

Another New Member

Advantages English speaking fraternal lodges stand to gain thru affiliating with the JSF Educational Bureau are many. And that fact, we are pleased to state, is becoming more and more understood generally among fraternal youth groups.

Last week the Cardinals Lodge, No. 640 SNPJ, an active English speaking lodge in Bridgeport, Ohio, joined the Bureau as a new member. Preceding it was lodge No. 700 SNPJ, in Red Lodge, Mont. Shortly, a campaign destined to reach every one of the English speaking lodges, still unaffiliated, will be undertaken by the administrative committee of the Educational Bureau.

Certainly this is a lead that could be employed to good advantage in many another section. Especially so in those localities where many lodges are located within a small radius.

Undoubtedly new members can be enrolled in the Educational Bureau, but it will take just that sort of plugging to convince them that here is a bureau organized for the one purpose—to serve them in dramatic and cultural work.

New Year's Eve Party Of Branch 1 JSF, To Have Midnight Entertainment

CHICAGO. — This year, for the first time in a good many years the New Year's Eve Party promoted annually by Branch 1 JSF, will be held at the Lawndale Masonic Temple instead of the customary hall.

Larger and more commodious facilities will enable giving more satisfactory service at the tables as well as a mid-night program.

For the older folks who enjoy keeping company at tables during the evening, accommodations will be perfect.

Because of this, plans for serving a full dinner of "klobase" and sour crout are formulating. Renewing mid-night entertainment, something we had discontinued during the past few years, will be welcome news to those who have looked forward to it in former years. It will be something real special, too, and in itself worth the 25 cent admission fee being charged for the party.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from Branch members or at the Proletarec Office, 2301 S. Lawndale Ave.

Chicago SNPJ Juveniles Anticipating Federation's Annual Christmas Party

CHICAGO.—Entertainment of a wide variety will round out the program of the Chicago District Federation's Christmas party sponsored annually for the juvenile members of its affiliated lodges.

Sixteen numbers grace the program followed by distribution of gifts and a supper. Later in the evening dancing will follow in both halls of the SNPJ where the party is being held this Sunday, Dec. 22.

The program is being prepared by the directors of SNPJ juvenile circle No. 26.

Christmas Eve Party At Collinwood S. D. D.

CLEVELAND.—The rejuvenated Branch No. 49 JSF, in Cleveland, is just completing one of its busiest years of activity, including as one of its biggest jobs—a well executed one, no one can reasonably deny—the arrangement for the 12th regular convention of the Yugoslav Socialist Federation.

To celebrate and bring to a close a successful year the Branch is sponsoring a Christmas Eve party at the Collinwood Slovene Workers Home, on December 25.

A co-mingling of the spirit of the Branch and the spirit of the season augurs well for a pleasant social event that no member should miss. In fact, every member is urged to bring along his party of friends to this "zimka veselica" as secretary of the Branch, Ivan Jontex, terms it.

Urge Aliens to Register Before December 26

Final day for non-citizens to register is December 26, officials of the Alien Registration Division of the U. S. Dept. of Justice have warned. After that date, all non-citizens who are not registered are subject to severe penalties under the Act.

Registration can be made at any U. S. Post Office, and is free of charge. Aliens were further warned that registration may be difficult if delayed too long before the final day, due to the Christmas mailing rush.

Alien workers should remember that there is nothing in the Act authorizing employers to discharge them simply because they are aliens.

HOUSE MEMBERSHIP SHIFTED BY CENSUS

Eight States Will Gain Representation at the Expense of Ten Others Unless Congress decrees otherwise, eight states will gain added representation and 10 will lose, as a result of the recent census.

This was disclosed in a statement sent to Congress last week by W. L. Austin, director of the census. On the basis of population figures, states which will gain one seat are Arizona, Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, No. Carolina, Oregon, and Tennessee. California stands to gain three seats.

The losing states are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania.

The President is required to submit the census figures to the incoming Congress during the first week of its regular session. Unless action to the contrary is taken, the new apportionment figures will become applicable to the Congress to be chosen in 1942.

Mine Safety Bill Urged

WASHINGTON.—Another plea for passage of the mine safety bill (Neely-Keller Federal Coal Mine Inspection Bill) was made to congress by United Mine Workers' President John L. Lewis as workers dug the bodies of 34 men from a coal mine in Cadix, Ohio.

THE GREAT STONE FACE



CLEVELAND REFLECTIONS

By ANDREW TURKMAN

For all those members of "Zarja" who oftentimes sat in a theater and viewed, sometimes a trifle enviously, the talented actions that were projected on the screen, and who dreamt of stepping out before the floodlights with cameras grinding away furiously, saw and made that dream become a reality a moment after Joseph Short, a former member of "Zarja," said O. K. and his camera commenced to record the campfire skit which was presented at "Zarja's" concert on Thanksgiving Day. Picturisque, indeed (we hope), should be the completed result, for the amateur film "stars," dressed in typical Slovene costumes, were "shot" on kodachrome (color) film. The movies of the "production" will be shown by Mr. Short at our annual meeting.

Albert and Christine Weeder, members of "Zarja," are going to stock their larger much in the same manner as the pioneers did many years ago, for the result of their last excursion was a Pennsylvania deer. Married less than a year, one can say that they are pioneering in the field of marriage. Christine is the former Christine Elerski who was an active participant in the inauguration and development of the sub-branch in Cleveland. This is, incidentally, Al's second deer in two years.

Very encouraging are the reports on the sale of the Family Almanac. There has been comparatively little and in most instances no objection to the slight increase in price. The consensus of opinion up to the present is that the Almanac is a very fine exhibition of what can be done by the progressive elements to educate entertainingly the masses of people seeking the light, seeking a new order under which they will beget for themselves those things on this earth to which they have the inherent right from the moment they first see the light of day until they close their eyes in eternal sleep. Lamentable is the fact that there failed to appear a larger selection of English material. No doubt the apparent lack of English material can be traced back to the failure of capable contributors to do their part in aiding the Almanac on its way to new heights of literary achievement. However, the narrative penned by J. Drasler, "Morning hours in Coal Town," was presented so realistically; the descriptive adjectives were so excellently chosen that I actually shivered and sweated and choked as I followed "Mike" through sentence after sentence of his life as a coal miner.

Coming at the opportune moment immediately after the second serious mine explosion in Ohio (Nelmis Mine), this year the story is indeed a revelation to those who have just recently discovered that coal is still mined by humans and much in the same fashion as years ago. The same dangers are ever-present, always waiting to trap some innocent, unsuspecting miner, whose only crime is that he is endeavoring to make an honest living.

True, there are state regulations regarding the safety precautions necessary in the course of operating a mine; however, as the Cankar Foundation presented a varied program at the hall of lodge No. 138 SNPJ. That night (what little there was left of it), Tony Perusek and I slept under the same roof with Anton Zornik at the Bartol home, halfway up a typical Pennsylvania hill. That morning Tony and I were treated to the acme of hospitality—coffee in bed—which was brought to us by Bartol himself. Tony and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Bartols for their part in the program to make our visit a pleasant memory.

From the little city of Bridgeport nestled in the Ohio River Valley, where employment has abated so extensively that it can again be called unemployment, came a monetary reminder to express the sentiment of branch No. 11 JSF, toward "Zarja". It is heartwarming to know that we are still remembered in that community because the name Bridgeport can often be heard coming from the lips of "Zarja" members.

That the plan to send committees to attend the annual meetings of lodges and cultural groups in order to explain the beneficial purposes of the JSF Educational Bureau, which was discussed at the JSF Convention in Cleveland, is bearing fruit is evinced in the report from Bridgeport stating that lodge No. 640 of the SNPJ has enrolled in the Educational Bureau because of the above procedure. This tactical practice will result more often in success than failure.

WHERE TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS

At the SND on St. Clair Ave., Sunday, Dec. 22, where the Cankar Foundation will present the play "Ridec roze," in commemoration of Ivan Cankar.

Come to the SWH on Waterloo, Wed. Dec. 25, where Branch No. 49 JSF, is holding its annual Christmas Day Dance.

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The Socialist Vote

Ever since the week following the election, The Call and the national office of the Socialist Party have been besieged with inquiries about the size of the Socialist national vote. We have been unable to answer these questions because we have had nothing but a few state returns and those have been unofficial.

Official returns from various states have begun to come in during the past few days, but as yet there has been no official report on national totals. Though newspapers have offered various estimates, based upon state returns, a full national report will probably not be available for several weeks yet.

The state returns given below indicate the wide variation of losses and gains in the Socialist vote in various sections of the country. It is obvious that the serious loss in New York State which for many years has been the bulwark of Socialist electoral strength in this country will account for any loss in the national total. New York polled 30 per cent of the Socialist vote in 1936.

This year, due largely to the international situation and the fact that the needle trades unionists—the largest group of New York workers—have become passionate supporters of the Administration's foreign and domestic policies, that vote was decreased by three-fourths. Smaller losses in a few other states were more than compensated for by gains in other sections of the country.

Table with 3 columns: State, 1940, 1936. Rows include California, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin.

*The Wisconsin increase puts the party officially back on the ballot in that important state.

Wherever the labor movement had become solidly and officially attached to the Administration in the past few years, as in New York, and, to a lesser extent in New Jersey and Michigan, our vote suffered. But in addition to this attachment, New York has also become the strongest center of interventionist sentiment and pressure among all classes.

The stampede of a large section of the anti-war vote to Willkie in the closing two weeks of the campaign, on the basis that he represented a

Branch 49, JSF, Elects Officers for New Year

CLEVELAND.—At its December meeting Branch No. 49 JSF, elected the following board of officers for the new year: Ivan Jontex, secretary-treasurer; Anton Jankovich, sec. sec.; Milan Medveshek, organizer and an auditing committee of three—Andy Gorjanc, Andrew Bozich and Tone Skapin.

BOOK SALE

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Table listing books for sale by LOUIS ADAMIC, including My America, From Many Lands, Cradle of Life, Grandsons, Dynamite, Verney's Justice.

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OTHER BOOKS

Table listing other books for sale, including ABC of Parliamentary Law, America's Way Out, Debs (David Karsner), English-Slovene Reader, Karl Marx (W. Liebknecht), Manual for Socialist Speakers, Workers in American History, Trinity of Plunder, Evolution of Property, Ancient Society.

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IN THE NEWS

Vacations With Pay Gain Ground

An estimated 2,000,000 union members, or approximately 25 per cent of all organized wage earners in the United States, receive annual vacations with pay under collective agreements with their employers, a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Labor Department states.

In the manufacturing industries, the report reveals, about 33 per cent of the union members receive vacations with pay.

In professional and clerical occupations, about 45 per cent of the union members get paid vacations.

In transportation, almost 40 per cent of the union bus, city passenger and maritime workers receive paid vacations.

Preparedness Cost Is Put At \$35,000,000,000

The first official estimate of the ultimate cost of preparedness came last week from a group of Department of Agriculture economists.

During the next five years, they said, Uncle Sam will go down into his strong box for \$35,000,000,000, or just about twice as much as Congress has already authorized for military purposes.

1941 AFL Convention in Seattle

The delegates to the sixtieth convention of the American Federation of Labor meeting in New Orleans recently selected Seattle, Washington, as the city in which the 1941 convention of the Federation will be held.

Corporate Profits of Big Ten Gain

American business corporations, at least those at the top of their industries, did handsome business in 1939, reports from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission indicate.

Ten corporations manufacturing office machinery and equipment, according to the SEC, had a combined operating profit of 26 million dollars or 11.9 per cent of sales as compared with 11.8 per cent of sales in 1938. Dividends paid out in 1939 amount to \$16.2 millions.

In the building material field, 19 corporations had a combined operating profit of \$39 millions or 11.7 per cent of sales as compared with an operating profit of \$19,000,000 in 1938. Dividends amounted to \$21.9 millions.

The FTC, reporting on heating and cooking apparatus (except electric) makers, said the 1939 net income of eight corporations in the field amounted to an average rate of return of 7.9 per cent on capital, ranging from .4 per cent to 24.5 per cent.

Rubber products manufacturing corporations had an average rate of return of 9.8 per cent in 1939 as compared with 5.9 per cent in 1938.

Yankee Women Soon to Outdistance Men

It won't be long now until the number of American women exceeding the number of American men—reversing a situation that has existed ever since the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock.

The Department of Commerce reported recently that the birthrate continues at about 105 boys to every 100 girls, but the average woman, lives three years longer than the average man.

16 per cent of World War Vets are Dead

Of 4,697,994 Americans who saw military service during the first World War, only 3,963,377 are now living. That means that death has accounted for about one in every six, 406,408 veterans, representing 10.25 per cent of the total, are re-

ceiving government benefits totaling \$188,660,932 a year, or an average of \$464.21 per person.

Chain Stores to Use Grade Labeling Pioneered by Co-ops

The handling of a very, very small percentage of the total food business in America, the co-operatives are making a big influence on the grocery industry. Several of the large food chains have joined a one-year experiment using A-B-C grade labels on canned fruits and vegetables. Similar grades have been used by leading co-op wholesale for two years or more.

Labels will include designation of grade, according to standards developed by the Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, description of contents, brief description of methods of scoring, plus information required by the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Co-ops Save Members \$50 Per Funeral

A complete funeral for \$85 is the standardized rate of the Kindersley Community Burial Ass'n, reports the Saskatchewan Consumer in an article urging the formation of similar co-ops in other parts of the Canadian Province.

The standard charge includes everything from the cemetery lot to the casket. If the member should desire a better casket than provided for in the standard funeral, the Association has it available at cost.

Starvation in Italy

A CBS correspondent has announced in a recent broadcast from Rome that the Italian government has issued a decree that rations spaghetti. From now on each person in Italy will be permitted to eat only four and a half pounds of spaghetti a month, and no more.

The rationing of spaghetti follows the restrictions on the use of bread, meat, cereals and other necessities of life. All this is an official admission of Italy's precarious food situation.

But the situation is still worse than Mussolini's government would want the outside world to know. Babies in fascist and Imperial Italy have no milk; grown-ups haven't enough bread and not even enough spaghetti—the most essential element of their nutrition—and there is a scarcity of fats, coal, gasoline and clothing.

The picture is very black indeed for the poor, unfortunate people of Italy, and the reverses of the Italian army in Greece and Egypt further darken the situation.

From September 1939, the date of the outbreak of the second World War, to the 10th of June, 1940, the day when Mussolini plunged Italy into the conflict, the resources of the country had been delivered to Nazi Germany. Everything Mussolini could get through the Allied blockade, was transferred to the Northern section of the Axis. It never entered Mussolini's mind that the war would last a long time and he might need those provisions. And now with the country deeply engulfed in a deadly military and economic struggle, the Dictator of the Black Shirts finds himself handicapped and on the verge of bankruptcy.

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