% due 10/1/40 | 2,000 | 2,112.40 | 1,935.00 | * 177.40 | (John Nuveen & Co. on) |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| State of Arkansas, Pension, 4 1/2% due 10/1/50 | 3,000 | 3,260.70 | 2,902.50 | * 358.20 | (Feb. 16) |
| State of Louisiana, 4 1/2% | 20,000 | 20,000.00 | 18,467.93 | * 1,532.07 | Matured 5/1 |
| State of So. Dakota, 3 1/4% | 25,000 | 25,000.00 | 25,437.50 | - 437.50 | Matured 6/15 |
| Harvey, Illinois, 4 1/2%, 1/1/58 | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | 5,086.29 | - 86.29 | Called 1/1 |
| Moore Haven, Fla., 3%, 1/1/62 | 9,500 | 9,500.00 | 9,500.00 | ----- | Called 1/1 |
| Seattle, Wash., 2 1/2% due 1/1/67 | 25,000 | 25,000.00 | 24,593.75 | * 406.25 | Called 1/1 |
| Winnett, Mont., 2% | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | ----- | Matured 1/1 |
| Catahoula Parish, La., 5% | 1,000 | 1,000.00 | 987.50 | * 12.50 | Matured 2/2 |
| Liberty County, Tex., 5 1/2% | 7,000 | 7,000.00 | 7,495.32 | - 495.32 | Matured 2/15 |
| Chicago Park District, 4 1/2% | 3,000 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | ----- | Called 3/1 |
| West Allis, Wis., 5% | 5,000 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | ----- | Matured 3/1 |
| Putnam Co., Fla., 4% | 2,000 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | ----- | Matured 6/1 |
| Interstate Power Co., 5's of 1957 | 25,000 | 25,000.00 | 24,187.50 | * 812.50 | Called 3/31 |
| | | \$183,500 | \$184,545.70 | \$182,118.29 | *\$2,427.31 |

MORTGAGE LOANS REPAID

| Loan No. | Name | Amount | Date |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| FHA 5A | Chas. H. Schoff, Chicago, Ill. | 4,075.00 | June 2, 1948 |
| FHA 4C | James C. Pecka, Cleveland, O. | 1,789.81 | June 10, 1948 |
| FHA 79J | Rudolph Hug, Chicago, Ill. | 1,796.71 | May 7, 1948 |
| FHA 104J | Chas. L. Kovarik, Chicago, Ill. | 1,113.69 | Apr. 15, 1948 |
| 8-A | Six Point Realty Co., West Allis | 66,339.61 | Feb. 11, 1948 |
| 66A | Ferdinand Matjasic, Chicago, Ill. | 243.26 | May 1, 1948 |
| 197A | Michael P. Gordon, Chicago, Ill. | 70.00 | May 26, 1948 |
| 9(Minors) | Jos. Blish (Donovitch), Chicago, Ill. | 85.46 | Feb. 12, 1948 |
| | | \$ 75,513.54 | |

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|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| A. J. Smith Federal S&L Ass'n, Chgo | 5,000.00 | Jan. 27, 1948 |
| Amity Federal S&L Ass'n, Chgo | 5,000.00 | Jan. 26, 1948 |
| Austin Fed. S&L Ass'n, Chgo | 5,000.00 | Jan. 23, 1948 |
| First Fed. S&L of East Chgo, Ind. | 5,000.00 | Jan. 26, 1948 |
| First Fed. S&L of Washington, D. C. | 5,000.00 | Jan. 26, 1948 |
| Home Fed. S&L of Chgo | 5,000.00 | Jan. 26, 1948 |
| North West Federal S&L Ass'n, Chgo | 5,000.00 | Jan. 26, 1948 |
| | | \$ 35,000.00 |

Report of Judicial Committee

Our records show that there were no particular misunderstandings among lodges during this period and there were only a few complaints about withheld benefits. We can conclude from this that there is general satisfaction among members, which is to the credit of the society.

In this period our committee dealt only with one complaint caused by misunderstanding among lodge members; the committee approved the decision of the lodge judicial committee. Two complaints that concern withheld benefit are still being investigated. Several complaints about benefits were solved by correspondence and it wasn't necessary for the entire committee to participate.

Our committee is receiving various questions from members concerning the problem as to who is entitled to this or that benefit. In such cases we try to explain the system of payments or where they should seek further information. Most complaints are caused by imaginary withholding of benefits, which is a lack of understanding of the system regulating the payment of benefits. The by-laws provide certain limitations, and after a certain period and longer illness only half of the benefit. This is the reason that some members often complain, thinking that their benefits were withheld, which in reality is not so.

Because there are always more and more members who have exhausted all regular sick benefit, complaints of this character are correspondingly more numerous. It is a very good thing that we have the special benefit fund from which the society helps needy members in cases when they are no longer entitled to regular sick benefit.

In general, however, as stated at the beginning, harmony prevails among lodges; lodge meetings are free of unbrotherly disputes so common some years ago when charges and countercharges evolved mostly from prejudices and personal contradictions.

This is our joint report.

ANTON SHULAR, Chairman; FRANK VRATARIC, ANDREW VIDRICH, JOHN KOBIC, CAMILUS ZARNIK

Report accepted.

Report of Supervisory Committee

We began the audit of the society's accounts on Aug. 10 and the audit took three days. Present were all committee members. Matthew J. Turk of our committee was also present July 8 at the examination of bonds at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank.

The bonds and books were checked and examined as usual by certified public accountants of Philip B. Heller firm. They submitted the financial statement for each department separately, that is, for the insurance department, the minors' beneficiary fund, printery and publications. Their report consists of about 80 typewritten pages.

Present at our meeting was also Philip B. Heller, head of the said firm, who explained various remarks in his report.

Responsible executives have submitted financial statements, therefore, we will not repeat them here; we will merely mention them for the purpose of comparison.

Total assets of all departments of the society on June 30, 1948 were \$13,757,374.49, or \$304,460.58 more than in the second half of 1947. The net worth fund increased during this period by \$243,982.26, juvenile by \$31,181.57, sick benefit \$11,892.62, special benefit fund \$15,512.99, disability fund \$1,255.41, and the convention fund by \$6,287.38; assets of printery and publications are \$4,954.88 less than on Dec. 31, 1947, the expense fund shows a decrease of \$2,038.65 since the first of the year and the building fund decreased by \$1,986.66 in this period.

For the purpose of comparison we are giving the investments of all SNPJ funds in percentage. Investments in U. S. bonds amount to 60.59% of the society's total assets; in municipal bonds 17.78%, in public utilities 6.75%, in savings and loan associations (shares) 6.06%, cash in banks 1.02%, in state bonds 2.26%, veterans real estate first mortgage loans 1.77%, in Canadian bonds 3.7%, FHA real estate first mortgage loans 1.07%, other real estate 1st mortgage loans 1.05%; various other investments represent less than 1% each.

Building Fund—This fund pertains to the society's main office. Income in this period amounted to \$4,926.06. Printery is paying a rental of \$1,800 semi-annually. Insurance department \$1,500 and Prosveta \$300. Income of hall was \$1,326.06, or \$53.46 more than in the previous period.

Building expenses (fuel, janitor's pay, cleaning and painting, taxes, etc.) were \$7,651.92, or \$2,725.86 more than the above mentioned rental income.

Assets of the building fund on June 30, 1948, amounted to \$49,772.63, or \$1,986.61 less than on Dec. 31, 1947.

Bonds—In the adult department bonds recalled, matured or sold amounted to \$178,500 and in the juvenile department \$5,000 par value. Shares sold amounted to \$526.21. Profit in one of these transactions was \$3,896.42 and the loss on the others

was \$1,460.11. This book loss was due to the fact that we must pay for all good bonds more than their par value. Bonds in default amount to \$16,650 and one 2nd mortgage on real estate \$600.

Minors' Beneficiary Fund—In this fund there was \$63,222.03 on June 30, 1948. Obligations to beneficiaries total \$54,358.25, surplus \$8,863.83.

Publications—In accordance with the decision of the executive committee, \$5,000 was transferred from the printery to the Prosveta fund on April 14, 1948.

The loss in the Prosveta fund in this period in comparison with income was \$3,926.03; in the second half of last year the loss was \$5,337.44.

Assets of Prosveta on June 30, 1948, were \$49,864.86.

Printery—Assets of printery decreased by \$6,026.85 in this period. The reason is, as mentioned above, that \$5,000 was transferred into Prosveta fund, while at the same time expenses were \$1,026.85 greater than income. Total income of printery was \$71,489.04.

Manager Philip Godina reported at the July 7, 1948 meeting of the executive committee that the wages of printers were increased by \$11.89 per week in accordance with the union contract. Wages of hand printers are \$92 plus \$3.75 per week for vacations; linotype operators get \$93.40 per week and \$3.75 for vacations, or \$97.15 per week. The new contract will be in effect for 18 months.

Inventory—Our committee accepted a motion that an inventory be instituted for all society's departments; thus far only the printery has such an inventory. What we propose is that a list of all equipment, such as the number of typewriters and other machines in each department, material for taking and showing moving pictures, etc., be made and kept. This would require only initial work; thereafter only changes in the inventory would be made.

Complaints—There was only one complaint, that of Michael Kumer, that the executive committee ignored him when he was invited as a speaker by the Detroit federation July 25, 1948. D. J. Lotrich, who was invited first, was unable to accept, thereupon the federation's first choice was Bro. Kumer, second choice Rudolph Lisch and third choice Matt Petrovich. It is customary that such matters are mentioned in the minutes of the executive committee, however, in this case nothing was mentioned in the minutes.

In a letter sent to the Detroit federation by the executive committee dated July 14, 1948 and signed by the supreme secretary, it was stated that M. Kumer and M. Petrovich wouldn't be able to attend, but that R. Lisch was available.

Our committee asked Bro. Vider about this matter and he stated that he did not write or sign the letter dated July 14 although it bears his signature, because at that time he was on vacation. We then asked Bro. Cankar who said that such matters do not belong to our jurisdiction and that he assumes all responsibility in this matter. He stated that he did not inform Kumer about the invitation because he wishes that his stand (behavior) at the Pennsylvania SNPJ Day celebration on June 27 be cleared first and that this should be discussed at the board meeting.

Because of this the supervisory committee took no action other than submitting the facts at this meeting. However, we recommend that all names of board members invited to speak at lodge or federation affairs, if the expenses are paid by the society, be included in the minutes of the executive committee.

Administration—The accountants and our committee found all books of all departments in order and the administration excellent. The executive officers cooperated with us with information and explanation, for which we wish to express our thanks.

FRANK ZAITZ, Chairman; MICHAEL KUMER, MATTHEW J. TURK, LOUIS KAFERLE, ANDREW GRUM

Report accepted.

Secretary submits the following:

Report of Supreme Medical Examiner

As supreme medical examiner, I wish to report as follows on my work from Jan. 1, 1948 to July 1, 1948:

Applications received for new membership were 425 of which 419 were approved and 6 rejected. Applications for increase in amount of insurance were 90 of which 82 were approved and 8 rejected. Applications for reinstatement examined were 8 and all were approved.

Number of operation claims received were 85; 678 were approved for payment, 114 were referred to the executive committee with recommendations and 63 were rejected.

Total disability claims received for review were 33. Of this amount 26 were approved for payment, 2 referred to the executive committee and 5 were rejected.

Compromissary claims received for review were 4. These were recommended to the executive committee for payment.

There were 2 applications for special benefit filed by member veterans who suffered bodily in-

juries during the war. All were approved for payment as per special resolution adopted by the Supreme Board in August, 1945.

During the past six months I have held conferences with the officers of the executive committee including the president, supreme secretary and secretary of the sick benefit department.

I receive from time to time many gratifying reports from members who have sent streptomycin to relatives at the sanitariums for the treatment of tuberculosis.

I answered all correspondence for medical advice.

JOHN J. ZAVERTNIK, M. D.

Report accepted.

Fifolt submits the following:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS

The meeting of the district vice-presidents was called to order at 9:45 a. m., August 12, 1948 by Juvenile Director Michael Vrhovnik, as chairman. Present were John Cebular, Frank Gradisce, Joseph Fifolt, and John Petritz; part time: Frank Polak and 1st Vice-President Raymond Travnik. Absent were Mary Prasnikar, John Spiller and Ursula Ambrozich.

The deliberations of the meeting took place during morning and afternoon sessions at which reports were given and discussions held on various questions and suggestions. The district vice-presidents agreed, unanimously, to submit the following recommendations to the supreme board.

1. That the form letter to be prepared by the main office for local lodge secretaries, giving important information as to why individuals should join the SNPJ, as recommended by the district vice-presidents at their last meeting, be carried out.

2. That the practice of editorials in the English section of the organ be again resumed.

3. That consideration be given towards the adoption of an SNPJ copy, a copy of which has been prepared and presented to every supreme board member.

4. That a speaking tour be arranged by the main office, to cover the western states, in the year 1949.

5. That the weekly organ be separated into two sections, English and Slovene, with the English section on the outside and the name "Prosveta" on the English section translated to the English meaning.

SUGGESTED S.N.P.J. SONG

The memories are so gay
Each time we meet we say
The parties and dances are fun
We'll remember them, each one.

Our faithfulness to you
Is loyal and so true
So much on you depends
Good sport, good cheer, good friends.

S. N. P. J.
Our thoughts of your linger throughout each day
S. N. P. J.
Long in our memories you'll stay.

The friendships you find will last
As proven in the past
Companions of days gone by
Still know the reason why.

The feeling in our hearts
Shall never from us part
We find ourselves content
And happy from hours well spent.

S. P. P. J.
Our thoughts of you linger throughout each day.
S. P. P. J.
Long in our memories you'll stay.

LOUISE RECHER

(Note: Words are to the tune of "Under My Window" Waltz)

Report accepted; recommendations will be taken up later.

DISCUSSIONS

Secretary reports that lodge 273, Sheldon, Wis., asked that an executive officer be sent to address their gathering Sept. 5 and to explain various insurance features and other phases of the organization. He states that in view of a previous board decision the executive committee was unable to grant the request and for this reason this matter is now presented to the board. The executive committee is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the society that this request be granted.

Cankar, Vider, Travnik, Godina, Zarnik, Lotrich and Petrovich state that in certain cases it is in the interest of the society to send speakers also to individual lodge affairs; it is also stressed that speakers be from the younger generation.

Travnik moves that the executive committee shall have the right to send speakers also to social affairs sponsored by individual lodges if deemed necessary; motion seconded.

Petrovich's contrary motion reads as follows: Since the sending of speakers to various lodge affairs is of great informative value to members and to the progress of the society and since the supreme board wishes that these speakers are at the disposal of the greatest number of lodges, we recommend to the executive committee the following:

1. To prepare a list of speakers from among board members and other members of the society who are approved by the executive committee.

2. That these speakers be sent to all lodge affairs in their districts when requested by the lodges.

3. The executive committee may send speakers to federation affairs or an affair sponsored by a group of lodges or important lodge anniversaries also from other districts.

4. In deciding on a speaker first consideration should be given to speakers from the younger generation because the greatest hope for new members is among English speaking youth.

Contrary motion seconded.
Session adjourned.

SECOND SESSION, AUG. 13, P. M.

President calls meeting to order at 1:30 and states that there is a motion and a contrary motion before the board to be taken up, Travnik's and Petrovich's.

Results of voting: contrary motion, 10 votes; motion, 16 votes. Motion carried.

Secretary reports receipt of invitation from the Nat'l Fraternal congress to send delegates to convention in Pittsburgh Sept. 29-30; he explains that the society is entitled to two delegates.

Godina's motion to send delegates is seconded and unanimously carried; the executive committee will decide as to who will be sent.

Fifolt reads recommendations of district vice presidents.

Section 1—Secretary explains that the letters are being prepared and will be shortly sent to lodge secretaries.

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NEW SECURITIES PURCHASED DURING THE 6 MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30 1948

| Description | Par | Cost | Vendor | Date |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| Chicago Transit Authority, Revenue Bonds due 7/1/78 3 1/2% | \$ 25,000 | \$ 23,875.00 | F. S. Mosely & Co. | Jan. 5 |
| Montana Power Co., 1st Mtg. 2 1/2% due 10/1/75 | 25,000 | 24,000.00 | Halsey, Stuart & Co. | Jan. 18 |
| Illinois Power Co., 1st Mtg. 2 1/2% due 3/1/78 | 25,000 | 24,250.00 | Halsey, Stuart & Co. | Jan. 15 |
| New York Power & Light Co., 1st Mtg. 2 1/2% due 3/1/75 | 25,000 | 24,125.00 | First Boston Corp. | Jan. 15 |
| Boston Edison Co., 1st Mtg. 2 1/2% due 12/1/70 | 25,000 | 25,000.00 | Ames, Emerich & Co. | Jan. |