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## AMERIŠKI POMORŠČAKI PRESEKALI OTOK IWO

### Rusi zasedli trdnjavo mesto ob reki Visli

## KANADSKE ČETE PRODIRAJO PROTI PORURJU

GUAM, 20. febr. — Ameriški pomorščaki so prekoračili otok Iwo na južni konci in s tem razcepili japonske sile. Japonaka vojaška posadka na tej konci je izolirana. Ljute bitke za posest japonskega letališča pri Motojami se nadaljujejo.

Guam, 20. febr. — Ameriški pomorščaki so utrlj pot do japonskega letališča na otoku Iwo, katerega so invadirali zadnjo soboto, poročajo glavni stan admirala Chesterja W. Nimitza. Ljute bitke za posest letališča se nadaljujejo. Poročilo dostavlja, da so pomorščaki zasedli tri milje dolg pas ozemlja na južnozahodni konci otoka in konsolidirali pozicije.

Radio Tokio javlja, da se je 20,000 ameriških pomorščakov izkrcalo na otoku, ki leži 660 milj od japonske celine in 750 milj od glavnega japonskega mesta. Japonci so spremenili otok v trdnjavo in montirali težke topove v jamah. Ti bruhajo izstrelke in šrapnele na ameriške invazijske sile.

Otok Iwo je bil tarča bombardiranja iz zraka in z morja dnevnopred invazijo. Nimitz je v prvem buletinu naznanil, da operacije ameriške invazijske sile zadovoljivo napredujejo, zato pa je namignil, da zahtevajo veliko število žrtev.

Ameriško invazijsko brodogojstvo je vključevalo 800 bojnih ladij in transportov. Japonski odpor se je povečal, ko so pomorščaki začeli prodirati v notranost otoka.

London, 20. febr. — Ruske čete so okupirale Neuenburg, trdnjavo mesto ob reki Visli, v prodiranju proti Gdansk, pristaniščnemu mestu ob Baltičkem morju. Neuenburg leži 47 milj južno od Gdanska. Rusi so ubili 1500 Nemcev, ki so skušali pobegniti iz Grudziadza, obkroženega mesta, deset milj južno od Neuenberga.

Berlin poroča, da so sovjetske čete zasedle Guben, cestno križišče, 51 milj južnozahodno od nemške prestolnice, iz katerega pa so bile pozneje izgnane. Poročilo naznanja reokupacijo Sommerfelda, Sorauja in Sagana, trdnjavskih mest. Moskva ne omenja operacij v tem sektorju vzhodne fronte.

Nemško poveljstvo poroča o ljutih bitkah na 62 milj dolgi fronti med Gubonom in Laubonom in na zapadni strani reke Queis, 12 milj vzhodno od Goerlitz, drugega največjega mesta Slezije. Goerlitz leži na poti, ki vodi v Dresden, glavno mesto Saksonske.

Pariz, 20. febr. — Oklopne in pehotne enote druge britske armade naskakujejo. Goch, trdnjavo mesto v Siegfriedovi liniji na severnem koncu zapadne fronte. Zasedle so že večji del mesta in ujele čez tisoč nemških vojakov in častnikov, med temi poveljnika posadke in člane njegovega štaba.

Feldmaršal Montgomery je naznanil, da bo Goch kmalu v rokah britskih čet. Te so že preselele glavno cesto, ki vodi iz Gocha v Calcar in Uedem.

Kolone prve kanadske armade prodirajo po koridorju med rekama Meuse in Rena v smeri Porurja, industrijske kotline.

Na fronti tretje ameriške armade se položaj ni izpremenil. Čete te armade drže zasedene pozicije pri Bitburgu. Sedma ameriška armada je okupirala strateške pozicije na južozahodni strani Saarbrueckena.

## Z letne seje gl. odbora SNPJ

Jednota zopet lepo napredovala v članstvu in imovini; datum konvencije določen na 13. avgusta; razni sklepi glavnega odbora

Zadnji četrtlet se je sestel na letni seji gl. odbor SNPJ, ki je zboroval v glavnem stanu jednote tri dni. Pregledal je stanje in poslovanje jednote in napravil več važnih zaključkov. Seje so se udeležili vsi člani gl. odbora razen gl. bolniškega tajnika br. Gradiška, ki je dan prej nenadoma zbolel. In br. Josepha Culcarja iz Johnstowna, ki se ni mogel odtrgati od dela.

Jednota v prošlem letu zopet beleži lep napredek v članstvu in premoženju. V drugi polovici leta je v obeh oddelkih napredovala za 1928 članov; odrasli oddelk je ob koncu leta štel 48.109 in mladinski 17.963 članov. Odrasli oddelk je v zadnjih šestih mesecih 1944 napredoval za 554 in mladinski za 1292 članov.

V premoženju pa je jednota napredovala v zadnji polovici leta za \$290.707,91; njeno premoženje s tiskarno in Prosveto vred je znašalo ob koncu leta \$11.591.835,84. Od tega premoženja je investiranih \$6.441.065,93 v federalnih bondih, \$2.525.789,23 pa v občinskih.

Skozi vse lanske leto je umrla 551 članov. Največ jih je pobrala srčna hiba, in sicer 114, bolezen rak 78, v vojni jih je padlo 71 — prej 27, skupno število padlih v vojni do konca 1944 98 članov. Ostale člane so pobrale razne druge bolezni: krvotok na močgane 48, srčna kap-39, pljučnica 27, ponesrežbe 23, jetika 22 itd. Skupna smrtnina vseh umrlih članov je lani znašala \$387.506,50.

Operacijskih odškodnin je jednota lani plačala 803 v skupni vsoti \$59.600,00. Gl. tajnik br. Vidar je poročal, da je bilo lani manj članov operiranih kot predlanskim.

Porotni odsek je poročal, da je imel v drugi polovici 1944 samo štiri pritožbe — zelo dober rekord za članstvo.

Imzed vseh vprašanj, ki so prišla pred to sejo, se je gl. odbor največ časa pečal s prihodnjo konvencijo in izboljšanjem pravil. O obeh vprašanjih so bile obširne rasprave. Glede konvencije je gl. odbor sklenil, da se prične 13. avgusta v Evelethu, Minn., seveda pod pogojem, ako dobimo potrebno dovoljenje od zvezne vojsne transportne oblasti. Gl. upravni odsek je instruiral, naj naprej deluje za dobavo tega dovoljenja; v slučaju, da ga ne dobimo, naj pa poskrbi pri državnih oblastih, da dobimo dovoljenje za odgoditev konvencije na poznejši čas in podvzame druge potrebne korake za podaljšanje življenja pravilom in gl. odbora.

V zvezi s pripravami za konvencijo je gl. odbor pooblastil upravni odsek, naj izmed članov prihodnje konvencije imenuje tri provizorične konvencijske odbore, ki naj pripravijo vse potrebni material, in sicer odbor za pravila (sedem članov), poverilni odbor in odbor za resolucije, vsak po pet članov.

Z izboljšanjem pravil se je že ta seja gl. odbora precej bavila. Upravni odsek je na podlagi izkušenj od zadnje konvencije namreč predložil priporočila za amandmanske več točk pravil; ta priporočila so večinoma le tehnično izboljšanje jezika, kjer so se razne določbe izkazale dvomne, nejasne ali pomanjkljive. Članstvo bo pa seveda imalo priliko, da še pred konvencijo poda svoja priporočila za izboljšanje pravil.

Pročnja društva 108 v Britski Kolumbiji, da bi glavni odbor odpravil izredni assessment v bolniške sklade, je bila odklonjena iz rasloga, ker delajo kanadska društva v teh skladih še vedno deficit.

Glavni odbor je tudi sklenil, da jednota prispeva iz sklada izrednih podpor \$5000 Ameriškega rdečemu križu, \$5000 za pomočno akcijo za stari kraj in enako vsoto za ruski relief. Jednotinim zastopnikom v poverjenstvu JRZ pa je naročil, naj delujejo na tem, da se iz preostalega sklada JRZ do SANSU še štiri tisoč dolarjev od skupne vsote pet tisoč dolarjev, ki je bila pred par leti določena v podporo SANSU.

Na priporočilo distriktnih podpredsednikov je gl. odbor zaključil, da jednota proti koncu leta praznuje 20-letnico pričetka angleško poslušljih društev. Z to praznovanje bo določen poseben dan in ob tej priliki bo izdan tudi slavnostna priloga Prosvete v angleščini. Meseca novembra bo nemore 20 let, odkar je bilo ustanovljeno prvo angleško poslušljče društvo, in sicer Pioneers 559 v Chicagu.

Glavni odbor je na tej seji izvolil tudi nov narodni atletski odbor za tekoče leto. Izvoljeni so bili: John Laushe iz Johnstowna, Frank Tomšic iz Strabana, John J. Spillar iz Clevelanda, Frank J. Lotrich iz Chicaga in Marko Shappeck iz Milwaukeeja.

Gl. odbor je tudi obširno raspravljal o članih-vojakih in sprejel več zaključkov, ki jih bo pojasnil gl. tajnik.

## Tiskarska kompanija posvarjena

### Ovirati ne sme organiziranja delavcev

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — R. R. Donnelly & Sons Co., tiskarska kompanija v Chicagu, je dobila ukor in svarilo od federalnega delavskega odbora, da ne sme ovirati organiziranja delavcev v uniji.

Svarilo je odmev pritožbe proti kompaniji s strani odbora tiskarske unije, včlanjene v Ameriški delavski federaciji. Odbor je bil ustanovljen l. 1938 z namenom koordiniranja aktivnosti unij, katere imajo člane med delavci, ki so upleni pri omenjeni kompaniji.

Federalni delavski odbor je na podlagi predložene evidence ugotovil, da kompanija že več let ovira napore za organiziranje delavcev. Odbor je tudi dognal, da kompanija odsilva delavce, ako stopijo v unijo.

## Murray apelira za ustavitev postopanja proti Bridgesu

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — Philip Murray, predsednik Kongresa industrijskih organizacij, je apeliral na Roosevelta, naj ustavi postopanje za deportacijo Harryja Bridgesa, voditelja unij CIO na zapadu. Bridges je bil rojen v Avstraliji in ni ameriški državljan. Zanj se je zavzel tudi senator Downey, demokrat iz Californije. On je predlagal umaknitve obtožbe proti Bridgesu, "ki je mnogo prispeval k vojnim naporom na zapadu."

## Burton podprl Vandenbergov načrt

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — Senator Burton, republikanec iz Ohia, je podprl načrt senatorja Vandenbergja, republikanca iz Michigan, ki določa popolno razorožitev Nemčije in Japonske po porazu. Burton se je izrekel tudi za ustanovitev svetovne organizacije za zaščito in vzdrževanje miru v povojni dobi.

## Svedski poslanik zapustil Berlin

Stockholm, Svedska, 20. febr. — Svedski poslanik je zapustil Berlin in odpotoval v Standal, 62 milj zapadno od nemške prestolnice, pravi uradno naznanilo. Berlin je tarča zavezniških napadov iz zraka.

## DVOMOBRAVNA VAH PROTI VOJNIM ZLOČINCEM

### Ustanovitev vojaške komisije povzročila ugibanja

## LEGALNI PROBLEMI V OSPREDJU

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — Ustanovitev vojaške komisije v armadi po kontroverzi, ki je nastala v zavezniški komisiji za kaznovanje vojnih zločincev, je rodila ugibanja, ali bodo nemški in japonski vojni zločinci sploh postavljeni pred sodišča.

Uradniki vojnega in državnega departamenta so izjavili, da se lahko marsikaj pripeti, preden bodo zločinci kot so Hitler, Himmler, Ley, Goebbels, Tojo in Kiso prišli pred sodišča ali vojaško komisijo. Možnost, da bodo izvršili samomor, če jih razkaženi ljudje ne bodo ubili, ni izključena.

Ruske čete bodo morda zahtevale izročitev Hitlerja in drugih vodilnih nacistev in obračunale bodo z njimi na svoj način brez vmešavanja britskih in ameriških avtoritet. To bo eno plačilo za njih zmago. Gotovo je, da bodo storjeni koraki, da ne bodo mogli zločinci pobegniti v nevtralne države, v katerih imajo bogastvo. To vključuje denar, dragulje in vrednostne papirje.

Justični departament je priznal, da so povezani legalni problemi s procesi. Odklopi bo treba predvsem o vprašanju zakonov, katere so vojni zločinci kršili. Nekateri zahtevajo, da pridejo zločinci pred sodišča onih držav, v katerih so izvršili zločine.

Druge vprašanje je, kako doleč bodo šle obravnave. Če bodo vsi oni, ki so podpirali nacije, postavljeni pred sodišče, bi obravnave trajale več let.

Uradniki justičnega departamenta so uverjeni, da se bo vprašanje procesa proti japonskim vojnim zločincem samo rešilo. Oni pričakujejo masne samomore med vojnimi lordi, ko bo Japonska prosila za mir.

V prvi svetovni vojni so se silšale zahteve, da mora nemški kavez prititi pred sodišče, toda zgodilo se mu ni ničesar. On je prebil leta po zaključku te vojne do svoje smrti v udobnosti kot izgnanec v Holandiji.

## Churchill se vrnil v London

### Poročilo o krimski konferenci

London, 20. febr. — Premier Churchill in zunanji minister Anthony Eden sta se večera vrnila v London. Na svoji poti iz Jaltje na Krimu, kjer sta se udeležila konference s predsednikom Rooseveltom in maršalom Stalinom, sta se ustavila v Kairu, Egipt, in v Atenah, Grčija.

Churchill bo ta tečen govoril v parlamentu in pojasnil zaključke, sprejete na konferenci "velike trojice". Poročilo pravi, da bo sprejel Stanislava Mikolajeviča, bivšega predsednika poljske ubežne vlade in voditelja poljske kmečke stranke.

Možnost je, da bo Mikolajevič postal član nove poljske vlade, ki bo formirana v Varšavi v smislu zaključkov krimske konference. On se je zámán trudil v naporih, da pridobi člane poljske ubežne vlade za zblizanje s sovjetsko Rusijo.

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## Domače vesti

### Is Cheswicka

Cheswick, Pa. — Dne 13. febr. je naglo umrla Frances Jerich, članica društva 586 SNPJ. Zapuška pet sinov (drugo poročilo pravi, da tri — ured.), hčer, več vnukov in dva brata (enega v Californiji). — Stevu Bogdanoviču je zgorela hiša in s hišo vred je zgorel tudi on. Bil je hrvaške narodnosti in tukaj ni imel sorodnikov. — Domov na dopust je prišel Ernie Božič.

### Nagla smrt

Ambridge, Pa. — Dne 14. febr. je naglo umrl radi vnetja možganske mrene Frank Rosenberger, star 58 let, doma iz vasi Gornje Lakovec pri Smihelu na Dolenjskem. Bil je član društva 33 SNPJ in W.B.Y. Zapuška žena, hčer, sina in brata, v starem kraju pa mater in dve sestri, ako še žive.

### Milwaški grobovi

Milwaukee, Wis. — Dne 16. februarja je umrla na svojem domu, zadeta od srčne kapi, Kristina Možina, stara 63 let in doma od Beljaka na Korolkem. V Ameriki je živela 38 let. Zapuška moža, štiri hčere, sina (pri vojakih) in tri sestre. — Dne 14. febr. je umrl Louis Švigel, star 58 let. Doma je bil nekje na Dolenjskem in v Ameriki 35 let. Zapuška sina, brata in več vnukov. — Istega dne je umrl Peter Fortuna, star 78 let, rojen pri Mokronogu na Dolenjskem, odkoder je prišel v Ameriko pred 59 leti. Nekaj let je živel v Calumetu, Mich., od leta 1912 pa v Milwaukeeju, kjer zapuška žena, tri hčere in več vnukov. Vse pogrebe je oskrbel Ermenčev pogrebni zavod.

### Nov grob v W. Va.

Shinnston, W. Va. — Po dolgi bolezni je za rakom umrl Mat Martincic, star 61 let in rojen v Severini pri Belovaru na Hrvatskem. Član SNPJ in društva 285 je bil od leta 1912, HBZ pa od 1918. Zapuška žena, sina (pri mornarici), sinaha in dva brata.

### Is Clevelanda

Cleveland, O. — Družina John Medves je prejela vest, da je bil 29. jan. ubit v razstrelbi na otoku Guadalcanalu sin Pvt. Raymond F. Medves. K vojakom je šel februarja 1943, preko morja pa je bil poslan lanskega januarja in se je ves čas nahajal na tem otoku. — Vojaški bolnišnici Crile se nahaja z zlomljeno nogo Lt. Anna Vidensek, ki je bila 35 mesecev na Novi Gvineji, kjer je služila kot bolniška strežnica. Prišla je na šestdnevni dopust. Na povratku domov je bila 50 dni na morju, toda ko je stopila na suho, si je na ledu zlomila nogo.

## Rusi osvobodili ameriške ujetnike

### Razgovori glede repatriacije v teku

Moskva, 20. febr. — General J. Russell Deane, načelnik ameriške vojaške misije v Moskvi, je naznanil, da so ruske armade v prodiranju preko Slezije osvobodile več ameriških častnikov in vojakov, ki so se nahajali v nemških ujetniških taboriških.

Nekateri osvobojeni ameriški ujetniki so že dospeli v Lublin, Poljska, in Prago, predmestje Varšave. Deane je aranziral razgovore s sovjetskimi vojaškimi avtoritetami glede repatriacije osvobojenih ujetnikov. Pričakuje se, da se bodo ti kmalu vrnil v Ameriko.

Čez 400 ameriških častnikov in vojakov so Rusi osvobodili v Stalag-Ofllagu v bližini Bydgosca, Poljska. Med temi je 25 ameriških letalcev. Za osvobojene častnike in vojaške skrbje ruske in poljske avtoritete.

## Admiral Halsey v Washingtonu

### Svarilo pred japonskim tipanjem za mir

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — Admiral William F. Halsey, kateremu je sleherni Japonec "grda podgana" ali "grda opica", se je vrnil v Washington s Pacifika. Odzval se je pozivu admirala Kinga, vrhovnega poveljnika ameriške bojne mornarice, s katerim bo imel važne razgovore o nadaljnjih operacijah proti japonskim silam na Pacifiku.

Halsey je na sestanku s časnikarji izjavil, "da je japonska sila dobila tako strahovite udarce, da nas ne more ustaviti nikjer. Enote ameriške bojne mornarice in letalske sile kontrolirajo morje in ozračje."

Admiral je naglasil, da Amerika stoji pred kritično dobo. Biti mora oprezna pred japonskim tipanjem za mir, ne pa pred japonsko silo, ki se stalno krha pod udarci. Amerika bi storila največji zločin v svoji zgodovini, če bi zavrgla zahtevo glede brezpopojne kapitulacije Japonske.

"Bil sem eden med onimi, ki so bili uverjeni, da bo Japonska potisnjena na kolena," je rekel Halsey. "Japonski vojni lordi že vidijo pisanje na steni. Japonski industrijci, katerim je dolar vse, vedo, kaj prihaja. Ako bodo prišli na vrh in dobili kontrolo, bodo začeli tipati za mir. Ameriško ljudstvo mora vedeti, kaj prihaja, in se ne sme udajati kluzijam. Vojna se mora nadaljevati do popolne zbrobitve japonskih sil. Japonska mora dobiti nauk, da ne bo nikdar več ogražala miru."

## Poljski delavci pozdravljajo pakt

### Obsodba voditeljev poljskih organizacij

Chicago, 20. febr. — Divizija Ameriško-slovenskega kongresa in Ameriško-poljski delavski svet sta podala skupno izjavo, da se v vseh ozirih strinjata z zaključki glede bodočnosti Poljske, kateri so bili sprejeti na konferenci med predsednikom Rooseveltom, premierjem Churchillom in maršalom Stalinom v Jalti na Krimu.

Izjavo sta podpisala Leo Krzycki, predsednik Ameriško-slovenskega kongresa in podpredsednik unije Amalgamated Clothing Workers, včlanjene v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij, in Albert Krzywonos, tajnik in poddirektor jeklarske unije CIO, kakor tudi profesor J. J. Zmrhal, dr. Martin P. Sasko in Joseph K. Helmuth.

Kopije izjave so bile poslana predsedniku Rooseveltu, državnemu tajniku Stettinusu, senatorju Connallyju, načelniku senatnega odseka za zunanje zadeve, in kongresniku Bloomu, načelniku odseka za zunanje zadeve nizje kongresne zbornice.

"Mi ostro obsojamo obstrukcijske akcije voditeljev poljsko-ameriških organizacij proti zaključkom konference v Jalti," pravi izjava. "Ti so le orodje sebične klike bankrotiranih poljskih politikov, ki le ponavljajo nacistično in japonsko propagando. Ti sploh ne govorje v imenu večine ameriških Poljakov."

## Sovjetska delegacija v Sofiji

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — Radio Beograd poroča, da je sovjetska delegacija dospela v Sofijo z namenom sklenitve ekonomskega pakta z Bolgarijo. Diskuzije glede izmenjavanja blaga so se pričele in pričakuje se, da bo pakt kmalu podpisan. Bolgarska vlada je začela izvajati program kolektivnega in združnega obdelovanja zemlje pravi drugo poročilo iz Beograda.

## KONSKRIPCIJA ŽENSK V NEMČIJI ODREJENA

### Agentura DNB naglašala značilnost Hitlerjevega molka

## NEMIRI IN IZGREDI V BERLINU

London, 20. febr. — Nacijske avtoritete so odredile konskripcijo vseh žensk in deklet v starosti 16 do 60 let za pomožna dela in kooperacijo s "črno vojsko" (Volkssturm), zaeno pa so dale zagotovilo, "da bodo izvajale načrt, ki nas bo potegnili iz sedanje situacije, če bo ljudstvo demonstriralo svojo voljo in odločnost v borbi proti sovražnikom in ne bo obupalo."

Dekret glede mobilizacije žensk je izdal Heinrich Himmler, načelnik Gestapa, nacijske tajne policije in poveljniki notranjih sil. Distriktni voditelji nacijske stranke bodo odkazali delo ženskam. Himmler je tudi apeliral na Nemce, naj si zadrignejo pasove in trpe pomanjkanje ter vzdrže v borbi.

Nacijska časniška agentura DNB pravi, "da je Hitlerjev molk v teh dneh značilen. Čas zahteva akcije, ne govorov. Prišel bo dan, ko bo molk poplacen in takrat bomo proslavljali naše trumfe. Do tega in po tem dnevu moramo vreči vse naše težnje in hrepenenja na tehtnico mobilizirati vse energije za dosego zmage. Ljudstvo mora stati sedaj, kakor je v prošlosti, za Hitlerjem in ga podpirati v vseh ozirih brez ugovora ali obotavljanja."

Poročila iz Moskve in Stockholma omenjajo nemire in izgrede v Berlinu in drugih nemških mestih. V nekaterih so bili formirani, protinacijski in delavski odbori. Ti imajo tajne radiopostaje, na katerih nastopajo govorniki in pozivajo Nemce, naj revolvirajo in strmoglavijo Hitlerjev režim.

Švedski državljani, ki so bili evakuirani iz Berlina, so potrdili poročila, da so naciji spreminili nemško prestolnico v vojaško trdnjavo. V središču mesta, ki je bilo tarča bombardiranja iz zraka, so še divjali požari, ko so zapustili Berlin.

## Byrnes odredil omejitev zabav v nočnih klubih

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — James F. Byrnes, direktor vojne mobilizacije, je odredil, da morajo nočni klubi, gostilne, gledališča, plesne dvorane, športne arene in druga zabavišča zapreti vrata o polnoči. Odredba stopi v veljavo prihodnji ponedeljek. Namen odredbe je omejitev veseljačenja v vojnem času in porabe premoaga. Byrnes je dejal, da se zaloge premoaga hitro kréjjo.

## Stimson pritiska na senat za sprejetje načrta

Washington, D. C., 20. febr. — Vojni tajnik Henry Stimson je začel pritiskati na senat za sprejetje načrta obveznega dela. Dejal je, da zavlačevanje diskuzije ovira ameriške vojne napore. Sprejetje načrta igrirajo poveljniki ameriške armade in mornarice, opozicijo pa vodijo uradniki unij Kongresa industrijskih organizacij in Ameriške delavske federacije.

## Zborovanje progresivne rudarske unije

Springfield, Ill., 20. febr. — Tu se je pričelo zborovanje progresivne rudarske unije, včlanjene v Ameriški delavski federaciji. Na tem bodo sestavljene provizijske nove pogodbe, katere bo predložena operatorjem.

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## Pomožna akcija

Chicago, Ill. Agilni uradniki podružnice št. 2 so s sodelovanjem narodno zavednih članov in članic priredili 20. januarja t. l. dobro uspešno veselico v korist pomožne akcije WRFASSD, za kar jim gre vse priznanje. Brat Ludvik Katz, blagajnik te postojanke, je prinesel v SAN-Sov urad vsoto \$305.55, kar predstavlja čisti preostanek te prireditve.

Detroit, Mich., za podružnico št. 1 je poslala tajnica Lia Menton znesek \$66.00, katerega so nabrale sestre Kathie Junko \$35, Mary Jurca \$10, Lia Menton \$10, Mary Rant \$7 in Mary Knez \$3.

Rock Springs, Wyo. Podružnica št. 5 je priredila zabavo v korist pomožne akcije in SAN-Sa, katere čisti dobiček je znašal \$731.96. Polovica te vsote, ali \$365.98 je bila poslana pomožni akciji JPO-SS, a druga polovica SANSU.

Cleveland, Ohio. Brat Durn, tajnik podružnice št. 48, je poslal \$250.00, kar gre polovico za relief in polovico pa za SANS.

St. Louis, Mo. Brat Martin Gialusi, blagajnik podružnice št. 23, je poslal ček za \$200.00 za relief, kar je nabrala ta podružnica; od te vsote je darovala Slovenski narodni dom \$100.00.

Federacija društev SNPJ za zapadno Pensilvanijo je priredila velik shod v Pittsburghu, Pa., dne 28. januarja 1945. Na tem shodu je preostalo čistega \$694.00, od katere vsote je 30% namenjeno za SANS (\$208.20) in 70% (ali \$485.80) pa za pomožno akcijo.

Bridgeville, Pa. Samostojno društvo Slovenian Mutual Benefit Aid Society je darovalo \$25, ki je imelo biti darovano na shodu v Pittsburghu 28. jan. SAN-Su, za politično akcijo spada \$7.50, a ostalih \$17.50 pa za pomožno akcijo. Ček je poslal John Kvartich, predsednik društva.

Milwaukee, Wis. Tajnica podružnice št. 56 Mary Musich je poslala znesek \$167.00 za pomoč revežem v stari domovini. Federacija društev SNPJ za Milwaukee in okolice je darovala \$25.00. Joseph Radelj je izročil \$65.00, kar so darovali sledeči: po \$10.00: Matt Smole in Anton Ujčić; po \$5.00: John Poklar, John Jartz, John Rovšek, John J. Gole, W. C. Erman, Louis Bewitz, John Perme, A. Grascich in Walter B. Dahl. Sestra Terezija Kajtna je nabrala \$46.00 od sledečih: John Dragant in žena \$10.00. Po \$5.00: Frank Zajec, John Ocvirk, Frank Yager in žena, Andy Kemp in Terezija Kajtna. Manjše vsote je darovalo pet drugih oseb. Sestra Mary Vasil je izročila \$15.00, kar so prispevali John Jenko in žena \$10.00, L. Kovačič in žena pa \$5.00. Brat Joe Fritz je nabral in izročil \$16.00 od sledečih: Frank Florjancich \$5.00 in sedem oseb pa manjše vsote.

Indianapolis, Ind. Brat R. Medveček je poslal \$45.00, kar je nabrala ta podružnica za pomoč našemu narodu v starem kraju. Elizabeth N. J. Od tajnika podružnice št. 86 Josepha Pasariča smo prejeli vsoto \$21.00, katero so prispevali sledeči: Jo-

kar so darovali razni člani omejenega društva. Br. Fortunat Machek, tajnik št. 231 SNPJ, je poslal \$3.00, dar Martina Mahoneya. Zavedni slovenski rojak Jože Usaj, ki se štedaj kot vojni ujetnik (bil je namreč prisiljen služiti v italijanski armadi) in se nahaja v taborišču v Ogdenu, Utah, je poslal od svojega skromnega zaslužka \$8.00 za naš ubogi narod v starem kraju. Manjši znesek za relief je poslal tudi br. John Goršek, tajnik podružnice št. 15 v Springfieldu, Ill.

Vsi ti prispevki so bili sprejeti od časa našega zadnjega izkaza pa do 13. februarja.

Vsem darovalcem in nabiralcem naj bo v imenu pomožne akcije WRFASSD izrečena naša najiskrenejša zahvala! Mirko G. Kužel, tajnik.

## Od časa do časa

poroča in komentira Milan Medveček

Društvo Slavija št. 1 SNPJ ima najbrže najpestrejšo zgodovino med vsemi društvi SNPJ. Tajnik in gonilno kolo tega društva je bil veliko let Tone Trojar, sedaj pa je tajnik njegov brat John. Tone je namreč z izvolitvijo v izvršilni odbor SNPJ moral resignirati s tajniškega mesta, ker tako določajo pravila SNPJ. Zakaj imamo tako točko pravil, mi ni znano. Eksekutivni odbornik lahko dela na društveni veselici za baro ali prodaja vstopnice ali kaj podobnega, a društveni odbornik ne more biti.

Pri Slaviji so člani tudi nekateri naši vodilni eksekutivni odborniki. K temu zgodovinskemu društvu spada sedaj tudi pisec, kar si šteje v čast. Poprjem sem bil član pionirskega društva št. 5 v Clevelandu, sedaj št. 1. Nekateri moji prijatelji so menili, da bi prestopil k angleško govorečemu društvu, pa sem si mislil, da stara društva bolj potrebujejo mlado kri, samo moja ni več tako mlada.

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Časopisje je še vedno polno komentarjev o konferenci, ki jo je imela velika trojica, Roosevelt, Stalin in Churchill, v Jalti na Krimu. V splošnem so komentarji optimistični, le Poljaki, v prvi vrsti reakcionarni Poljaki, se jeze nad rezultatom konference.

Ako revidiramo situacijo glede prilik za trajen mir danes in jo primerjamo s položajem po prvi svetovni vojni, vidimo, da je veliko več zglede za trajen mir. Po tej vojni bosta igrali v Evropi dominantni vlogi velesili Rusija in Amerika in upati je, da ne bosta ponovili napak, ki sta jih naredili po prvi vojni Francija in Anglija.

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# IZ GIBANJA SANSa in JPO-SS

## SEJA POSTOJANKE ŠT. 25 SANSa

Chicago, Ill.—Redna seja postojanke št. 25 SANSa se bo vršila v četrtek, 22. februarja, v dvorani SNPJ. Pričetek ob osmih zvečer. Seja bo važna in je potrebno, da ste vsi člani in članice navzoči. Vabljeni ste tudi člani, ki se sedaj niste člani SANSa, da pristopite. Članarjina je \$2 letno. Kdor hoče biti član te pomembne politične organizacije, mora spadati k eni ali drugi postojanki. Rokjaki in drugi postojanke, pridružite se k št. 25 SANSa. Pridite na zgoraj omenjeno sejo.

V ponedeljek, 5. februarja, se je vršil sestanek čikaških postojank SANSa. Izvoljen je bil Zdrženi odbor, katerega tajnik je spodaj podpisani.

V nedeljo, 29. aprila, se bo vršila velika priredba pod avspicij telega odbora, in sicer v Češki dvorani na 1438 W. 18th St. Popolnoma bo pevski in glasbeni program in igra "Mati", ki jo je spisal Mile Klopčič, ki jo povzeta iz partizanskih bojev v stari domovini, katerih se je sam udeleževal. Po končanem programu bo pa prosta zabava in ples. V kratkem bomo razposlali na društva vstopnice. Želimo, da nam greste na roko in vse razpečate, ker ves dobiček te priredbe bo šel za takojšnji pomoč ljudem v stari domovini. Izdali bomo tudi programsko knjižico; kdor more, naj nam pomaga dobiti oglase. Za informacije se obrnite na spodaj podpisanega ali pa na zastopnike lokalnih podružnic. Oddali bomo tudi dvoje nagrad in sicer: na roke spleten namizni prt v vrednosti \$75, katerega sta napravili sestri Cerkeney in Simon, in vojni bond za \$25. Več o tej priredbi bomo še pisali. Glavno je, da si zapomnite datum in pomagajte na ta ali drug način, da bo priredba velik uspeh. In ne samo to, ampak tudi iskrena, solidarna demonstracija čikaških in okoliških Slovencev za pomoč našim bratom in sestram v stari domovini.

Louis Zorko, tajnik, 2657 S. Lawndale ave., Chicago 23, Ill.

## GLAS IZ SAN FRANCISCA

San Francisco, Calif. — Pred kratkim smo tukaj ustanovili krajevno podružnico WRFA, SSD, katere namen je nabirati obleke, denar in druge potrebščine za pomoč južnim Slovanom v stari domovini, in da seznaniti tukajšnje južne Slovence kakor tudi občinstvo drugih narodnosti o potrebi za skupno akcijo za takojšnji pomoč. Akoravno ta nova podružnica ni še med prvimi v Ameriki, je upanje, da postane ena največjih v bodočih nekaj mesecih.

Na klic te mlade organizacije se je odzvalo lepo število rodoljubov, kateri so prispevali precejšnjo vsoto denarja, kar je veliko pripomočilo, da je odbor podružnice določil, da prispeva za mesec februar \$1.000. Ta vsota je bila odposlana že v prvi polovici meseca.

Za zbiranje obleke in drugih potrebščin je odbor določil, da se bodo paketi sprejemali od preklica na sledečih naslovih: Slovenski dom, 2101 Mariposa st., John Franulovich, 264 Missouri st., International Book Store, 1400 Market st., Adriatic Cafe, 1318 Polk st., Louis & Co., 1271 Mission st., John Vojich, 1960—15th st. Čitatelji Prosvete so vljudno prošni, da vpoštevajo ta navodila in prisrejo čim več obleke, katero bodo članice Slovenskega ženskega sveta in članice Hrvatskega ženskega sveta popravile in odposlale v New York City.

Naše žene in dekleta rade delajo in pomagajo vsak čas, kadar jim je mogoče. Odposlale so že več pošiljatev, kar je hvale vredno in zaslužijo, da jim gremo na roko s tem, da prinesemo čevlje in obleke, ki je porabljiva in v primerno dobrem stanju. Slovenski ženski svet ima posebno kampanjo v mesecu marcu. Priporočamo Slovincem na slovenskem hribu, da z njimi sodelujejo. Denarni prispevki se tudi sprejemajo na zgoraj omenjenih naslovih. Za več podatkov o tem lahko pokličete tajnika podružnice Matta Spolarja, Atwater 2059.

Bratje in sestre, ne pozabimo naših rodni bratov in sester v stari domovini, ki trpijo in kličejo nas na pomoč. Mnogi novorojeni slišati njih obupnih klicov, toda na take trdosrčne se ne smemo ozirati. Glavno je, da mi, kateri jih silišimo, naredimo svojo dolžnost.

Na zadnji seji podružnice je bilo sklenjeno, da se povabi vsa naša društva in patriotične rojake na konferenco, katere se bo vršila v nedeljo popoldne, dne 18. marca, v Češki dvorani, 739 Page st. Namen te konference je, da se širo javnost seznanijo o cilju in namenu te organizacije ter se povabi vsa društva južnih Slovanov za skupno akcijo. Vsa društva so prošena, da pošljejo najmanj po enega delegata na to konferenco. Posredovanju vseh društev za sodelovanje v skupni akciji.

V soboto večer, dne 7. aprila, podružnica priredi banket in zabavo v dvorani Češkega Sokola, 739 Page st. Vstopnice so po \$2 za osebo. Ves dobiček te priredbe bo za pomoč našim v statrem kraju.

Za publicijski odsek: Anthony Kastelic.

## APĚL NA DETROITSKE JUGOSLOVANE

Detroit, Mich. — Jugoslovani, živeči v Detroitu in okolici, so prošni, da oddajo, ako še niso, našemu odboru obleko, obutev in druge potrebščine, kot so konservirano mleko, čokolada in mlo. Slednje tri potrebščine so še posebno potrebne.

Časa imamo še samo dva tedna, kajti po preteku dveh tednov ne bomo mogli nadlegovati ljudi po hišah, ker taka je vladna odredba. Zato je bil izvoljen poseben odbor, v katerem so zastopane vse jugoslovanske narodnosti, za namenom, da gremo takoj na delo in napravimo po hišah kampanjo, da bi zbrali čim več obleke za reveže v stari domovini.

Blago oz. obleko in druge potrebščine po možnosti pripeljite v Slovenski narodni dom na John R, ali pa mene pokličite po telefonu in bom prišla iskat, še bolj priporočljivo pa je, da sami pripeljete na moj dom, kajti meni gasolina nič ne preostaja, ker ga dobim samo dva galona na teden. Na vsak način pa prosim, da me obvestite v primeru, da imate kaj omenjenih potrebščin na roki. Moj naslov je: Katherine Krainz, 17838 Hawthorne ave., Detroit 3, Mich., telefon pa Tw. 1-7795.

V mesecu januarju so darovali sledi za pomožno akcijo: Društvo št. 121 SNPJ \$10 in enako vsoto Joseph in Mali Koršič, John in Kathrine Krainz \$5, sedem oseb pa je darovalo manjše vsote. Skupaj \$40.

Kathrine Krainz, tajnica religije akcije za obe postojanki.

## NA DELU ZA STARO DOMOVINO

Library, Pa.—Sporočamo, da smo pred kratkim časom nabrali razne obleke in čevlje (1750 funtov) in vse skupaj odpeljali v Pittsburgh, odkoder bodo odposlali naprej v New York.

Imeli smo veliko potov in dela, zato naj prejmejo najlepšo zahvalo vsi nabiralci in darovalci, posebno pa Felix Jurjevic, kateri je skrbel, da je bila obleka zložena v zaboje. Največ pa se je trudil in delal Jacob Dolence, kateri je skupaj dovažal in pomagal pri nabiranju in zložitvi v zaboje, nazadnje pa vse skupaj odpeljal v Pittsburgh, poleg tega pa je tudi sam daroval največ blaga.

Od časa, ko smo pričeli pobirati denarne prispevke za pomoč stari domovini, smo nabrali približno \$800, kar je bilo vse odposlano na pristojno mesto.

Library izobraževalni, zabavni in podp. dom je s pomočjo vseh tukajšnjih društev dobil na razpolago "Library Show" za dne 27. februarja in ves čisti dobiček je namenjen za staro domovino. Vstopnice so po 50c in se jih dobi pri vseh članih, ki so pooblašeni za to. Njih želja je, da jih čim več prodajo, ker dan osvoboditve je blizu in potreba je velika!

Nick Triller, tajnik št. 386.

## NAZNANILO GLEDE NABIRANJA OBLEKE

Herminal, Pa.—Kakor je že poročala sestra Fradel v zapisniku westmorelandske federacije društve SNPJ, je federacija sklenila, da bo še nadalje plačala za prevoz nabrane obleke do skladišča v New Yorku. Plačala bo tudi za prevoz iz raznih naselbin, ako tamkajšnji rokji ne morejo sami robe pripeljati na dom podpisaneja.

Najbolj pripravno je, da pripeljete obleko zvečer, na primer med šest in osmo uro, kajti čez dan moje žene ni doma, ker dela od šeste ure zjutraj pa do šeste ure zvečer. Čez dan je sicer doma nevesta, toda lahko se zgodi, da bi šla prav tisti trenotek po kakih opravkih.

Kakor čitamo poročila, so pričeli prevažati obleko z ameriški parniki do Italije, odtam pa jo bodo spravili naprej v Jugoslavijo partizani, oziroma jugoslovanske oblasti. Vse kaže, da bo kmalu zasijalo sonce svobode nesrečni Jugoslaviji.

Sestra Fradel je poročala, da je bila na federacijski seji kritika proti meni glede zbiranja obleke in denarnih prispevkov. Res je, da je sprožil kritiko blagajnik federacije brat Alex Skerly, namreč, da bi moralo biti zbirališče za obleko v Greensburgu in ne v Herminieju, ter da je pisec preveč hitel z odpošiljativjo, namesto da bi čakal, da bi zbrali skupaj za poln železniški voz itd.

Brat Zornik je dobro odgovorjal na kritiko. Povedal je, da je bila sklicana posebna federacijska seja v Herminieju in vsa društva so bila pisмено povabljena in tudi v Prosveti je bilo objavljeno naznanilo. Na tisti seji je bilo sklenjeno, naj bo skladišče v Herminieju pri podpisaneju. Zaključeno je tudi bilo, da je na dan 15. novembra zadnji dan za odpošiljatev, ker se je računalo, da bi blago dospelo pravočasno v pristanišče, kjer je imela čakati jugoslovanska ladja.

Kar pa se tiče mojega dopisa o prispevkih, pa ga naj prizadeti čitajo še enkrat. Priobčen je bil dne 12. decembra. V dopisu je poročano, da je brat Skerly pomagal pri tem koristnem delu. Izpuščena pa je bila naselbina Latrobe. Brat Fradel je pripeljal obleko od svoje družine in menda še od nekoga drugega. Pomota na je bila glede sestre Dablak. Njihova naselbina se namreč imenuje Prenizer in ne Primrose, a to napako nisem storil jaz, temveč tiskarski škrat. Nepravilno je bilo zapisano tudi ime Matt Maurovich iz Greensburga.

Priobčiti popolno in perfektno poročilo je nemogoče, kajti vzelo bi preveč prostora, vendar pa je bilo potrebno, da so bila priobčena imena oseb, ki so ves teden pomagale sortirati obleko v Herminieju, med njimi so bile tudi osebe, ki niso člani naših organizacij in ne naše narodnosti. Torej je bilo več kot pravi-

lino, da sem objavil njih imena. Njih imena sem hotel tudi objaviti v lokalnem časopisu v Irwinu, toda urednik jih je odklonil, objavil pa je imena naselbin, katere so zbirale in posilale robo v Herminie. Pdpisani je storil svojo dolžnost, kakor vedno, ter storil vse, kar je bilo v njegovi moči. Vsi pa veste, da Prosveta nima toliko prostora, da bi objavila imena vseh oseb, ki so darovali obleko in druge potrebščine. Moje poročilo je bilo dve koloni dolgo, kar je jasen dokaz, da nam da Prosveta veliko prostora na razpolago. Komur je res križana Jugoslavija pri srcu, tisti ne bo zahteval, da mora ves svet vedeti, da je daroval za staro domovino, temveč bo prispeval v prvi vrsti za svoje drage.

Na drugi strani pa imamo ljudi, ki menda niso nam in listu posebno naklonjeni, zato kritizirajo, češ, da list piše vse preveč o stari domovini in da je vse preveč imen v Prosveti.

Ko pišem te vrstice, še ni zaključena konferenca velike trojice. Podpisani imam polno zupanje v veliko trojico. V kratkem pa se bo vršila mednarodna konferenca v San Franciscu. Anton Zornik, tajnik federacije.

## Vojni sklad Rdečega križa

Washington, D. C. — Mesec marec je mesec Rdečega križa. Tekom marca bo v teku zbiranje letošnjega vojnega sklada Rdečega križa v vsoti \$200.000. Kampanja zbiranja za Rdeči križ ni bila še nikdar prej toliko važnosti, kajti potreba delovanja te organizacije bo ostala še dolgo potem, ko bodo utihnili topovi in se bodo meči prelili v lemeže. Po zaključeni sovravnosti bo namreč vzelo še mesece predno se bodo povrnil vsi naši fantje in može iz vojske. Nekateri bodo ostali v bolnišnicah za daljšo dobo okrevanja. Tam bo morala biti na razpolago pomoč Rdečega križa, ker so toliko žrtvovali v tej borbi.

Veterani te vojne, ki se bodo vrnil v civilno življenje, bodo enako potrebovali pomoči medtem, ko si bodo zopet skušali urediti življenje v novih razmerah ter bodo spet zavzeli svoja mesta v industriji, poljedelstvu in drugod.

Družine naših vojakov, njihove žene, otroci, prijetni starši, vsi ti morajo biti v potrebi praskrbljeni, da ne trpe pomanjkanja v teh težkih časih.

Vojni begunci in sirote potrebujejo pomoči—pomoči, kakršno more v tem od vojne razdejane svetu nuditi le Rdeči križ.

In medtem, ko je treba zadoštili tem zahtevam časa, se pa doma nadaljuje pomožno delo Rdečega križa, kot v slučajih naravnih katastrof, v vežbanju pomožnih bolničark, poučevanju v domači bolniški postrežbi itd. Potreba pomoči ostane tudi, ko prestane grmenje topov in Rdeči križ more nadaljevati svoje delo usmiljenja in pomoči, ako ima podporo od ljudstva. Amerikanci slovenskega porekla so v tem pogledu vedno storili svojo dolžnost in Rdeči križ se obračuna nanje tudi letos.

## LISTNICA UREDNIŠTVA

Witt, Ill.—J. H.: Vi ste v pravem, kolikor ne tiče prvega vprašanja. Glede drugega vprašanja nam je znano le toliko, da spada predsednik med bogataše.

Hackett, Pa.—L. L.: Do koliko penzije ste upravičeni, boste dobili najbolj točne informacije, če pišete na Social Security Board, Information Department, Washington, D. C.

## Jalta in ameriška politika

Napisal Donald Bell

Strokovnjaki politike, ki čitajo obširni uradni dokument o krimski konferenci, nimajo nobenih težav pri izsleditvi onih delov izjave, katere je narekoval predsednik Roosevelt. Pročevanje tega dokumenta s tega vidika nam pokaže, da je ameriška politika prožna in da je bila nekoliko spremenjena, ne da bi izgubila svoje splošne in za dolgo dobo začetne smernice. Tu se je pokazalo, da je mogoče napraviti kompromis—in kompromisni sporazum je bila edina in najboljša možnost na tem sestanku treh velesil—brez škode za moralna načela in ideološka prepričanja, ki so nam draga.

Ako si ogledamo poročilo, moramo pred vsem pomisliti na sporne zadeve, ki so delile tri velike zaveznike prave v trenutku, ko se je konferenca začela. Obstajalo je sumničenje na pram Sovjetski Rusiji, da namerava s silo uvesti v vzhodnoevropskih deželah posebne politične in socialne režime—pred vsem v Jugoslaviji in na Poljskem. Glede Nemčije se je celo trdilo, da ima Kremlin namen pretvoriti tako zvani odbor svobodnih Nemcev v nekakšno svetovsko kvzlinško vlado. V zadevi povojne organizacije miru pa je prevladovalo mnenje, da zahtevajo Rusi popolni veto proti vsem odločitvam odbora za varnost, ter da so na ta način sabotirali temelje te bodoče mednarodne institucije.

Veliki Britaniji pa so očitali, da si prizadeva razširiti svoj vpliv in da namerava zgraditi blok zapadnih držav. Ta svoj načrt je poskušala izvesti s tem, da je podpirala monarhistične režime v osvobojenih deželah in skušala viliti Belgijcem svojo posebno kvzlinško vlado.

Zedinjenim državam pa so očitali, da moralizirajo, obenem pa prepuščajo Evropo njeni usodi, ker nečejo prevzeti nobene odgovornosti.

V vsem tem je nekaj resnice in nasprotja so obstojala zares. Toda, kar je glavno, ta nasprotja so premostena—predsednik Roosevelt pa je največ doprinesel k temu, da so rešitve pametne in obetajo dobro tudi za bodočnost.

Poljska je bila klinični slučaj. Amerika se ni nikdar zavzemala za podrobna vprašanja meja. Mi ne moremo in tudi nečemo jamčiti meja tako daleč od nas. Pač pa smo hoteli zamčiniti obstoj zares neodvisne in demokratične poljske države. V tem pa smo tudi popolnoma uspešni. Jamstva glede splošne volilne pravice in tajnega glasovanja so jasna in določna in tudi—ameriška. Izvedba te obljube tudi ne bo izključno v rokah nezaščitnih poljskih prvakov, temveč bo ostala trajno pod nadzorstvom treh velikih prvakov. Anglija in Amerika ne bosta zapustili Poljske čim bodo volitve končane, ker bodo njih poslaniki poročali domov, kaj se godi na Poljskem.

Precej slične je tudi sporazum glede Jugoslavije.

Najvažnejša točka vseh teh razprav je bila seveda Nemčija. Prišlo je do omejitve pojmov v pogledu nemškega ljudstva in nemških militaristov in naciov. Z velikim poudarkom naglašeni namen, da je treba s koreninami izriniti in pokončati nemški militarizem, bo usodno zadel odbor nemških častnikov v Moskvi. Nemški generali ne morejo več postati prvaki demokratične Nemčije. Končana je njihova propaganda, da bo Nemčija obdržala nekakšno "demokratično" armado. Nemčija ne bo imela nobene armade več. Tu je popustil Stalin, ki je v novembru leta 1942 dejal, da bo "vedno obstojala nemška armada", in je pozneje dopustil, da so nemški generali preko radia govorili nemškemu narodu.

Malo je tudi ostalo upanja nemškimi industrialistom. Komisija za reparacije bo poslovala v Moskvi—to pa je priznanje, da imajo Rusi na prvem mestu pravico do poravnave prizadejane škode. Vse nacistične in militaristične ustanove bodo odstranjene iz nemškega gospodarskega življenja. Mislim, da to niso prazne besede—ako pa niso prazne, potem pomenijo, da je zmagalo rusko in ameriško naziranje,

da so nemški karteli in veleindustrije krive, da so podpirale nacistični režim. Angleži so bili mnenja, da so industrialci čisto nepolitična človeška bitja.

Nemčija pa tudi ne bo izgubila vse svoje industrije. "Reparacije v čim večjem obsegu" je izraz, ki ne more pomeniti le nekaj delavskih bataljonov, ki bi bili poslani na vzhod. Nemčija bo torej morala delati in proizvajati. To je najbrže pobotanje med ruskim in ameriškim naziranjem, ki je potem obveljal proti angleškim in francoskim načrtom glede Porurja. Angleški cilj je bil namreč, da je treba Porurje vključiti v zapadnoevropski blok, ki bi tako postal industrijsko enakovreden Ameriki sami, dočim namerava De Gaulle skrbeti za to, da pride Porurje in Porenje—na ta ali oni način—pod vrhovno nadzorstvo Francije.

Napram Evropi v celoti je Amerika storila veliko gesto, da je opustila svoje stališče popolnega nevmešavanja. Britanija in Rusija pa sta morali zato opustiti svoje interesne sfere. Že večkrat sem poudarjal, da naša politika nevmešavanja nikakor ne pomeni, da hočemo nazaj v predvojni svet, ali predvojni izolacionizem. S to politiko smo pokazali ravno nasprotno, da se živo zanimamo za evropske razmere. Hotelo smo prepričati, da pride do razdelitve Evrope v rusko in angleško interesno sfero.

Cilj te naše politike je zdaj dosegčen. Od zdaj naprej bo vladala neke vrste zmes ali kombinacija anglo-ruske politike vmešavanja in ameriške politike nevmešavanja. Atlantski čarter je bil nanovo potrjen, prav posebno pa oni del, ki jamči vsem narodom, da imajo pravico, da si sami izberejo ono obliko vlade, katero želijo. Kravve revolucije in trajni nemiri pa morajo prestat. Kjer bo intervencija potrebna, bo izvedena od vseh treh velesil skupaj. Prvi rezultat je bil novi belgijski kabinet, v katerem se nahajajo desničarski katoliki in tudi komunisti. Drug rezultat je mirovna pogodba med vlado in osvobodilnim gibanjem na Grškem. Težav bo še mnogo, toda zdaj obstajajo vsaj postopek in načelne smernice, po katerih jih bo mogoče rešiti.

Tudi nesporazum glede glasovanja v vrhovnem svetu mirovne organizacije po vojni je bil rešen. Natančno še ne vemo kako, vsaj v vseh podrobnostih ne, toda tudi tukaj je ameriška roka pisala dokument. Prihodnja tozadevna konferenca bo zopet na ameriških tleh. Prva liga narodov je bila ameriška ideja, katero pa je ameriški narod zavrgel. Sedanja ameriška ideja je modernizirana in popravljena—izdelana pa bo do zadnjega na ameriških tleh. Pred vsem pa je jasno, da bo edinstvo treh velesil, ki je zmagala v vojni, trajala naprej v miru.—ONA.

## Odhod jugoslovanske vlade v domovino

London (ONA). — General Vladimir Velebit, ki je bil načelnik vojaške misije maršala Tita v Londonu, bo odšel v domovino istočasno s člani jugoslovanske vlade. Vsi člani vlade si bodo po svojih najboljših močeh prizadevali, da najbrže rešitev težkega in zamotanega vprašanja regentov, ki je posebno boedeče radi tega, ker bodo regenti morali sodelovati z narodno osvobodilnim pokretom v protifasističnem svetu, ki bo opravljal delo parlamenta do sestanka ustavodajne skupščine.

Narodno osvobodilni pokret sam pa tudi želi ugodno rešitev, ker bi bilo sicer potrebno, da se sestavi vlada, ki ne bi bila priznana od kralja. S tem pa bi se še nadalje zakasnila ureditev normalnega političnega življenja, posebno pa še v pogledu zunanjih odnosov.

Baje je kraljev odpor napram regentom, ki so bili predlagani, bolj osebnega kot političnega značaja. Vsem voditeljem starih jugoslovanskih političnih strank so vrata nazaj v domovino široko odprta—predsednik Šubašič je baje povabil vse, naj se obenem z vlado podajo nazaj.

Vse kaže, da se na Balkanu pripravlja ustanovitev balkanske federacije, ali koalicije. Kadar Jugoslovani zdaj govorijo avtonomni Macedoniji pa vendar mislijo le na jugoslovanski del Macedonije. V vseh sosednjih deželah je politični razvoj še preveč nejasen, tako da bo treba počakati, da se razmere ustalijo.

Celokupna jugoslovanska zunanja politika je utemeljena na osnovah popolne narodne neodvisnosti. Najbolje je to razvidno iz dejstva, da so odnosi z Rusijo na isti stopnji kot z Britanijo in Zedinjenimi državami. To dejstvo priznava tudi maršal Tito sam.

Jugoslavija bo zahtevala preureditev svojih meja na severu, na meji z Avstrijo in tudi na zahodu, na Primorskem in tržaškem okraju. Te zahteve bodo stavljene na podlagi narodnostnih in gospodarskih razlogov.

V Prosveti so dnevne svetovne in delavske vesti. Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

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Pueblo, Colo.—V soboto, 27. januarja, ob pol petih popoldne je bil ustanovljen mladinski krožek društva Orel št. 21 SNPJ.

Sejo je odprl Valentin Udovih, kateri je sprejel tečajno delo voditelja krožka. V svojem govoru je natančno razložil mladini pomen krožka...

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Zatema se je vsa skupina dala fotografirati. Slika je dobro posneta. Naj zopet opozorim na ples, katerega bo priredilo društvo Orel dne 4. marca.

Tukajšnji dramski klub Zora bo imel ples 11. marca, kateri se bo vršil v istem prostoru in igrala bo ista godba. Vsi prijatelji so povabljeni.

Na nogi je bila operirana Barbara Petrič. Edward Kovacich je sporočil iz bolnišnice, da mu bodo morali nogo, ki je bila odstrojena, odrezati še nadaljnjih šest palcev.

Rose Marie Starcer je imela škrlatico, redko bolezen za odrasle. Pri družini Mary Zagar, omožena Catulli, so dobili hčerko, prav tako pri Jennie Martinelli, našo družino pa dve majhni članici.

Vsi omenjeni so naši člani in članice, razen Joeva Kovacicha. Mala, dveletna Mary Jane Dolak je padla s steklenico za mleko v roki tako nesrečno, da si je prerezala žile za pestjo na tako čuden način, da je vsa zdravniška pomoč ni mogla rešiti.

Z južnega Pacifika je prišel na dopust za 30 dni Fr. Knafelic, sin Primoža in Agnes Knafelic. V bolnišnici Parkview, kjer je bil operiran, se zdravi br. Zupancich, mož Lojzke Zupancič, tajnice št. 299 SNPJ iz Walsenburga.

Meni se čudno vidi, zakaj polemika med Molkom in Gardnom vzbudi opazke in zakaj pri nekaterih ni priljubljena. Vsaka polemika je zanimiva; človek vidi obe strani in kar ne razume, se mu razčisti, kakor pravi naš rojak Frank Erlich.

Nerazumljivo je tudi, zakaj toliko godrnjanja radi SANSa in imen prispevateljev. Vsak dopis je zanimiv za naselbino, iz katere pride. Vsakdo, ki kaj daruje, rad vidi, da drugi vedo, da je pokazal, da mu bje srce za rodno gruo, kar je popolnoma pravilno.

Sploh je življenje dopisovalca težavno. Nekaj zapiše, kar se vidi njemu prav. Oho, to pa že ni prav njegovemu sosedu. Popolnoma narobe je, tako bi moralo biti, a ne tako kot je bilo zapisano! To mu pa ne pride na misel, da bi sam vzel pero v roke in napisal kot se njemu stvar

zdi. Kadar dopisovalec piše, piše samo svoje mnenje, ne pa mnenja cele naselbine in je odgovoren samo za sebe, ne za vse. Da vsi včasih krivo mislimo, je pa tudi neizogibno.

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Če se kdo spomni v dopisih še kake druge naselbine, je seveda zanimivo še za koga drugega izven naselbine. Jaz sem bila prav zadovoljna, ko se je moje "kiklje" spomnila sestra Sylvia Skedel. Saj vem, da še kateri drugi prebere moj dopis.

Mrzlo vreme smo imeli samo nekaj dni, nam se je seveda videlo večnost, sedaj je pa zopet gorko. Tisti mrz je pa prav, da je bil, če bi ga ne bilo, bi se naši bacili preveč razmnožili, pravi strokovnjaki.

Clinton, Ind.—Vse kaže, kakor da se bo Clinton zopet malo opomogel. Spomladi l. 1942 so tukaj pričeli za gradnjo tovarne za vojno produkcijo, novembra istega leta pa so odslovili vse delavce in prenehali z gradnjo.

V primeru, da brat John Trupez iz San Francisco, Cal., čita Prosveto, ali pa če ga kdo pozna, naj mu pove, naj piše društvu št. 213 SNPJ in pošlje svoj naslov. On se pritožuje, da ne dobi odgovora glede assessmenta.

Da smo malo zboljšali finančno stanje društvene blagajne, smo dne 10. februarja priredili veselico, katerega se je prav dobro obnesla. Uspeh smo imeli tako lep zato, ker so se člani in članice tako marljivo trudili.

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Vse to me vodi v prepričanje, da si zelo hladna do gibanja, ki se vrši po vseh naših državah v korist Slovencev v stari domovini.

Kar pa se tiče mojega vmešavanja v vaše društvene zadeve, nisi v pravem. Člani vašega društva so mi priča, da se jaz še nikoli nisem vmešaval v vaše društvene zadeve. Zopet nekaj dolarjev za Slovence. Priobči vsa imena v javnost, ki mislijo, da se jaz vmešavam v vaše društvene zadeve, gotovo, z dokazi.

Lepa beseda lepo mesto najde. Joseph Turk, predsednik podružnice št. 28 SANSa.

DA SE POJMI IZČISTIJO Bon Air, Pa.—V Prosveti z dne 24. jan. t. l. smo čitali dopis iz naše naselbine, namreč kritiko od naše tajnice. Ne vem za kak se tako jezi in pritožuje, da kakšne težave ima tajnik v kiklji. Zakaj pa prevzame, ako je pretežavno zanjo? Med tistimi člani, katere ona naziva starokopitneže, je precejšnje število ustanoviteljev, kateri so se skupaj zbrali pred 29 leti in ustanovili društvo 254 SNPJ, katero so z veseljem in pošteno vodili lepo vrsto let, delali so roka v roki in društvo se je tudi lepo razvijalo.

Par let pozneje so šli skozi najkrutejšo bolezen in zgodovini, kateri je le par članom prizanesla. Takoj za tistim se prišle stavke malo pozneje nepopisna depresija. (Ali to niso bile težave?) Vse je mirno brez reklame preneslo. Malo katero prošnjo smo odklonili, en čas smo imeli malo mesečno doklado, od časa do časa smo imeli kako zabavo. Na vse načine smo si pomagali, da smo preboleli skozi, in tudi uradniki niso gledali za plače.

Kar se tiče družinske afere, tisto pa ne gre nikomur nič v nos (vsak je svoje sreče kovač). Kar je meni znano, vem, da je vsakdo skrbel za svojo družino, kolikor je najbolj mogel. Ni pa na vsem svetu zakonskega para, da ne bi nikdar prišlo nič navzkriž.

Ako je slutila kakšno podtalno spletkarstvo proti odboru, zakaj ni prinesla na prvi društveni seji na dan. Kakor je razvidno v drugem odstavku dopisa, se je delalo prav obratno. Odbor ni zaupal članstvu, zato ni prinesel vsega na dan. Članstvo je odgovorno za društvene stroške, za plačujemo mesečno doklado, torej moramo zaupati drug drugemu.

Kar se tiče Joeva Turka, kateri je bil tudi napaden v dotičnem dopisu (on je gentleman), je poznan tudi izven naše države kot odbornik pri različnih organizacijah. On je bil prvi, ki je ustanovil postojanko SANSa v tukajšnji okolici, povabil vse odbornike bližnjih društev in raznih organizacij, ki so se priložno dobro odzvali na prvi sestanek, pozneje pa so nekateri pozabili vključevati od našega društva. Pri našem društvu je bila večina mnenja, da bi šla naša tajnica od hiše do hiše pobirati denarne prispevke. Njen odgovor je bil, da ona tega ne prevzame, nag gre kdor hoče. Tako je ostalo pozabljeno, dokler ni sam br. Turk prišel pokolektirati. Ko je bila druga kolekta, sem jaz prevzel in še precej nabral, zakar vsem darovalcem lepa hvala. Ko je bilo pa pobiranje obleke, je pa zopet br. Turk naredil dva tripa, delal noč in dan, da je bilo vse v redu in odposlano na pristojno mesto. Zdej je pa še kritiziran od osebe, ki ni še nič naredila v to svrhu. Kaj bi človek sam sebe tako povzdigoval brez vsake podlage, druge pa podcenjeval. Metlo v roke in naj vsakdo najprvo pred svojim pragom počisti. Joseph Widmar.

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Ne mislimo teden za tednom brenkati na iste strune, ker enoličnost postane kmalu monotona. Človek ljubi raznoličnost, kajti v tem je življenje. Vendar pa bomo ta članek še posvetili mladinskim krožkom, kajti njih razvoj je važen za bodočnost jednote. In potreben je večji razvoj krožkov kot smo ga videli v preteklosti.

Nobenega dvoma ni, da je polje dovolj široko za večji razmah mladinskih krožkov. Jednota ima okrog 600 aktivnih društev starejše in mlajše generacije in 21 federacij. Ta društva se nahajajo v približno 400 naselbinah širom dežele—dvanajst jih je v Kanadi v enakem številu naselbin.

Ne bomo trdili, da je v vsaki naselbini pogoj za organiziranje mladinskega krožka; v malih naselbinah z majhnimi društvi skoraj ni teh možnosti. Toda vse naselbine niso majhne, kakor tudi ne vsa društva. Pretežna večina jednotlivih društev šteje več kot 50 članov in tudi več kot 15 ali 20 članov v mladinskem oddelku.

Seveda otroci niso vsi slovenskih staršev ali slovenskega pokolenja. Ampak to ni važno, kajti tukaj rojeni otroci na splošno ne poznajo druge narodnosti kot—ameriške, vsaj pa ne drugega jezika kot angleškega. Otrok se sicer lahko zaveda, da je sin ali hčer tujerodnih staršev ali pa potomec prednikov te ali druge narodnosti, toda njegova narodnostna zavest je predvsem ameriška. To zavest najdete tudi pri tukaj rojenih otrokih, katere sta mati in oče naučila več ali manj tudi svojega jezika, pa naj bo že slovenski, hrvaški ali kakršen koli. To je pač neizogibno, kajti na otrokovo mišljenje ima največji vpliv šola, kakor tudi druge okolščine, v katerih živi—občevanje z drugimi otroci, ameriški tisk, šport itd.

Z drugo besedo: kakor zadnja leta sprejemamo v mladinski oddelki otroke različnih narodnosti ali boljše—narodnostnih izvorov, tako pri ustanovitvi mladinskega krožka tudi ni nobeno vprašanje narodnosti otrokovih staršev ali prednikov. Skoraj vsak obstoječi krožek ima tudi otroke drugih narodnosti, ki pa so seveda člani jednote. Enako je tudi pri angleško poslujočih društvih. Glavno je, da se člani zavedajo pomena jednote in da so aktivni v nji. Najboljše sredstvo za zainteresiranje mladine v organizacijo so pa mladinski krožki in naslednik Mladinskega lista The Voice of Youth.

Izmed 400 naselbin, v katerih ima jednota svoja društva, jih je gotovo lepo število, mogoče okrog 200, kjer so pogojji za ustanovitev mladinskega krožka. Prvi pogoj so seveda otroci, člani mladinskega oddelka. Drugi pogoj je volja članov društva za organiziranje in vzdrževanje krožka. Kjer ni te volje, ima društvo lahko še večji mladinski oddelki, ki pa je popolnoma mrtev, to je brez mladinskega krožka.—Sreča za jednote je, da je še ob pravem času ustanovila Mladinski list, ki seznanja mlade člane z organizacijo.

Glavno vprašanje je torej, kako vzbuditi zanimanje pri društvih za ustanovitev mladinskega krožka. Tega seveda ne more nihče drugi storiti kot člani sami, kajti razmah mladinskih krožkov je odvisen od zanimanja članstva in od volje društev. Ako se društva zavzamejo, lahko že v nekaj mesecih, gotovo pa pred potekom tekočega leta podvojimo ali celo potrojimo število mladinskih krožkov. To bi bilo velikega pomena za organizacijo in za vse članstvo.

Vprašanje je, kako to storiti. Prvi korak v to smer je, da društvo o tem razpravlja in stori potrebne zaključke. Člani najbolj vedo, če je v naselbini mogoče ustanoviti krožek ali ne. Naj poudarimo, da glavno je volja; kjer je volja, se da marsikaj doseči. Drugi korak je, to je, če se društvo izreče za ustanovitev krožka, da izvoli potrebni odbor, ki bo vodil vse pripravljajno delo.



David Dubinsky (levo), predsednik krožaka unije ILGW, in industrijskec Henry J. Kaiser, ki je govoril na shodu unije v prilogi sodelovanja med delavci in delodajalci za izboljšanje produkcije.



## Supreme Board Reports and Decisions

### Membership and Financial Progress of SNPJ; Convention Date Set for Aug. 13; Twentieth Anniversary of English Speaking Lodges; Various Supreme Board Decisions

The Supreme Board of the SNPJ met last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Society's headquarters in Chicago, heard reports on administration business and enacted several important decisions. Present were all board members except Bro. Lawrence Gradisek, Secretary of the Sick Benefit Department, who was suddenly taken ill, and Bro. Joseph Culkar, District Vice President of Johnstown, Pa., who was unable to leave his war work.

The Society again registered considerable progress in membership and finances in 1944. In the second half of the past year the Society gained a total of 1,928 new members in both departments. On Jan. 1, 1945, the SNPJ had 48,109 members in the adult department and 17,963 in the juvenile department; the former gained a total of 554 and the latter a total of 1,292 new members.

The total increase in assets in the second half of 1944 was \$290,707.91, and the total assets, including Prosveta and printery, were \$11,591,835.84 at the end of the year, of which \$6,441,065.93 is invested in federal securities and \$2,525,789.23 in municipal bonds.

A total of 551 members died in 1944. The greatest number of deaths resulted from heart disease (114); in second place is cancer (78), and 71 members fell in the war—previously 27, or a total of 98 soldier-members fallen in the present war up to the end of 1944. Other causes of deaths were: hemorrhage (48), apoplexy (39), pneumonia (27), accidents (23), tuberculosis (22), etc. The total mortuary insurance paid in 1944 amounted to \$387,506.50.

In 1944 the Society paid out the total amount of \$59,600 for 803 operations. Supreme Secretary Vider reported that there were fewer operations last year than the year before.

The Judicial Committee had under consideration only four cases of complaints in the second period of 1944, which means that disputes among members are steadily decreasing.

The board devoted considerable time to the next convention and the by-laws. There was a lengthy discussion concerning both of these problems. It was decided that the 13th regular convention of the SNPJ will open on August 13, 1945, in Eveleth, Minnesota, provided, of course, that the Office of Defense Transportation grants a permit to hold the convention. The executive committee was instructed to obtain the permission; in case this is denied, the committee shall ask the state authorities to grant permission to postpone the convention to a later date and to take other necessary steps to extend the life of the by-laws and the board.

The board empowered the executive committee to name three convention committees from among the convention delegates: by-laws committee of seven, credentials committee and resolutions committee, consisting of five members, each.

On the basis of previous experience the executive committee submitted recommendations for amendments to the by-laws concerning mainly technical terms because various provisions therein proved to be ambiguous, unclear and lacking. The membership will, of course, have the

opportunity from now until the convention to submit its recommendations for the improvement of the by-laws.

An appeal of lodge 109, British Columbia, Canada, to repeal the special sick benefit assessment was rejected owing to the fact that Canadian lodges are still showing a deficit.

The board decided that the SNPJ shall contribute from its special benefit fund \$5,000 to the American Red Cross, \$5,000 to Yugoslav War Relief and an equal sum to Russian War Relief. It instructed SNPJ representatives on the JRZ board of trustees to try to obtain \$4,000 from the remaining fund of \$5,000 of JRZ for SANC, which amount was earmarked some time ago for SANC.

On the recommendation of the District Vice Presidents the board decided that the Society shall observe the 20th anniversary of the founding of the English speaking lodges at the end of this year. A special date will be set for this celebration and an anniversary supplement of Prosveta will be published in English. In November, Lodge Pioneers 559, Chicago, first English speaking lodge, will be 20 years old.

The board elected the following members to serve on the National Athletic Board during 1945: John Laushe, Johnstown, Pa.; Frank Tomsic, Strabane, Pa.; John J. Spilar, Cleveland, O.; Frank J. Lotrich, Chicago, and Marko Shappeck, Milwaukee.

The board also discussed matters concerning our soldier-members and enacted several decisions which will be explained by the supreme secretary.

## Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—There is a dance coming up this Saturday night (tomorrow), Feb. 24, at our Veronian Club. Les Faulk and his orchestra will furnish the music and the admission is only 50c.

Boys home on leave were Victor Jakovac, Will Kaus, George Lipsey and George Templeton. Busiest of this foursome was George Templeton who squeezed in a marriage and honeymoon with a lovely miss whose name was McKinley. Congratulations and best wishes from the Veronians.

Three expectant mothers, that's the "Guess Who" of this week for the Veronian folks.

Mrs. Antonia Kera Bostjanec, 59, wife of Joseph Bostjanec and mother of Mrs. Jean Klause, Mrs. Mary Cassol, Josephine Kern, Matt and Louis Kern, died suddenly at her home at 160 Penn st. in Verona on Jan. 31. Mrs. Kern Bostjanec was a member of our senior SNPJ lodge 216. Our Veronian lodge 480 members extend their deepest sympathy to her family.

March 4, a Sunday, will see our juveniles having a dance at our Club. The orchestra's name will be in the next issue.

MICHAEL LIPESKY.

## Keystoners Lodge 755 Dance Is Big Success

SHARON, PA.—Keystoners lodge 755 had a very successful Valentine dance on Feb. 11, and I would like to thank all of the members who helped to make it a success.

Congratulations to Anthony Garm and Evelyn Trobentor who were married on Valentine's day. Both are members of our lodge. Anthony is now serving in the Navy and has been for the past two years.

I want to thank the Cosmopolitan orchestra for the fine music which helped to make our dance a success. I would like to see more members attend the regular monthly meetings which are held the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 p. m.

JACK ZAGGER, Sec'y.

## SNPJ Lodge No. 6 Dance Saturday

SYGAN, PA.—The newly-elected Social Committee of SNPJ Lodge No. 6 has arranged a dance for Saturday, Feb. 24. This event will mark the first appearance of Frank Ranegar and his orchestra at Sygan. Judging from reports we have received we are sure you will enjoy dancing and listening to this fine musical group.

Since our last report the following members have entered service: Angelo Pepe, Donald Manzini, Thomas Larkin, John Manzini, Lawrence Kaucic, Raymond Gasper, Clyde Keil, John Martorana, Louis Barzanty, Harry Gasper, Helen Litvak, Edward Slimick, Jacob J. Drobnik, Roland Ceriello, Marshall Ustnik, Emery Gatee, Harry Pletersek.

JOHN M. WIRANT, Sec'y.

## "Hearts" Plan Dance March 18

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Our dance of Jan. 28 was a big success. A St. Patrick's day dance will be held on March 18. Let's all plan to be there.

Sec'y Rodina received a card from John Shular of Lodge 206, telling us of one of their members, Louis Kopymeyer being in the hospital here. Four of the "Hearts" members went to visit Bro. Kopymeyer, and more will do so soon. The four members who visited him are glad to report that Bro. Kopymeyer is on the road to recovery, and they promise to visit him again real soon.

Richard Spacek, age 67, a member of the SNPJ for 39 years, passed away Feb. 7. Bro. Spacek is deeply mourned by the "Hearts of America" Lodge. Whenever called upon to hold an office, or task for the Lodge, he did so willingly. Each and every member of the SNPJ extend their deepest sympathy to the Spacek family. Surviving him is his wife, Mrs. Matilda Spacek; three sons, Pfc. Anthony, Pvt. Emil, and Pvt. Ernest; five daughters, Mrs. Matilda Kovachoff, Mrs. Antoinette Sarnoski, Mrs. Dolly Billaci, Frances and Alice Spacek.

MARY RODINA, 690.

## Attention, Members - SNPJ Lodge No. 114

ROUNDUP, MONT.—All members of SNPJ Lodge No. 114 are requested to attend the regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 4. We have important matters to discuss, and it is necessary that our lodge does something to help our people in the old country. Therefore, please don't fail to attend the meeting on March 4.

LOUIS AMBROZICH, Sec'y.

## Sygan SNPJ Lodge Plan Dance Feb. 24

SYGAN, PA.—As members of the Social Committee, SNPJ Lodge No. 6, we are pleased to inform all you dancing fans that there are quite a few dances scheduled in the near future.

The first event will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, featuring the well-known Frank Ranegar's orchestra. The dancing time is as usual—9 to 1. Each and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Let us remind you that our next meeting will be on March 4, and we would like to have more members present, as there are important decisions to be made and we need your opinions.

Remember: The date is Feb. 24 at the SNPJ hall in Sygan, Pa.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE,  
SNPJ Lodge No. 6.

Sorrows are our best educators. A man can see further through a tear than through a telescope.

Buy Bonds! Bye-Bye!

## Lodge Correspondents Please Note

Postal regulations prohibit publishing or mentioning in any way items covering raffles or games of chance to which an admission fee is charged. Papers containing this information are refused admittance to the mails. Therefore our correspondents are asked to kindly eliminate such subjects from their articles.

## Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—This is your last reminder to attend our regular monthly meeting Friday evening, Feb. 23, at the usual place, Sostarich hall, 539 S. 6th st., corner of Bruce. All those that can should make it a point to attend. These meetings are held for your benefit and pleasure. Come and voice your opinions, likes and dislikes. Our meetings have come to the point where nothing but fraternalism and good fellowship prevail. Some of you old-timers that have been missing lately, how about it? The Pinks, the Bolkas, and the Schneiders. We will be expecting you. So don't disappoint us. Have not seen little Victor around lately. Drop in and say hello to us, Vic.

### Dates to Remember

The regular Badger monthly meeting, Friday, Feb. 23, at the usual place. The benefit card party sponsored by the Fun-O-Leer Club at the Plaza Ballroom, Sunday, Feb. 25. Festivities start at 2 p. m. The address is 3000 S. 13th st., one block north of Oklahoma.

### Members in the Service

I hope that you all read the editorial in last week's issue of Prosveta on the importance of keeping our members in the service informed of our doings at home. It also stressed the fact that letters from home are the greatest morale builders of all. So, Brothers and Sisters, let's all get into the spirit of things and write to our members and keep on writing. Let's not forget them while they are gone and they won't forget us when they get back.

The addresses for this week are: Sgt. Frank Bozich, 16155739, 203rd Base Unit, A.P.O. 632, c/o PM, Miami, Florida.—Dan Bjelajac, EM 2/c, U.S.S. Bunker Hill Div. E, Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif.—S/Sgt Oscar Dolensek, 36265963, 1327th A.A.F. Base Unit I.C.D.—A.T.C., Block I APO 429, c/o P.M. New York, N. Y.—Change of address: William Ambrose, ARMI/c, WPB 211 FPO, New York, N. Y.

Sailor Billy Owen dropped in from California way to spend his furlough with his wife and family and his many friends. Billy is looking good, but feels like all the rest of us that it can't be over any too soon for him. We hope you are home again soon, Billy, for good.

Sisters Mary Rimkus and Amelia Smith who submitted to minor operations recently are now well on the road to recovery and will be back in our midst soon.

### Bowling Taps

In the Monday night Remix Mixed league there were no honor marks shot. Matt Levar lead the boys with a very good 591 set. Max (Papa) Loncaric was next in line with a 580 series. The lassies must have had some other interests on their minds as their bowling was really off form. Mitzie Schuller was high with her 444 set. Alice Owens' hook wasn't working for some reason or other as her total of 388 pins for the night shows. What say, Pappy, when are you getting your first honor score?

In Tuesday's All-star wheel which functions at the Hank Marino Alley's Rudie Pugel pocketed his hook for a nice 628 total. In the Friday night's Business Men's league Rudie came back with a very fine 674.

Keep in mind the national SNPJ telegraphic bowling tournament which will be held on the 28th-29th of April. Also the Pioneers' doubles handicap affair which will be staged in Chicago on the 4th of March.

Reminding you to attend our regular monthly meetings and pay your dues on time.

SALTY, 584.

## Lincolmites

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—A last reminder of our monthly meeting which will be held Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p. m. at the Dom. Let's see another good crowd out again! We should have several interesting topics to discuss.

In the last few weeks two new babies have been born to Lincolmite members. On Jan. 28 little Jimmie Davenport arrived, and a few days later tiny Deanna Felber was born, both at St. John's Hospital. We hope and feel sure that this means two more new juvenile members for the Lincolmites. Congratulations!

Recently we received our first copy of Louis Adamic's Today & Tomorrow. There is such a vast store of information in this first issue that we would like to stress how important it is that more people read this publication. Here we have someone telling us the unbiased truth, in terms that all can understand, giving us facts that we do not get from reading our daily papers. By all means if you have not subscribed yet do so by sending \$1 to Today & Tomorrow, Milford, New Jersey. The first issue is well worth the subscription price.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

## Cavaliers Will Mark Birthday

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.—Every year at this time, we make the usual annual plans for our anniversary dance which is considered by all members as the most outstanding event of the year. Since April marks the twelfth year of advancing progress, we again celebrate the occasion by sponsoring a dance on April 21, 8 to 12 p. m., music by the well-known Jackie Martincic and his orchestra. We also extend a cordial welcome to all our friends and neighboring lodges, who in the past have helped us make this affair a success. All men and women in uniform admitted free.

All members are required to pay admission when they pay lodge dues for April, whether they attend the dance or not. This ruling was made and approved at our meeting of Feb. 8, 1945.

The second of our 14 members in the armed services to be reported as wounded was Matt Klemencic, who at the time was in Germany, and is now recuperating in a hospital in England. Here's wishing you, Matt, from all of us, a speedy recovery. Also, Joseph Kucic, the first to be reported as wounded on Tinian is well again and back with his unit. Good for you, Joe.

The following are reported on the sick list: Mary Bartoletti, Mary Daniels, and Hilda Louder. All members are urged to make a visit. Hope to see you three well again soon.

Two members have become mamas in the past month, Helen Guna and Hannah (Klemencic) Harris, both with a bouncing baby boy. Little John Stephen Guna is already a new juvenile member, so what about Richard Thomas Hannah? Cavaliers wishing you two mothers and little boys a happy and healthful life.

Wedding bells again rang out their chimes for another Cavalier member, Margaret Vajentic who was married to Sgt. S. Godish recently. Cavaliers wish both of you all the luck, success and happiness.

During the past few years quite a few of the members have married and if you desire name and beneficiaries on your policies changed, please notify me for necessary forms.

This request I must make again is getting quite monotonous, but please pay your assessments on date due and attend the meetings, the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p. m., when final plans will be discussed for anniversary dance. Let us see a big attendance at this meeting and give your suggestions to make this affair a huge success. Hope to see a majority of you at the next meeting.

I was talking recently with one of the first members who had a lot in building up our lodge and he suggested that, quote, "I was thinking about getting a lot of the old-timers together and attending one of the meetings," unquote. That's an excellent idea, so why not get busy now and see how many can attend our meeting in April to celebrate our 12th anniversary. The more, the merrier. OK, Joe, it's all yours now.

EMMA KOROSCEK, Sec'y.

## Lodge 86 Spring Dance April 7th

CHICAGO.—First of all I want to tell how happy I am when I attend our SNPJ lodge 86 meetings. It makes me feel at home, in Jenny Lind, Ark., to hear all our members speak our Slovene language. I am very proud of our language even if I am a poor speaker myself but am trying to improve.

I want to announce our Lodge 86 Spring Dance which will be on April 7, starting at 8 p. m., to be held at Fleiner's Hall, 1638 N. Halsted. I would like to see our many members and friends, also members of our neighboring lodges to attend this affair. There will be plenty of good eats, drinks and music. So make up your plans to come to this dance.

Our secretary's son George Morsi is home on a furlough from Florida. Here's hoping he's enjoying his visit. Sorry to hear that Joe Danny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dollar, has been wounded the second time in action in France. We wish him a speedy recovery. We also send our sincere sympathy to the Dollars, whose grandson, James Dollar, was killed in action recently.

We also had a nice letter from Louis Volk, Jr., thanking our lodge for the yule gift he had received. He says he's still in good health. The letter was read to the members at the meeting by Bro. Frank Tropic and we all enjoyed hearing it.

Mrs. MARY (GRILC) CIRAR.

## President's Column

### Decisions Concerning Convention

Last Thursday our Supreme Board assembled for its yearly meeting which lasted through the remaining days of last week. Many important matters came up for discussion, among them the question concerning the 13th regular convention scheduled for this year, to take place at Eveleth, Minn.

As we all know, our business is governed by our by-laws which are subject to the provisions of the state laws. We had our regular convention in 1941, and since our by-laws provide that the regular convention of the Supreme Legislative Body of the Society shall be held quadrennially it logically follows that we must have another regular convention before the end of this year, in order to comply with that provision of our by-laws.

Having that in mind we went to work trying to prepare everything essential to holding of our convention this fall. We have contacted our Minnesota Federation and the local lodges at Eveleth, to get their help and cooperation in the matter; they have responded wholeheartedly. The lodges at Eveleth have secured a large hall for convention sessions, and some smaller halls for conventional committees; they have made arrangements where our meals will be served, and where all convention members will find good lodgings. In short, all essential steps were taken and all preliminary arrangements already made for holding of our regular convention in compliance with the by-laws and the decisions by our last convention.

### Unexpected Developments

But in the meantime something unexpected happened. A few weeks or so ago the Office of Defense Transportation, which is the government agency for the duration, issued an order drastically limiting conventions, which order in all probability will be in effect for the balance of this year. There is no doubt that they had a good reason for this action. For all the passenger trains and busses and all means of transportation were overcrowded for a long time before and were getting worse every day. Lately traveling conditions in some parts of the country have become almost unbearable. Freight transportation was also hampered by overcrowding passenger trains, which is even more important. The ODT made repeated appeals to the civil population asking them to avoid unnecessary traveling. That evidently did not bring the desired results, as this drastic edict goes to prove. And it is too bad that it had to affect such important and essential gatherings as are our conventions.

War supplies and all war necessities, including travel of our fighting men and women who help and assist them, come first of course. In that we are in full accord with the ODT. We are loyal citizens and we shall gladly submit to any restrictions if it is to help our armed forces and speed up the final victory. We shall loyally abide by this order, too, if at all possible. We have, however, to comply also with the laws of the states, especially with the laws of Illinois where we are incorporated. We are bound by the statute provisions that compel every domiciled fraternal benefit society to hold its convention at least once in every four years.

We have communicated with our state authorities in this connection, trying to find out if they will insist on enforcement of that law in spite of the restricting order by the ODT. So far we have no positive reply. They seem to be waiting for further development in Washington, but evidently have taken no definite stand on the matter as yet, and that keeps us in a very unpleasant position.

The Supreme Board, after due consideration of the problems from all angles, has come to the conclusion that in view of the uncertainty in the matter there is nothing else for us to do but to keep on with our convention preparations as originally planned. We shall advise the ODT of our action, explaining what the provisions of our by-laws are and what the state laws require, giving also the number of delegates expected if the convention is held. At the same time we shall assure that Office that we are absolutely loyal to our government and as such ready at any time to postpone our convention to help the war aims, provided that that will be legally possible.

### Convention Date Is Set

The Supreme Board decided also that in case the convention is held, it shall begin on Monday, August 13, 1945, at Eveleth, Minn. The month of August was decided upon on suggestion of our Eveleth lodges and for other practical reasons. So let us not forget—it is August instead of September as was formerly proposed.

### Preparation of Lodges for Election

It is, therefore, recommended that our local lodges everywhere also take up our convention problems at their meetings and make their own essential preparations. The by-laws provide that every lodge having 100 members in the month prior to elections of delegates may send a delegate to our convention. Election will begin with the 1st of May. The lodges having close to 100 members now may go to work and enlist a few new members in the meantime and thus attain sufficient number prescribed for one delegate before the elections begin.

Our small lodges have the privilege to merge with other lodges and thus attain 100 or more members, and elect one delegate jointly. The procedures for such merger do not always run smooth, however, and it is recommended that lodges desiring to merge for election of a delegate to the contemplated convention, get in contact with other prospective lodges for that purpose as soon as possible, and thus avoid any possible unpleasant disappointment in that connection later.

V. CAINKAR, Supreme President.

## Lease-Lend Boosts Exports to New High

United States exports last year hit an all-time high of \$14,065,000,000, but before you get ready to cheer you should be reminded that 80 per cent of that figure represented lease-lend shipments.

Ordinary commercial shipments amounted to about \$2,800,000,000, or considerably less than half of the average peace-time foreign business.

### The Right Ailment

"There is but one contingency that can cause your defeat for a second term," one of Lincoln's friends said to him in 1863, "and that is Grant's capture of Richmond and his nomination as an opposing candidate."

"Well," replied Lincoln, smiling good-naturedly, "I feel very much about that as the man with the unusual disease, who said that he didn't want to die particularly, but if he had to die, that was precisely the disease he would like to die of."

# Our Front

By Louis Beniger

Immediately after the historic Yalta conference was over, the "Big Three" issued a lengthy communique setting forth the results of their labors.

The communique contains important decisions. The Polish government-in-exile is bitterly disappointed because the Big Three agreed to the Curzon line as the future border between Poland and Russia. At the same time, the provisional Polish government of Lublin is given the green light to go ahead in establishing a permanent government composed of all parties.

Russian armies are in control of Poland at the present, and no power on earth could drive them out. Their demands on eastern Poland are justified by the fact that more than 60 per cent of the rural population is Russian, that is, White Russian and Ukrainian.

In short, Russia will get what she wants, and she wants what she is entitled to have.

Germany will get a "hard" peace, according to the decisions made at Yalta. This time there will be no repetition of a Versailles Treaty, which in reality was responsible for German rearmament and eventual aggression. This time there will be unconditional surrender and Germany will be controlled by the Allies for a long time. Of course, it is no had that the German people will have to pay for the sins of their Nazi rulers; but, aren't the people of occupied countries of Europe paying now even more than the Germans will be made to pay after the war?

The division of Germany is a sure thing. Russia and France, Great Britain and the United States will help govern some of the four spheres of occupation.

Last week, in London, the World Trades Unions Conference went on record favoring a new Labor International that will include unions of all political shades of all countries.

There is no doubt but that this was the most important international labor conference held during this war. It is likely that the new Labor International will be formed this year. For this purpose, a constitutional convention will be called. The document adopted also provides for the appointment of a continuation committee of 41 delegates. This committee will begin its work this week and will draft a constitution and send the proposals to the national trade union organizations of all countries.

Reports have it that Sidney Hillman of the CIO was mainly responsible for the formation of the new Labor International. Let us hope that the AFL, which has thus far shied at the efforts of the World Trades Unions, will also join and help to make the Labor International a strong labor instrument uniting all workers of the world.

**A. F. of L. Denounces Labor Draft Bill**  
MIAMI—Labor and industry will produce everything wanted by the armed forces, no matter how much schedules are increased, so long as they get adequate notice of what's needed.

# NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

**CHICAGO, ILL.**—The February Pioneer meeting was well attended. It was recorded that a total of 38 attended. It was a short and snappy meeting, with entertainment and social following. The secretary reported that we had many sick members. Ann Sannemann was elected to represent the Pioneer shares at the Yugoslav Savings and Loan Ass'n annual meeting, and Louis Zorko will represent us at the Slovene Labor Center's annual meeting. Attendance awards were won by Edward Smolik for servicemen, Lawrence Yenkele, the adult, and Dorothy Galavan, newly transferred juvenile.

We had many visitors, including the Supreme Board members, who had their semi-annual sessions last week. Fitting remarks were made by each board member present. Nearly all mentioned the good work of Pioneers and were quite pleased with the entertainment given by Chicago's Perfect Circle No. 26 at the meeting. "The Hayloft Rubes," who entertained us, were: William Kovacic, Stanley Mozina, John Rokavec Jr., Edward Udovich, and Richard Zasadil. They sang and played their instruments, "Trembling Weeds," "Treba Ni," "Put Your Arms Around Me, Honey," "River of the Roses," "Pozimi Pa Rožice Ne Cveto," "Don't Fence Me In." The "Bubes" are to be complimented on their fine performance and for the dance music they furnished after the program. Anne Beniger, Mary Vertnik and this writer disposed of the tickets for the blanket, which was won by Supreme Board member Frank Vratric of Lodge 204, Luzerne, Pa. We've learned since that Vratric left the blanket for some future meeting's lucky person, for which we say "Thank you." The Simons had charge of refreshments while Jack Groser and Ed Hudale served the drinks. All in all, it was a real nice meeting and we hope we'll have many more of the same.

**Perfect Circle.**—The Valentine party held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, by Perfect Circle at the SNPJ hall was truly grand. The hall was decorated beautifully and the valentine box was simply gorgeous. It was made and decorated by Dorothy Galavan, Ella Mae Selak and Sylvia Trojar. The attendance was a little over 50, with 38 children. The games were enjoyed by all and the distribution of valentines was a gay affair. We were pleasantly surprised to see so many valentines; some of the homemade were really beautiful. Refreshments consisted of dainty favors full of valentine candy, whipped cream cake, ice cream and chocolate milk for children; adults had cake and coffee. Just as the "wee" folks were beginning to leave at 9:30, in came a few Supreme Board members, namely: Ursula Ambrozich, Joseph Fifolt, Michael R. Kumer, John Spiller, Edward Tomasic and Sgt. Ray Travnik. We hope they enjoyed their brief stay. The older children danced for an hour or so and then they were on their way home, too. It was a pleasant evening for all concerned.

Refreshments were served by Mary Reven, Robert J. Sannemann and this writer. Ann Sannemann, Circle Manager, cut the cakes while the balance of work was done by Frank Bizjak, caretaker at SNPJ building, and Adelle Selak, Mary Sternisha, Lillian Zasadil and Eva Zordani.

Thanks to Marion Cervenka, Dorothy Galavan, Norman Sodnik, Doris and Sylvia Trojar for their very special and smart valentines; they are "dillies."

**WMAQ Studio Party.**—Thirty one of us "braved" the cold weather last Saturday morning to go to the Merchandise Mart and see the radio broadcast "Smilin' Ed McConnell," the Buster Brown shoes program. We were all thrilled to their performance and were quite interested to see and hear the many details and "on time" signals that it takes to put on a radio program. We traveled by streetcar and our return trip was full of excitement. Our group sang their songs, even some Slovene, all the way home; the children even got requests. It was lots of fun.

Myra Beniger couldn't make the trip—because she was in a piano recital that afternoon. There were thirty children present at the home of her piano teacher, Janna Bijankini. We understand that Myra played real good and we offer our congratulations to her in her excellent work. Keep it up, Myra!

**Groser-Kumer Party.**—The Slovene Labor Center was packed last Saturday evening at Anne Groser-Kumer's farewell party. Pioneers and Ann's and Mike's friends came from Detroit, Milwaukee, Waukegan besides the several Supreme Board members who stayed over for the event. Ann's corsage of orchids was donated by Kolar Florists, as was the centerpiece of the buffet-table. At such affairs there're always the customary remarks by various organizations, clubs and friends and in that this party was no different. Donald J. Lotrich, as the secretary of Pioneers, made a short speech, after which he introduced the new president of Pioneers, John Rak Jr. Remarks were also made by Frank Zaitz for Slovene Labor Center, Rudy Pugel, Rodgers of Milwaukee; Alberta Naprudnik,

# Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Wolverines of Detroit; Christine Stritar, Little Forts of Waukegan; Louis Kosele, So. Chicago; "Lefty" Lotrich, Slovene Labor Center Social Club; F. A. Vider, of SNPJ; Milan Medvesek, Sophia Svoboda, Michael R. and Anne Kumer.

We tried to acknowledge the good work that Anne has done for the lodge during these many years she's been active with the Pioneers. We hope that she will be happy in her new surroundings at Universal, Pa. Though the Pioneers have lost by transfer one of our active members, we feel that the Comets have gained. Here's wishing both Ann and Mike all luck in the world.

**Servicemen.**—Pfc. Edward Prazak, a Pioneer, is spending a furlough from Camp Shelby, Miss. Edward attended the Pioneer meeting and we were all glad to see him looking so well. The Strazar family of Nokomis, Ill., received another telegram from the War Dept. Their oldest son, Tony Strazar, was wounded again, for the third time. He got a piece of shrapnel thru his hip, then he dragged himself for about a half a mile when a sniper shot him again in the heel. Tony was given blood plasma and sent to a hospital in France, from where he writes he's getting along okay and that maybe he will get a furlough. We hope so. Tony has received the Purple Heart and an Oak Leaf Cluster. We've been told that Lt. Ruth Podboy of Park Hill, Pa., of the Army Nurse Corps, has very many interesting souvenirs from the Fiji Islands and New Zealand where she served over 30 months. We're glad to hear that Ruth is making the best of her leave. We'd like to congratulate a lady Marine, Corp. Stella Jernejec, also of Park Hill, on her recent marriage to a Marine at the camp where she is stationed. The other lady Marine of the family, Sgt. Betty Jernejec, arrived in Hawaii recently, where her group received a great ovation when they landed, movies and all. Two servicemen, members of Supreme Board, were in city for their semi-annual sessions last week. You know about Lt. Mike Kumer and the other is Sgt. Ray Travnik. Ray came in from Detroit where he was spending his last furlough before going overseas. Indiantown Gap, Pa., is his destination after his furlough. We'd like to wish you all the luck in the world and a speedy return after victory, Ray.

**All-A-Round.**—Wilma Gratchner was quite ill with an appendix attack last week and we're glad to report she's getting better. Sorry to hear of the recent serious illness of Mary Vertnik Sr. We're happy that she's much improved. Thru her husband we found out that Frances Vidrich of Johnstown has been laid up with a broken ankle since early December. A speedy recovery to you. We've also been told that the Moxham Slovene Home of Johnstown and its clubrooms have new improvements that amounted to several thousands of dollars. It was nice seeing Chris Stritar, Julia Bogatij, Leo Schweiger and wife, Ed Leben and wife, Marge Golob, Naprudniks and all the rest of cut-of-towners at the Groser-Kumer party.

Besides the supreme board members the following visitors attended the Pioneer meeting: Mrs. Krzisenk, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Antoinette Urbanz, Frances Vider, Louise Harmon, Mary Udovich, Marie Pavec, Frank Bizjak and Reba Zordani.

April Fools Day and Easter Sunday, the cast of "Norec" will be Waukegan-bound. Paulyne Langerholic left Johnstown for a brief stay with husband Larry who's getting further training at Camp Livingston, La.

John Alich and Edward Hudale are taking charge of the Pioneer Invitational Handicap Tourney which is being held at Arbanas Alleys on March 4.

# For Los Angeles in Los Angeles Area

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.**—To those Yugoslav Californians who have no contact with SANC, let it be known that 25 prominent Los Angeles business leaders have recently been named to membership on the national committee of sponsors for the country-wide drive to collect foodstuffs, clothing, bedding and medical supplies for the war-stricken populace of Yugoslavia. They include: Dr. Rensen Bird, president of Occidental College; C. A. Dykstra, new provost of UCLA; Helen Cahagan Douglas, representative in Congress; Mayor Fletcher Bowron, Eddie Cantor, Walter Wanger, William Morris Jr., Floyd C. Covington, Lion Feuchtwanger, Rosemary Lane, George Jemel, Rex Ingram, Kenneth Macgowan, Albert Maltz, Loren Miller, Karen Morley, Zero Mostel, Edward G. Robinson, Earl Robinson, Vincent Sheean, Spyros P. Skouras, Gale Sondergaard, Dalton Trumbo, Orson Welles, and Franz Werfel.

Simultaneously with the selection of the Los Angeles sponsorship delegation, Judge Lester Roth, Southern California executive chairman for the country-wide drive, announced the opening of offices at 808 South Vermont avenue. Bonnie Claire, former executive secretary of the Conference of Studio Unions, and now West Coast director for the Yugoslav campaign, is in charge of the headquarters.

By phoning Miss Claire at Drexel 1227, arrangements will be made for the pick-up of contributions, one ton of which was shipped earlier this week from San Pedro for delivery to Yugoslavia.

**Regular Meeting**  
Just a reminder that this Saturday, Feb. 24, is the regular meeting date of Perfect Circle, and members are requested to keep this in mind.  
ANN SANNEMANN, Mgr.

**Perfect Circle No. 26 Reviews Week's Activities**  
**CHICAGO.**—Last week was indeed a busy one for Perfect Circle No. 26. After working on decorations for the hall and the Valentine party, the evening of Feb. 14 finally arrived when this much awaited event took place.

A CALIF. JUGOSLAV.

# Tito's Message Read at Dinner

(The following message sent by Marshal Tito was read at "Tribute to Yugoslavia" dinner Feb. 7 in New York when over \$500,000 was collected for Yugoslav War Relief.)

European peoples have passed through a terrible Calvary under Nazi and Fascist occupation. Their deep belief in the ideals of humanity, their desire for freedom and, above all, their belief in solidarity of democratic nations of the world, has sustained them in their unflinching faith in the righteousness of the cause for which they are fighting.

The Yugoslavs have not, for one moment ceased to carry on this struggle. We have drawn upon ourselves the most violent hatreds of our enemies but we have inflicted heavy blows upon them and have done everything that was within our power to disprove the fallacy of their invincibility.

We can proudly say that Hitler has never conquered us and that at the time when Europe was overshadowed by the blackest Nazi darkness, Yugoslavia was ablaze with the fire of freedom and resistance.

We caused havoc to enemy military installations, destroyed railways, roads and bridges and held down our territory many enemy divisions which otherwise would have served on other fronts where our great Allies were waging decisive battles.

Our sacrifices are terrific and I can safely say that there is no other part of the world which has been devastated on a vaster scale than Yugoslavia. Every tenth Yugoslav has perished in this struggle in which we were forced to wrest armaments from our enemies, to freeze without clothes and to die without any medicaments. Nevertheless, our optimism and faith have proved justified.

The greatest gain of this conflict between democracy and fascism lies in the fact that it has drawn together everything that was good in humanity. The unity of the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain is the best guarantee to the peoples of the world that Nazi horrors will never again be repeated. We Yugoslavs, in organizing our country on the sacred principles of democracy and of concern for the common man, believe that we also, in this way, are giving our best contribution to this harmonious community.

The ship which our friends in America wish to send with relief to Yugoslavia, will be a valuable support to us, not only as a charitable gift to the innumerable orphans and invalids or to the heroic fighters, but also as a manifestation of the understanding of our struggle on the part of this great country of Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt towards which all Serbs, Croats, Slovenes and Macedonians nourish an indivisible feeling of sympathy and respect.

I thank you for all you are doing and I beg you to continue with your good work also in the future.  
TITO, Marshal of Yugoslavia.

# Messages to the "Tribute to Yugoslavia" Dinner Feb. 7, 1945, Hotel Biltmore, New York City

It is indeed a pleasure for me to pay tribute to the gallant people of Yugoslavia of all sections, creeds and shades of political thought, who through the long wearying years of the struggle against the occupying forces of the common enemy held to their grim resolve to win freedom at all costs. These people have our admiration for their fortitude and our sympathy in the hardships they have endured. It is our earnest hope that they will soon be able to work out the problems arising from their liberation, with mutual understanding of the desires of the various elements of the Yugoslav population.



SHE'S ON KP—Proof that the GI has no monopoly on the pet-and-pans brigade is Sally Reed of Bedford, Mass., a Red Cross clubwoman somewhere in France, applying a generous portion of old-fashioned elbow grease to the coffee urn which a few hours before served soldiers near the battlefield.

# Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosit

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—Spring will be here in just a few weeks and before we know it our May dance will be in full swing. As you all know, the dance will be held May 5 at Concordia Turner Hall, 13th and Arsenal. The committee is looking for an orchestra and if any members knows of one, please get in touch with the committee. Members are urged to do their utmost in order to make this dance a real success and one that will be long remembered.

The Slovene Relief Drive is still on, and if any member wishes to donate toward this drive, they are asked to call Bro. John Spiller. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and all of you are asked to help. Also, another shipment of clothing and household articles will be sent out in a few weeks and members are asked to give any clothing they no longer need or want. I am sure that all of you have some small items which you no longer need, and all these items would be greatly appreciated by the Slovenes in Europe who have so little. Canned goods and household articles, such as tools, dishes, needles, thread, etc., are also accepted. If you have anything you would like to give, please pack the articles and call Sis. Spiller and she will make arrangements to pick up the bundles.

This and That: We are happy to learn that Bro. John Zimmerman, who is confined to the City Hospital, is feeling better. Here's hoping he will be among us real soon. Members are asked to visit Bro. Zimmerman whenever possible.

Stanley Hervatin, who has been stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, for over a year, has recently been moved to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and expects to leave for overseas in the near future. Stanley has already served a year in the Southwest Pacific. We all wish you the best of luck in the future, and here's hoping we hear from you soon.

Francis Sethyler writes from Belgium and reports all is well. He has been overseas almost 18 months and during that time served in Ireland, England, France and Belgium.

Eddy Harvatin is somewhere in the Pacific, and Leroy Harvatin is expected home soon. He is to receive a medical discharge. His sister, Lillian, has been with him in Washington, D. C., for the past few months and we will all be glad to see them back in St. Louis.

Everyone is urged to write to the boys, and you can get the addresses of the boys in the lodge from Sis. Della Markoff.

# Sgt. H. Smolich Pens Note from Marianas

**MARIANAS ISLANDS, Dec. 21.**—Believe me, after receiving the two nice gifts from my lodge (SNPJ Lodge Keystonians 613, Hermine, Pa.); I have to drop a few lines to thank each and everyone for their kind and enduring efforts. Indeed, I am very much pleased, the cookies I received were really delicious; eat a few at each meal and for a snack now and then.

I am glad to know that our honor roll is pretty well filled up and many of our members are in the service in each war theater of the globe. It's really a splendid job you boys are doing back on the home front. A gardenia to all of you, especially to the girls; we boys really appreciate your efforts. It's people like you that we are fighting for.

I sometimes recall the days when we all joined hands and enjoyed ourselves to the utmost. I miss our swell dances and picnics, but am looking forward to them again.

Let me say something of myself for a change, as I know you and all the members would be really interested. I am here somewhere in the Marianas Islands, but cannot reveal to you where for consership is very strict and regulations must be adhered to. Living quarters consist of tents, which are very nice, but nothing like home. Food is swell and getting better each day.

The weather is very hot and it's raining almost all the time, and there is also plenty of mud. There are very few cities here and they are in total ruins from the shelling and bombing. There are plenty of natives here, but we don't see many of them for they are located in different vicinities.

We have movies here each night; also get coca colas and even beer. PX (Post Exchange) facilities are getting better each day; that is a store that sells soap, candy, toilet articles, etc. It isn't too bad—but give me home any day.

I am extending my heartiest greetings to all of you Keystonians and wishing you all a very happy 1945. Let's hope it'll be a victorious year.

Sgt. HENRY SMOLICH, 3392377  
Hq. & Hq. Sg. 56th Air Depot Group, APO 246, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Happiness is that peculiar sensation which you acquire when you are too busy to be miserable.  
Gold is the fool's curtain, which hides all his defects from the world.  
—Fitham.



# SNPJ SPORTS



## Lunders Drop Initial Series to Tigers

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—For the first time this season the seemingly invincible Lunder-Adamic Sharpshooters dropped all three nods to the determined Utopian Tigers. Joe Zupanic and yours truly highlighted the Tigers' relentless drive with 581 and 573 series respectively. But the spoilers role in the surprise upset went to Rudy Lich whose doubles and turkeys resulting in 182 and 202 games after a mediocre 133 opener, touched off the winning spark when tee Tigers' attack bogged down. "Atta" boy, Rudy! "Larruping" Louie Strukel was high for the astonished Lunders with a 540 series.

The V-Boj boys surprised the league (and themselves, too!) in handing a triple dose of whitewash powder to the Utopian Panthers, Oscar Hirsh with a 492 set led the winners. Al Hirsh with a 488 series topped the losers.

With two of their mainstays participating in the city tournament, the Betsy Ross Flyers proved easy touches for the Utopian Lions who romped in with two games. F. Zupanic tossed in a 546 series to star for the Lions. Mike Krall's 548 setto was best for the Rossmen.

200 circle: J. Zupanic 220, J. Spilar 220, M. Poklar 215, A. Rupert 203, R. Lich 202, J. Rozel 202.

Record roles: Tony Vrh rolling in the Senior "B" league at these lanes setting a 275 season high. Ditto for Mrs. Mabel Flagg, spouse of Earl Flagg who is in the armed forces overseas, in cracking two season records in the Monday night ladies' league with a 235 game in a 634 series. The Donovan loop team consisting of four SNPJers, George Jelinek, Joe Marolt, Frank Stopar and your writer roosting in first place in the twelve team "A" loop at East 185th St. Hank Zorman, ex-Utopian and athletic league prexy, welcoming the arrival of a brand new 8 1/2 pound bowlerette. Congrats, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zorman!

**High 672 Series**

Mrs. Mary Primosch, member of the Napredne Slovenke, smashed out a sizzling 672 series in the Linz Ladies' Classic League to record the highest set bowled here by a feminine kegger in league competition since Marge Slogar, also a renown Slovene star who has a 300 game to her credit, hit 699 in January 1944.

Rolling for the Detroit-Bunts Recreation Mrs. Primosch, a former softball star, better known as "Whitey" to her numerous friends, uncorked games of 224, 183 and 205 for her swell series. The 265 tally ties two other women bowlers for the best chalked up in the city this season. "Whitey's" previous highs were a 668 series and a 264 game. She now is averaging 172 and 166 in two all-star ladies' leagues.

Mrs. Primosch also has shown her prowess in SNPJ tournaments, finishing on or near the top for a number of years. The 1941-43 Eastern Invitational tournaments found her paired up with A. Tanko to be crowned champs in the doubles event and also copping the all-events toga in the '43 meet. The 1942 National tournament at Milwaukee saw the same duo placing fourth. Teaming up with A. Slapnik in the initial doubles tournament in Cleveland last year, they finished third with "Whitey" racking up the highest game in the two-day affair. A fine string of conquests by this star bowling lassie who seldom fails to finish near the top, when the competition is hot!

**Bowling Brights**

To the kegger enthusiasts whose inquiries for the highest individual and team totals recorded in the na-

tion since the birth of this popular sport. Hold your breath for here are the startling summaries. The singles crown belongs to Albert Brandt of Lockport, N. Y., who by a narrow margin of three more strikes would have had a perfect 900 series. Brandt belted games of 297, 300 and 289 for a terrific 886 series, an average of 295. 1 per game! The date was Oct. 25, 1939. Quite a feat for this gent weighing a mere 119 pounds, 5 feet 3 1/2 inches tall, who ended up with a 235 average that season.

The Hermann Undertakers of St. Louis established a record three and single game scores for A.B.C. competition Jan. 17, 1937. Ray Holmes, former U.S. Match Game champion, was the sparkplug of the team. The other members were Buzz Wilson, Fred Taff, Bob Wills and Sam Garofolo. Here's their record-breaking box score:

Wilson	246	217	246	709
Holmes	256	236	300	792
Taff	277	246	243	766
Wills	235	290	246	771
Garofolo	247	222	290	759

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## SNPJ Ladies' League

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Comrades No. 1 swept a three game series from the Utopian No. 2. Albina Vihar, after a week's absence, compiled a 460 series—a little vacation does help once in a while, doesn't it? Julia Kronek, anchorlady of Utopians, was high for the team with 431.

Strugglers No. 2 triumphantly took two from the Concordians. Albina Vidmar of the former led with 471, a close second was Anne Karlinger with 462. Millie Marn sparked again for the latter with 479.

Comrades No. 2 lost two games to Strugglers No. 1 who are 2-game winners weekly. Mollie Koren piloted the Comrades with 489, followed by Antoinette Skok's 488 and the writer's 486 which included a 202 game, high for the evening and my first of the season. Hurry! Hermine Zupanic was tops for Strugglers with 497 which also included a 201 game. Close race, wasn't it, Herm?

Cavaliers chalked up a second place three-game high by rolling 2287 and taking 2 games from the Utopians No. 1. Chris Kebe's 498 (high for the evening) topped the Cavaliers' list with much added help from Sophie Klein with 488 and Pauline Beinman's 464. Fanny Svetina's 465 helped the Utopians to one victory.

**Dance, Dance, Dance**

Don't forget, girls! Saturday, Feb. 24, is the Athletic League dance. Come prepared to work and dance and later enjoy another victory.

PAULINE ROSS, Sec'y.

## "Naprej" Concert and Play a Huge Success

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Approximately six hundred people packed the main hall of the VFW Feb. 11, to see one of the outstanding programs in years, presented in the form of a concert and the drama "Norec," enacted by the dramatic section of Branch 1 JSF of Chicago.

The program was opened by "Naprej" offering a selected variety of folk songs, and immediately followed into the presentation of the drama. With but a brief intermission, before the final act, it was a continuous program, the time between acts being totally filled in with singing and other talents. The drama was also well presented and pleasingly received. All of the players are to be complimented for their

well acting. After completion of the program, music was furnished by Bashell and orchestra, and everybody seemed to enjoy the several hours of dancing and a good time was had by everyone in general.

Herewith, in behalf of "Naprej," I wish to express our sincere appreciation to all patrons who so cooperatively responded to our call, especially to the dramatic group for their cooperation and services in the program, and also the Victorian group and other Chicago visitors for their patronage, thus making this affair both a cultural and financial success.

**Badgers vs. Victorians**

As per a previous mutual understanding, the Chicago Victorians again invaded Milwaukee on Feb. 11 to engage in another one of those rival keggering match games between the Badger Amateurs (formerly Balkans) and the Victorians. The meet was held at the Remic Alleys at 1:30 p. m. (I notice that our correspondent "Salty" and his or her staff of "news-sharks" were totally caught off guard, as to the arrangement of this meet, and so my enclosed score sheet will, no doubt, still be in order for publication.)

The following is the lineup for each team and respective individual bowlers' scores:

VICTORIANS				
A. O'Boala	168	129	139	434
Al Di Cenzo	167	116	164	447
Ed. Potsch	146	118	164	428
E. Skubic	181	170	124	475
J. Pouhe	180	180	149	509

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BADGER AMATEURS				
A. Spruck	160	175	189	524
M. Pink	183	151	166	505
J. Maren	160	125	127	412
Al Maren	212	159	168	539
Matt Levar	155	179	159	493

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In checking the above mentioned score sheet, the Badger Amateurs out-bowled the Victorians by a total of 180 pins. For the Victorians, J. Pouhe, anchoring, lead the attack by collecting a 509 pin count. His colleagues, E. Skubic and Al Di Cenzo, both good bowlers, were not quite so fortunate, each one having one low game.

For the Badger Amateurs, Al Maren, starting out with a 212 game, pounded the maples for a 539 total. Cpl. "Tony" Spruck who was fortunate enough to be with us for a short furlough still upheld his past skill, by spilling them for a count of 524. Matt Pink really had his "Arkansas hook" a-working right "in the groove" and worked up an astonishing score of 505. "Cap" Levar had the misfortune of bringing a "kapusta" to the alleys, instead of his bowling ball, this accounting for his low average bowling.

Anyway, it was real rivalry, and a grand re-union, and may you have better luck in the next meet, scheduled for the near future.

JOHN MAREN, 584.

## 200,000 Teachers Have Left Schools

GREENSBORO, N. C.—More than 200,000 of the "best prepared" teachers have left the schools since Pearl Harbor. More accurately, they have been starved out.

That, at least, is the claim of Professor Charles W. Phillips of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina.

The crisis will become more acute when 50,000 more teachers disappear this year, with no replacements in sight, Phillips said. He added that teachers are leaving because they can obtain better wages in other employment fields.

# FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—The Pioneers held a very good meeting last Friday night at the SNPJ hall and transacted a lot of business. Supreme board members attending the annual meeting of the board were with us, too, and this meant a few fine talks and a happy disposition for everyone. It was John Rak's first meeting as president and his performance augurs well for the Pioneers. A quintet of boys from Perfect Circle 26 entertained and received lusty applause. The boys also played for dancing after the meeting. Refreshments were served. Edward Smolik, Lawrence Yenkele, and Dorothy Galavan won the monthly meeting awards. Everyone had a good time and many remarked that this was one of the best meetings of the long record of good meetings for the Pioneers. The attendance was good.

If you ever saw a fine crowd of people together, it was last Saturday night at the Slovene Labor Center when they gathered for the party in honor of Anne Groser Kumer. Some of the folks made a special trip, from Milwaukee, Detroit, and Waukegan for this party. An excellent atmosphere prevailed. They consumed a lot of good food which was prepared by John and Ida Simon and partook of many of the other good refreshments. A few excellent and complimentary talks were made. These helped to create the good spirit. The Mozina sisters played for dancing. They did a splendid job. The many years of active service for the Pioneers and the Slovene Labor Center gave Anne Groser an opportunity to make many friends. This party showed that she has a lot of them. James Kolar, of the Kolar Floral Company, donated a corsage and other flowers for the occasion. The party ranks among the top-notch of all the parties held at the Center. Lt. Kumer then took his bride to Universal, Pa., where they will make their home.

We will hold two annual meetings this week. The first, by the stockholders of the Slovene Labor Center on Friday, Feb. 23, at the Center. Reports will be received and the discussion will center around remodeling of the quarters. The other annual meeting will be held by the stockholders of the Jugoslav Savings and Loan Ass'n, Saturday, Feb. 24, also at the Center. The association made good progress in 1944 and nearly doubled its assets, so there will be much to report on. The association passed the million dollar mark in assets just before the end of 1944 and is continuing to add new members right along. Steady progress has been made right along and 1945 should be another banner year.

If you haven't sent in that entry blank for the Pioneer invitational handicap doubles bowling tournament yet, you should do so at once. Entries close Monday, Feb. 26. This is done in order to enable John Alic and Edward Hudale to prepare the schedule and send out notices for the time of bowling. Lodge 86 responded with 3 doubles entries in the last few days. A number of the Pioneer squads have been lined up, too. We hope that Milwaukee and Waukegan will be able to send teams to the tourney and that our South Chicago boys will take advantage of the handicaps and bowl.

A seven-page letter from Arley Bozicnik, who is on the fighting front in Germany, tells us a lot of interesting things. He corresponds regularly with Frank Groser, Frank Norieko, and Stanley Maly. The yule parcel was received Jan. 29. He and three of his comrades made an improvised stove in the foxhole to keep warm. All of the parts of the stove were made from used shells and casings and things left behind by the Germans. In the daytime they have a fire going outside. They have had a lot of snow which they melt into water for washing purposes.—Louis Lovshe writes that he would like to attend some of the Pioneer meetings again and enjoys reading the Bulletin.—And Oscar Godina writes from France that the Socialist Daily "Le Populaire" is a good newspaper. He has seen the most important parts of Paris and the internationally known places of interest. "They have a very excellent subway system. Modern Chicago could surely learn a lesson about subways." He explains that food and fuel are at a premium.

From France we've received another letter by Frank Groser. He explains that mail is inefficient. He has been in England, France, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium and notes how the people have been living for centuries and understands why the radicals will get into power, if given a chance. "The resistance organizations were started by radicals and later got support from others. In Greece, Yugoslavia and France the top boys tried to sell out the people for personal gains so now when the countries are liberated, the people see a new hope by leaning to the left, even if the liberators can't see it that way." Frank met some Spanish Loyalists in northern France. He has great hopes in the Russian ability to safeguard the in-

terests of the small countries.—Tommy Pichman writes from Belgium. He is with the 9th Army. The yule package arrived late and tho he hasn't been active he certainly appreciates what the lodge has done for him. They are right in the battle area and have been pushed back in the last German drive.

We heard from Tony Cekada again, from Burma. The package arrived late but appreciated nevertheless. Thru my sister and the Bulletin I have from time to time been able to keep tab on the activities of the lodge. They don't have much time to spare, but are always glad to receive letters.—From Italy we got Frank Pirman's V-mail letter. He has visited the city of Pisa where he has seen the famous Leaning Tower. He would like to get to Florence, too. He believes that one of our nurses is stationed near his company.—The last for the week comes from Leo Vider who is making regular trips back and forth on his hospital ship. He writes en route on the Atlantic and thinks that he is bound for Italy. To him these are just monotonous trips. He has made so many of them.

## Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—Just a reminder to let all you members of SNPJ Integrity lodge 631 know that there is a meeting this Friday evening, Feb. 23, at 2438 W. Division Parkway, at 8 o'clock. Try one and all to attend; the more, the merrier.

We are very sorry to hear that Bro. Hrubicky is missing in action, and that Bro. Bud Kovick was wounded on Leyte. We hope the two fine young men recover soon and are safe.

Mrs. Julia Bailey and son Richard spent a week at her mother's home at De Pue, Ill. We hope you enjoyed your visit.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHHACKER,  
Secretary SNPJ Lodge 631.

## If Uncle Sam Hires Crooks, Must Pay Penalty, Court Says

If Uncle Sam hires up with crooks and gets "gypped," he will have to pay the penalty.

That, in substance, was a ruling of the United States Supreme Court in a case involving the purchase of land in Missouri for a war plant.

Stripped of technicalities and boiled down to the fewest possible words, here is the situation which the court considered:

Cost-Plus Once More

The army employed realtors to take options on the land, paying them a percentage of the cost. These agents took options on four tracts of land at prices the army considered excessive and it went into court and, conderaned, the land for less than the amounts stipulated in the options.

The landowners insisted on payment of the option prices, and the court, by a 5-to-3 decision, said they were within their rights.

The court's option, written by Justice Reed, agreed the option prices were larger than they should have been, but it blamed the realtors who were hired as purchasing agents.

Boosted Commissions

The more they offered for the land, the larger, of course, was their commission.

Justice Reed said he found no satisfactory explanation for the arrangement, adding:

"Certainly, the officers (of the army) realized the possibility of and temptation to price inflation. The arrangement may have been improvident from his point of view of the government, but that question goes to the quality of management by its procurement officers."

System Outlawed

"The fact that the procurement system is improvident obviously does not make it illegal."

The court pointed out that Congress had outlawed the practice of paying land agents a commission based on a percentage of cost, but said the options it was considering were not covered by the statute.

## Shipbuilders Top Last Year's Record

America's shipbuilding workers in January outstripped their record of a year ago in the amount of merchant ship tonnage turned out, the Maritime Commission revealed last week.

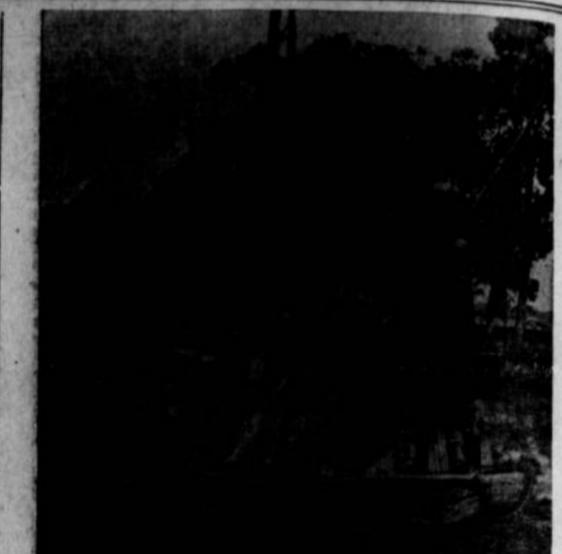
During the month, workers in yards under the commission's jurisdiction, produced 120 vessels, aggregating 1,229,296 tons. That's 1.6 per cent above the tonnage of January 1944, and 22 per cent higher than January, 1943.

Maybe Both

Reggie was an ardent lover, but his spelling wasn't so hot. However, he thought it best to write to the father of his adored one, asking for his consent.

"Dear sir," ran the note. "I wish to ask for the hand of your daughter, the flour of the family."

Back came father's reply. It ran: "Is it the flour of the family or the dough you're after?"



IN CHINA, WHEN going gets too rough for any other mode of transportation, smallest sampans carry American Red Cross supplies for servicemen to forward posts. In other parts of the world, equally primitive means are used when there is no other means available to distribute the comfort supplies American fighting men value so highly.

# Sharon Keystoners

SHARON, PA.—The Valentine dance held by the Keystoners lodge Sun, Feb. 11, was a huge success. The people turned out in large numbers, knowing that there won't be any dancing until April 8, which will be the first Sunday after Easter. Say this date for our Sharon Juveniles who some day will be our future SNPJ leaders.

The dance committee sure did a swell job, which were: tickets, Marge Cimperman and Mary Robich; doormen, Jack Zagger, Bill Macek and Johnnie Zvarich; check-room, Mitzie Anzur who always does a swell job; valentine sale, Josephine Paulenich and Mary Robich; kitchen, Nellie Culina and Mary Zagger who also are both swell cooks; decorating, one of our hardest jobs, was handled by yours truly, Bill Macek and Johnnie Zvarich, who are always willing to help and are mighty fine boys; also Joe Benus who, as I hear, wants to be doing a Keystoner, is always ready to help us out. To this fine committee—thanks a million. Without your cooperation, the dance wouldn't be a success. Must also mention the orchestra, the Cosmopolitans, who were really very good, and hope to book them up for more of our future dances.

This same day, in the afternoon, the Girard Juvenile Circle sent us seven of their juveniles, 4 girls and 3 boys to bowl a match game with our Sharon Circle Juveniles. Our juveniles were so darn excited that they could hardly wait for the hour to come. Both teams did some very nice bowling. So it happened that after the second game, our Sharon team was so far ahead that they didn't care to bowl the last game. The children enjoyed every minute of this bowling match. In the near future Sharon Circle will travel to Girard for a return match game.

Sharon Circle girls, Frances Linn and Frances Bahor served both of the teams a delicious lunch in the cozy meeting room after the match game. Girard boys and girls stayed to enjoy the Valentine dance given by the Keystoners. Frank and Betty Rezek and Frank's wife also attended this dance. Frank's wife is a very nice girl.

Two popular Keystoners said their "I do's" on Valentine's day, namely, Evelyn Trobent and Tony Garm. All the luck in the world to both of you. Tony came home on a 6-day furlough from the Navy. John and Joseph Valentic were also home on furlough.

We were all surprised to see hom on furlough Sgt. Andy Kovach was with us overseas for over two years. He also said his "I do" with a lovely Croatian girl, Sylvia Yambrovich, who is well known among our Slovenes. Congratulations to you both. We hope to have Mrs. Kovach for our next Keystoner member.

FRANCES NOVAK, 755.

## The Draft of Labor

For the time being at least the republicans in congress can chide Labor for its support of President Roosevelt in the recent election. When the vote on the May bill was taken in the House 181 democrats and 65 republicans voted for it while 97 republicans and only 50 democrats voted against the proposal. It is also a fact that the White House exercised its every facility to whip the democrats into line to pass the measure that would regiment American Labor for the first time in the history of the republic. The demand for such legislation came directly from the White House, not only this year but a year ago.

No one is going to be fooled by the republican vote against the May bill. If Mr. Roosevelt had opposed any and all suggestions of a Labor draft it is quite likely the republicans would have rallied their forces to put the thing across. Nevertheless the fact remains that the May bill is an administration bill, authored by administration men and personally sponsored by the President.

Mr. Roosevelt and his administration cannot escape responsibility for demanding the enslavement of American Labor and history will so record the fact that despite unprecedented production of war materials, in the face of oversubscribed war loans and an admitted unity of purpose on the part of Labor and management, a demand was made in 1945 for a law to draft free American workers for service in profit-taking

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## YANK FLIERS PICK OFF A JAP TARGET IN PACIFIC



FLAMES ROAR ALONG THE SIDES and top of a 5,000 ton Jap tanker following an attack by U. S. planes from an Essex class carrier. The photo, taken by a navy reconnaissance plane, was made as the stern of the ship began to sink into the South China Sea. Official U. S. Navy photo.