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Left, Bernarda Fink, mezzo-soprano, sang with the Cleveland Orchestra, conducted by Franz Welser-Möst, on Saturday evening, April 8. She sang Möst, and Bach's St. Matthew's Passion. In this photo, standing next to her, left to right in St. Mary's Church on Palm Sunday, April 9, are Helena and Felix Gaser, and Johanna Bajc, Executive Secretary of the Slovenian Consulate General, Dr. Zvone Žigon.

(Photo by PHIL HRVATIN)

St. Vitus groups meet to consider St. Martin question

On Wednesday, April 5 a joint meeting of the two consultative St. Vitus parish groups: the Pastoral Council, and the Parish Finance Council met. The joint meeting of the two groups was held mainly to consider an answer for St. Martin de Porres High School inquiry, namely, would St. Vitus Parish ever consider selling the school and auditorium buildings to St. Martin de Porres High School. Presently, St. Martin de Porres is leasing everything from St. Vitus parish. There is mutual respect and cooperation between the parish and the new school.

This coming Fall, however, St. Martin de Porres H.S. is starting the third year of operation – and at the same time starting to develop a Master Plan for the school's development for the next 5-to-10 years. Thus the question was broached: after St. Martin's is up and running at full capacity, what arrangement between the school and the parish would work best for both parties, especially in light of the Master

Plan presently in the works.

After a lengthy discussion, the Councils unanimously voted for St. Vitus parish to enter a very preliminary dialogue with St. Martin's with two questions: what will the nature of the relationship be between it and St. Vitus Parish in the coming years; and secondly, to what degree does St. Vitus parish need to be involved in the development of the Master Plan which St. Martin's is currently forming. Both questions will be answered sometime in the future in the spirit of cooperation, mutual respect, and with the best intentions on everyone's part.

For the record, to avoid wild speculation and rumor mongering, I wish to assure St. Vitus parishioners the following: there have not been any prearranged "secret" agreements made on anyone's part; nothing more or less has occurred than what I have written in the foregoing report; the two parish councils will continue to work jointly with me in the forthcoming dialogue

with St. Martin's; all developments will be made known to parishioners in a timely and forthcoming manner; and finally, if and when any important decisions will have to be made on the part of the parish, the two councils and the pastor will seek counsel from St. Vitus parishioners. Also, the diocesan finance office is helping both of the parties to conduct the conversation correctly and fruitfully.

Parishioners are invited to speak to any member of the two councils and offer their personal thoughts on the matter. Also, the pastor will find it helpful whenever parishioners offer comments to him personally.

Other matters were discussed at the council meeting: progress report on the Vibrant Parish Life Program at St. Vitus; neighborhood concerns of safety and dilapidated houses; upcoming council elections and parish events.

Next meeting will be on May 10.

—Father Joseph Boznar,
Pastor

Singing Society Zarja Concert Features Courtroom Comedy

Zarja's Spring Fling this year is titled, "And Justice for All."

As you might guess, the skit is based on our Justice System of Courts. Therefore, all the action will occur in a court room setting. Ed Ozanich, author of the skit, has gone back into previous years performances to see what has happened to all the characters.

The results are very interesting: NACE, the Tavern Owner, is suing Doctor ZAUBA, for cheating him out of his money and accordion. NADIA is suing to divorce BORIS for being so cheap. ROZALJA is suing RUDI for infidelity. ZENA is suing ZOVANIN, etc., etc. All these cases are on the

docket, and as each is heard, the judge, JANEZ FERSMAGA, will rule.

The musical portion of the skit, under the direction of Doug Elersich, will be performed in both Slovenian and English.

The activities, on Saturday, April 29 at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave., in Euclid, Ohio, start with dinner being served in the lower hall from 5 – 6:30 p.m. the performance will begin at 7 p.m., followed by dancing to the Jeff Pecon Orchestra.

Tickets are available for a \$22.00 donation at the Polka Hall of Fame, 605 E. 222 St., Euclid, from all Zarja members, or by calling (216) 531-5542 or (440) 257-2540.



Phil Hrvatin displays the press identification he was given by the Secret Service to be placed over his license plate as he drove one of the two photographers cars in President Bush's motorcade when he spoke in Cleveland last March. Besides being the American Home photographer for many occasions, Hrvatin is a full-time stockbroker with Wachovia, the original (and only) saxophone player for the Joey Tomsick Orchestra, a national officer in the KSKJ fraternal, on the Board of the Slovenian Cultural Garden Association, and generally involved in Slovenian activities in the Greater Cleveland area. When not driving the President's photographers around, during nice weather he loves to pedal his bicycle from home to his office on E. 9th Street in Cleveland, or from St. Mary's parish in Collinwood to Slovenska Pristava, a 45-mile journey. And on Saturday, April 8, Phil and his wife walked to and from their Lyndhurst, Ohio home to the Bernarda Fink concert in Severance Hall in University Circle. The American-Slovenian community of Greater Cleveland is indeed fortunate to have such a tireless and talented individual working in their midst.

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Learning from Dr. Rus

by RUDY FLIS

I was a few months from my eighth birthday at the time of Pearl Harbor. I had three brothers in service within a year of that memorable day. There are many memories of the war and some of the restrictions the American people experienced during WWII.

Now ask me about WWI, and it is pretty much a blank. I remember the movie, "Sergeant York," about a Congressional Medal of Honor hero in WWI. I knew that it was a war of France and England with the USA joining them in about 1917. I didn't like the Germans, who were our enemies. And that was it for me.

Well, last week the Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation had Dr. Vladimir Rus, of our local Slovenian community, as their guest, speaking on WWI, with its many effects on the Slovenians of Europe, during the war, and after that war. His topic was "The Soca Front in World War One."

Dr. Rus told us the Slovenians fought in the Austrian army, and in many instances there were opposing Slovenians wearing the Italian uniform. In trenches that were

sometimes only a few hundred feet apart, the Slovenians would speak Slovenian to each other, during breaks in fighting. A million soldiers, from both sides, perished in those furious mountain battles.

It was a heavy topic, which went into the Nineteenth Century to explain the way the different countries aligned themselves. I was amazed at the knowledge this man, Dr. Rus, had of history. He's a refugee, who arrived in our country in 1951. When he arrived here he didn't sit on his hands. Just check his credentials.

A friend of mine, Ann, introduced my grandson Brian and me to Dr. Vladimir Rus. How easy he was to speak with. He certainly was not "aloof." I enjoyed meeting and conversing with this special man, a true "Gem," in Cleveland's Slovenian community. Oh, what a historian was our speaker, that great night put on by the hard-working members in our Slovenian-American Heritage Foundation. Just like the people who attended Dr. Rus's lecture at Slovenian Home on Recher Avenue, the strudel and refreshments were the best. It was good to be there.

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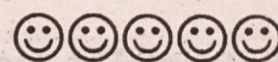
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HAPpy

News



Nice crowd of HAPpy "youngsters" gathered for March 8 meeting. As always, we began with Pledge of Allegiance, followed by silent prayer for our deceased and ailing members. We bid "good-bye" to Carl Schultz, always active supporter and promoter of our club; and Caroline Zabukovec, beloved wife of our treasurer Bill Zabukovec. May they rest in God's loving arms. Our deepest sympathy to the grieving families.

Sunshine lady Ann Eichler sent warm greetings to Chris Chermely, Joanna Jamison, George Knaus, John Kozlevchar, and Dorothy Spendal. Get well soon, everybody! We were all especially glad to see John Kozlevchar among us, looking fit after his surgical "procedure". Please stay well, John! FYI: Helen Suhy is currently residing at Salida Woods, Apt #224; 7685 Lake Shore Blvd. Mentor, OH 44060. Her tel.# is 440-209-8236. She says Hello to everybody, and welcomes calls and visits.

Congratulations again to our lovely Helen Kozlevchar, chosen Holmes Ave. Woman of the Year. She was honored with a spaghetti dinner March 19 at the Hall. The affair was a sell-out! Many other honorees attended, among them Jim and June Slapnik, and Kathy Hlad. Jim and Kathy are honorees chosen by the Federation of Slovenian Homes. Kathy, along with Kenny Zalar, played their accordion all afternoon, to the delight of all present. Dinner was a great success, thanks to the hard-working board members and volunteers. Imagine being waited on by your councilman... Mike Polensek pours a great cup of coffee!

Myra Jerkic's helper with the 50/50 raffle was cousin Beatrice Jerkich. A wonderful job, as always. Thank you, ladies! A big Thank You also to the kitchen crew for the tasty sloppy-joe sandwiches. Yum! There was a lot of "wearin' of the green", too, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, and lovely "grasshoppers" at the bar...

Fran Kajfez reminded everyone of early departure time for the Greentown trip March 27. Heard it was a good one! Friday July 28 is D-Day (departure) for the Amish country. Truly amazing, how fast that one filled up! There is a wait-list, for your consolation.

Fran counted 179 members in attendance. There are now 135 Honorary members, and 31 still waiting in the wings.

Some important dates to remember: April 12 - we'll be singing at the Slovenian Home for Aged on Neff Rd. after the meeting. What an appreciative audience they are! Our Dinner Dance is May 7, on Holmes Ave. only \$18.00 PP. Doors open at 1PM, and dinner by Linda Plecnik will be served at 2PM. Ray Polantz will play for our listening and dancing pleasure from 3 o'clock on. Our dinner/dance is open to all members and friends of HAP.

Our annual picnic July 12 is at a new venue: F.O.E. grounds at 37299 Euclid (Mentor) Ave. in Willoughby. The Federation picnic is slated for August 30 at SNPJ Farm.

New members were welcomed to the Club: Stephanie Dagg, Edward Kenik, Joe and MaryAnn Surtz, and Rosemary Toth. Hope you all enjoy our get-togethers!

Happy Birthday was sung to quite a few members, but no one present celebrated a wedding anniversary. Guess our generation kept the Lenten observance very well...

Myra Jerkic presented a wonderful idea for an afternoon of fun: a talent show in June! We are bound to have a wealth of talented performers: singers, musicians, comedians etc in our midst. Hello, Eddie Kenik! Dust off your "pipes" and instruments, and polish the poetry and prose, we'll have a BLAST! Sign up with Myra; you have two whole months to practice....

A truly blessed and happy Easter to all HAPpy members and friends!

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by John Mercina

"Headlines from the Year 2029"

(Received from a friend, author unknown)

- ❑ "Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, Mexifornia, formerly known as California."
- ❑ "White minorities still trying to have English recognized as Mexifornia's third language."
- ❑ "Spotted owl plague threatens northwestern U.S. crops and livestock."
- ❑ "Baby conceived naturally. Scientists stumped."
- ❑ "Couple petitions court to reinstate heterosexual marriage."
- ❑ "Last remaining Fundamentalist Muslim dies in the American Territory of the Middle East."
- ❑ "France pleads for global help after being taken over by Jamaica."
- ❑ Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but U.S. President, Chelsea Clinton, has banned all smoking."
- ❑ "George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036."
- ❑ "85-years, \$75.8 billion study: diet and exercise are the key to weight loss."
- ❑ "Average weight of Americans drops to 250 lbs."
- ❑ "Japanese scientists have created a camera with such a fast shutter speed, they can now photograph a woman with her mouth shut."
- ❑ "Massachusetts executes last remaining conservative."
- ❑ "Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights."
- ❑ "IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent."
- ❑ "Florida voters still having problems with voting machines."



Julia Jung Hee Larish makes debut

Julia Jung Hee Larish arrived on March 29, 2006, weighing in at 8 pounds and boasting chipmunk cheeks and flaxen locks. Aidan and Colin seem smitten by their baby sister and, at least for now, don't seem to mind the dilution of attention.

Three children in the family are age 3 years, 22 months, and 2 weeks. We are deeply grateful for the joy and love they bring to our lives. Proud grandparents are John and Rose Ellen Larish of Rochester, New York.

Susanna Suh and Jim Larish

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

August 14, 1964

Mr. Henry Lobe
6207 Schade Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio - 44103

Dear Henry:

Thanks very much for your letter of August 11th and the pictures which it contains.

More power to the Slovenska Pristava in the progress that it is making in developing its grounds out at Geneva into a real and attractive recreational spot.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Frank J. Lausche

FJL:cmj

More Financial Help Needed for Pristava

It was very interesting to see the copy of the "Informal agreement to purchase a farm for Slovenska Pristava on April 16, 1961 in the Ameriška Domovina last week.

We thought you would also enjoy seeing a letter that Frank J. Lausche wrote to Hinko Lobe referencing Slovenska Pristava dated August 14, 1964. I know Senator Lausche would be proud of all the accomplishments that Slovenska Pristava has made over the past 45 years.

The Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation has been a MAJOR contributor to the new recreation hall presently under construction at Slovenska Pristava... to be named in his honor. The new

hall is currently under construction, but much work needs to be done.

I believe American Home readers should be aware that while almost all of the labor at the new hall at Slovenska Pristava is donated by dedicated volunteers... there is still a pressing need for additional funds if the project is to be completed. Any contributions by any readers for the Slovenska Pristava Building Fund will be greatly appreciated.

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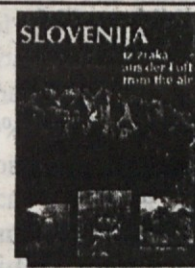
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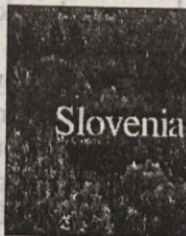
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Mlakar Walks Down Memory Lane

by RAY MLAKAR

Here is hoping the Easter Bunny was good to all of you and here is hoping we will only see good, warmer weather in the weeks ahead. Before I go on, I might mention that Happy Harry got a "Fan Letter" from none other than Sue and Andrew Cashen from Madison, Ohio. Harry thinks now he is two steps ahead of Lassie.

Well, I won't go into my Easter for perhaps the highlight was going to Easter Mass and that was it, but I am sure there are many others like myself who are forced to celebrate Easter alone since they lost their mates and have no family.

Well, enough of this and time to get back to Mlakar's Walk. As I write about this, my one hope is that my readers will learn from my mistakes. Perhaps as we look at life, our greatest education comes from learning from the mistakes of others. Perhaps if I could give this lesson a title, it would be "Listen to your mate." This goes back to 21 Feb. 1982. That was a weekend I was working at the Reserve Center. But since my wife had just gotten back from the hospital, I did not stay overnight at the Reserve Center like I usually do on weekend drills, but came home Saturday night.

Josephine's sister who lived nearby, had stayed with us that weekend to insure Josie was doing all right. I had set the alarm clock to get up early Sunday morning and told Josie to sleep in, but she got up anyway which was about 5:30 a.m. I was shaving when she heard the doorbell ring, and answered it. It was dark out. She came to the bathroom and said, "Ray, there is a young man at the door and wants to use our phone, says his car broke down on the Parkway." She said Ray, I don't think we should let him in. I said, "Oh, come on, Josie; he is in trouble. Let me go to the door." I went and he repeated his story about wanting to use the phone to get help for his car. I said, "Where is it?"

He said, "Well, you can't see it from here. It is just around the corner on the Parkway." (Actually, it was in the drive, out of sight from the porch.) I said why did you come here? He said, "Your house was the only one with a light on." He was right, so I decided to let him in. As I turned to let him in, feeling he was right behind me since I was going to lead him to the kitchen phone, three other dudes followed

behind him. Boom, bang, bang, he hit me over the head, kicked the Schauer under the table and told Josie to get back into the bedroom.

They lost no time in ripping cords from the lamps and tying us up in the bedroom. He asked me if I had any guns and I said no. Unfortunately, he went to the basement and found my 16 gauge shotgun on the wall. He came up with it and said, "What the hell do you call this? I said that is a hunting rifle and again he hit me with the butt of the rifle. They grabbed pillow cases from the dresser drawers and began loading them up with anything and everything. There went all my cameras, tape recorders, dubbers, etc. They took our wallets and said in leaving, "Don't try to get untied or we will see you from the walk and come back and finish you all off. Needless to say, we did not attempt to move, but then after about 10 minutes we were able to free one another for all three of us were tied up in knots. I was bleeding profusely, but Josie got some cold packs, towels and soon stopped the bleeding.

No time was lost in calling the police and it seemed like only seconds, when sirens were heard all over. I never seen so many cops hit the front door. They sent for a special crew from Cleveland to take prints of anything and everything that the crooks may have touched. The woodwork was full of black dust from them trying to get prints. Low and behold they went behind the throw pillow on the couch and there one of the dudes left behind his "sawed off shotgun," which was fully loaded.

The detective said, "Thank God they did not use this on any of you." They wrapped it up and took it with them. For hours, more detectives showed up with more questions asking for descriptions, etc., and asked us to come downtown the next day to look at "mug shots." Prior to them coming, I did call the Reserve Center to tell them I was not coming to work for 48 hours since we were robbed at gunpoint.

Surprisingly, in all that commotion, Josie never once said, I told you so." Never once after that did she ever bring it up or remind me of the event. The Reserve Center was compassionate and asked if they could send out some officers and soldiers, but I said, "No, the place was loaded with cops." Goes without saying with all the sirens going on, soon the entire street was out front wondering what happened.

Needless to say, Josie and I spent quite a few hours in the days ahead washing down all the woodwork, tables, lamps, getting finger print dust cleaned off. It was a big mess.

The story goes on, but I will leave the conclusion for the next edition. It goes without saying that I have learned my lesson and sorry to say would not open the front door now if it was St. Peter himself asking for a glass of water. Perhaps it is wise in saying that one should listen to your mates and if she feels it is not the right thing to do, don't do it. Listen to her. I remind all our readers, be careful when you answer the door. Do not fall for any sob stories for you have everything to lose and nothing to gain.

Without a doubt, perhaps it was one of the bad events in our marriage. A lesson that was very costly for it was some months before all claims with the insurance company were settled. Some things could not be replaced. Some things they stole had more sentimental value than money. I hate going into it for it brings back too many sad memories. Memories that I had been trying to forget all these years. We lost a lot thru Ray's stupidity. Thru not listening to Josie. Fortunately, the wounds in my head healed. Even the dog survived. Everything healed except the heartache in my soul, for if I would just have listened to Josie, none of this would have happened.

I will continue next time with the ending of this event.

Perhaps with a laugh or two. Speaking of laughs, it is time to end this column with a joke, so let's thank God we survived. Okay. A Jewish man was in St. Vincent Hospital recovering from an operation when a nun walked into his room. She was there to cheer up the sick and ailing. The man and the nun started talking and the nun asked about the man's life. The man talked about his wife and 13 children. "My, my," said the nun, "13 children... you're a good proper Catholic family man. God is very proud of you." - He said, "I'm sorry, Sister, I am not a Catholic. I'm Jewish."

"Jewish?" she replies, and immediately gets up to leave. "Sister, why are you leaving?" - She says, "I didn't realize I was talking to a sex maniac."

With that, time to close only in hopes the Good Lord bless and watches over all of you and keeps you from opening doors to strangers. Listen to your mate.

Taft Signs Yuko's MS Bill

Ohio House Bill 379, legislation sponsored by State Representative Kenny Yuko to designate March as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month," was signed by Governor Bob Taft on March 2.

The signing ceremony took place during a luncheon hosted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. Yuko, D-Richmond Heights, joined the governor during the bill signing. Yuko holds the Slovenian Seat in Columbus, formerly occupied by now Judge Ron Suster, and formerly by U.S. Senator George Voinovich.

H.B. 379 makes Ohio the first state in the nation to designate an entire month to recognizing the battle against multiple sclerosis (MS). The MS Society got a head start by inviting Yuko to a ceremonial lighting of LeVeque Tower in downtown Columbus. The 47-floor tower lit

the Columbus skyline red for the entire month of March.

H.B. 379 is the first bill sponsored by Yuko, a House freshman, to become law.

"I am so pleased with the outpouring of support for this legislation, Yuko said. "This bill means so much for thousands of Ohioans whose lives are affected every day by this debilitating disease."

The issue is personal for Yuko. Last year, during a debate on whether to place new limits on stem cell research in Ohio law, Yuko went public with the fact that he has MS.

Multiple sclerosis is thought to be an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system, which consists of the brain, spinal cord and the optic nerves. Common symptoms of MS include, but are not limited to, fatigue, vision problems, depression, abnormal sensations, such as numbness and difficulty in walking.



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St. Vitus salutes four parish stalwarts

by STANE KUHAR
Finance Manager

Approximately 200 people attended the St. Vitus Parish "Appreciation Day" on Saturday, Feb. 18 despite the cold, bitter winter day, to recognize the many volunteers who throughout the course of the year give their time for the betterment and benefit of the parish; and by extension the broader community in northeast Ohio.

The occasion began with a 4 p.m. Mass concelebrated by Father Joseph Božnar, pastor, and Father Victor Cimperman, in residence. The Mass had a special significance as the 9 a.m. Sunday choir lent their voices in harmony during the Mass.

After the Mass, the volunteers were greeted to a well prepared dinner under the expert direction of Mrs. Julka Zalar and her capable staff. After everyone was seated, Fr. Božnar provided the invocation prayer. The dinner was then served in a friendly, but prompt manner to the pleasure and gratitude of all in attendance.

At the conclusion of the dinner, Father Božnar greeted attendees and thanked everyone for their continued support on behalf of the parish. Fr. Božnar noted that volunteers are the heart and soul of a parish. He continued by saying that no amount of money could ever replace the spirit of cooperation and sense of community that volunteers bring and provide on a continuous basis for a parish.

Fr. Božnar continued saying that a number of individuals, two men and two women, would be recognized this evening as "Man and Woman of the Year" for their many years of faithful dedication and work on behalf of the parish. He noted that this recognition was for all parishioners and represented one dimension of the parish. Fr. Božnar said that since 1979, when the first appreciation dinner began, there has been 55 such honored individuals.

The first honoree to be called forward was **Anne Arhar**. Mrs. Arhar has been long associated with St. Vitus Parish through her work in the St. Vitus Mothers' Club, Confraternity of Christian Mothers (at St. Vitus), Holy Name Society, annual parish summer and fall festivals and picnics, St. Vitus

Altar and Rosary Society, and Catholic Order of Foresters (Baraga Court #1317).

The second honoree named was **Ivanka Matič**. Mrs. Matič also has been involved for many years in the St. Vitus Mothers' Club and Confraternity of Christian Mothers (at St. Vitus), as well as the annual parish summer and fall festivals and picnics, Baraga Days, Slovenian Women's Union (Branch #50), and for the past number of years, has been president of the St. Vitus Altar and Rosary Society.

The third individual named was **Anton Oblak**. Mr. Oblak became involved in parish and neighborhood activities upon arriving in Cleveland from Slovenia after the conclusion of World War II. Mr. Oblak has for decades been involved in parish life as an officer (Holy Name Society), officer and committee member of parish Summer and Fall Festivals, served on the parish pastoral council, and St. Vitus Slovenian School, and *ad hoc* volunteer for nearly one year on a weekly basis during the construction of St. Vitus Village. He was involved in the local neighborhood Watch Block program, St. Clair Avenue area, and remains involved in many other Slovenian endeavors such as Slovenska Pisarna, DSPB, and the Slovenian American Council.

The fourth individual called forward was **Frank Šega**. Mr. Šega has been involved in many fraternal endeavors, primarily as a lodge secretary of Christ the King Lodge #226 KSKJ for numerous decades, annual Ohio Fraternal Lodges summer family picnics, annual honoring of *Maria Pomagaj z Brezje* devotion through Ohio Federation of KSKJ Lodges (normally held at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, Ohio), St. Vitus Slovenian School, annual summer and fall festivals and picnics, an *ad hoc* volunteer for nearly one year on a weekly basis during the construction of St. Vitus Village, parish finance advisory council, DSPB, Slovenian American Council, and other related parish events. Fr. Božnar and all in attendance congratulated the four selected honorees with much applause.

Fr. Božnar called on Stane Kuhar to provide a short report on the recently com-



Honorees for 2006 for St. Vitus Parish "Man and Woman of the Year" are, left to right, Anton Oblak, Anne Arhar, Ivanka Matic, and Frank Seg. Fr. Božnar, pastor, is at center.

pleted major parish capital campaign for the church and parish roofs and improvements project. Kuhar noted that the entire project cost \$1.79 million. The parish has an outstanding bank loan balance of \$210,000 compared to the original amount of \$300,000. Kuhar noted that a detailed annual financial operating statement and list of donor names for 2005 would be mailed to all registered parish households as well as a detailed and summary listing of sources and uses of funds for this project in March.

Fr. Božnar then called upon Mary Ann Vogel, principal, St. Martin de Porres High School. Ms. Vogel gave a brief report on the state of affairs of the newly formed Catholic high school, currently leasing the parish school, parish auditorium and parking lot facilities from St. Vitus. St. Martin de Porres High School currently has nearly 200 students, freshmen and sophomores only. With two more incoming classes over the next two years the school will be a full high school of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The students are involved in a "Corporate Work Study Program," whereby students pay nearly 70% of their own tuition by working in a team of four at local northeast Ohio based companies such as Cleveland Clinic, KeyBank, or National City Bank.

The school is part of a "Cristo Rey" high school network with 11 such schools in operation and approximately six more will open within the next one to two years. Each proposed school must go through a vigorous self-study program to determine if this type school is realistic for a particular metropolitan city in the USA.

Fr. Božnar concluded the

dinner with final thoughts on the coming Lenten Season, involvement of the parish in the current "Vibrant Parish Initiative," and the work of the high school through a

future "Master Plan" approach that will soon begin. Fr. Cimperman gave the closing prayer to end a delightful evening of good food and company.

Hitch Your Wagon to SNH Night at Races

Come and join us for a fun night. An Evening at the Races is a fun and enjoyable event. It will be held at the Slovenian National Home, 6417 St. Clair Avenue.

You can purchase a horse for \$10.00 or you can place an ad in the program book if you wish. Each winning horse owner will receive a gift certificate and first place ribbon.

The date is Friday, April 21. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Post time is 7:30 p.m. Cost is

\$10.00 per person which includes 10 color video races and refreshments. Security parking will also be provided.

This event is being held in conjunction with the St. Vitus Slovenian Language School. For details and tickets call (216) 361-5115. Tickets can also be purchased from Board members. If you have never attended one of these events, you are in for a real treat.

--Sylvia Plymesser

Ohio Slovenian Genealogists Meet

The Ohio Chapter of the Slovenian Genealogy Society International will meet on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in Recher Hall, 20713 Recher Avenue off E. 200th St., in Euclid, Ohio. Dr. Judy Cetina, Director of the Cuyahoga County Archives, will be the guest speaker. Her topic, The Naturalization Process, will give insight into the steps our forefathers had to take to become American citizens as well as

provide possible new sources of information for the Slovenian genealogy researcher.

Anyone interested in Slovenian ancestry is invited to attend. Future 2006 meetings will be held on Sept. 12 and Nov. 14. If you need directions to Recher Hall or have any further questions, please contact Rose Marie Jisa at 440-230-2251.

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General Frank Gorenc Heads Air Wing in Iraq

Brigadier General Frank Gorenc is Commander of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Balad Air Base, Iraq. He commands more than 6,000 people located in various locations throughout Iraq. The 332nd AEW comprises the 407th, 506th, and 447th Air Expeditionary Groups located at Ali Base, Kirkuk Air Base and Baghdad International Airport, as well as the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, which provides oversight for more than 1,200 Air Force personnel who are operationally assigned to U.S. Army units in Iraq.



General Gorenc was born in Ljubljana, Slovenia. He earned his commission in 1979 as a distinguished graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has commanded a fighter squad-

ron, an operations group and a fighter wing. General Gorenc has also served at the Pentagon as Chief, Studies, Analysis and Gaming Division on the Joint Staff. Prior to assuming his current position, he was Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, VA.

The general is a command pilot with 4,000 flight hours and has served as the F-15C East Coast Demonstration Team pilot.

Gorenc is now 48 years old. He came to the U.S. (Milwaukee) with his parents when he was 4 years old. His brother Stanley is also an Air Force Academy graduate and is a Major General.

Coming Events...

All Fridays

Fish Fry Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Road, Cleveland from 11:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

All Fridays

Fish Fry dinners at Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio.

Friday, April 21

West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland dance from 7:30 - 11:15 p.m. with music by Ray Polantz.

Friday, April 21

Slovenian National Home, St. Clair, evening at the races. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Admission \$10. 361-5115.

Saturday, April 22

Korotan Concert at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair.

Sunday, April 23

Card Party, 1 - 4 p.m. at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Donation \$5.

Monday, April 24

Pork Chop Dinner at Slovenian Workmen's Home, 15335 Waterloo Rd., Cleveland from 4 to 7 p.m. honoring Kathy Hlad, Jimmy and June Slapnik. Cost \$9.00. Musical entertainment. For tickets call Pat Nevar 216/481-0163 or pick up at Friday Fish Fry.

Friday, April 28

West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland dance from 7:30 - 11:15 p.m. with music by Stan Mejac.

Saturday, April 29

Zarja Spring Frolic Concert "And Justice For All" at Slovenian Society Home in Euclid, Ohio. Dinner 5 - 6:30 p.m. program: 7 p.m. Dancing 8 p.m. with Jeff Pecon Orchestra. Donation \$22 per person.

Saturday, April 29

Primorski Klub Dinner Dance at Slovenian National Home on St. Clair Ave.

Sunday, April 30

Church of the Nativity, San Francisco hosts Slowwind Concert: Woodwind Quintet from Slovenia. 3 p.m. Admission \$15. Advance reservations call 650-583-5609.

Friday, May 5

West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland dance from 7:30 - 11:15 p.m. with music by Fred Ziwich.

Sunday, May 7

Newburgh Slovenian Home salutes Man of Year Joe Novak. \$18 person. Dinner 1 p.m. Music and dancing 2:30 - ?

Sunday, May 7

Holmes Ave. Pensioners invites all to Annual Dinner-Dance at Collinwood Slovenian Home. Dinner served at 2 p.m. Dance to Ray Polantz Orch. 3 to 7. Tickets call 440-943-3784 before May 1.

Tuesday, May 9

Ohio Slovenian Genealogy Society meets at 7 p.m. in Slovenian Society Home, 20713 Recher Ave., Euclid, Ohio. Dr. Judy Cetina will be guest speaker on "The Naturalization Process."

Friday, May 12

West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland dance from 7:30 - 11:15 p.m. with music by Frank Moravick.

Saturday, May 13

St. Mary's (Coll.) Slovenian School Reverse Raffle in Parish Center, 6 p.m. \$65 couple, or \$45 single. Includes dinner, open bar, music by Veseli Godci and number on Main Board. For tickets call (216) 731-0287 or (440) 350-9526. Benefit students educational trip to Slovenia next year.

Sunday, May 14

Newburgh Slovenian Home, 3563 E. 80th St., Cleveland, Mother's Day Brunch from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Donation \$8. Reservations (216) 341-6136 or (216) 662-3339.

Thursday, May 18

Polka promoter George Knaus and musician Joe Petrich celebrate their 92nd pre-birthday at Recher Hall in Euclid, Ohio. Jeff Pecon 6 to 8:30, New Generation 8:30 to 11 p.m. Joey Tomsick 7 to 10 p.m. Everyone welcome. Donation \$1.00.

Friday, May 19

West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland dance from 7:30 - 11:15 p.m. with music by Wayne Tomsic.

Saturday, May 20

Revive the "Nash," Reverse Raffle \$1,500 grand prize. \$50 per couple, \$35 single. Doors open at 6, dinner at 7. Music by Wayne Tomsic.

Sunday, May 21

Breakfast at Collinwood Slovenian Home, 15810 Holmes Ave. Includes eggs, sausage, bacon, hash browns, toast, coffee. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation \$6.

Friday, May 26

West Park Slovenian Home, 4583 W. 130 St., Cleveland dance from 7:30 - 11:15 p.m. with music by Frank Moravick.

Sunday, May 28

61st anniversary Memorial Mass for all Victims of Communism and Nazism sponsored by DSPB Cleveland, noon at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH

Sunday, May 28

Slovenian Memorial Service at All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH, 3:30 p.m. All are invited to both events.

Friday, June 16

Pork, sauerkraut and dumpling dinner 5 - 7:30 at Newburgh, Slovenian Home,

Notice of Annual Meeting of Members

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The annual meeting of members of the
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Registration: 6:00 p.m. - Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Members are cordially invited to attend this important meeting. Members, as defined in the Bylaws, are those individuals and organizations who have contributed a minimum of \$25 during the preceding year. For the 5/19/06 meeting, this is the period from 4/1/05 through 3/31/06.

APPRECIATION DAY FOR TWO GREAT LADIES



Rose Braidich and Caroline Brush

Sunday, May 7 - Doors open at 2:30

**West Park Slovenian Home,
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**3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - Rose and Caroline with
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**4:00 - 8 p.m. Joey Tomsick Orchestra
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All Invited to Holmes Pensioners Dinner-Dance

The Holmes Avenue Pensioners Club invites all to their annual dinner-dance on Sunday, May 7 at the Collinwood Slovenian Home on Holmes Ave., Cleveland.

Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. by Linda Plečnik.

Forget all your aches, pains, and troubles; come out and have fun with all recycled teenagers and dance or listen to Ray Polantz Orchestra from 3 - 7 p.m.

For tickets call 440 943-3784. Donation is only \$18.00.

Keep smiling and laughter is good.

--Matt Zabukovec

Slovenian School Fundraiser

Everyone is cordially invited to attend a Reverse Raffle on Saturday, May 13 sponsored by St. Mary's (Collinwood) Slovenian School.

The raffle will be held in St. Mary's Parish Center. Doors and sideboards will open at 6 p.m. Tickets for the raffle are \$65 per couple or \$45 for a single ticket, which includes dinner, open bar, music by Veseli Godci, and a number on the Main Board. The Main Board prize will be \$2,000.

For tickets or more information, please call Christy Vidmar at 216-731-0287 or Julie Tromba at 440-350-9526, or email to stmaryslovenian-school@yahoo.com All proceeds will benefit an educational trip for the students, to Slovenia in the summer of 2007.

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Death Notices

MARY ZRIM

Mary Zrim (Bulak), age 85, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at Hospice House. She was born on June 3, 1920 in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. She lived in Euclid, Ohio.

Mary is survived by daughters Anna (Josef) Avsenik, Carolyn "Ernie" (Michael) Slocombe; son Marion "Motts" (Gloria); 7 grandsons; two granddaughters; five great-grandsons; and three great-granddaughters.

Deceased family are husband: Ernest; son: Milan; two brothers and two sisters in Ukraine.

Friends were received at Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Cleveland, on Monday, April 17 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Tuesday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church, 15519 Holmes Ave.

Contributions in Mary's memory may be directed to St. Mary Building Fund, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110; or Hospice House, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

AGNES PEROVSEK

Agnes Perovsek (Cvar), age 79, passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2006 in Cleveland Clinic.

Agnes was born on October 20, 1926 in Za Mostec, Slovenia. She was a 38-year resident of Euclid, Ohio, formerly of Cleveland.

Agnes belonged to Slovenska Pristava Pensioners, and AMLA Lodge #9.

She is survived by children John (Sally) Perovsek, Mary (Raymond) Greer and Tom (Julie) Perovsek; grandchildren Natalie and Steven Greer, Rachel, Alicia, Samuel, and Andrew Perovsek.

Her husband, Ivan and 12 siblings all of Slovenia, are deceased.

Friends called on Monday, April 17 at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, OH from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18 at St. Paul's Church, 1231 Chardon Rd., Euclid, OH. Burial in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

JEWEL SEKARA

Jewel Sekara (Mese), 94, passed away on Saturday, April 15, 2006.

Jewel was born on Feb. 14, 1912 in Cleveland. She was a former resident of Willoughby, Ohio for 37 years.

Jewel was a member of KSKJ Lodge 216, and AMLA Lodge #9.

She is survived by son, Michael Sekara (wife Madeline) of Columbus; grandchildren Nikole Powell, and Stefany Sekara; great-granddaughter Lucianna Powell.

Her husband, Michael, is deceased.

Memorial service is at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 20 at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills, Ohio the Rev. Joseph Božnar officiating. Interment in Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, OH.

Note:

Thanks to Genevieve Drobnic of Cape Coral, FL who renewed her subscription and wrote, "Keep up the great work. Enjoy Jim's reports - so special. Emilee is really an excellent addition to the paper. She keeps us informed of the local events."

In Loving Memory



John J. Urbancich

Died April 29, 1975

31 years have passed since that sad day When the one we loved was called away.

God took him home - it was His will But in our hearts - he lives, still.

Sadly missed by:
Wife, Dorothy,
Daughter, Madeline Debevec
Son, John M.,
and families

In Memory

Thanks to Eleanore A. Rudman of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of parents, Frank and Anna Picman.

In Memory

Thanks to Helene A. Kolesov of Northbrook, IL who donated \$20.00 in memory of parents, Erwin and Albina Schroit.

In Memory

Thanks to Vida Kalin of Cleveland, OH who submitted a nice \$40.00 donation in memory of Philip and Mary Kalin.

In Memory

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scheid of Willoughby, OH who submitted a \$15.00 donation in memory of sister Sylvia Kodromaz.

In Memory

Thanks to Frank and Dorothy Zupcsan of Madison, OH submitted a \$15.00 donation in memory of the wonderful Anton and Marjana Debevc and Family.

Donation

Thanks to Anonymous for the \$65.00 donation.

Large Donation

Thanks to Robert Sket of Sagamore Hills, OH for the \$100.00 donation.

Donation

Thanks to West Park Slovenian Home of Cleveland, OH who submitted a nice \$50.00 donation.

In Loving Memory



William H. Plymesser

20th Anniversary
April 28, 1986

We'll meet again someday, I know
Beyond the distant blue
But until then, my dearest one,
I'll always think of you... and
So I live with thoughts of you...
And all you meant to me... and
Always I can feel you near...
If just in memory
Sadly missed by
Wife, Sylvia

Large Donation

A big thank you to polka promoter George Knaus who stopped in at the American Home with a great \$100.00 donation.

Donation

Thanks to Ruth Hribar of Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH for the \$20.00 donation.

Donation

Thanks to Barbara Strumbly of Willoughby, OH for the great \$50.00 donation!

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Thanks to Marieta Jamsek Tehlirian, M.D. who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. She writes, "I enjoy reading the paper."

West Bloomfield, MI

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Thanks to Marie A. Zugel of Ft. Myers, FL for the \$25.00 donation.

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Thanks to Frank Mahne of Painesville, OH for the \$20.00 donation.

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Thanks to Mr. Joe Mihelich of Cleveland, OH for the \$25.00 donation.

Excited

Editor,
Enclosed is our check for a one year subscription. We are excited to get some news from home.

--Romanca Attwood
Cape Coral, FL

In Loving Memory

Of the 16th Anniversary
our Mother,
Grandmother, and
Sister



ANNA M. ZAK

Passed away April 30, 1990

Your memory to us is a keepsake,
With which we will never part
Though God has you in His keeping,
We always have you in our heart.

Sadly missed by
Daughter: Betty Orehek
Sons: Norbert J. and
Michael J.
and other relatives

Slovenian

Ship's Engineer

Editor,

We were on a cruise in February with Alfi Nipic, Tony Klepec, and others. We enjoyed it very much. On the ship we met an engineer who was overhauling the ship's engines. This gentleman is Slovenian from the Trieste area. His name is Boris Mikulus. He used to work for a ship building company in Monfalcone (Trzic), that is now making one ship per year for Princess Cruises. He is overhauling engines on all of their cruise liners for 15 years already.

He took some of us down in the engine room and showed us the motors that run everything on the ship. He told us that the engine valve heads and the propeller shafts are made by Litostroj from Ljubljana. He said he would like to receive the American Home newspaper and I said I will be happy to subscribe for him.

--Milan Ribic
Willoughby Hills, OH

Large Donation

Thank you to Jan Beljan of Palm Beach Gardens, FL who renewed her subscription and added a \$100.00 donation! She writes, "Thank you, and all of your contributors for offering hindsight and insight, humor and information."

Donation

Thanks to Slovenian Cultural Society Triglav of Milwaukee, WI who submitted a \$20.00 donation.

In Loving Memory

of the 3rd Anniversary
of wife and Mother



Marie March

Born: Sept. 25, 1917
Passed away: April 4, 2003

Mom,
Life is the first gift
you gave us, Love is
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The life and times of Joseph Mihevc



by JOSEPH MIHEVC

(Continued)
Fall 1930-1940
School and After

In order to improve our standard of living, we needed a stable to shelter a cow and to store manure. I put a lot of effort into constructing this stable by mixing the mortar, preparing the stone and whatever else was necessary to build this structure. This pleased the whole family, and in 1939, it appeared that things were going to improve, as the crops in the field began to yield a better result. My family's years of hard work began to pay off. The neighbors noticed the results of our work ethic and frequently asked for help. That winter, a neighbor asked me to cut the big fir trees in the community bush. By hand, three of us cut and cleared the trees for timber or cut boards of various sizes and lengths. My earnings enabled me to buy my first suit for Easter.

I also found time to play regularly in the town band. We played at Easter and at various religious celebrations, at concerts, dances, funerals and other events. These melodies continue to play in my mind – waltzes, marches, polkas, tangos, funeral and religious songs – especially when similar melodies are played on TV or on the radio.

My education suffered because I was forced to spend so much time working. Moreover, there were some language difficulties, particularly because of the different dialects. Because of the poor economic conditions and also because of the political atmosphere, education was not encouraged nor was it something everyone could afford to continue past grade six. As a result, many people lacked adequate reading and writing skills. I was fortunate, however, that on the first of July, 1940, I began my apprenticeship as a mechanic.

The owner of the shop where I trained as a mechanic, as well as his family, had noted my work ethic, my honesty and my successes and offered me this opportunity. I clearly recall my father coming home with a

smile on his face and announcing that the next day, I could start as an apprentice. I was so excited and full of enthusiasm that I arrived at the shop before 7 a.m.

Unfortunately, it was still closed and I met the owner's sister in the kitchen. She smiled at me and handed me the key to the shop and told me to go and open it. I unlocked the door and stood inside not knowing where to turn. I do not remember who the next person was to come in. Whoever it was, explained a few things to me and I did what he directed. I worked hard from then on. Many of my former school friends, along with my neighbors, were quite envious of my position. I later found out that some of the parents of my schoolmates and many others had tried to get their sons to apprentice in the same place, but without success. Apparently, their sons had not displayed the qualities that the owner was looking for, a detail that was explained by the shop owner to my father.

1940 – 1945

My Apprenticeship
and After

On the first of July, 1940, I took my first step as a mechanical apprentice. It was a big change from working in the fields or in the bush, or breaking stone by hand. The shop was small with the owner, two helpers, two apprentices and me, the novice. Two major projects were underway when I started. One was to construct a water turbine and sawmill for the owner's brother, while the other was to build a bus body for the local bus line that was operated by the owner. My brother Tone was also a helper, but his time was mostly spent driving on the bus route and acting as a chauffeur for special occasions. There was also another helper who worked steadily as a bus driver. He also performed various tasks, even chopping wood, in his spare time during the afternoon hours. The shop offered all kinds of services for the locals and also for the Yugoslavian army's defense department. The possibility of attack from Italy or Germany was high. As an apprentice, the kind of work that I performed was not what one might expect, especially by today's standards. There was little communication and there was no planned instruction. For a start, I was routinely asked to give a hand to someone or to hold something or bring this or that. I was also sent on errands to the store. A very tiring job was pedaling the

wheel that drove the fan to keep the charcoal at a very high temperature of 1500°C or higher. This was necessary to heat the steel or iron to red or white, in order to hammer it into different forms. The same kind of heat was required to hammer the round stock to make the bolt heads used in construction. We also made different clamps and steel reinforcements.

As a novice apprentice, I was also expected to wash the different parts with gasoline and to clean cars and buses. In addition, I did a lot of cleaning and sweeping. I also stored 45-gallon drums of fuel, fuelled and lubricated buses and cars, and repaired flat tires. A broken tooth is a permanent reminder of these tires. The bad roads and the rayon cord tires caused many flat tires, and in those days, tires were difficult to purchase. Hand pumping tires was a difficult job. In a short time, however, my muscles got stronger and I could pump two, three or more bus tires a day, while a much stronger man could only pump one tire. I was also able to compete successfully with stronger men in using my hand muscles to loosen or secure wheel nuts on buses. Gradually, my responsibilities increased to include not just work with bicycles, but also the maintenance of cars and buses and various other repairs.

(To Be Continued)

Reminder

The American Home (Ameriška Domovina) will be printed the first three Thursdays of each month ONLY. NOT every week.

There will be NO American Home on Thursday, April 27. The next issue will be dated Thursday, May 4.

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In baseball, of the 10 all-time batting leaders, eight hit left-handed.

Art Guild to visit Millionaires Row

The Slovenian National Art Guild plans to visit an exhibit at the Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, entitled "Millionaire's Row: the Legacy of Euclid Avenue" on Thursday, May 11. At one time there were 80 mansions between Public Square and University Circle. Today, almost all are gone.

Before visiting the exhibit the group will lunch at 11:30

a.m. at Sterle's Slovenian Restaurant on E. 55th Street. The Art Guild will pick up the cost for both the lunch and the exhibit, so the only cost to you will be parking at the Historical Society and a \$3 deposit to hold your reservation. If you have a losing Ohio Lottery ticket, please bring it as your exhibit admission will be reduced by \$1. All this is for members ONLY.

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– VESTI IZ SLOVENIJE –

Pobuda premierja Janeza Janše za oblikovanje "Partnerstva za razvoj" kaže na določen začetni uspeh

Pretekli mesec je Janez Janša predlagal drugim parlamentarnim strankam, naj sodelujejo v oblikovanju nekakšnega "Partnerstva za razvoj", po katerem bi si stranke, ki bi vstopile vanj, prizadevale izpeljati sveženj potrebnih gospodarskih in socialnih reform. Postavil je tudi datum 28. marca za rok, do katerega naj bi stranke na pobudo odgovorile pozitivno ali negativno.

Do 28. marca so se o Janševi pobudi izrekle vse stranke, zastopane v Državnem zboru razen sicer znotraj močno sprte LDS, ta stranka je pa odgovorila tri dni po roku. Ostale stranke – NSi, SLS, DeSUS, SNS in SD – so Janši sporočile, da se pridružujejo pobudi o partnerstvu in da so izpolnjeni vsi pogoji, da lahko stranke začnejo s prvimi neposrednimi pogovori o posameznih dokumentih, s katerimi bodo uvajali reforme. LDS je pa Janševo povabilo zavrnila. Predsednik LDS Jelko Kacin je dejal, da so se za to potezo odločili, ker bi LDS nosila samo odgovornost za reforme, ne bi pa mogla nanje vplivati, ker bi pač bila preglasovana.

Komentarji v slovenskih medijih pa vidi-jo v partnerstvu za Janšo tudi določene težave. Dejstvo je namreč, da v tej pobudi sodelujeta tudi opozicijski stranki, v prvi vrsti Borut Pahorjeva SD. To je menda že povročilo nekaj skrbi v vladnih koalicijskih strankah. Tako je predsednik SLS Janez Podobnik rekel na tiskovni konferenci, da se v njegovi stranki bojijo, da bi morda SD delala težave z raznimi proceduralnimi predlogi in razpravami. Slišati je tudi, da tako SLS kakor NSi skrbi morebitno tesnejše sodelovanje med Janševo SDS in Pahorjevo SD. In še, da naj bi bila cena za sodelovanje predvsem SD v partnerstvu nekakšna zamrznitev prizadevanj za doseg sprave glede zakona o žrtvah vojnega nasilja in sorodne problematike.

Po drugi strani pa sta Rok Ravnikar, tiskovni predstavnik SLS, in Alojz Sok, podpredsednik NSi in vodja njene poslanske

skupine v parlamentu, dejala, da sta njuni stranki zadovoljni glede sodelovanja SD v partnerstvu in dala vedeti, da ne verjameta, da bi bila koalicija SDS in SD "realna".

Stranke, ki so pristale na sodelovanje v partnerstvu, se zadnje tedne pogovarjajo o nadaljnjih ukrepih za uresničevanje reform.

Občni zbor Nove slovenske zaveze (NSZ)

Dne 1. aprila je bil v Zavodu sv. Stanislava v Šentvidu občni zbor društva Nova slovenska zaveza (NSZ), ki ohranja spomin na medvojni upor proti komunistični revoluciji, predvsem pa na žrtve medvojnih umorov in povojnih množičnih pobojev. Srečanja se je udeležilo veliko ljudi – od preživelih nekdanjih domobrancev ter njihovih sorodnikov do sorodnikov žrtev revolucije in simpatizerjev. Predsednik NSZ Anton Drobnič je govoril o nekaterih aktualnih temah, ki se dotikajo slovenske še vedno zelo neurejene polpreteke zgodovine.

Velika škoda zaradi ptičje gripe

Od prvega potrjenega primera ptičje gripe v Sloveniji pri divjih pticah v začetku februarja rejci perutnine ugotavljajo, da se je samo februarja letos prodaja piščančjega mesa na domačem trgu znižala za 20 odstotkov, marca pa je bila nižja za 15%.

Proizvajalci se odzivu domačih potrošnikov na pojav ptičje gripe poskušajo prilagoditi z zmanjšanjem proizvodnje in tudi števila zaposlenih. V Perutnini Ptuj so v skladu z napovedmi zaradi nižje prodaje belega mesa nekoliko zmanjšali število zaposlenih, vendar naj bi brez zaposlitve ostali le tisti delavci, ki so imeli sklenjene začasne delovne pogodbe in se je njihov rok iztekel.

Blejski otok na ustavnem sodišču

V začetku marca je Vrhovno sodišče RS ugodilo pritožbi ministrstva za kulturo in s tem zavrnilo denacionalizacijski zahtevek župnije Bled, v katerem je zahtevala vrnitev Blejskega otoka v naravi. Zdaj se pravni pooblaščenec župnije Danijel Starman zoper odločitev vložil pritožbo. Ni znano, kdaj bo Ustavno sodišče odločalo o pritožbi.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Korotanov koncert—

Koncert je to soboto, 22. aprila, s pričetkom ob 7h zvečer, v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju. Po koncertu bo ples, za katerega bo igral orkester Staneta Mejača. Za vstopnice in rezervacijo miz pokličite Cvetko Rihtar: 440-286-5421, sicer bodo vstopnice na voljo tudi pri vходу v dvorano. Danes, na str. 11, piše msgr. Franci Petrič o Korotanovem DVD filmu.

Šele čez dva tedna—

Prihodnji teden naš list ne bo izšel, tako bo naslednja številka izšla v četrtek, 4. maja, nato pa zopet 11. in 18. maja.

Novi grobovi

Agnes Perovsek

Dne 15. aprila je umrla 79 let stara Agnes Perovsek iz Euclida, prej živeča v Clevelandu, rojena Cvar 20. oktobra 1926 v Za Mostecu, Slovenija, vdova po Ivanu, mati Johna, Mary Greer in Thomasa, 6-krat stara mati, 12 bratov in sestra (vsi v Sloveniji) je že pokojnih, članica Kluba upokojencev Slovenske pristave in društva Cleveland AMLA št. 9. Pogreb je bil 18. aprila v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Pavla na Chardon Rd. in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Doris M. Fende

Umrla je 82 let stara Doris M. Fende, rojena Torok, žena Franka, mati Franka in Charlesa Malnar (oba že pok.), Franka Fende, Susan Fende in Timothyja Fende, 7-krat stara mati, sestra že pok. Josepha. Pogreb je bil 19. aprila v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Felicite in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Betty Bukovnik

Umrla je 81 let stara Betty Bukovnik iz Mentorja, rojena Kisthardt, žena (62 let) Raymonda, mati Caryn Krishna, Garyja in Paula, 5-krat stara mati, 2-krat prastara mati, sestra Henryja in Lorene Voelker. Pogreb je bil 19. aprila s pokopom na Western Reserve Memorial Gardens pokopališču.

(DALJE na str. 16)

Vabilo na Primorski večer—

Primorski klub vabi na svoj vsakoletni banket, ki bo v soboto, 29. aprila, v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju. Večerja se bo pričela servirati ob 6.30 zvečer, za ples in zabavo bo igral ansambel Staneta Mejača. Za vstopnice in več informacij, pokličite na tel. 216-692-1069.

Goriški oktet "Vrtnica"—

V torek, 9. maja, bo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete nastopil goriški oktet "Vrtnica" in to s celovečernim programom. Vse podrobnosti o koncertu in o zborovem zelo priznanem umetniškem vodju Marku Munihu na str. 11. Vključen je tudi predlagan spored pesmi.

Pristavski upokojenci—

Klub upokojencev Slovenske pristave ima sejo v sredo, 26. aprila, popoldne ob 1.30. Kdor more, naj pride že zgodaj, kajti bodo zopet grabili listje in čistili Pristavo. Za vse bo pripravljeno kosilo.

LILJA ima sestanek—

Dramsko društvo Lilija vabi vse člane na redni mesečni sestanek, ki bo prvi ponedeljek v maju in sicer 1. maja ob pol osmih zvečer v Slovenskem domu na Holmes Ave. Vsi člani lepo vabljeni.

Vabilo na romanje—

Oltarno društvo sv. Vida pripravlja romanje k Mariji Pomočnici v Carey, O., in sicer v torek, 9. maja. Vse podrobnosti so v dopisu na str. 15.

V podporo listu—

G. Robert Sket, Sagamore Hills, O., je daroval \$100 v podporo Ameriški domovini.

Vida Kalin, Cleveland, O., je darovala \$40, v spomin Philipa in Mary Kalin.

Neimenovani je daroval \$65.

Ruth Hribar, Mentor-on-the-Lake, O., je darovala \$20.

Barbara Strumbly, Wiloughby, O., je darovala \$50.

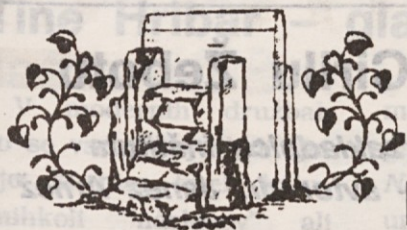
Eleanore A. Rudman, Euclid, O., je darovala \$15, v spomin staršev Franka in Anne Pičman.

Ga. Helene A. Kolosov, Northbrook, IL, je darovala \$20, v spomin staršev Ervina in Albine Schroif.

Vsem darovalcem hvala za naklonjenost in podporo!



TUDI V SLOVENIJI ANONIMNI ŠALJIVCI PRAZNIJO SODIŠČA – Kakor smo vajeni v ZDA, tako tudi v Sloveniji neznanci po telefonu grozijo z bombami na sodiščih. Nedavno se je to zgodilo na sodišču v Ljubljani, ki je na fotografiji. Policistka in policist sta na straži zunaj poslopja, v poslopju pa so na delu pripadniki posebne protibombne enote policije. Vzelo jim je dve uri, da so dobro pregledovali stavbo. Nič niso našli. Podobni primeri strašenja z "bombami" so bili tudi v Kopru in Mariboru ter v Celju. V nobenem primeru sicer niso našli nobene nastavljenе bombe, policija pa seveda ne more v naprej vedeti, da enkrat morda ne bo šlo le za neokusno in drago šalo.



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CLEVELAND, O. – Obveščeni smo, da se bo koncert pričel ob 7. uri zvečer. Sledijo podatki, ki so bili posredovani o tem kakovostnem oktetu (v svojih 25 letih obstoja je prejel kar številne nagrade in nastopil na festivalih in tekmovanjih v številnih državah širom sveta) in njegovem pevovodju Marku Munihu. Nastop okteta je v sponzorstvu Primorskega kluba.

Ur. AD

Goriški oktet "Vrtnica" je prvič zapel 1981. leta. Sestavljajo ga izbrani pevci iz širše Goriške regije iz obeh strani meje.

Uvršča se v kakovostni vrh tovrstnih sestavov v Sloveniji, kar potrjujejo številne prejete nagrade na domačih in tujih tekmovanjih v zadnjem obdobju (dve prvi nagradi in zlati medalji na 8. mednarodnem tekmovanju "Orlando di Lasso" v Italiji leta 2001, srebrni pokal v finalu 2. zborovske olimpijade v Južni Koreji 2002, nagrado za najboljšo moško vokalno skupino na domačem tekmovanju v Postojni 2002).

Oktet je sodeloval na mnogih pomembnih festivalih v tujini (Italija, Nemčija, Izrael, Švica, J. Koreja) in protokolarnih sprejemih. Izdal je dva samostojna albuma ("Da veš" in "Večer je ljubica").

Ob deseti obletnici samostojne Slovenije je oktet v mesecu juniju 2001 izvedel celovečerni koncert v Rimu za člane veleposlaništev in diplomatskih misij akreditiranih pri Sv. Sedežu. Odmevne so bile oktetove koncertne turneje pri zdomcih (Nemčija, Švica, Belgija) ter daljša turneja po Južni Ameriki 1997. Oktet je obiskal Slovence v Argentini, Braziliji in Urugvaju.

V mesecu avgustu 2004 je oktet izvedel koncertno turnejo, kjer je obiskal slovenska društva, klube in verska središča po vseh večjih mestih.

Umetniški vojda MARKO MUNIH

Marko Munih je na Akademiji za glasbo v Ljubljani študiral dirigiranje pri prof. Danilu Švari. Diplomiral je leta 1961. Izpopolnjeval se je pri mojstru Lovru Matačiču v Frankfurtu. Svojo umetniško pot je začel v Slovenski filharmoniji, v obdobju 1963-1971 pa je dirigiral orkestru te ustanove. Od 1965 do 1975 je bil umetniški vodja in dirigent Akademskega pevskega

zbor (APZ) Tone Tomšič, ki ga je popeljal na gostovanje v države Evrope in severne Amerike.

Prejel je številne nagrade: (1960) študentsko Prešernovo nagrado za dirigiranje Beethovneve sedme simfonije; (1969) nagrado Prešernovega sklada za umetniško vodenje APZ Tone Tomšič; (1985) že drugič nagrado Prešernovega sklada za izvedbo slovenskih del z orkestrom Slovenske filharmonije. Od 1971 do 1979 je bil umetniški vodja in dirigent Komornega zbora RTV Slovenija.

Sledi od okteta predlagan program koncerta, s pripombo, da lahko kaj spremeni glede na to, da bo koncert v cerkvi. Ur. AD

- I. del -

1. - J. Aljaž Soči
2. - H. Sattner Pogled v nedolžno oko
3. - H. Volarič Eno devo še bom ljubil
4. - H. Volarič Slovenski svet, ti si krasan
5. - B. Ipavec Domovini
6. - A. Hajdrih Jadransko morje
7. - O. Dev Čej so tiste stezice
8. - G. Ipavec Slovenec sem

- II. del -

9. - L. Lebič Čas
10. - A. Kumar Ecce quomodo
11. - Tradicionalen Evr'y time I feel the spirit
12. - arr. D. Božič Ol' man river
13. - K. Mašek Mlatiči
14. - H. Volarič Vzvečer
15. - F. Venturini Nocoj, pa oh nocoj
16. - D. Breclj V hišico prišel sem
17. - A. Srebotnjak Rezijanska

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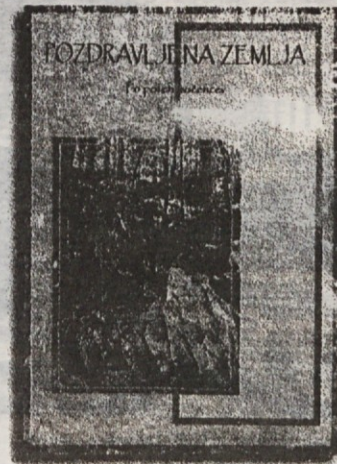
DRUŽINA

"Pozdravljena zemlja"

Ljubljana – Lansko leto je bil ob 60. obletnici pobojev domobrancev in drugih protikomunistov ter velikega slovenskega eksodusa, ko je domovino pred grozečim komunističnim nasiljem zapustilo na tisoče domoljubov, na obisku pevskega zbor Korotan iz Clevelanda.

V njem pojejo otroci, vnuki in že pravniki beguncev pa tudi številnih žrtev, ki so umrle krute smrti na Teharjah, v hrastniških rudnikih in Kočevskem rogu. Skupaj z drugimi rojaki iz sveta so šli po "poteh mučencev", kot so sami imenovali zadnje postaje svojcev in prijateljev, ki so jih Angleži izdali in z vetrinjskega polja vračali nazaj v roke komunističnih morilcev pod krinko, da jih vozijo z vlakom v taborišča v Italiji.

Žalostne zgodbe, ko so družine ostale brez očetov, žene brez mož, otroci brez staršev, so ostale med njimi žive do današnjega dne. Domovina se jim je odrekla, iz taborišč v Avstriji so odšli po svetu in mnogi dosegli izjemne uspehe in položaje. Med njimi sta



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O poti, ki so jo člani zbora in drugi potomci žrtev in žive priče prehodili, so posneli poseben film. V njem se pripoved o romanju po poteh mučencev povezuje s pričevanjem preživelih in prič strašnih dogodkov (France Kozina, Milan Zajc,

Branko Pogačnik, dr. Tine Meršol).

Gre za enkratno filmsko upodobitev, ki je v strokovni obdelavi novinarja Jožeta Možina in snemalca Jožeta Jagriča dosegla tudi visoko kakovostno raven, vredno, da jo vidi vsak, ki hoče približe spoznati doživljanje tistih strašnih dni po koncu vojne in življenje preživelih.

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Slovenska državna himna

Ljubljana – Slovenska skupščina je 29. marca 1990 sprejela odločitev o slovenski državni himni. Njeno besedilo je sedma kitica Zdravljice Franceta Prešerna, melodija pa je vzeta iz istoimenske zborovske skladbe Stanka Premrla.

V 6. členu Ustave Republike Slovenije med drugim piše: "Himna Slovenije je Zdravljica. Uporabo grba, zastave in himne ureja zakon."

Zakon o grbu, zastavi in himni Republike Slovenije ter slovenski narodni zastavi, ki je izšel v Uradnem listu 27. oktobra 1994, določa himno v 5. členu: "Himna je sedma kitica pesmi Franceta Prešerna 'Zdravljica' na melodijo iz zborovske istoimenske skladbe skladatelja Stanka Premrla."

Gre za naslednje besedilo: "Žive naj vsi narodi, / ki hrepene dočakat dan, / da koder sonce hodi, / prepri iz sveta bo pregnan, / da rojak, / prost bo vsak, / ne vrag, le sosed bo mejak!"

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Nova dvorana na Slovenski pristavi se zelo hitro uresničuje!

CLEVELAND, O. – Že je preteklo precej časa, odkar ste brali, kaj se dogaja z gradnjo nove dvorane na Slovenski pristavi. S tem poročilom vam želim obvestiti o najnovejšem napredovanju, da boste zopet na tekočem.

Po novem letu so v mrzlih zimskih dnevih naši "pristavski tesarji" nadaljevali z gradnjo dvorane. Streha je bila dokaj zahtevna, ker sprednji del ni tako enostaven, kot se vidi na slikah. Sprednji del oziroma pročelje Lobetove dvorane smo malo spremenili. Podaljšali smo streho in stena bo obložena z kamenjem, prav tako kot stene nove dvorane.

Ko je bila streha pokrita s katranovim papirjem, so se pristavski prostovoljci lotili notranjosti. Električne in sanitarne cevi so bile položene v zemljo. Priprave za betoniranje poda so bile zahtevne. Najprej je bilo treba navoziti dovolj peska, vse poravnati in izmeriti višino, da bo poden vodraven.

Nabavili smo debele železne mreže, tako da cement ne bo razpokal. Ko je bilo vse pripravljeno, so nam priskočili na pomoč Joe in Jimmy Omaha s svojimi delavci in v enem dnevu je bil cement zalit, vseh 5.300 kvadratnih čevljev!

Ko je bil pod zacementiran, so se naši delavci lotili pokrivanja strehe. Streha je ogromna in vreme ni bilo vsak dan le-

po. Zamenjali smo tudi staro in tako je bilo še več dela. Eno soboto me je Stane Rus povabil, naj grem na streho pogledat. Nisem mogel verjeti, kolikšna površina je to, kajti pri takšni perspektivi izgleda kot malo naselje!

Z vztrajnim delom pristavskih krovcev, je bila streha dokončana prav za Veliko noč.

Medtem ko se je pokrivala streha, se je delalo tudi pod streho, znotraj. Tesarji so obijali strop in predelne stene, pripravljala se je inštalacija za ogrevanje, hlajenje in elektriko. Kamenje za stene je prišlo; tako je po Veliki noči začelo z obzidavanjem sten. Naši zidarji spet nadaljujejo z delom, a bo vzelo kar nekaj časa, preden bo vsa dvorana obzidana.

Par tednov nazaj smo imeli večerjo v Lobetovi dvorani. Kristjan in Jovo

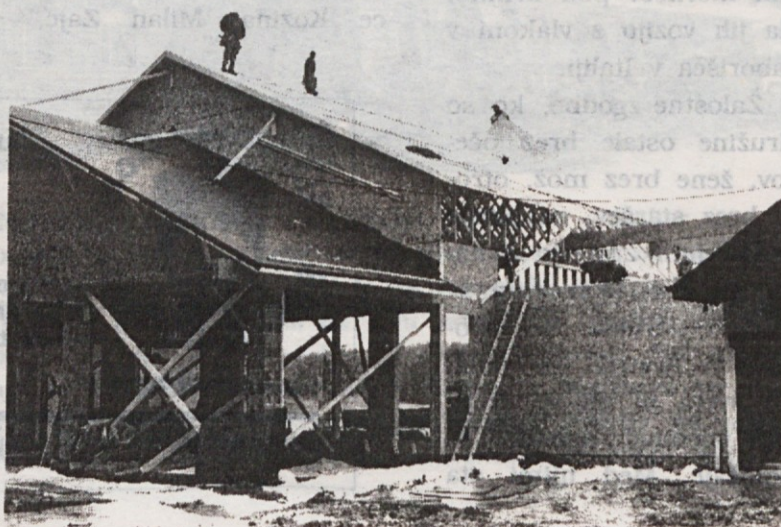
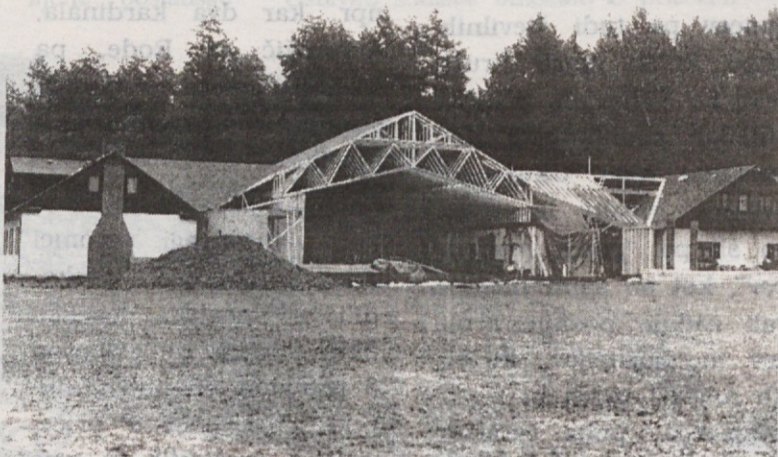
sta nam skuhala odlično večerjo z golažem in polento. Dvorana je bila polna in ob glasbi Wayne Tomsica smo se zabavali pozno v noč. Ves dobiček je bil namenjen skladu za gradnjo dvorane.

Zbiranje denarnih sredstev se nadaljuje. Okrog polovico članov so že prispevali svoj delež in zdaj naprošamo še drugo polovico, da nam pomaga.

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Trst (Novi glas, 2. marca 2006) – Dr. Janez Arnež, neutrudni zbiratelj arhivskega in knjižnega gradiva, ki na nanaša na Slovence po svetu in v zamejstvu ter arhivar raziskovalnega inštituta Studia Slovenica, ki ima sedež v Zavodu sv. Stanislava v Šentvidu – Ljubljana, je pred kratkim presenetil z novo obsežno knjigo z naslovom "Ciril Žebot in njegov politični nastop".

Dr. Ciril Žebot je bil eden glavnih, gotovo pa najagilnejši in najvplivnejši član kroga vseučilišnikov (akademikov), ki jih je od leta 1931/32 začel zbirati prof. dr. Lambert Ehrlich. (Ta skupina je leta 1934 začela izdajati list *Straža v viharju*, od leta 1937 pa se je organizirala in agilno udeleževala kot Akademski klub Straža – odtod ime stražarji.)

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V BLAG SPOMIN

8. OBLETNICA

41. OBLETNICA



Pavla in Mihael Arko

UMRLA:

10. jan. 1998

UMRL:

21. aprila 1965

*Življenje naše, kratko je,
končali smo romanje,
odšli nad zvezdije, v pravi Dom
in tam živimo, z Jezusom.*

*Tam smo našli, drage vse,
ki v Bogu so odšli, z zemlje.
Minil je tek, odšla je smrt
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Žalujoci:

Hči: Michaela por. Simrayh
sinovi:
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Jože z družino, Janez z družino
ter ostalo sorodstvo.

Lemont, Chicago, Denver Co.
Canada, Slovenija

Državna himna

(nadaljevanje s str. 11)

Natančneje smo navedli določila ustave in zakona, ker se je že večkrat zgodilo (celo v državnem zboru), da so namesto prepevanja besedila himne strumno pozdravljali kitico Zdravljice, ki poje o trti in vinu.

Ob opevanju vina ni mirno stal samo (nekdanji) predsednik države /tj. Milan Kučan, op. ur. AD/, ampak so tudi na RTV (Studio City) razpravljali o tem, kakšni smo Slovenci ...

Demokracija,
30. marca 2006

PAVLE BORŠTNIK

Komentar

Tine Hribar – glas vpijočega?

V modernih družbah so se vselej pojavljali ljudje, ki niso imeli kakršnihkoli "naslovov" ali oblasti, pa so vendar obvladovali življenje družbe, ki jih je obdajala, ali pa vsaj močno vplivali nanj. Ne da bi se spuščali v zgodovino, lahko navedemo samo ameriški primer: Walter Lippman, novinar in mislec, ki je brez dvoma obvladoval mišljenje ameriške družbe v drugi polovici dvajsetega stoletja.

Slovenska družba se je uvrstila med "moderne" ob koncu 20. stoletja, predvsem z osamosvojitvijo države in potem z vstopom v najvažnejše "zahodne" institucije, v katerih zdaj deluje. Nekako istočasno se je v tej družbi pojavil tudi njen – bi lahko rekli – "prerok", v osebi filozofa Tineta Hribarja.

Hribar je vstopil v slovensko družbo skozi dvojna vrata: skozi prva kot soprog Spomenke Hribar, ženske, ki je svoje posegla v dogajanja slovenske družbe po zaključeni svetovni vojni, skozi druga pa z vrsto filozofskih razprav in

mnenj, s katerimi se je predstavil predvsem v *Novi reviji*, katere prvi urednik je bil.

Odtlej ni bilo dogodka v slovenski družbi, da ne bi vanj na nek način posegel tudi Tine Hribar, če se je že Spomenka vzdržala. Bilo bi preveč zamudno, navajati vse Hribarjeve "posege", o najpomembnejših pa je sam govoril v intervjuju, katerega je opravil Uroš Škerl, novinar ljubljanskega *Dela*, in je bil objavljen 11. februarja v Sobotni prilogi.

Hribar se je dotaknil predvsem svoje politično najbolj aktivne dobe, se pravi, ko je (so)odločal v Demosu. Pri tem je tudi na zelo učinkovit način zavrnil očitke, da je bil Demos "premahak" do nekdanjih komunističnih funkcionarjev, in da je bil v tem glavni vzrok Demosovega kasnejšega poraza.

"Ko je Demos prišel na oblast," pravi Hribar, "in ko smo se morali osredotočiti na osamosvojitve, si nismo mogli privoščiti čistk. Ves kompleks ljudi, ki so pokleknili pred partijo, je zato še vedno tu, tudi na univerzi, če ne drugače preko svojih negativno izbranih naslednikov. Iz tega močvirja se nikakor ne moremo izkopati..."

In potem se je dotaknil najpomembnejše odločitve, pri katerih je odločilno sodeloval. Po nekoliko presenetljivem, čeprav pričakovanem padcu komunistične partije, se je namreč v Sloveniji pričel boj za duhovno "nadoblast", kdo bo zasedel "izpraznjeno mesto partije". Hribar s tem nakazuje, da je "padec" ko-

munistične partije sprejemal kot resnično dejstvo, ne pa kot prevaro takratnih partijskih tribunov, ki so se samo potuhnili in čakali na primernejši čas za obnovo svoje avtoritete.

"Teologi," pravi Hribar, "so takrat napadli svobodomiselnost v *Novi reviji* in začeli so s "kulturnim bojem". Zato smo v Demosu pričeli opozarjati na prebujeni klerikalizem (Hribar pravi, da je imel Peterle, predsednik Demosove vlade, takrat v rokah "od argentinske emigracije narekovan načrt za izvedbo osamosvojitve") in leta 1992 "preventivno izročili oblast liberalnim demokratom". Niso je osvojili na volitvah, predali smo jim jo ljudje iz Demosa... Ta "predali" je bil zaradi zmanjšanja nevarnosti klerikalizma – nujen. S tem je Hribar potrdil skoraj senzacionalno informacijo, ki se je po novem letu razširila po Ljubljani, da je takrat Demos, če ne on sam, Hribar, "oblast" namerno izročil Liberalnim demokratom.

Danes, pravi Hribar, pa "klerikalizem ni več grožnja, ker ljudje niso pripravljeni partije zamenjati s Cerkvijo, in ker Cerkev ni več "zunanje ogrožena". Katoliški intelektualci naj bi zdaj "svobodneje zadihali" ...

Tu mu je zdaj Hribarjev "izpraševalec", Uroš Škerl, postavil očividno s povsem določenim namenom vnaprej pripravljene vprašanje: "Zakaj je (Cerkev) podprla reforme in odhod vojakov v Irak?" – Reform pa ni podprla samo Cerkev, podprle so jih tudi večinoma vse stranke, vsaj načelno. Odhod "vojakov v Irak" (kot vemo, so šli tja samo štirje vojaški inštruktorji in ne borci) pa so cerkveni predstavniki verjetno res komentirali ali celo odobrili ob eni ali drugi priložnosti, nihče pa ni o tem dal kakršnekoli "ex cathedra" izjave o stališču Cerkev.)

Hribar je odgovoril tako, kot je Škerl najbrž upal, da bo: "Zaradi še zmerom prisotne sle po

Simboli koroških Slovencev

Celovec – K identiteti neke skupnosti lahko močno pripomorejo heraldični simboli, ki odražajo njeno pravno in zgodovinsko tradicijo.

Zato je razveseljivo, da je Zbor narodnih predstavnikov (ZNP) pri Narodnem svetu koroških Slovencev (NSKJ) nedavno soglasno sprejel pobudo za grb in zastavo, ki bosta za koroške Slovence "simbol skupne zavesti".

Grb sestavlja knežji kamen v beli barvi na rdečem in modrem ozadju, zastava pa je modra z omenjenim grbom v sredini. Simbola je pripravil Valt Jurčič iz društva Heraldika. Osnutek grba združuje tri slovenske narodne barve, ki izhajajo iz grba dežele Kranjske. Predsednik ZNP Jože Wakounig je izrazil željo, da bi simbola postala "simbol vseh koroških Slovencev ne glede na svetovnonazorsko opredelitev", zato želijo k uporabi grba in zastave pritegniti tudi druge slovenske organizacije in društva.

Nedavna razprava okoli knežjega kamna je po besedah političnega tajnika NSKS Marjana Pippa pospešila pripravo simbolov, ki je sicer že potekala. Uporaba starodavnega simbola iz časov Karantanije pa naj bi pripomogla k lažji mednarodni uveljavitvi. Ob tem so v ZNP poudarili nadaljevanje svojih prizadevanj za ureditev vprašanja dvojezične topografije.

M. V. (Demokracija, 30. III. 2006)

(Ne)izvajanje zaščitnega zakona za Slovence v Italiji

Skrb za manjšino

Ljubljana – Zaščitni zakon za Slovence v Italiji se pet let po sprejetju še ne izvaja. Na to sta močno vplivali vladni zavrnitvi seznama občin v Furlaniji – Julijski krajini, kjer bi se zakon izvajal. Zato je premier Janez Janša 21. marca italijanskemu premierju Berlusconiju poslal pismo, v katerem izraža zaskrbljenost zaradi vnovične zavrnitve seznama. Slovenija razume skrb svojih rojakov in si želi rešiti to vprašanje v dialogu z italijanskimi institucijami. Janša v pismu pričakuje, da bo italijanska vlada v celoti upoštevala določila in postopke zaščitnega zakona.

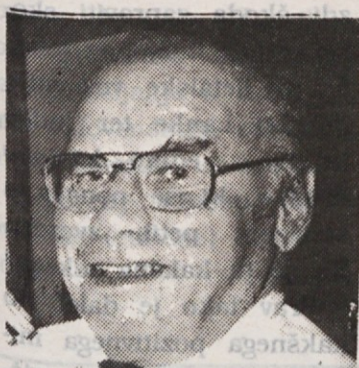
Dva dni pozneje so premierja na srečanju predsednikov vlad iz Evropske ljudske stranke pred vrhom EU v Bruslju govorila o vsebini pisma. Janša je pojasnil, da bo italijanski premier poskušal ugoditi njegovi prošnji. Seznam 32 občin je pripravil Paritetni odbor za vprašanja slovenske manjšine, ki ga sestavlja po 10 italijanskih in slovenskih predstavnikov. Nedavno zavrnitev v Trstu so v Rimu utemeljili z nestrinjanjem občinskih svetnikov v Čedadu, Miljah in Gorici pa v tem, ker niso preverili tradicionalne navzočnosti manjšine.

M. V.

Demokracija, 30. III. 2006

V BLAG SPOMIN

OB 13. OBLETNICI SMRTI
NAŠEGA DOBREGA MOŽA,
OČETA IN STAREGA OČETA



MATIJA HUTAR

ki ga je Gospod poklical
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do svidenja na vekomaj.

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John, sin; Lisa, snaha
Brian, Jonathan in Eric,
vnuki
Annie in Claire, vnukinji
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Pavle Borštnik: Tine Hribar – glas vpijočega?

(NADALJEVANJE s str. 13)

nje: prepričal ni niti bivšega predsednika Milana Kučana. Levica, je dognal Hribar, se je nagnila preveč na levo in zato zdaj – po njegovem mnenju – razpada. Hribar pričakuje, da bosta propadli obe glavni levičarski stranki na Slovenskem.

Propad levice pa, po Hribarjevem mnenju, sam po sebi še ne pomeni, da je prevladala "druga" stran. Opozarja celo, da zavračanje resnice o povojnih pobojih, kateremu se vdaja levica, ne sme dopustiti desnici, da bi zašla v drugo skrajnost: "borčevski" "skrajnosti ni mogoče zoperstaviti "domobranski", pravi Hribar.

Priznati je treba, da je "šlo za narodnoosvobodilni boj, obenem pa tudi za revolucijo in komunistični prevzem oblasti". (Za desnico bi bila vsekakor sprejemljivejša formulacija, da je "šlo za revolucijo, obenem pa tu-

di za narodnoosvobodilni boj".)

Ta različna razlaga dogodkov naj bi po Hribarjevem mnenju pripeljala do sedanjega zastoja, ki ga je ministrski predsednik Janez Janša sicer "elegančno obšel", toda – situacija se je premakne nikamor.

"Svetoskrunski odnos" do nepokopanih se nadaljuje, pravi Hribar, obenem pa desnici očita, da je nameravanim zakonom "pritaknila svoje posvetne interese". To pa naj bi bilo isto, kot obnašanje svetovnega komunizma, ki je v preteklosti zavrzel "pravrednote" človeškosti: svetost življenja, posvečenost mrtvih, dostojanstvu človeka". Komunizem, pravi Hribar, je zaradi tega propadel.

Škerl se sicer ni ustavil ob teh nadvse zanimivih Hribarjevih navedbah, tako tako pustil neodgovorjeno vprašanje, kaj točno je imel Hribar v mislih? Zdi se, da gre

za "odškodnino", do katere naj bi bili upravičeni vsi "preživelci", brez ozira na to, kdo jih je med vojno prizadel. Zavrača pa Hribar vsakršno sklicevanje na pretekle zasluge posameznih gibanj ali ljudi, ter postavlja stvari na pravo mesto z ugotovitvijo:

"Narodni heroji, ki so po vojni ukazali pomore, so s tem postali morilci in zločinci, ne glede na to, kaj in kakšni so bili prej." (To pa je izjava, ki bi bila veliko bolj primerna za "naslov" tega intervjuja!)

"Pogoj za korak naprej," pravi Hribar, "za korak v prostor svobode duha in sproščenosti duše, je, da pokopljemo svoje nepokopane mrtvece."

Glavno krivdo komunistov vidim v tem, da so svoj greh preložili ne samo na nas, na generacijo sinov, ampak tudi na vnukov. Dokler to ne bo rešeno, bo obremenjena tudi vaša generacija. Šele potem boste lahko zaživel na novo, brez podedovanih bremen.

Morda se tega še ne zavedate, vendar je to pravzrok vseh pričujočih napetosti. Problem bo ostal tudi, če bo zdaj desnica poskušala urejati reči zgolj v svojem interesu, če bo poskušala izbrisati spomin na kolaboracijo in na cerkveno sokrivdo za nesrečno usodo slovenskega naroda. Travma je zažrta v narodovo podzavest, učinkuje na ravni nezavednega in vselej je le vprašanje časa, v kakšni obliki bo ponovno izbruhnila."

"Ali to pomeni, da bomo morali pokopavati mi?" ga vprašuje Škerl.

"Če nepokopanih mrtvecev ne bo zmogla dostojno pokopati naša generacija, jih boste morali vi. Prej ne boste odrešeni in osvobojeni more preteklosti. Drugače pod obnebjem posvečenosti mrtvih in dostojanstva človeka – ne gre."

(Samo še kratek pripis: V Ljubljani sem slišal govorice, da je bil tudi Hribarjev oče med vrnjenimi domobranci...)

Komentar v Družini ...

Predsednik Janez Drnovšek pod žarometom

DANIEL GORNIK

Ljubljana – Nenavadno obnašanje predsednika države dr. Janeza Drnovška v zadnjem času zbuja veliko ugibanj, polemik, pomislekov, odobravanj, navdušenja in zavračanja. Vsekakor je s svojimi novimi pobudami in dejavnostmi zbudil pozornost.

Kateri nameni se morda skrivajo v ozadju te njegove dejavnosti in kakšne so dejansko njegove pristojnosti, so skušali ugotoviti sodelujoči v oddaji "Pod žarometom", ki jo je zelo dobro vodila Metka Lajnšček. Kolumnist *Mladine* dr. Bernard Nežmah, kolumnist *Dnevnika* dr. Vlado Mihelj, urednik *Jane* Vinko Vasle, poslanec dr. Pavle Gantar in profesor ustavnega prava dr. Igor Kaučič so skušali pojasniti zadnje poteze predsednika države.

Praktično vsi sogovorniki so se strinjali, da se plete nekaj nenavadnega. Vasle je razložil, da Drnovšek spreminja le govorico, pod kožo pa je še vedno isti, saj način, kako je odpustil svojega generalnega sekretarja, še vedno spominja na starega Drnovška.

Nežmah meni, da predsednikovo newagevsko obnašanje ni nič dobrega. Če drugega ne, bi lahko prej v dvanajstih letih, kolikor je bil na oblasti, naredil vse to, česar se je zdaj lotil z največjo ihto in ni izpeljano posebej premišljeno.

Tudi Mihelj je prepričan, da predsednik s premalo premišljenimi potezami ravno ne koristi kredibilnosti države in sebe.

Gantar pravi, da se ne bo pridružil Drnovškovega gibanju, kajti svoje cilje lahko uresničuje znotraj LDS. Prav tako je dal vedeti, da stranka ne razpada.

Kaučič je dejal, da predsednik še ni prekršil svojih pooblastil. Tudi z ustanovitvijo gibanja (formalno je to društvo) ne,

se pa oddaljuje od tradicionalne vloge, ki jo imajo predsedniki v taki ustavni ureditvi, kakršna je pri nas. Nevarno se približuje nekaterim predsednikom. Katerim, ni želel povedati.

Sodelujoči so zanimivo prikazali, da predsednik nima jasnega načrta in da dela stvari precej nepremišljeno. Sicer je še vse v ustavnih okvirih, vendar deluje nekonsistentno, ne sledi politiki vlade, kot je to za predsednika nenapisano pravilo, in želi delati nekaj, česar prej v svojih mandatih ni naredil.

Vasle je celo opozoril na predsednikovo neodgovornost, ko propagira svoje alternativne metode in ga ljudje slepo posnemajo. Ljudje so zelo nekritični pri posnemanju svojih idealov. Po drugi strani pa nekateri balkanski zdravilci s pripovedovanjem, da so ga zdravili, mastno služijo.

Opozorili so tudi na nedoslednost dr. Drnovška, ki je bil prej strankarski predsednik, sedaj pa so zanj stranke kar naenkrat nekaj slabega in politika nekaj negativnega.

Kot smo videli pred dvema tednoma, se mu ob vsej alternativnosti ne zdi škoda zapraviti skoraj osmih milijonov tolarjev za letalske vozovnice do Šri Lanke ter Indije in to z edino letalsko družbo, ki se ponaša s servisom petih zvezdic. Kje je tu kakšna askeza?

Prav tako je daleč ob kakšnega pozitivnega mišljenja in socialne pravičnosti njegovo neusmiljeno odpuščanje najožjih sodelavcev, ki je povrh izvedeno kar prek SMS sporočil ali elektronske pošte. Predsednik torej niti ne komunicira več na štiri oči.

Pri vsej tej tragikomični sceni našega predsednika človek dejansko ne ve, kaj bi si mislil. Sodelujoči so bili v svojih izjavah dovolj previdni, saj se ne spodobi človeka z visoko javno podporo kar tako kritizirati. Javno podporo ima še vedno visoko. Ta seveda lahko pade tako, kot se

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V BLAG SPOMIN

OB 10. OBLETNICI NAŠE LJUBLJENE ŽENE,
MAME IN STARE MAME



MARIJA PUC REMEC

Rojena: 27. maja 1931 v Ljubljani,
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† Arthur J. Vidich (1922 – 2006)

Ljubljana – Sredi marca je v Southamptonu v državi New York v 84. letu starosti umrl Arthur J. Vidich, eden najuglednejših ameriških sociologov, ki ni skrival svojega slovenskega porekla. Njegove dosežke v sociologiji nemara lahko primerjamo z dosežki, ki jih je v pisateljstvu dosegel Louis Adamič. Nenazadnje je med njima obstajala skupna točka: ukvarjanje z etnično razsežnostjo in sploh identiteto v Ameriki živčih skupnosti in ljudi.

Njegova starša (oče Jože Vidic, ki so mu v Ameriki iz birokratske nemarnosti spremenili priimek v Vidich, in mati Pavla Pesjakova) sta se leta 1910 oziroma 1911 iz Kroke preselila v Združene države Amerike. V Kropi se je njegov oče izučil za kovača, njegova mati, hčerka precej premožnega tamkajšnjega trgovca, pa se je v Celovcu izpopolnjevala v nemškem jeziku in igranju klavirja.

Na začetku petdesetih let, ko ga je Fulbrightova štipendija pripeljala v London, je večkrat obiskal Kropo, ki ga je v sociološkem pogledu informirala še o drugačnih razsežnostih življenja v majhni skupnosti, kakršne je imel sicer priložnost spoznati v Ameriki.

Leta 2000 je v reviji *Slovene Studies* objavil svoja pronicljiva sociološka razmišljanja o doživljanju "slovenskega otroštva" v Ameriki in sploh o njegovem odnosu do slovenske (etnične) pripadnosti.



Leta 1943 je moral zaradi vpoklica v vojsko za tri leta prekiniti visokošolske študije na Univerzah v Michiganu in Wisconsinu. Sodeloval je v bojih na Pacifiku – komaj devet dni po tistem, ko je bila vržena atomska bomba na Nagasaki, je že bil v prvih vojaških enotah, ki so osvajale japonske otoke.

Grozote, ki jih je doživel, so imele za posledico, da je do konca življenja nasprotoval izdelovanju in uporabi atomskega orožja.

Po koncu vojne je nadaljeval študije na harvardski univerzi, ta mu je leta 1953 podelila doktorat znanosti iz antropologije.

Ko sva še pred nedavnim v dopisovanju izmenjavala najine izkušnje, povezane s študijem na Harvardu, se mu je zdelo vredno poudariti, da ni takrat tam prevladujoči strukturalni funkcionalizem – predvsem Talcott Parsons – pustil nobene sledi na njem. Bolj sta ga prepričala Hans Gerth in C. Wright Mills in njune zanj dosti bolj prepričljive in sociološko relevantne aplikacije Maxa Webera.

Dobrih štirideset let je poučeval na sloviti New York School for Social Research v New Yorku, kjer je nadpovprečno dolgo predsedoval oddelku za sociologijo in se tudi dokopal do najvišjega akademskega naziva emeritusa.

Poleg ogromnega števila znanstvenih člankov je objavil 18 socioloških knjig, od katerih se nekatere uvrščajo v železni repertoar ameriške in mednarodne sociološke literature s področij, ki jih je poučeval in razisoval: struktura in institucije ameriške družbe, etnične in religiozne skupnosti, razmerja med politiko, ekonomijo, religijo, kulturo, karakterjem in mednarodnim kontekstom, nadalje probleme ameriške demokracije, akademske etike, politične ekonomije Thorsteina Veblena, iracionalnost v sodobni družbi, družbeno teorijo, probleme sociološke metodologije in druge.

Njegovo najodmevnejše delo – klasična referenca v ameriški sociologiji in prav tako v antropologiji, ki ga je napisal skupaj z Josephom Bensmanom –, je *Small Town in Mass Society – Class, Power and Religion in a Rural Community* (1958, 1968, 2000). V njem sta avtorja raziskovala, kaj se dogaja z majhnim mestom v okviru birokratsko regulirane masovne družbe in kako dinamika razrednih in etničnih določevalcev vpliva na ekonomska in politična razmerja.

Pri tem se je pokazalo, da obravnavana skupnost ne pomeni polarnega nasprotja urbani družbi, temveč je tudi sama vpeta in še več, pregretena s centralnimi (birokratskimi) institucijami in procesi masovne (totalne) družbe.

Gre za prvo tako delo, ki je sociološko prepričljivo in sistematično dokumentiralo posledice centralizirane regulacije celotnega življenja v ameriški družbi. To delo je poleg tega odprlo tudi druga sociološko relevantna vprašanja v zvezi z vprašanji etične in znanstvene odgovornosti – problem "objektivnosti", ki ga, če v resnici sledimo Maxu Weberu, ni mogoče razumeti v smislu "moralne indiferentnosti" in ki jima ne more uiti

Vabilo na romanje

CLEVELAND, O. -- Članice Oltarnega društva skušamo v spomladanskem času poživiti naše delovanje s kakim izletom ali romanjem. Tudi letos so članice izrazile željo in sicer, da bi v torek, 9. maja, v tem lepem Marijinem mesecu poromale k Mariji Pomočnici v Carey, Ohio. Z avtobusom se bomo odpeljale od sv. Vida ob 7. uri zjutraj. Sv. maša bo v Marijini cerkvi ob 11h dop. Po sv. daritvi bo kosilo, potem pa priložnost za ogled cerkve in nakup spominčkov.

Ob 1.30 bo križev pot, ki se vije skozi park. Moli le ga bomo v avtobusu, ki bo lepo vozil od postaje do postaje. Zaključna pobožnost z litanijami in blagoslovom bo v cerkvi ob 2.30.

Oltarno društvo lepo vabi na to romanje tudi vse, ki bi se želeli pridružiti. Cena za vožnjo in kosilo je \$35. Prijave sprejemam Ivanka Matič, tel. 216-481-1514; naslov: 1874 Braeburn Park, Euclid, OH 44117. Pridružite se nam, ne bo vam žal!

Ivanka Matič

noben raziskovalec na področju družbenih ved.

Me številnimi drugimi knjigami moramo ob tej priložnosti omeniti vsaj še naslednje: *Conflict and Control: Legitimacy Problems of Modern Governments*, *American Sociology: Worldly Rejections of Religion and Their Directions*, *Identity and Anxiety: The Survival of the Person in Mass Society*.

Teme, ki jih je Vidich analiziral v teh in tudi drugih delih, so gotovo aktualne tudi zdaj, če ne še bolj. Gre za vprašanja o tem, kako distribucija znanja in moči v raziskovanju, ki vključuje večje število sodelavcev, oblikuje socialno produkcijo avtorstva, sploh akademskega prestiža neke avtoritete, in kakšno vlogo igrajo pri tem tudi metode prikrivanja, tajne in prevare.

Čeprav je Vidich na začetku sedemdesetih let nekaj mesecev predaval na Univerzi v Zagrebu in pozneje tudi v Dubrovniku, slovenske akademske ustanove niso izkoristile te priložnosti, da bi njegovo enormno sociološko znanje neposredno posredovale tudi našim profesorjem in študentom. Če se tega ne da več spremeniti, pa ostane izziv, da v slovenskem jeziku čim prej izdamo katero od njegovih odmevnih socioloških knjig.

Prof. dr. Rudi Rizman
Filozofska fakulteta,
Univerze v Ljubljani
Iz *Delove* rubrike
"Znanost", 30. marca 2006

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bralce z aktivnostmi
vaših društev

Slovenski dnevi

CLEVELAND, O. – Bralce obveščamo, da so v pripravi posebne prireditve ob 15. obletnici slovenske neodvisnosti. Večina jih bo v mesecu juniju, med drugim bo med nami gostoval Slovenski oktet (tudi v drugih naselbinah v ZDA), osrednji bosta 24. junija na Slovenski pristavi, 25. junija pa v SND na St. Clairju. Na delu so razni odbori, ki še oblikujejo podrobnosti. Sproti bomo naknadno poročali. Ur.

V BLAG SPOMIN

14. OBLETNICE SMRTI
NAŠE MAME, STARE
MAME, PRASTARE
MAME IN TAŠČE



MARY STRANCAR
1902 – 1992

Umrta 28. aprila 1992

Štirinajst let je že minilo,
odkar Te več med nami ni,
toda ljubeč spomin na Tebe,
draga...
ostal bo nam do konca naših dni.

Lahko naj Te zemlja krije,
spavaj mirno in sladko,
Luč nebeška naj Ti sije,
mir in pokoj naj Ti bo.

Žalujoci:

Mary Ziperman, hčerka
Donald Ziperman, zet
Robert in Paul Ziperman,
vnuka

Maureen Meilus, Lori Pope,
Donna Flynt, vnukinja
pravnuke in pravnuke

Sprememba naslova

Ko se selite, trajno ali začasno, ste lepo naprošeni, da naši pisarni posredujete tako Vaš novi naslov kakor sedanjí oz. stari. To omogoča, da boste brez prekinitve dobivali naš list.

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Datum začetka: _____

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Naslov: _____

Star (dosedanji) naslov

Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1583. Že na koncu februarja se je oglasila

misijonarka s. Marjeta Zanjčević, ki deluje v Betafo na Madagaskarju: "Spoštovani dobrotniki MZA! Kako sem bila spet veselo presenečena ob prejemu Vašega velikodušnega daru za potrebe našega misijona. Kako naj se dostojno zahvalim vsem in vsakemu posebej? Vse izročam Božjemu Srcu, Njegov blagoslov naj bo za vsakega izmed vas bogat. Naš vsakdanji spomin v molitvi naj vas spremlja pri vašem delu, trpljenju in v tegobah življenja.

Dolgo se že pripravljam, da vam kaj več napišem o našem delu, a je spet kaj drugega, kar me odvrne od namere. Tudi zdravje mi zadnje mesece nagaja.

V teh zadnjih štirih letih, kar imamo novega predsednika, se je marsikaj obrnilo na bolje. Nove ceste, šole, skrb za bolne, električne napeljave, telefon, internet v mnogih krajih, tudi končno tu v Betafo. Vse to nam vliva novo upanje na boljše čase. Seveda bo še dolgo časa preteklo, da bo ta rdeči otok zagledal luč blagostanja. Vsi naši napor, predvsem pri vzgoji, nas često razočarajo. Toda zavest, da edn seje in drugi žanjejo, nam daje upanje in novega poguma in vztrajnosti.

Letos imamo v osnovni šoli 650 otrok, in v obrtni 120 deklet. Skoraj polovica je brezplačnih, za kar se moramo zahvaliti vam, dragi dobrotniki, ki nas podpirate. V internatu imamo 80 gojenk, ki so izmed najbolj revnih družin. Vsak dan dobi en obrok hrane 90 otrok iz osnovne šole. Tudi ni dneva, da ne bi na naša vrata trkala mamica s podhranjenim dojenčkom, ki jim posvečamo posebno skrb. Tako vidite, dragi dobrotniki, da ste vi naše trdno zaledje, brez katerega bi naše delo bilo zelo ubogo.

V tem tekočem letu, čeprav malo pozno, vam od srca želim vse dobro, predvsem zdravja in srečnega miru, najprej me sestre, potem se pridružujejo naši otroci in njihove družine. Bog povrni za vse stoteto. Prisrčno pozdravljeni! Vaša hvaležna misijonarka

s. Marjeta Zanjčević."

Hvaležno pismo, ki nam pokaže delo na misijonu, kjer deluje že nekaj let ta misijonarka. Bog ji daj zdravja, da bi še lahko delala, ko je delavec malo, a žetev je velika.

Pisal je tudi misijonar Lojze Letonja, ki deluje v Sibiriji, piše: "Spoštovana in vsi pri MZA! Pred par dnevi sem prejel pismo mojega brata, ki je sporočil o darovih MZA za misijon, kjer delujem. Prav lepo se vam zahvalim, in vsem darovalcem, za naše delo tu v Rusiji!

Sedaj smo v zimskem času in je še kar naprej mrzlo. To jesen smo na naših župnijskih prostorih in na stanovanju v Severouralskem in Krasnoturinsku zamenjali okna in sedaj vidim, kako je prav, da smo to naredili, ko nam mraz ne more tako do živga.

Pred par dnevi sem bil spet na severu, kamor so me klicali k starejši ženski v bolnico. Potoval sem z vlakom celo noč in bil čez dan pri teh ljudeh. Prvič smo se srečali, slučajno so nekje našli mojo telefonsko številko. Vsi so kristjani, pred leti so živeli v Kazahstanu, sedaj pa v centru pridobivanja zemeljskega plina v mestu Jugorsk. To žensko sem prevedel v bolnico in še dve njeni hčeri ter sina izpovedal in po nekaj letih obhajal. Potem pa spet na vlak in celo noč nazaj do Nižnjega Tagila. Prihodnji teden bom šel pogledat naš Ural. Sedaj je nekoliko topleje, se že kaže na obzorju pomlad, dnevi so daljši in tako tudi sonce že greje topleje.

Lep pozdrav in vse dobro želim, Lojze Letonja CM.

P.S.: Tudi g. Anton Ovtar se vam lepo zahvali za vse in vas prisrčno pozdravi."

To pismo je bilo pisano 15. februarja in se že pomlad napoveduje v Sibiriji. Bog jim daj korajžjo, da bodo našli še mnogo duš, ki so potrebne božjega usmiljenja, kot ta žena v bolnici. Zelo prostrana so polja!

Za praznike se je oglasil iz Trsta p. Rafko Ropret in piše, da želi obilen božji blagoslov vsem pri MZA.

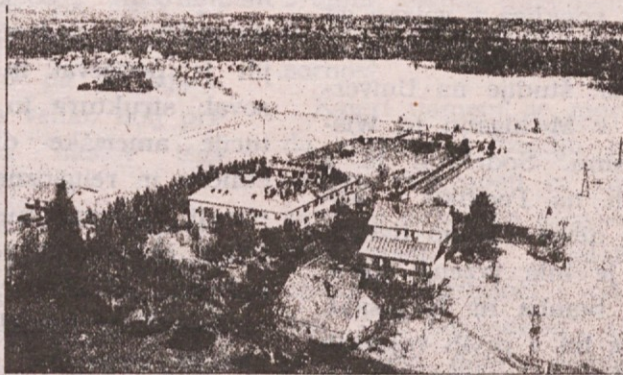
Iz Karmel-Sora se je oglasila s. Emanuela Frančiška, ki želi vsem nam sodelujoče pri misijonskem

delu obilo božje ljubezni, veselo alelujo in nas vse prisrčno pozdravlja.

Zelo veliko je misijonsko polje, mi pa kot mali kamenčki gradimo mozaik božjega kraljestva na naši nemirni zemlji. Naj bo naše upanje Vstali Zveličar, ki nam je odprl nebasa, in Marija naša posredovalka na poti proti večnosti.

Iskren misijonski pozdrav od vseh sodelujočih in
Marice Lavriša
1004 Dillewood Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44119

Dvajset let karmela v Sori



Ljubljana (Družina, Velika noč 2006) – Letos mineva dvajset let, kar je bil na cvetno nedeljo, 23. marca 1986, blagoslovljen samostan sv. Jožefa in Marijinega brezmadežnega Srca v Sori. Karmelčanke so v povojnih viharjih morale zapustiti samostan na Selu pri Ljubljani (porušen 1951) in oditi v avstrijske samostane, da bi mogle ostati zveste življenju molitve in darovanja v tišini karmela.

Po večletnem bivanju v Mengšu (1967–1986) so končno s pomočjo dobrotnikov dobile nov dom v Sori: to je bil prvi samostan v Sloveniji, sezidan po drugi svetovni vojni.

V četrtek zjutraj, 23. marca 2006, je v samostanski kapeli maševal ljubljanski pomožni škof Anton Jamnik in minorit p. Slavko Stermšek. Skupaj smo se zahvalili Bogu, ker je v svoji previdnosti varoval to hišo v preteklih dveh desetletjih. Spomnili smo se mnogih še živih in tudi že pokojnih dobrotnikov. Škof nas je spodbujal, naj še naprej ostanemo v molitvi na gori Tabor, ki je kraj srečanja z Bogom. Tako bodo ljudje v tej hiši začutili bližino Boga in iz nje odhajali okrepljeni z zavestjo, da nekdo misli nanje. Pri večerni maši pa nas je sorški župnik Jože Čuk v pridigi vabil k zvestobi in ponižnosti, kajti – tega se dobro zavedamo – ideal, ki ga je pred nas postavila sv. Terezija Avilska, ni nikdar povsem in za zmeraj dosežen.

Jubilejni spomin nam ostaja v srcu kot dan velike hvaležnosti, miru in veselja, kakor to najlepše povzema pesem: Hvala večnemu Bogu! Vse je dar njegove dobrotne očetovske roke!

s. E. B.

Janez Drnovšek

(nadaljevanje s str. 14)

je povzpela. Sploh potem, ko bodo ljudje spoznali, da je vse slepilo. S svojimi potezami državi dela škodo, sam pa se spreminja v figuro, ki res bolj spominja na pustnega Krjavlja (v katerega bi se po lastni izjavi napravil za pusta) kot pa na resnega predsednika države. Družina, 5. III. 2006

NOVI GROBOVI

(nadaljevanje s str. 10)

Jewel Sekara

Dne 15. aprila je na svojem domu v Willoughbyju umrla 94 let stara Jewel Sekara, rojena Mese 14. februarja 1912 v Clevelandu, vdova po Michaelu, mati Michaela, 2-krat stara mati, 1-krat prastara mati, članica AMLA št. 9 in SNPJ št. 126. Pogreb je danes, 20. aprila, v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda na Chardon Rd., kjer bo pogrebne obrede opravil Rev. Jože Božnar, sledi pokop na Kalvarijski pokopališču.

Mary Zrim

Dne 11. aprila je v Hospice House umrla 85 let stara Mary Zrim iz Euclida, rojena Bulak v Užhorodu, Ukrajina 3. junija 1920, vdova po Ernestu, mati Anne Avsenik, Carolyn Slocombe, Marijona ter že pok. Milana, 9-krat stara mati, 8-krat prastara mati, dva brata in dve sestri v Ukrajini so že pok. Pogreb je bil 18. aprila v oskrbi Železovega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi Marije Vnebovzete in pokopom na Ver-nih duš pokopališču. Družina bo hvaležna za darove v pokojničin spomin St. Mary Building Fund, 15519 Holmes Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110,

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