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Aftermath of Communism Lingers In Our World: Slovenia Revisited

by Elden Francis Curtiss
Archbishop of Omaha

I have lived long enough to see an amazing transformation of life in the little country of Slovenia. My first visit there was in 1955 when I was a young seminary student. I spent time with my great uncle who was pastor of a rural parish, and other members of my family. My mother had been born there, but left the country with her parents in 1912 for a new life in America.

The communist regime was still quite repressive in 1955, especially regarding the Church. No public manifestation of religion was tolerated, and many priests had been imprisoned and expelled. For nearly 50 years, the communist state promoted atheism and one-party secularism. The Church was consigned to the wastebasket of history.

Now Slovenia is a republic and a member of the European Union. The Church is free to carry on its mission, but with limited resources (the communists confiscated much of the church's property over the years and only a portion of it has been restored). It is struggling to regain support from a population traditionally Catholic, but with many people non-catechized and non-practicing. It is a slow, arduous task to find ways to insert the Church and her mission into Slovenian life once again.

Former Communists continue to have influence

One of the problems is the influence of former communists who operate under new democratic guises – they use the media and public institu-

tions to promote secular and sometimes a subtle anti-religious agenda. They are determined to prevent the Church from playing a major role in Slovenian life. They have the political experience, and the resources to fund their ideology.

I recently read a report by Robert Senice, a fellow of the British Academy and professor of history at Oxford, summarizing the methodology of Communism in its various expressions throughout the world: "Communists eliminated or emasculated rival political parties. They attacked religion, culture, and civil society. They trampled on every vision of nationhood except the one approved by communist rulers. They abolished the autonomy of the courts and the press. They centralized power. They set up networks of security police and informers. They claimed infallibility in doctrine and paraded themselves as faultless scientists of human affairs. They insulated societies against alien influences in politics and culture. They fiercely barricaded their priorities. They treated every aspect of social life as in need of penetration by the authorities. They handled people as a resource to be mobilized. They showed little respect for ecology, charity or custom. These commonalities constituted communist order."

Some of these elements continue in the post-communist era in socialist governments that eschew the title "Communist." There continues to be a strong anti-religious bias in favor of secular control of society, especially the education of youth. Media control and



Mia Krevh, Adriana Gadd, and Mateja Slatinsek are all smiles at St. Mary's Slovenian Language School dinner on Sunday, Jan. 20 in the parish hall, while Lydia Gadd, far right, is busy serving dinners. (Photo and text by Phil Hrvatin)

media propaganda promoting a secular society are evident everywhere in these countries. Former communists continue to be a major political force in eastern Europe.

Ignoring Past Persecution of the Church

When I was in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, last

Pope Receives Slovenian Bishops

VATICAN CITY, 24 Jan. – The Holy Father today received in separate audiences seven prelates from the Slovenian Episcopal Conference on their "ad limina" visit. They are:

- Archbishop Alojzij Uran of Ljubljana
- Bishop Metod Pirih of Koper, accompanied by Auxiliary Bishop Jurij Bizjak
- Bishop Andrej Glavan of Novo Mesto
- Archbishop Franc Kramberger of Maribor, accompanied by Auxiliary Bishops Jozef Smej and Peter Stumpf S.D.B.

November, there was a public exhibition in a prominent museum that graphically depicted the suffering of the Church, especially the bishops, priests and religious

during the worst years of the communist regime from 1940-1965. The public media in the city ignored this display and refused to give it

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Western Secularism Seen as Slovenia's Greatest Threat

VATICAN, Jan. 24 – The greatest moral challenge facing Slovenia today, Pope Benedict XVI told that country's bishops in a January 24 meeting, is "Western-style secularism, which is different and perhaps more underhanded than Marxist secularism."

As the country recovers from the after-effects of Communist rule, the Holy Father said, Slovenia is tempted toward "the unbridled pursuit of material goods, the drop in births and the reduction in religious practice."

The Pope told the Slovenian bishops – who were in Rome for their *ad limina* visit – that the Church must counteract the effects of secular ideology. As Slovenia becomes a full member of the European community, he said, the nation's leaders should be mindful of the crucial importance of building society on a firm moral basis. A strong Europe, the Pope said, "cannot relinquish the principle spiritual and ethical component of its foundation: Christianity."

"Each generation is called to renew the choice between life and goodness and death and evil," the Pope told the visiting bishops. He exhorted them to redouble their evangelizing efforts, to help protect Slovenian society from the corrosive influence of secular materialism.

Thanks to Ed Gobetz and Phil Hrvatin for this news.

Thanks to Bogomir Kuhar, pharmacist, of Powell, Ohio, for this news.

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Recommends 'A Bucket List'

by RUDY FLIS

Lent is here and I remember some past Lents, and how I struggled to do one or two special acts during those 40 days. I wonder if I ever gave up going to the show, or movies as it is referred to these days? That seems to escape my memory at this moment. I wouldn't consider giving up going to a picture show now-a-days, 'cause I seldom go to shows any more. Few interest me, so I was surprised when a few weeks past I saw a movie I wish to mention to you.

This show has a unique story and two unique actors of whom I feel both should receive an academy award as their talent and experience enriched the story and each other's performance. I could see it again and enjoy it as much as I did a few weeks ago. Rob Reiner was director and got the job done.

He took two old pros and joined them in a different kind of story, and I watched as the minutes whisked by like grease lightning and left me with my mouth open as the screen told me to go home with its blank stare. It's been a few years since I last enjoyed sitting in a theater and take pleasure in a picture show as I did this movie, "The Bucket List." Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman are far from over the hill in this movie.

If you are one who avoids theaters during Lent, put it down in your notebook of things to do as "a must do treat for yourself." Alone, or with spouse, or friend, you will enjoy this story. I'll bet you think two old guys just simply cannot make any kind of story interesting. Senior citizens, is it possible we are yet useful? See the picture and you be the judge.

Benefit Polka Dance

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., at the Slovenian Society Home (Recher Hall), 20713 Recher Avenue, Euclid, OH, Upper Hall.

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Donations can be made to Steven Mervar.

Slovenia Revisited: Aftermath of Communism Lingers

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any recognition. My friends told me that this was just one more indication of the influence of former communists in the political life of the nation. The secular agenda of too many government officials continue to exclude any real recognition of the important role of Catholicism in the culture and life of the country.

My friends in Slovenia acknowledged many values of socialism which they enjoy, such as government-sponsored educational opportunities for all young people, and health care for all citizens (although it takes too much time to schedule doctor's appointments and clinic visits). They are not opposed to the social agenda of their politicians, but they regret the lingering effects of communism that mistrusts other voices and systems, and considers religion and culture to be remnants of the past. They think that various political systems, including their brand of socialism, can exist with the Church and be supported by the Church. In fact, they think they could have a more just society that would be more peaceful and less contentious if their government and political leaders were less anti-religious. It bothers them that certain political leaders and ordinary citizens consider the Church repressive of human rights and opposed to human development and scientific advancement. It means that too many people do not really understand the mission of the Church, even though they are nominally Catholic.

The secular anti-religious force in our country

It seems to me that we are facing much the same problem in our own country with secularists who misunderstand and misconstrue the role of the Church in American society. They consider the Church to be autocratic in its leadership and reactionary in its response to changing attitudes and lifestyles. The Church obviously is not structured as a democracy, so in some ways it seems un-American to them. At the same time, they fail to acknowledge their own elitist positions which they try to impose on people in our society, whether they are acceptable or not. The very elements that made Communism oppressive and intolerant of other ideas and systems are at work in the mindset of modern secularists. They are bent on ridding our society of the influence of all organized religion, especially an international Church that bridges all cultures and all political systems.

We Catholics in the United States, like our counterparts in Slovenia, have to do everything we can to preserve our Catholic heritage that provides a foundation for protecting human rights and human freedom in every age and in every place. Recent history has proved that political systems opposed to religion tend to become autocratic and repressive of human rights. We need to alert people to secular societies that respect no authority other than their own. We need to be very cautious about allowing the elitists in our country to decide our

political future, if we want to retain all our freedoms, and especially our right to practice our religion as we want and not as others decide for us.

Even though Communism as a total system is finished in Europe, elements of it remain in its political successors in many countries. There are some dimensions of the secular agenda in our own country that promotes the same kind of anti-religious prejudice. We need to be aware of this challenge to the Catholic Church and to our American democracy.

Remembering The Children of Petricek

Have you seen the documentary film "Children of Petricek?"

At long last, the heart-wrenching story of their post-war suffering is out in the open.

In May, 1945, the British authorities in Austria treacherously handed over thousands of Home-guardsmen "Domobranci," along with many civilian refugees, to communist Partisans. Fate of the Guardsmen is well known, but little was heard about civilians.

But nothing remains hidden forever – the once-whispered secrets are now spoken of bravely. Men and women were immediately separated, and the children, ranging in age from infants, to late teens, were forcibly torn from their parents. They were transported to Petricek, a make-shift orphanage near Teharje.

After months of abusive punishments and indoctrination, they were stripped of their identities, and farmed out to select foster parents. Only the older ones were

able to remember their real names and parents. Most never even knew their parents were summarily murdered.

The same fate awaited all the civilian refugees in Austria, were if not for one man, never to be forgotten: † Dr. Valentin Meršol was instrumental in stopping the forced repatriation.

On his knees before the British Command, he pleaded to stop sending his people to certain death. With God's grace, his pleas were successful. Had he not prevailed, many Slovenians would not be here, in their new homeland, able to read about it – in freedom.

DSPB Tabor gratefully remembers † Dr. Valentin Meršol with an annual Mass, celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Collinwood. This year's Mass will be offered on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. All members, friends, and other grateful Slovenians are cordially invited to attend.

--M.D.

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Price includes sit down chicken dinner, draft beer, wine, and wedding cake. Tickets will be on sale for a 50/50 raffle.

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Sunday, April 27, 2008 will be the 5th time walking for March of Dimes Team Luke. Luke is now 4-years-old.

Luke Mark Danison, a member of AMLA Lodge 1, is the great-grandson of Frank Zorich, one of the founding fathers of SDZ. Luke's great grandparents are Eddy and Sophie Turk; grandparents are Edward Jr. and Katie Turk, and parents Brian and Sandy Danison, all members of AMLA Lodge 1.

If you are unable to attend the mock wedding, but would like to make a donation to March of Dimes, you can send your checks along to Sandy Danison and it will credit Team Luke, which we will turn in on April 27.

--Eddie Turk

(Eddie is owner of Turk's Service Station on E. 61 and St. Clair Avenue in Cleveland).

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Peter Healy, Southfield Fire Department chief (left), is greeted by Yousif Ghafari, chairman, Ghafari and Associates at the company's 25th anniversary celebration Aug. 20.

Ghafari nominated to be Ambassador to Slovenia

DEARBORN, MI - The White House said recently that President George W. Bush will nominate Dearborn businessman Yousif B. Ghafari to serve as U.S. ambassador to Slovenia.

Ghafari, 55, is the founder and chairman of Ghafari Inc., an architectural and engineering firm with offices in Dearborn, Chicago, Qatar and India. Ghafari is one of the Detroit area's leading philanthropists and a prominent Republican fundraiser.

He is a member of the Michigan finance committee for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

He is the chairman of Ghafari Inc., a full service, multi-disciplined architecture/engineering, manufacturing engineering, consulting and professional staffing organization headquartered in Dearborn.

Born in southern Lebanon on Sept. 27, 1952, Ghafari emigrated to the United States in the early 1970s and became an American citizen on Sept. 6, 1978.

In April, 1972 he entered Wayne State University to study science and mathematics. He received his bachelor of arts degree in mathematics in 1974; a master of arts in applied mathematics and

computer applications in 1975; and a master of science in chemical engineering in 1977. In 1992, Ghafari received his MBA from Michigan State University's Advanced Management Program. He became a licensed professional engineer in 1984.

Under Ghafari's leadership, his company has received awards from Crain's Detroit Business, Inc. magazine, Wayne State University, and others. he was named one of the Top 100 "Executive Heroes" in southeastern Michigan for his many philanthropic activities.

In addition, Ghafari was inducted into the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit's "Hall of Fame" and his portrait is on permanent display in downtown Detroit's Cobo Hall Convention Center.

As an active athlete, Ghafari has run the Boston Marathon and Detroit Free Press International Marathon.

He is married to Mara Ghafari and they have three children: Gabrielle, 25; Nicole, 21; and Peter, 19.

Thanks to Edward A. Adamic of Warren, MI for this information.

Membership Certificate Holders Annual Meeting

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The Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Serbia, and others.

The program will be conducted by Slovenian Consul General Dr. Zvone Žigon on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Slovenian National Home, 6409 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland.

Free admission. Cash bar will follow the performances.

Newspaper Schedule

The American Home (Ameriška Domovina) newspaper will continue to be printed twice a month.

Deadline for all copy is **a week before publishing date.**

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On The Road to Auburn, Indiana

(Continued from last issue)
by PHIL PERME

There were many other automobiles on the third floor – so much that they were too many to photograph or describe. Many brands, past or still in production, were represented of the 1920s, '30s, '40s, and up to a 1999 Plymouth Prowler in purple. Before automobile manufacturers boiled down to GM, Ford and Chrysler, there were hundreds. Dotted the landscape were several Cleveland auto makers including White Motors.

The third floor also showed the offices of Gordon Buehrig, chief engineer, and his models, drawings and actual autos. There is something for everyone, and a lot to see.

We rendezvoused on the first floor by the entrance. We took a much-deserved sitting break after a good three hours or so of walking, viewing, snapping pictures and buying souvenirs. The time slice of three hours seemed perfect. We saw what attracted our eye, it registered an impression, we learned and will remember. Any more than three hours tends to make everything a generic memory. For the ACD museum that would have been a disservice. We made plans for the next phase of the day – the Hoosier Air Museum. This looked like the best choice since we expected it to be a smaller museum and thankfully it was. However, it was better than we expected.

Hoosier Air Museum – WWII, Vietnam, Korea

The Hoosier Air Museum was located on the south side of the runway at the DeKalb County Airport, Auburn. It is totally self funded and derives money from donations and fund-raising activities. It is operated by the Hoosier Warbirds, Inc., an organization comprised of over 150 aviation enthusiasts. They meet regularly and have guest speakers who served in our wars.

The reason I provided all the information above is because this museum really impressed my Dad. He having been a WWII B-17 pilot makes for an educated and respectful museum viewer. So I was pleased the museum was to his liking and exceeded his expectations.

The airplanes and engines and such in the small hanger were OK. Many other museums including Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum are many times larger. However, what was unique was the library room with many books, plaques, models and a place to relax and learn. A

nice place with a nice pace.

We donated a few dollars and said goodbye to the two gents running the museum. One was an ex-Marine Vietnam era and the second was an ex-Marine Korea era. Both were nice guys. The Vietnam ex-Marine was a bit irreverent to the other branches of the service, but it was all in good fun.

From the airport we drove back to the hotel – creatively since we turned the wrong way exiting the museum. However, we traversed and found our way to the main road. It all worked out and we went back to our rooms for some relaxing horizontal down time. That was about 2:30 p.m.

Search for a Good Steak

Upon reaching the hotel, parking the car and walking into the lobby, we discussed what we would do next and when. No one was hungry so we decided to meet in the lobby about 4:30 and go out to eat. Dan indicated he would treat and to look for a steak house in the area. At that juncture we went up to the rooms and relaxed. I think we all napped a bit but I can only speak for myself.

Four-thirty p.m. came and I went downstairs to the lobby. Dad and Don took a little longer to get down to the lobby. So I took advantage of the time and got some restaurant information from the hotel staff.

Seems there were only three steak house restaurant choices in proximity of the hotel that were local – not chain restaurants. I narrowed it down to one and we set out for the Bridgewater Country Club restaurant. It was a nice drive – pleasant day and wide open land. We finally found the restaurant and it was barely alive. If they served dinner, they wouldn't have much of a staff to do it. So we opted to look elsewhere. We had ample choices of good chain restaurants back by the hotel.

We agreed on Applebee's restaurant. It was a little after

5 p.m., so it wasn't crowded and the staffing was in place for the dinner rush. That is a nice combination since it results in fast and efficient service. We were seated immediately and had our beverages within minutes. Dad ordered the steak. I ordered the three for \$10.99 deal as did Dan. We enjoyed our meals, including dessert, very much. Dad's steak was excellent as we all sampled it. Dessert was seasonally inspired. I don't remember what I got, but I do remember it was good and shared.

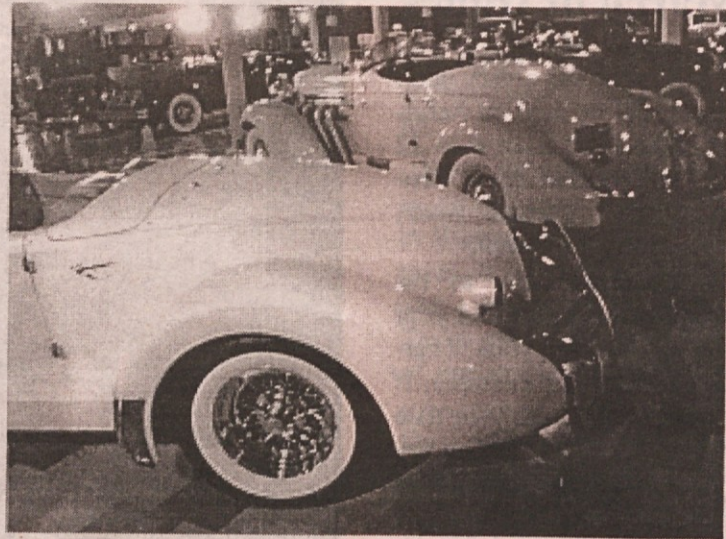
Like three happy and fed politicians, we relaxed at the table after the dinner. Our server was from Brazil, South America and is attending an area college. Where she lived in Brazil never received snow or even cold. She had braved Indiana since February, 2007. I wonder how she will feel about the full winter of 2007/2008. She thought 55 degrees was cold. Welcome to the Midwest. An interesting fact is that Brazil speaks Portuguese, not Spanish as the other surrounding countries.

Her name was Tatiana and she was genuinely glad to be in the U.S. and be a part of the culture. I've met people like Tatiana – zest for life, appreciate the important things and just beam sincere good will – but not as often as I wish. The attitude and approach – fearless, open and confident as well as genuinely giving from the heart – is refreshing and life affirming. Life really is simple; I think we complicate it.

We were all impressed with Tatiana's command of English after only about eight months. She did her part to fit in her world in Indiana. We certainly appreciated it. Dan and Dad were also impressed with how she handled herself, her sincerity and warmth. We all wished her very well in her future.

Relax – Dan Goes to Festival in Auburn

We got back to the hotel in a matter of minutes since the



One of the automobiles that truly retained uniqueness and style was the Auburn Boat-tail speedster. The back of the auto is shaped like a boat's bow. It is a two door convertible auto. It is a timeless vehicle and a gutsy ride to boot.



The picture above shows the dual purpose of the third room – rental for parties and events as well as static displays around the perimeter. These static displays had great depth in how much they collected and how they tracked the subject.

restaurants were very near. A short bit of discussion and Dad and I figured we'd call it a night and just hang out in the room then go to sleep when the time came. Dan was curious about the festival and would go there later that night.

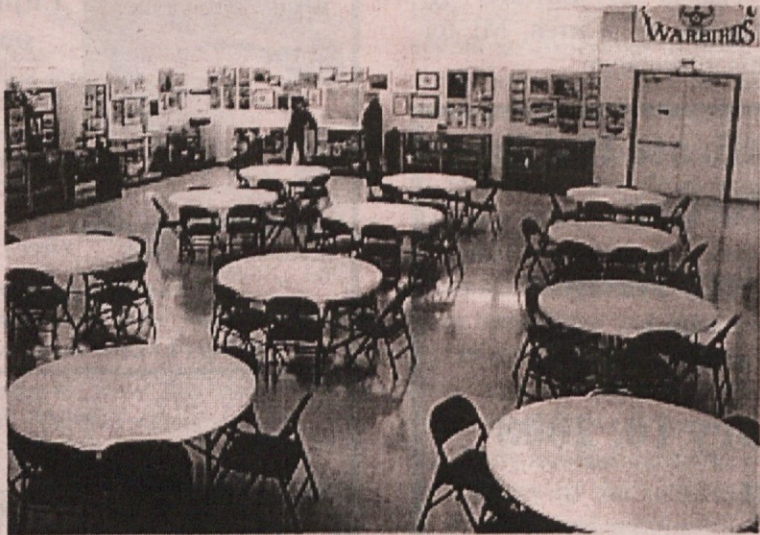
I read some more, recorded a few more comments and fell asleep way too early. I awoke after my mis-timed nap and screwed up my sleeping times. Not one to give up and one who enjoys a good rest, I managed to get back to sleep. If only all of life's challenges were as simple.

Dad managed to watch some TV – more of Ken Burn's "The War" series. Dan conversely set out for

the Auburn festival and by reports the next morning from him, he enjoyed it. Dan said the people were nice, courteous and respectful. He was impressed by the civic pride of the people of Auburn. This festival started on Monday and went all week. This was also a school week. So the festival represents most likely the fruit of their labors in terms of time and celebration. My guess is it concurs with the end of harvest.

Probably more of a Midwestern trait, they were family oriented and quiet, productive people. This is America of which I am proud. Same goes for Dad and Dan.

(To Be Continued)



This room holds the video slide of the library which actually included flight simulators. For a smaller operation, these museum volunteers should be and were commended by us. (All photos by Phil Perme)

Oxymoronic Statements:

I paid too much for it, but it is worth it.

A little pain never hurt anyone.

We do not anticipate any emergencies.

I marvel at the strength of human weakness.

I'm not going to say, "I told you so."

I'm proud of my humility.

It isn't an optical illusion.

It just looks like one.

No matter where you go, there you are.

May I ask a question?

Anyone who isn't confused here doesn't really know what's going on.

I've told you for the fifty-thousandth time, quit exaggerating.

Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist ought to have his head examined.

He lived his life to the end.

--Philip Hrvatin
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The Chronicle of Louis R. Erste

(Continued from last issue)
by Louis C. Erste
(aka "Lou")

1970's Aren't So Good

Louie bought a used 1968 Plymouth but unfortunately, on the way to church at St. Vitus one Sunday morning, Oct. 4, 1970, he plowed into the back end of another fellow's car at W. 25th and Denison Avenue. It totaled Louie's car and wiped out the back on one side of the other car; a brand new Mercury. After a couple of months of negotiating with the other fellow, it was necessary to buy him a new Mercury.

Unfortunately, this automobile accident left Louie and Rose without a car, but since Fran and John each had a car, Fran gave her fully loaded Ford Fairlane to Louie and Rose.

Early in 1971 a lump of cancer was discovered in Rose's breast and she was admitted to St. Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland where the lump was removed and the prognosis good. She spent about a week in the hospital.

With the switch in houses, Lou and Betty now owned 3815 and 3817 Schiller but before building a house on their lot in Brecksville it was necessary to sell their houses in Cleveland. As mentioned earlier, both houses were the oldest on Schiller Avenue, and the neighborhood, for that matter. 3817 had been built as a barn or shed for 3815 and had been converted to a house later on. Before selling the houses it was necessary to "dress them up" and make them more appealing so Lou and Louie joined forces and started decorating. Lou installed wood paneling in the bedrooms at 3817 and Louie wallpapered two of the bedrooms at 3815.

Louie had been working at his wallpapering for a few days and was doing a lousy job and he knew it, but he just didn't have the strength to do better. Everyone else was satisfied because it looked better than before and Louie was happy to be able to do something for Lou and Betty.

On Thursday, March 4, 1971, when Louie got up in the morning, around 9 a.m.,

he felt so good that he planned to drink his cup of coffee, go next door to 3815, finish the last of his wallpapering and then go home and take a nap, so he didn't make his bed like he usually did.

Unfortunately, at about 12:30 p.m., Louie missed the last step of his ladder while hanging wallpaper and fell to the floor in one of the bedrooms at 3815 Schiller. At his age, 83, his bones were brittle and fragile which caused his hip to break in the fall. Betty called Lou home from work where he found Louie sitting on the toilet (with the toilet seat top down). He got Louie into bed where he could cover him with a blanket since he was cold. Other than being cold. Louie was in good spirits and holding his own. By 8:45 that evening it became apparent that Louie needed to go to a hospital because he probably had a broken hip. Waiting for that time period gave Louie the opportunity to calm down. Although he didn't have a great deal of pain, he was stressed from the injury.

Betty called for a police ambulance and they took Louie to Deaconess Hospital which was the closest hospital. Personnel at Deaconess were busy, and delay upon delay began. They had to contact Louie's primary physician who recommended a surgeon to repair the hip. They didn't have a bed available so all the while this went on they left Louie lying on a steel table in the hall with no blanket. Since it was March it was snowing and cold and the emergency room at the hospital was drafty besides. Louie asked Lou to give him his overcoat to keep warm, which he gladly did. Eventually Louie was admitted to the hospital and installed in room 201 bed 1. The same night, F.R. Holzworth, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon, informed us that Louie's surgery was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. the next day.

When Lou and Betty arrived at the hospital at 1:45 p.m. Friday, they were told that the operation had been re-scheduled to 1 and was already underway. Dr. Holzworth repaired Louie's hip, replacing the ball in the

socket and afterward he said everything went beautifully. He said Lou and Betty should go home and call back in a couple of hours to see if Louie was out of the recovery room before returning. After calling a few times it was learned that he was finally back to his room at almost 7 p.m., so they went to see him immediately. He was very groggy and slept most of the time as is common after an operation.

Louie survived the hip operation and Dr. Holzworth visited him daily for the hip issue, but he suffered other complications and was under the care of another doctor who was recommended by his primary physician because his primary physician didn't practice at Deaconess Hospital. The other doctor did not seem very conscientious, allowing Louie to suffer without medication. Lou tried to find out when the doctor would be at the hospital for regular visits so he waited for the doctor for hours, but to no avail. The doctor was told that Lou wanted to talk to him but he never showed up in Louie's room to meet Lou. The entire event was an unhappy one.

For the first couple of days of Louie's hospitalization

Lou and Betty didn't want to tell Rose what had happened since she was still in St. Vincent Hospital recovering from her cancer surgery. Of course, Rose insisted on knowing why Louie wasn't coming to visit her and when she called home at 1:20 p.m. (just before Lou and Betty went to the hospital) the day of Louie's operation, she had to be told what had happened. She had herself released from the hospital the following morning.

Saturday, March 6th, Betty brought Rose home from Charity Hospital and then to

Deaconess Hospital in the afternoon. Betty said she felt very warm seeing Louie and Rose embrace when they met. Louie was still weak but holding his own.

That evening Saturday, March 6th, Lou took Betty's father, Alex Ross, to see Louie in the hospital. Not only did the two of them live next door to each other, but they worked on projects together, especially cutting trees at Lou and Betty's lot, so Alex was concerned about Louie.

(To Be Continued)

Slovenian 78 Records Wanted

It has been a few months since a reminder appeared in the American Home about the effort by Rich Terselic and Chuck Debevec to gain access to old 78 rpm phonograph records containing Slovenian polkas, waltzes and choral singing. It is our goal to preserve the "oldies" by converting them to compact disc (CD) format. Each reminder produces one or more new inquiries.

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St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club

NOTE: The "Origins of the St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club" was written by **Frank Beck** and covers the period from 1928 to 1978. The club will be celebrating its 80th anniversary on June 21-22 this year featuring a steak roast. The club's president is Richard A. Beck, son of Frank Beck.

The St. Clair Rifle & Hunting Club began in 1928 in a delicatessen store which was run by Andy Kavchnik on East 71st off St. Clair Avenue.

It was during bootlegging days when a group of men decided to form a club consisting of about 15 men. They named their club The Old Root (Slovenska Korenina). Anyone joining the club had to be mostly of Slovenian descent. This rule still stands as of this date. As the membership grew, some of the members like to hunt, so they changed the name to Old Root Hunting Club.

Some of the fellows were hunters in Europe, so they bought two rifles and started shooting at the Croatian Home in the basement against a heavy sheet of iron plate. The Croatian Hall was then being remodeled, so the men had to move to Grdina's Hall for their shooting.

They went to a farm and dug up some roots. Any member that did not show his piece of root at their doings or at the shoot place was fined 10 cents.

A few members had shotguns so they wanted to do some shooting at clay pigeons. They accumulated some money from their fines of 10 cents and also decided that any new members would have to pay \$5 to join, and 25 cents dues a month. They then bought five shotguns (single barrel) for trap shooting. They also bought a clay-pigeon throwing machine.

Then they rented Mocilnikar Farm for their trap shooting. The farm was located on White Road in Wickliffe, Ohio. The members decided that the second and fourth Sundays would be their shooting days. They were then told they couldn't shoot any more because of the picnics being held at the surrounding area. So they rented land from the Cleveland Trust Company on Reynolds Road off Route 2 in Willowick. The farm was called Good Hope Farm.

In 1930, the name of the Old Root was changed to St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club. It is a non-profit corporation. A charter from the State of Ohio was also received at this time. Anyone wishing to join would have to be 18

years of age or older. In 1938, the Cleveland Trust Company refused to rent the Good Hope Farm to us any more because they were interested in selling it in lots for housing purposes. Andy Bozic, Leo Kushlan, Tony Urankar and John Novak were now put on a committee to look for another place.

There was a farm on Route 44, south of Painesville that Stakich Realty had for sale to settle an estate. It was hard for the company to sell the estate because of the railroad tracks which went through the lot. Time was running out to sell the place. The price for the farm was \$2,500 which the club did not have. We then asked a Mrs. Burya to buy it so we could, in turn, buy it from her.

Each member had to put up \$50.00 for which he received a share. This paid for our farm. All the members were happy about our new 87 acre farm.

The first thing we did was made a road from the railroad tracks to the shooting area. We cut all the shrubbery and small trees to make a clearing for our intended clubhouse. We tore down an old barn and house for the lumber. We used it for our new clubhouse. Since there was no water, we had to dig a 30-foot deep well and put in a hand pump. The water was spring water and very clean and clear. We also dug a 1-acre lake which is fed with the spring water.

As the years went on, we enlarged our club house and added a fireplace. We had electricity brought in which we did not have for many years. We did our cooking on coal, oil stoves. We also had a water line put in from the highway to the clubhouse.

We belong to a quad club which consists of four clubs: The Rainbow Rod and Gun Club, The Barberton Gun Club, The Euclid Gun Club, and the St. Clair Rifle and Hunting Club. Each summer these clubs get together and twice a year hold trap shoots for championship. The club which makes the most hits in the two meetings of the year, is declared winner and champions of the year. The winners receive a trophy and a flag.

Every September we have a Turkey Shoot until a week before Thanksgiving. We also have two picnics in the summer months, one consisting of a clambake in August. We wind up the year with a big banquet in February of every year.

--Frank Beck
(Member No. 16)

Coming Events

Every Friday in Lent
(except Good Friday)
St. Mary parish, 15519
Holmes Ave., Cleveland --
Fish Fry from 4 to 7 p.m.

Every Friday in Lent
Lenten Fish Fries at
Slovenian National Home,
6409 St. Clair Ave.

Every Friday in Lent
Lenten Fish Fries at
Slovenian Workmen's Home
15335 Waterloo Rd., and all
Fridays in Lent. Serving
11:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. Dine
in or take outs available.

Saturday, Feb. 9
St. Vitus Altar Society
Krofe Sale in auditorium
social room.

Saturday, Feb. 9
Concert and poetry reading
celebrating Slovenia's presi-
dency of the EU, featuring
Korotan, Johnny Sršen and
friends, 7 p.m. in Slovenian
National Home, 6409 St.
Clair Ave., Cleveland. Free
admission, cash bar.

Sunday, Feb. 10
Lemont, IL - Koline after
11 a.m. Mass in Slovenian
Catholic Center. \$18; stu-
dents: \$8. Benefit folklore
dance group, LIPA.

Saturday, Feb. 16
KSKJ St. Joseph Lodge
#146 bowling party at Clo-
verleaf Lanes, Independence
Rd., Independence, OH from
2:30 - 5:30 p.m., with pizza,
wings, and beverages pro-
vided. Non-members wel-
come. Call (216) 883-6453
or (216) 4866 for more info.

Sunday, Feb. 17
Polka for a Cause (Steven
Mervar), 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.
at the Slovenian Society
Home, 20713 Recher Ave.,
Euclid, OH, Upper Hall. Do-
nation \$10. Featuring great
lineup of musicians. Tickets
at Polka Hall of Fame or Re-
cher Clubroom, or at door.

Sunday, Feb. 17
DSPB Tabor remembers
Dr. Valentin Mersol with
Mass in St. Mary's Church
in Collinwood at 10 a.m.
Everyone invited.

Sat., Feb. 16 thru 24
Slovenian Ski Trip to
Chamonix, France. \$1,895.
Call John Kamin for details
718-424-2711.

Wed., Feb. 20
City Music Cleveland pre-
sents free concert, "Strings
Attached" in St. Vitus
Church, 6019 Lauche Ave.,
Cleveland, at 7 p.m. - and
art exhibit featuring photog-
raphy by Ryn G. Clarke.

Sunday, Feb. 24
St. Vitus Slovenian School
annual benefit dinner of pork
roast or chicken 11 a.m. to 1
p.m. in auditorium. \$12 for
adults, \$6 for children.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Slovenian National Home,
6409 St. Clair Ave., Monthly
Social in main hall. Doors
open 6 p.m. Music and re-
freshments.

Thursday, March 6
St. Vitus Alumni meets, 7
p.m. in St. Vitus Village
Slovenian Room.

Saturday, March 8
Federation of Slovenian
Homes honoree banquet at
Slovenian National Home,
6409 St. Clair Ave.

Sunday, March 16
St. Vitus Catholic War
Vets Post 1655 Corporate
Communion.

Thursday, March 20
Social in Slovenian
Workmen's Home, 15335
Waterloo Rd., Cleveland.
Doors open at 6 p.m. For
information call (216) 481-
5378.

Tuesday, March 25
St. Vitus Catholic War
Vets Post 1655 Reverse Raf-
fle in Slovenian National
Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave.

Wednesday, March 26
Slovenian National Home,
6409 St. Clair Ave., Monthly
Social in main hall. Doors
open 6 p.m. Music and re-
freshments.

Saturday, March 29
Primorski Klub Dinner-
Dance at Slovenian National
Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave.

March 30 thru April 5
Slovenian Ski Trip 2008 to
Sun Valley, Idaho. \$1299.
For information call John
Kamin (718) 424-2771.

Friday, April 18
Night at the Races for
Slovenian National Home,
6409 St. Clair Ave., in joint
effort with St. Vitus Slove-
nian School.

Saturday, April 19
Korotan Concert, Slove-
nian National Home, 6409
St. Clair Ave., Cleveland.

Saturday, April 26
Zarja Concert, Slovenian
Society Home, Euclid, Ohio.
"Slamnati vdovec" (The
Grass Widower). Dinner 5
p.m., Program: 7 p.m. Danc-
ing to Jeff Pecon Orchestra
at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
Slovenian National Home,
6409 St. Clair Ave., Monthly
Social in main hall. Doors
open 6 p.m. Music and re-
freshments.

Sunday, May 18
St. Vitus Slovenian School
graduation, during 10:30
a.m. Mass in church.

Sunday, May 18
Maksim Gaspari Print
"Mother Slovenia" will be
raffled off at a special event
in the Slovenian National
Home, 6409 St. Clair Ave.
Tickets \$10; or 3 for \$25.

Sunday, May 25
St. Vitus Catholic War
Vets Post 1655 Memorial
Mass, 9 a.m. in St. Vitus
Church.

Sat., Sun., June 21-22
St. Clair Rifle and Hunting
Club celebrates 80th anniver-
sary Steak Roast.

KSKJ Lodge 146 Bowling Party

On Saturday, Feb. 16
KSKJ St. Joseph Lodge #146
will have a bowling party at
Cloverleaf Lanes on Inde-
pendence Road in Independ-
ence, OH. It will be from
2:30 to 5:30 p.m., with pizza,
wings, and beverages pro-
vided. Non-members wel-
come. Call (216) 883-6453
or (216) 267-4866 for more
information.

--Josie Kmet

Krofe Sale

St. Vitus Altar Society
will sponsor a Krofe Sale on
Saturday, Feb. 9 in the audi-
torium social room.

Slovenian Business People Meet

The Cleveland Slovenian
Business and Professional
Association (CSBPA) will
conduct its inaugural
reception on Thursday, Feb.
14 at 6 p.m. The program
will include a video greeting
from United States Senator
Amy Klobuchar (MN), a
greeting from the office of
United States Senator
George Voinovich (OH), and
talks by Consul General of
the Republic of Slovenia Dr.
Zvone Žigon, Sylvia Pisorn,
CSBPA steering committee
member, and John D.
Cimperman, Principal of
Cenergy Communications.

Dick Russ of WKYC
Channel 3 News will emcee.
Dr. David Perse, President

and CEO of Lutheran
Hospital will host.
Membership is not required
for attendance. All
Slovenians and friends of
Slovenia are welcome and
asked to register their
attendance with Jennifer
Seme at
Jen.Seme@yahoo.com or
(216) 533-6839.

Location is Lutheran
Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic
Hospital, Castele Learning
Center, 1730 West 25th
Street, Cleveland, OH. Enter
at Main Lobby.

\$10 at door. Hors
d'oeuvres and refreshments.

--Johanna Bajc

Today is the day in which to express your noblest qualities of mind and heart, to do at least one worthy thing which you have long postponed. --Bob Mills

It is one of the blessings
of old friends that you can
afford to be honest with
them.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Death Notices



WILLIAM J. GABRIEL

William J. Gabriel, age 83, beloved husband of 60 years to Emily (nee Nowinski); loving father of Douglas (Mary), Dwight (Susan), and the late William; cherished grandfather of Brian and Joseph; dear brother of Julia Tekavec and the following deceased: Helen Legan, Sophie Svoboda, Frank and Joseph Gabriel, Ann Donat and Don Lackner; uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gabriel was a member of St. Vitus Catholic War Vets Post 1655, Knights of Columbus, and a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran.

He owned and operated the Gabriel Insurance Agency for 50 years.

Family wishes to thank the staff of the Hospice of the Western Reserve and all the family and friends who were very supportive.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at St. William Church, Euclid, Ohio. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

Family received friends at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd. (between Bishop Rd. and Rt. 91), Willoughby Hills on Friday, Jan. 25 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

ANDREW CUPAR

Funeral Mass for Andrew Cupar, 82, of Wickliffe, was on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2007 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Wickliffe.

Mr. Cupar died Dec. 8, 2007 at home.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1925 in Voca Gomja, Hrvatska.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

Mr. Cupar worked as a machinist for the former Rotor Tool in Euclid for 28 years.

Survivors are his wife, Angela (Petrovic); sons Stan and Frank; daughter, Veronica (Joe) Tushar; grandchildren Michael, Scott, Ann and Nancy; and brother John (Donica). He was uncle to many nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara, in 1994; parents, Janko and Marija; and sisters, Teresa and Barbara.

Burial in All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio.

MARTIN GLOBOCNIK

Martin Globocnik, 88, passed away on Jan. 17, 2008.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Vera.

Born Aug. 1, 1919, in Cerklje, Slovenia, Martin taught at various elementary and high schools in Slovenia, Italy, and Colorado.

He survived Italian and German POW camps during WWII. He married Vera Martelanc on Feb. 2, 1954, in Trieste, Italy.

In 1955 they emigrated to the U.S. and settled in Colorado. Martin taught languages at Machebeuf H.S. from 1962 - 1982. His passion was Latin. Martin's students competed in national events and won numerous honors.

A devoted Catholic, Martin fled his Slovenian homeland as the Communists came to power. He is also survived by various nieces and nephews in Slovenia and Italy.

Funeral Mass was at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 in All Souls Catholic Church, 4950 S. Logan Street, Englewood, Colorado.

FRANK M. MIGALICH

Frank M. Megalich, age 85 of Streetsboro, formerly of Euclid, Ohio went to be with the Lord on Jan. 20, 2008.

Beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Stanich); loving father of Susan (Richard) Glavan; cherished grandfather of Stacie (Howard), Beckie (Greg), and Rick (Lindsay) and great-grandfather of Brady; son of John and Mary Migalich (both deceased); brother of Mary Mikulin (George, deceased), and the late Rev. Stephen Migalich; dear uncle, great-uncle and friend to many.

WWII Navy Veteran. Past president of St. Christine's Holy Name Society for 15 years.

Mass of Christian Burial was at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24 at St. Christine's Church. Interment All Souls Cemetery.

Family suggests memorial contributions in his name to the Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185 St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

Family received friends to pay tribute and celebrate the life of Frank at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home, 28890 Chardon Rd. (between Bishop Rd. and Rt. 91), Willoughby Hills, Wed., Jan. 23 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

ROSA BURLOVIC

Rosa Burlovic (nee Sankovic), age 90, passed away on Wed., Jan. 30, 2008.

Beloved wife of John (deceased), most cherished sister of Joseph (Mary) Sankovic, Elizabeth Marin, Miro (Jean) Sankovich (Besemer, PA), and the following deceased: Mary Buckovic and Anton Sankovic. Sister-in-law of the following deceased: Miho Buckovic, Sam Marin, Maria Sankovic, and Lydia Sankovic. Loving aunt of nine; great aunt of 13; great-great aunt of five.

Friends were received at the Zele Funeral Home, 452 E. 152 St., Friday, Feb. 1 from 4-8 p.m., where services were held Saturday at 9:15 a.m., and at St. Mary's Church (Holmes Ave.) at 10 a.m.

Entombment All Souls Cemetery.

ALOJZIJA RUTAR

Alojzija Rutar (nee Kranjc), age 71, born in Dreznica, Slovenia, passed away at her residence in Euclid on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008.

Wife of the late Joseph; beloved mother of Dan; sister of Lillian Sivec and Marta Bizjak of Slovenia, and eight deceased.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008 at St. Vitus Church. Burial was in All Souls Cemetery.

Family received friends at The Dan Cosic Funeral Home of Willoughby Hills.

In Memory

Thanks to **Anton Vogel** of Euclid, OH who paid for a memorial, and Christmas greetings, and added a \$20.00 donation in memory of his wife, **Mary Vogel**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Rev. William Jerse** Administrator of St. Paul's Church in Euclid, Ohio who renewed his subscription and added a \$50.00 donation in memory of the **Deceased Comrades of St. Vitus Catholic War Veterans Post 1655**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Millie Logar** of Richmond Heights, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of her husband, **James E. Logar**, and her son, **James P. Logar**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Mira Kosem** of Kirtland, OH who paid for two memoriams and added a \$20.00 donation in memory of her husband, **Marjan Kosem** and her parents **Paula and Anton Adamič**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Rose Luzar** of Cleveland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of her husband, **Tony Luzar**, and parents **Anton and Johanna Luzar**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Jennie Arko** of Richmond Heights who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of her parents, **John and Jennie Rutar**, her husband, **John**, and her loving grandson **Mark Malensek**.

In Memory

Thanks to **John Radovic** of Gates Mills, OH who renewed his subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of **Josephine Radovic**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Maria Bajc** of Cleveland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$20.00 donation in memory of her husband, **Lojze Bajc**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Frank and Justine Picman** of Euclid, OH who renewed their subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of **Picman and Grčar Family**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Nevia Avzlahar** of Wickliffe, OH who paid for her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation in memory of **Drago Avzlahar**.

In Memory

Thanks to **Marion E. Boician** of Willowick, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of her parents, **John and Mary Kaucic**, and brother, **Laddie**. She writes, "I thoroughly enjoy the American Home publication and encourage your continuation. I have one request, some of the Consulate events sometimes only appear in Slovenian. Many subscribers are not fluent in the language and would appreciate those articles also be in English. I read and write Slovenian so it's no problem for me.

"Your dedication in maintaining the paper is commendable."

In Memory

Thanks to **John J. Polz** who renewed his subscription and added a \$25.00 donation in memory of his mom and dad **John and Josephine Polz**.

Donation

Thanks to **Frank Hren** of Richmond Heights, OH who paid for his Christmas greetings and added a \$65.00 donation.

Donation

Thanks to **Mary Tominc** of Richmond Heights, OH who sent in a \$30.00 donation from **St. Mary's Altar Society**.

Donation

Thanks to **Mrs. Helena Klesin** of Ridgewood, NY who paid for a memorial for her husband, **Karl**, and added a \$24.00 donation. She writes, "Thank you for all you put in American Home and the beautiful story, 'My Mama's Rosary.'"

Donation

Thanks to **John Kamin** of Middle Village, NY who renewed his subscription and added a \$65.00 donation.

Donation

Thanks to **Mary Zimmermann** of South Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$20.00 donation. Mary writes, "I wish you continued success for many years to come. I enjoy all the current news, history of Slovenia and the immigrants, and memorials. They are remembrances of my family, friends, and neighbors."

Donation

Thanks to **Jo Svigel** of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. Jo writes, "Love the newspaper."

Donation

Thanks to **Ana Cesar** of Euclid, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation. Ana writes, "I enjoy reading the paper."

Donation

Thanks to **Folklorna Skupina Kres** for their Christmas donation of \$50.00.

Donation

Thanks to **Jo Champa Randlett** of Kirtland, OH who renewed her subscription and added a \$15.00 donation.

SHA Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following residents of the Slovene Home for the Aged who were born in the month of February:

2-06 - **Mary Blatnik**, 77, born in Youngstown, OH

2-08 - **Antonia Krestel**, 88, born in Cleveland, OH

2-12 - **Anthony Brodnik**, 90, born in Cleveland, OH

2-15 - **John Soltis**, 94, born in Snowshoe, PA

2-22 - **Frances Trivison**, 98, born in Cleveland, OH

2-27 - **Josephine Zabjek**, 95, born in Cleveland

2-29 - **Joseph Strumbel**, 96, born in Cleveland

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Frank Wurzer, Euclid, OH -- \$5.00

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--Elsie Lawrence
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John Muniza Sr.
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You have been gone since Feb. 16, 1965; But you have never been forgotten.

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Mary J. Pangonis
Entered Into Rest Feb. 5, 2002

Mother,

We can never be separated from those we love because God leaves us with memories to hold and love that doesn't pass away. And in time we realize that our loved one lives on - not only in heaven, but within our hearts.

Sadly missed by
Sons: John, Gary,
Richard, and Thomas.
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Daughters in Law: Barbara, Sandra, and Shelley
Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

In Loving Memory of



Frank E. Zupancic
Died February 9, 2000

*With every act of kindness,
Every smile and word of cheer,
You built a lasting monument
In the hearts that mourn you here.*

May God grant you eternal peace.

Sadly missed by:
Family and Friends

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Josephine Klemencic
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of our
dear Mother,
Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother
Sister, and Aunt
who died Feb. 14, 1997

*Deep in our hearts you'll
always stay,
Loved and remembered
every day.*

Sadly missed by
FAMILY

Hoopster Udrih Finds Home in Sacramento

by Ailene Voisin
The Sacramento Bee

Beno Udrih is stretched comfortably over a chair at a coffee shop a few miles from Arco Arena, a few blocks from the house he rents, and only a few hours removed from another productive performance as the Kings' starting point guard.

He is within a few miles and minutes of everything important. Of relaxing in a house he might someday purchase. Of enjoying a successful NBA career. Of emerging as a long-term starting point guard with the Kings, or with any number of other franchises coveting a talented play-maker. Of shedding his reputation as a fragile Slovenian who repeatedly frustrated Gregg Popovich and self-imploded with the San Antonio Spurs.

All of this within his grasp. Again.

"When Beno got here at the beginning of the season," said Kings coach Reggie Theus, "I told him: 'We're going to attack all the things that people are saying about you, that you're soft, that you're always hurt. We can help each other. If you can knock down the jumper, find the open man, turn the corner on the pick and roll, and stay in front of your man defensively, you can play in this league.'

"I want him to cut down his mistakes in the last few minutes of the game, but aside from that, he has everything you want in a point guard. There is just an element of toughness that has to be mastered."

The questions about durability are inevitable, and accordingly, Udrih's response is poised, practiced and impassioned. He counters with a lengthy recitation and chronology of injuries (sore ankles, sore lower back, etc.) that have hampered his progress, dating as far back as his late teenage years playing professionally in Slovenia, Israel, Russia and Italy.

But he has played all 82 games during his rookie season with the Spurs in 2004, he reminds, while hastily interjecting that the past is the past: The conflict with Popovich. The trade to Minnesota and the immediate release by the Timberwolves. The perception that he is tender to the touch. None of that matters now.

His goal is to beat the rap by playing the game.

Though he stands 6-foot-3 and carries 205 pounds on a compact frame that he would rather tone by yoga than strengthen by weightlifting, the left-handed Udrih was a skinny, unimposing young-



ster when he began envisioning himself in an NBA jersey. Like so many other 10-year-olds who watched the 1992 Barcelona Olympics on television, he became infatuated with the original Dream Team, the U.S. squad that featured Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Charles Barkley, and no less enamored of the Croatian national team led by the late Drazen Petrovic.

Growing up in Sempeter, Slovenia, a former Yugoslavian village of 5,000 residents not far from the Italian border and about an hour's drive west of Ljubljana, the country's capital, Udrih plastered his bedroom walls with posters of NBA and Olympic stars.

"One time I had a sleep-over with a friend," he related, with a soft smile, "and we were laying there in bed, looking at the posters. He said, 'Do you think we'll ever make it to the NBA?' I said: 'I don't know about you. But I'll be there.' That was always my dream.

"And Drazen, the way he would shoot the three and then clench his fist... I loved that. When I got older, the Sacramento Kings became my team because of Vlade Divac and Peja (Stojakovic). After that I always wanted to be a King."

The irony of his grouping of role models, of course, is inescapable. Divac and Sto-

jakovic are Serbs. The late Petrovic was a Croat. All three were affected by the conflict in the Balkans during the 1990s, though to varying degrees. Peja and his family fled their home in an area that is now part of Croatia. Divac and Petrovic were boyhood friends and roommates on the Yugoslavian national team, but when the war began, the New Jersey Nets star stopped speaking to the affable center, then with the Lakers. Petrovic died in an auto accident in 1993 - weeks after being named All-NBA third team - depriving the devastated Divac of further attempts at repairing the relationship.

By contrast, Udrih's anecdotal memories of the war are few and distant. Slovenia, a country the size of New Jersey, declared its independence from the former Yugoslavia in 1991, and promising stiff resistance against the powerful Serb forces, prevailed after a near-bloodless 10-day war.

"I heard a few planes flying overhead," related Udrih, "and we got back from a vacation in Spain the day before they (the Serbs) bombed the airport in Ljubljana. But that was all. I always heard stories about Vlade and Drazen... and how politics mixed with sports for a while. There are conspiracy theories, too, about how he (Petrovic) died. You don't

know what to believe."

After watching the Olympics, Udrih became increasingly obsessed with basketball. His father, Silvo, a former pro player who drives around his homeland selling "refrigerators, pretty much everything," pressed the left-handed Beno to develop his right hand. His older brother, Samo, a scoring guard currently playing professionally in Spain, consistently demanded that his younger, smaller sibling pass the ball.

Yet the only family tension arose when Udrih asked to drop out of high school to concentrate on basketball and was adamantly opposed by his mother, Silva.

"I was going to school from 7 to 3," explained Udrih, who speaks superb English, "then practicing with one team from 4 to 6.

then with another team until 10. Then I would have to do homework. I never got any sleep. I was too tired to study. I said, 'Mom, not even the biggest nerds can do that.' I told her I didn't need school, because my dream was to play pro."

A year later, at age 16, Udrih signed with the first of his five European clubs, thus beginning the journey that included a late invitation and breakout performance at the Chicago pre-draft camp, individual workouts that spring (2004) with several NBA teams (and two with the Kings), and, after three seasons in San Antonio, continues with a tantalizing opportunity in Sacramento.

Thanks to Ann Pechaver and her husband for submitting this interesting article.

Slovenian Art Guild Activities

The Slovenian National Art Guild will tour the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage in Beachwood on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. when it opens. As usual, SANAG will pay all admission costs. The museum pamphlet states, "...a world filled with inspiring and moving stories of immigration, modern-day heroes, and heroines. Personal stories... come to life in the permanent exhibition... with dramatic films and computer interaction for an experience guaranteed to captivate." Featured is a gallery highlighting a rich collection Judaica.

The art guild will have a guide who will lead them through the entire museum, especially emphasizing the neighborhoods of Cleveland.

The museum is located at 2929 Richmond Road. Take I-271 to the Chagrin/422 West exit, turn right to Richmond Road, right on Richmond Rd. The museum is on your right not far up the street.

If you are coming call Pat at (440) 943-3623.

In March, plans are being made for a trip to the Ukrainian Museum and churches in Tremont.

A prestigious collection of Vatican art and artifacts, one of the largest ever seen in North America, will be at the Western Reserve Historical Society from May 31 to Sept. 7. Some of the earliest known depictions of Jesus, a reliquary containing bone fragments of St. Peter, and personal belongings of Michelangelo are among the 200 items slated for exhibit. "The Vatican doesn't let their treasures out very often, so when they put them on display, it's quite an extraordinary experience."

Admission cost is \$18 for seniors, \$20 for adults. The art guild will NOT pay for this admission as it is more than the normal stipend.

Remember: these activities and trips are free to MEMBERS ONLY. You must be a member for one year before you get paid admission to these events. If a member wishes to bring a guest, the guest is responsible for the admission, etc.

A day's work is a day's work, neither more nor less, and the man who does it needs a day's sustenance, a night's repose and due leisure, whether he be painter or ploughman. -George Bernard Shaw

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Old Quiz, New Quiz

by James V. Debevec II

OLD QUIZ:

What post-WWII car was designed so people couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?

- A. -- Studebaker
- B. -- Nash Rambler
- C. -- Tucker
- D. -- Wrong Way Corrigan
- E. -- Hudson
- F. -- Auburn
- G. -- Perme

ANSWER: A -- Studebaker Correct responses came from Patricia A. Klancar, Cincinnati, OH; Vida Kalin, Cleveland; Anthony Gorsek, Cleveland; Pat Nevar, Euclid; and Rudy Sterk, Manager of St. Vitus Village, Cleveland. Congratulations to these Fab Five.

NEW QUIZ: How long can a flu virus last outside the body? (clothing, hands)

- A. -- 7 hours
- B. -- 24 hours
- C. -- 3 Days
- D. -- 7 Days

Send your answers to ahp@buckeyeweb.net or regular mail to: James' Quiz, c/o American Home, 6117 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44103-1627.



As I look out my big window I see beautiful autumn beauty. Also have finch bird feeders hanging at my window so there is beauty within my view. I have plenty of feed so the birds are always fun to watch. I live in the Quail Run and get good care, eat good food and there are plenty of nice friends. There are 150 residents here, all with assisted care. This photo was taken in June, 2007. My granddaughters came to visit me. They took me to the store to buy the flowers that I planted in the tiny upraised garden, plus bought three tomato plants. (Yes, I had plenty of tomatoes last year. I gave them to the resident people to enjoy.) I thank God every day for the returning strength I received after having medical trouble three times. (Molly (Tercek) Habjan was born and raised in Cleveland (St. Mary's parish) and sends regards to all.)

--Molly Habjan
Albany, OR

St. Vitus Alumni Thoughts

By AGNES KOPORC

Well, here we are, trying to "settle" into a New Year with fragments of 2007 still dancing around in our thoughts.

The October Alumni Dinner Honoree Day of 2007 has become nothing more than a memory and a pleasant one at that. The party's over. We are now in a New Year, getting ready for the first meeting of this season, to formulate plans for the future of the Alumni, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the Slovenian Room of St. Vitus Village.

All members, old and new, are asked to come and participate in this meeting, so mark your calendars, imbed it in your brain.

Our dedicated, hardworking Membership Chairlady, Albina Pozelnik, who has given her "all" for so many years, is now at the Slovene Home for the Aged, Room 209, 18621 Neff Rd., Cleveland, OH 44119. A card or visit would be appreciated. You are in our prayers, Albina.

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Another well known member of Alumni, Anthony Brodnik, is also in residence at the Home. He will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Feb. 12 Happy Birthday, Tony. Best wishes from all your friends. *priden bodi fant.*

Eddie Arhar is still "holding his own" after two years of "in and out" of hospitals / doctors offices ' and dialysis, etc. Always upbeat, he will celebrate his 89th on March 4th. (151 E. 199 St., Euclid, OH 44119). Have a great day and many more to come. Miss seeing you around.

His wife, Annie, got to spend a couple of nights at the Euclid Health Spa, via 911 Emergency.

Know that all ailing members are always in our prayers. Remember to "think positive," it aids the healing process. Our best wishes to all.

Hope to see you at our meeting. Remember, there will be some "goodies" after the meeting, and maybe we will even 'sing' a tune... who knows.

To be capable of steady friendship or lasting love are the two greatest proofs, not only of goodness of heart, but of strength of mind.

--Rudy Flis

Sauerkraut Salad

- 15 oz. Green beans, drained
- 15 oz. Red kidney beans, drained
- ¾ c. Olive oil
- ½ c. Red pepper, diced
- ½ c. Sugar
- Fresh ground pepper, to taste
- 15 oz. Wax beans, drained
- 15 oz. Sauerkraut, drained
- 1 c. Green pepper, diced
- 1 c. Red onion, diced
- Salt, to taste

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Keeps well.

--Recipes from the Flock
Gorjanc-Kogovsek Family cookbook

Phil's Philosophy

Submitted by
PHIL HRVATIN

If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.

Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.

Going to a church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel good.

Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.

No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

A balanced diet is a slice of potica in each hand.

Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three days before you need it.

There can be no friendship where there is no freedom. Friendship loves the free air, and will not be fenced up in straight and narrow enclosures. --John Mercina



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Slovenija in njena vlada polno angažirana pri predsedovanju EU – Pomemben obisk pri predsedniku Danilu Türku

Minil je že prvi od vseh skupaj šest mesecev trajanja slovenskega predsedovanja Evropski uniji. Poleg ustaljenih, normalnih aktivnosti, ki so povezane s to vlogo, je trenutno pereč problem v zvezi s reševanjem statusa pokrajine Kosova. Albanska večina v pokrajini, ki je na čelu tamkajšnje vlade, namerava doseči neodvisnost od Srbije, kar pa Rusija najbolj odločno nasprotuje. Tudi znotraj EU so pri raznih državah različna stališča. Kot kaže, prevladuje mnenje, da bi bilo najbolje, če bi imelo Kosovo nekakšno de facto neodvisnost, ne pa de jure, da bi pač postala pokrajina neodvisna, mednarodno priznana država. Rusko stališče, ki je seveda povezano s srbskim oz. Srbijo, je, da bi takšna neodvisnost služila kot povod za še druge kraje po Evropi, tako n. pr. v Gruziji, kjer sta dva kraja, ki bi utegnili zahtevati in tudi uresničiti neodvisnost od te republike. Trenja so tudi drugod, v Španiji z Baskijo, in celo v Belgiji.

Slovenska trenutna izstopajoča vloga v EU je bila povod tudi za nedavni obisk sorazmerno še novega generalnega sekretarja Združenih narodov (OZN), južnokorejca Ban Ki Muna, ki je bil dva dni gost predsednika države Danila Türka. Državnika sta sicer stara znanca, saj sta skupaj delala v OZN. Mimogrede, Danilo Türk je v svojem prvem mesecu kot predsednik Slovenije postal tarča levičarskih krogov, to zato, ker baje zavzema preveč spravljivo stališča do Janševe vlade. Türk namreč izhaja iz izrecno levičarskega pola slovenske politike, čeprav je bil večino svoje kariere v diplomatski službi in to v tujini.

Težave v odnosih med Slovenijo in Hrvaško zopet v ospredju, vpletena v tem je tudi sama Evropska unija

Poleg poskusi za izoblikovanje dokončnega statusa pokrajine Kosova je že jasno, da se bo morala Slovenija precej ukvarjati tudi z nadaljnimi postopki pri vključevanju Hrvaške evropski povezavi oz. z morebitnim

hrvaškim članstvom v EU. Prav v tem času je Hrvaška v ospredju glede zanimanja tako Slovenije kot EU.

S 1. januarjem letos je Hrvaška namreč uveljavila tudi za ostale članice EU zaščitno ekološko-ribolovno cono v Jadranu. Hrvaška stran v obliki svojih nekdanjih zunanjih ministrov, deloma tudi sedanjega predsednika hrvaške vlade Iva Sanaderja in državnega predsednika Stipeta Mesića je prišla na dan s številnimi žaljivimi izjavami zoper posebej slovenskega zunanjega ministra Dimitrija Rupla in predsednika vlade Janeza Janša, da pač izvajata pritiske zoper Hrvaško, da ukine omenjeno cono.

Bivši hrvaški zunanji ministri so izjavili med drugim, da je Rupel "znan nasprotnik Hrvaške, ki zdaj zoper njo izrablja tudi možnosti, ki jih ima Slovenija kot predsedujoča države povezave". V ta spor je pa posredoval evropski komisar za širitev EU, Olli Rehn, ki je dejal, da je zadeva v zvezi z ekološko-ribolovno cono stvar celotne EU in ne le med Slovenijo in Hrvaško ter pri tem v imenu same EU zahteval, da Hrvaška cono čim prej odpravi oz. potrdi, da cona ne bo v veljavi za članice EU. Brez tega, je dodal, bo imela Hrvaška težave in zamude pri izpolnjevanju meril za eventuelno vključitev v EU.

Zviševanje rodnosti v Sloveniji prvič po daljšem zmanjševanju

Podatki kažejo, da se je lani v Sloveniji rodilo 19.585 otrok. To je za okoli štiri odstotke več kot leto poprej in je dalje največ v zadnjih štirinajstih letih, torej od leta 1993. Demografi citirajo razne vzroke za ta porast, ki pa že zanima politike. Iz vladnih krogov oz. zagovornikov sedanje vlade je slišati, da je ta trend rezultat med drugim tega, da je Janševa vlada v zadnjih treh letih uspela pri ustvarjanju bolj ugodnega družbenega ozračja, ki da je potrebno za povečanje števila rojstev. Iz vrst opozicije tega seveda niso pripravljeni priznati. V opozicijskih krogih je opazno, da glede na prihajajoče volitve, utegne biti njih prvak ne Borut Pahor, ampak Gregor Golobič, predsednik nove levičarske stranke Zares.



Slovenijo baje čaka tudi val stavkov – Zaradi višje inflacije v zadnjem so nezadovoljni delavci in to tako v privatni industriji kakor v javnem sektorju. Napovedani so številni stavki in je Janševa vlada pod močnim pritiskom za privolitve v povišanje plač. Vladno stališče je, da bi to samo pospeševalo inflacijo, vendar ne odklanja določene "uskladitve". Pritiski s strani zaposlenih in upokoencev so pa povezani tudi z rastočo kampanjo leve opozicije, ki se že vneto pripravlja na prihajajoče parlamentarne volitve, ki bodo jeseni letos. Drugi očiten proces v zadnjem času je tudi ofenziva leveice pri kontroliranju in usmerjanju več in več pomembnih medijskih hiš.

Iz Clevelanda in okolice

Koncert in branje poezije—

Generalni konzulat RSlovenije vabi na koncert in branje poezije ob slovenskem mesecu kulture v soboto, 9. februarja, ob 7. uri zv. v SND na St. Clair Ave. Sodelovala bosta pevski zbor Korotan in Johnny Sršen s prijatelji. Prost vstop. Več v dopisu na str. 12.

Prodaja krofov—

Oltarno društvo fare sv. Vida vabi na prodajo krofov to soboto, 9. februarja, v običajnem času v Društveno sobo. Na razpolago bodo tudi domači rezanci. Pridite in pokupite!

Kosilo Slovenske šole—

Slovenska šola pri sv. Vidu bo imela svojo letno dobrodelno kosilo v nedeljo, 24. februarja, v Avditoriju. Postregli bodo s pečnimi piščanci ali svinjsko pečenko od 11h dop. do 1h pop. V Društveni sobi bo na razpolago kosilo, ki ga boste lahko vzeli domov. Cena za odrasle \$12, za otroke \$6. Nakaznice boste dobili pri vratih na dan prireditve. Vsi lepo vabljeni!

Dobrodelna polka zabava—

V nedeljo, 17. februarja, med 4. pop. in 8. zv. bo v SDD na Recherjevi ulici dobrodelna polka zabava v pomoč zdravstveno prizadetega Stevena Mervarja, sina Debbie Mervar-Habat in že pok. Eddieja Merevarja in pastorka Marka Habat. Svoje talente bodo darovali številni znani polka godbeniki, med njimi Eddie Rodick, Fred Ziwich, Bob Kravos, Joe Novak idr. Vstopnice po \$10 pri vratih, odprti bosta kuhinja in bara.

Maša za dr. V. Meršola—

V nedeljo, 17. februarja, ob 10. dop. bo v cerkvi Marije Vnebozete v Collinwoodu sv. maša za pok. dr. Valentina Meršola. Društvo Tabor DSPB lepo vabi, da se pridružite v čim večjem številu. Dopis na str. 12.

Ob rojstnem dnevu—

Dne 21. januarja je praznoval svoj 91. rojstni dan naš naročnik Jakob Grum, ki živi z ženo Mary v Euclidu. Ob tej priliki je ga. Grum obnovila naročnino in dodala dar \$15. Iskrena hvala, g. Grumu pa ob rojstnem dnevu srčno čestitamo in mu želimo vse najboljše.

Žalostna vest—

Ga. Justina Pičman je dobila žalostno sporočilo, da ji je umrl brat Peter Grčar v Šentrupertu na Dolenjskem. Zapušča ženo Mary, sina Jožeta Grčar, hčerki Mary Koželj in Anko Grčar ter sestri Fani Petrič in Angelco Blatnik. Bil je tudi stric msgr. Franciju Petriču. Naj počiva v miru!

Naši dobrotniki—

Ga. Mary Zimperman, S. Euclid, O., je darovala \$20 v podporo našemu listu. Ga. Mary Sterle, Euclid, O., je darovala \$100, v spomin moža Richarda. G. Filip in ga. Ida Oreh, Wickliffe, sta poklonila \$10, v spomin vnukinje Katie Shiurko. G. John Goričan, Richmond Hts., je daroval \$115. Hvala vsem!

Novi grobovi

William J. Gabriel

Umrli je 83 let stari William J. Gabriel, mož Emily, roj. Nowinski, oče Douglasa, Dwighta in že pok. Williama, 2-krat stari oče, brat Julie Tekavec ter že pok. Helen Legan, Sophie Svoboda, Franka, Josepha, Ann Donat in Don Lacknerja, veteran 2. svetovne vojne, v kateri je služil v ameriških letalskih silah, lastoval in vodil Gabriel Insurance Agency 50 let, član podr. št. 1655 Katoliških vojnih veteranov in Kolumbovih vitezov. Pogreb je bil 26. januarja v oskrbi Cosicevega zavoda s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Viljema in pokopom na Vernih duš pokopališču.

Ann H. Zerial

Dne 17. januarja je umrla 101 leto stara Ann H. Zerial, rojena Mally 1. julija 1906, vdova po Williamu, mati Ann Bruno in Williama ml., 3-krat stara mati, 8-krat prastara mati, sestra Agnes Gliha ter že pok. dr. Jamesa Mallyja (zelo znan v slovenskem Clevelandu v letih pred 2. svetovno vojno) in Julie Mally, članica AMLA št. 12, SZZ podr. št. 10 in KSKJ št. 25. Pogreb je bil 24. januarja s sv. mašo v cerkvi sv. Brigitte s pokopom na Sv. Križa pokopališču.

Stefanie Blatnik

Umrli je 90 let stara Stefanie Blatnik, rojena Bendokas, vdova po Johnu, mati Barbare Galicki in Johna, 5-krat stara mati, 8-krat prastara mati, sestra Alberta in Franka (oba že pok.). Pogreb je bil 5. februarja v oskrbi Želetovega zavoda s pokopom na Kalvarije pokopališču.

Film "Otroci s Petrička"

CLEVELAND, O. – Ali ste ga videli? Gre za dokumentarni film s pretresljivimi zgodbami otrok, nasilno ugrabljenih zavednim protikomunističnim staršem v maju 1945, ko so Britanci zahrbtno pošiljali tisoče domobrancev in mnogo civilistov nazaj v partizanske roke. Kaj se je storilo z domobranci že vsi vedo. O usodi civilnih vrnjencev se pa do nedavnega ni dosti zvedelo. A nič ne ostane skrito za vselej; nekdanj skrivaj šepetane zgodbe se zdaj pogumno razkrivajo v javnosti.

Moški in ženske so bili takoj razdeljeni in pozaprti. Otroci, v starosti od dojenčkov do 15- in 16-letnikov so bili surovi odtrgani od mater in prepeljani v začasno sirotišnico na Petriček blizu Teharjev. Po več mesecih mučnega prevzganja so bili porazdeljeni k izbranim krušnim staršem. Bili so oropani ne samo ljubezni staršev in svojega otroštva, celo imena so jim premenjali. Le starejši so še ohranili spomin na svoje prave starše in priimek.

Ista usoda je bila namenjena vsem slovenskim beguncem v Avstriji. Le pok. dr. Valentinu Meršolu gre zahvala, da lahko te vrstice berete v novi domovini, pod svobodno zastavo!

Na kolenih je prosil britansko oblast, naj nehajo vračati begunske družine in sploh vse civiliste v gotovo smrt. Po božji milosti je bil uslišan. Tega se ne sme nikoli pozabiti!

Društvo Tabor DSPB ohranja dr. Valentinu Meršolu hvaležen spomin in zanj daruje letno sv. mašo pri Mariji Vnebovzeti v Collinwoodu. Letos se maša daruje v nedeljo, 17. februarja, ob 10. dop. Prosimo, pridružite se nam v čimvečjem številu. Bog daj dr. Valentinu Meršolu zaslužen plačilo v nebesih! MD

Srečanje Društva za slovenske študije v New Orleansu

Člani in prijatelji Društva za slovenske študije (SSS) so se zbrali na 39. zborovanju Ameriškega združenja za pospeševanje slavistike (AAASS), ki je potekalo od 15. do 18. novembra 2007 v New Orleansu. Na zborovanju so se zbrali udeleženci z vseh koncev sveta. Sodelujoči, ki jih posebej zanima Slovenija, so prišli iz Severne Amerike in Evrope, obravnavali pa so zelo raznovrstne teme, med njimi slovensko zunanjo politiko, jezik in literaturo, urbano načrtovanje in izseljenstvo.

Društvo je 16. novembra priredilo sprejem v počastitev spomina na dr. Toussainta Hočevarja, ki je predaval ekonomijo na univerzi Tulane v New Orleansu do svoje prezgo-

dnje smrti l. 1987. Častna gostja je bila njegova vdova Françoise, gostitelj sprejema in slavnostni govornik pa njegov sin Alexis Hočevar, podpredsednik družbe Enterprise Rent-A-Car Louisiana.

Med sodelujočimi so bili tudi njegova ekscelencija dr. Samuel Žbogar, slovenski veleposlanik v ZDA, dr. Zvone Žigon, generalni konzul RSlovenije v Clevelandu, in Alenka Suhadolnik, generalna konzulka v New Yorku. Veleposlanik Žbogar je na okrogli mizi govoril o slovenski zunanji politiki, dr. Žigon pa je komentiral referate, posvečene povratni emigraciji.

V sekciji na temo povratne emigracije so sodelovali Kristina Toplak,

Jernej Mlekuž in Jure Gombač z Inštituta za slovensko izseljenstvo pri Znanstveno raziskovalni center Slovenske akademije znanosti in umetnosti (ZRC SAZU) v Ljubljani z naslednjimi referati: Vrnitev Slovencev in njihovih potomcev iz nekaterih evropskih držav in Avstralije; Metodologija, moteča za teorijo povratne emigracije: emigrantova življenjska zgodba; in Repatriacija v Slovenijo po drugi svetovni vojni.

Trije pomembni ameriški Slovenci so bili tema prispevkov treh referentov z Univerze v Mariboru, in sicer Andreje Božič-Horvat (Ivan Molek in domovina: odmevi na njegov odstop s položaja urednika *Prosvete* l. 1944); Darka Friša (Kazimir Zorajšek, OFM: njegovo delo za domovino v ZDA med drugo svetovno vojno) in Mojce Moškon-Meši (Anrej Kobal: kako so na njegovo delo vplivali dogodki druge svetovne vojne v Sloveniji).

Zanimivi referati so bili še na vrsto drugih tem. Tako sta referati Veronice E. Aplenc (Chestnut Hill Historical Society) Državno načrtovanje mest in krajevni miti o izvoru: slovenska socialistična predmestja v 70. in 80. letih prejšnjega stoletja ter Žarka Lazarevića (Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino) o Sloveniji kot delu

Andrew (Edi) Cupar

Dne 8. decembra 2007 je na svojem domu v Wickliffu umrl 82 let stari Andrew (Edi) Cupar, rojen 2. januarja 1925 v vasi Voca Gornja, Hrvatska. Bil je faran pri fari Naše Gospe Karmelske, zaposlen kot strojnik pri nekdanjem podjetju Rotor Tool v Euclidu. Zanj žalujejo žena Angela (Petrovič), sinova Stan in Frank, hčerka Veronica (Joe) Tushar, vnuka Michael in Scott, vnukinja Ann in Nancy, in brat John (Donica). Že pokojni so hčerka Barbara (l. 1994) ter starša Janko in Marija in sestri Teresa in Barbara.

Pogreb je bil 12. decembra 2007 v oskrbi pogrebnega zavoda Orlando-Donsante v Wickliffu s sv. mašo v cerkvi Naše Gospe Karmelske, sledil je pokop na Vernih duš pokopališču na Chardonu.

Generalni konzulat Republike Slovenije v Clevelandu pripravlja v februarju, slovenskem mesecu kulture,

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Nastopajočim se bo pridružil tudi Johnny Sršen s prijatelji.

Program bo tudi letos povezoval generalni konzul dr. Zvone Žigon.

Prireditve bo to soboto, 9. februarja, ob 7. uri zvečer v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave.

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ekonomije bivše Jugoslavije prispevala dodatno zgodovino.

Jerca Vodusek Starič (Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino, Ljubljana) je govorila o obveščevalni službi med drugo svetovno vojno, Peter Vodopivec iz istega inštituta in Mateja Ratej (Inštitut za filozofijo, ZRC SAZU) pa sta predstavila različna pogleda na Majniško deklaracijo. Irena Gantar Godina (Inštitut za slovensko izseljenstvo) je v svojem referatu obravnavala Slovence, njihovo slovansko privrženost in zvestobo Habsburški monarhiji.

Prvič je bil kot tema na sporedu slovenski regionalizem. V sekciji, ki ji je predsedovala Sabrina Ramet (Norveška univerza za naravoslovje in tehnologijo) so nastopili Božo Repe (Univerza v Ljubljani), Aleš Gabrič (Inštitut za novejšo zgodovino) in Darja Kerec (Univerza v Ljubljani); v diskusiji sta sodelovala tudi Carole Rogel in Timothy Pogačar.

Metod Milač je vodil izjemno zanimivo sekcijo o Slovencih na Koroškem. V njej so sodelovali Jernej Zupančič (Univerza v Ljubljani), Matjaž Klemenčič (Univerza v Mariboru), Boris Jesih (Inštitut za narodnostna vprašanja, Ljubljana), Klaus Jurgen-Hermanik (Univerza v Gradcu) in Robert G.

Minnich (Univerza v Bergnu, Norveška).

Najbolj filozofsko je bila morda naravnana sekcija Bit kot teoretična kategorija, v kateri so sodelovali Marko Juvan in Alenka Koron (ZRC SAZU) ter Timothy Pogačar in Irina Stakhanova (Bowling Green State Univ.).

Nastopili so še Charles Bukowski (Bradley Univ.) in Joseph Derdzinski (US Air Force Academy) na temo o zunanji politiki; Michael Biggins (Univ. of Washington), Leonora Flis (Univerza v Ljubljani) in Maria Sternberger (New School) so govorili o slovenski literaturi; Grant H. Lundberg (Brigham Young Univ.) je obravnaval odnos Slovencev do narečij; Elinor Murray Despalatovic (Connecticut College) in Nicholas John Miller (Boise State Univ.) sta govorila o jugoslavizmu leta 1918.

Tudi letos so bile slovenske teme dobro zastopane na zborovanju. Novembra 2008 bo zborovanje AAASS v Philadelphiji (za podrobnejše informacije gl. www.aaass.org). Za podrobnejše informacije o Društvu za slovenske študije in njegovem glasilu *Slovene Studies*, se bralci lahko obrnejo na dr. Carole Rogel

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Alojz Rebula: Še enkrat: "Kdaj se bo nehal ta večni boj proti Cerkvi?"

ALOJZ REBULA

Družina, Ljubljana
9. decembra 2007



O kakšnem pravem boju proti Cerkvi v slovenski zgodovini vse do druge svetovne vojne je komaj mogoče govoriti. Smo morda bili za hudiča premajhna entiteta? Ali pa tako zakoreninjeni v krščanstvu, da se mu je zdelo škoda energije?

Trubarjev boj je bil bolj boj za Lutrovega Kristusa kot proti Cerkvi. Ateizem kulturno skromnega Linhartarja ni presejal zasebne sfere. Frajgajst Prešeren je v epigramu zafrknil škofa Wolfa, a kot poet s polnimi pljuči diha krščanstvo. Aškerševa duhovna potencia ne gre čez "Po nebu šcip plava, šumi, šumi Drava", zato je njegovo antikrščanstvo nezanimivo. Cankar v mladostni objesti napada krščanstvo, a pozneje se je umiril v veri svoje matere. Srednješolec Kette se obregne ob škofa Missio, a napiše najmočnejši religiozni sonet v naši literaturi. Najlepšo molitev blejski Mariji napiše svobodomislec Župančič, Kosovel – tega pa je en sam zalet v Absolutno.

Skratka, kar je v naši kulturni zgodovini velikega, je v bistvu spoštljivo do pojava krščanstva in Cerkev. Med našimi velikimi ni ateista. Za totalni odpor, še več, sovraštvo proti sebi, je Cerkev morala počakati na leto 1941, na stalinistični program KPS, po katerem je

bilo treba Cerkev z vero zbrisati z zemlje.

Uradna taktika je sicer dopuščala, da je obstajala funkcija verskega referenta, da je politični komisar ob priseganju Stalinu prižigal sveče v kakšni kapelici ali da je celo popeljal četo pet k božični polnočnici. A ko po zmagi taktiziranja ni bilo več treba, je partija potegnila pravo karto z eno samo direktivo: likvidirati, kar je bilo krščanskega.

V demokraciji bi se bili dediči tega izjalovljenega podviga lahko vprašali, ali velja gnati naprej takšen slog sovraštva do Cerkev. Ali niso začeli z geslom "Evropa zdaj?" Morda se je vprašal Evropejec med njimi, Borut Pahor, edini.

Če imajo narodi vsak svojega angela, morajo imeti tudi vsak svojega hudiča. Za slovenskega je značilna neka nič evropska, provincialna, skoraj vaška zagamanost. Ker Slovenska Cerkev nima za sabo ne križarskih vojn ne Galilea, gre še globlje v stoletja izkopavati Valjhune in Kajtimare. Kar se zadnje vojne tiče, govori o Cerkvi kot zločinski, ko da bi ona začela z atentati, umorila za dve diviziji vojnih ujetnikov in zaznamovala svobodo s 600 morišči po Sloveniji.

Ko ji je bil vrnjen del tega, kar ji je bilo ukradeno, je ta zagamanost zajahala gozdove, čeprav jih bo Cerkev upravljala bolj pošteno kot novi tajkuni. (DALJE na str. 14)

Dr. METOD MILAČ

Dr. Rozina Švent: Slovenski begunci v Avstriji, 1945—1950

Syracuse, NY – Pod zgornjim naslovom je izšla v Sloveniji v seriji "Migracije 13" pod okriljem Inštituta za slovensko izseljenstvo (ZRC SAZU, 2007), v knjižnem formatu doktorska disertacija zgodovinarke, knjižničarke in znanstvenice dr. Rozine Švent. Knjiga ima 378 strani, zato obsežno bibliografijo, in temelji deloma na arhivskem gradivu, deloma na zapisih mnogih avtorjev, pa tudi po osebnih pogovorih z mnogimi udeleženci te kratke (1945—1950), najbolj tragične dobe v slovenski zgodovini.

Gledano z drugega obzorja, bi lahko trdili, da so glavne teme Šventovih raziskav usoda, prizadevanja, neomahljivost, trdoživost, vera, kultura, in dosežki tistih šest tisoč Slovenk in Slovencev vseh slojev in vseh starosti, ki so bili prav v zadnjem trenutku rešeni prisilne vrnitve v Jugoslavijo 1945. leta.

Rešeni so bili po odločnih posredovanjih vodje civilnega taborišča, kanadskega majorja Paul Barreja, predstavnika slovenskih civilnih beguncev v Vetrinju, dr. Valentina

Meršola, in po vsej verjetnosti tudi nekaterih pomembnih vodij angleškega Rdečega križa.

Na prvih 79 straneh Šventove razprave najdemo jasen pregled dogajanj, kar danes na splošno imenujemo Vetrinjska tragedija. Avtorica predstavi potek teh dogodkov kronološko in z iskanjem pojasnil iz vsega, kar ji je dostopno. Ogromna večina podatkov in mnenj je podprta z obsežnimi dodatnimi omembami, citati, in viri pod črto. Marsikdo med udeleženci tega begunstva, bo našel marsikaj še vedno ne pojasnjene, morda bo pomislil ali je to ali ono točno in, ali imamo možnosti posredovati še kakšne nadaljnje podatke in pojasnila.

Prvi del te begunske zgodovine, odločitve za

začasni odhod preko meje v Avstrijo in s tem povezanega izrednega trpljenja, je z nekaj besedami opisal britanski oficir Nigel Nicolson, ki je imel priliko prisostvovati prehodu beguncev preko mostu pri Borovljah na Koroškem. Čeprav pozno po končani vojni (N. Nicolson, *Long Life*, London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1997), ni pozabil na tiste dneve v maju 1945. Tako piše, v slovenskem prevodu (str. 39):

Bili (smo) zaskrbljeni, ko smo sprejeli protititovske begunce iz Jugoslavije in jim dali zatočišče v našem majhnem kotu Avstrije. /.../ Vse popoldne so se valili čez most, na drugi strani so odmetavali orožje na mesta, ki smo jih določili. Med njimi je bilo mnogo žensk in otrok, strašno izčrpanih od hoje čez gore, /.../ Vsi so bili močno pomirjeni, ko so se znašli v britanski coni, in brez pritožb so se opotekali še nadaljnjih pet milj do začasnega taborišča, ki smo ga osnovali v Vetrinju, nekaj milj južno od Celovca, /.../

V poglavju "Vetrinjsko taborišče" (39-79) pa podaja avtorica izčrpne podatke različnih virov in (DALJE na str. 14)

V blag in ljubeč spomin



Herman J. Miller
1923 – 2007

*Leto dni bo že minilo,
od kar si vzel slovo,
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in pridne roke so šle počivati.
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a ostal si nam v ljubečem spominu.
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do našega snidenja nad zvezdami.*

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Kirtland, Ohio

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Ob drugi obletnici smrti



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“Slovenski begunci v Avstriji, 1945—1950”

(NADALJEVANJE S STR. 13)

pričevanj o zadnji fazi Vetrinjske tragedije, angleško predajo Slovenske Narodne Vojske pod pretezo in s prevaro, da jih pošiljajo v Italijo, v roke jugoslovanskih partizanov.

Mnogi od teh dokumentov in pričevanj so že dolgo znani, vendar so tu zbrani z namenom, da pokažejo čim bolj jasno sliko, kakšen je bil potek dogajanj konec maja in junija 1945.

To je opis psihoze, neverjetnega stanja tistih dni, kar bi morda lahko zaznali tudi na podlagi odločitve domobrancev zadnjega transporta, ki so, kljub vedenju kam bodo poslani, do zadnjega ostali zvesti soborcem, ko so se poslovili z besedami: *Kamor so šli drugi, gremo še mi!* (58).

Kako so Angleži s prevaro predali Slovensko Narodno Vojsko in z njo mnoge civiliste jugoslovanskim oblastem, za kar obstojajo mnoga pričevanja rešencev, lahko bralec ali bralka sledi besedam dveh domobrancev, ki sta med prvimi napisala podrobnosti o vračanju, tako na mejni postaji pri Področci, Stane Pleško, kot na železniški postaji Pliberk, priča P. K. iz Kanade (58-59).

Šventova zaključuje ta del knjige s strnjanim

popisom dogajanj, ki so sledila, pod naslovi “Poboji vrnjenih domobrancev (SNV)” in “Iskanje krivcev za Vetrinjsko tragedijo” (62-68). Rezultati strokovnega raziskovanja pobojev so podani v študiji, *“Žrtve vojne in revolucije: zbornik (2005). Ljubljana: Državni svet R Slovenije (353).*

Osrednji del dr. Šventove študije pa je z nekaj besedami nakazal zdaj že pokojni dr. Jože Rant, ko je v kratki vsebini knjige na zadnji strani ovitka zapisal:

Delo dr. Rozine Švent “Slovenski begunci v Avstriji 1945-1950” je doslej edino znanstveno delo, ki celostno (ne po izsekih ali odlomkih) prikazuje življenje in delo-

Alojz Rebula

(nadaljevanje s str. 13)

Ko so se gozdovi malce odmaknili, je že bil drug konj, da ga je zajahala: katoliška šola, čeprav utegne biti kvalitetnejša od državne, in ko bo tudi to mimo? O, tudi slovenskemu hudiču ne bo zmanjkalo fantazije, čeprav provincialne.

Kdaj se bo torej boj nehal na Slovenskem? Takrat kot povsod: na sodni dan. ■

Za ponatis tega članka je zaprosil naš naročnik Frank Šega. Ur. AD

vanje tistih slovenskih beguncev pred komunizmom, ki jih Britanci leta 1945 niso vrnili v Jugoslavijo.

Katere so glavne teme tega osrednjega dela, katerim je dr. Švent posvetila posebno pozornost s potrditvijo neomajne vere teh preostalih šest tisočev, da kljub pobojev in izgube najbližnjih poskrbe za obstoj in postopno izboljšanje položaja s pozitivnim gledanjem na prihodnje dni, mesece in leta. Čeprav zaradi preteklih prevar ti begunci niso mogli popolno zaupati angleškemu oblastem, so preselitve v druga taborišča in v nekoliko boljše razmere ta strah vsaj delno odstranile.

Po ukinitvi Vetrinjskega taborišča so bili preostali begunci, tistih 6000, preseljeni na več krajev angleške okupacijske cone: Peggez pri Lienzu, Spittal na Dravi, Št. Vid ob Glini in Kellerberg, in Lichtenstein pri Judenburgu. V drugem delu knjige je opisano tudi študentovsko taborišče v Gradcu, “Študenti – Visokošolci v Gradcu” (211-217).

Dr. Šventova obdela ta osrednji del skrbno in s čim več podrobnosti v dveh delih. Za vsako taborišče najprej razpravlja na štirih področjih: Nastanitev, Higijenski pogoji, Prehrana v taborišču, in Uprava taborišča. Na podlagi teh podatkov postane jasno, da so bile razmere na splošno podob-

(DALJE na str. 15)

UMETNIK BOGDAN GROM ...

Korenine Bogdana Groma

Ljubljana – Pri založbi Mladika v Trstu je izšla trojezična slovensko-italijansko-angleška slikovna monografija v ZDA živečega tržaškega slovenskega umetnika Bogdana Groma z naslovom *Moje korenine/Le mie radici/My Roots*.

Bogdan Grom, rojen leta 1918 v Devinščini pri Trstu, že petdeset let živi in ustvarja v ZDA, kamor se je preselil leta 1957 in se tam uveljavil kot likovni umetnik, a je vedno ostal navezan na Trst in Kras. Delo so predstavili proti koncu decembra v razstavnem prostoru Narodne in študijske knjižnice v Narodnem domu v Trstu v umetnikovi navzočnosti.

Monografija obsega več kot dvesto strani in je razdeljena na dva dela. V prvem so zbrani eseji o Gromovem likovnem ustvarjanju, ki so jih napisali Vanja Štrukelj, Jasna Merku in Peter Rose, v drugem pa se bralcu predstavijo Gromove slike, skice, beležke, ki jih je avtor ustvaril v različnih tehnikah. Likovni del se predstavi kot neke vrste sprehod v prostoru in času, saj dela prikazujejo motive kraških in obmorskih vasi v okolici Trsta in tudi samo osrčje mesta, njihov časovni razpon pa zaobjema desetletje 1947-1957.

V delu so objavljeni tudi slikarjevi zapiski s področja scenografije, knjižnih ilustracij in opreme publikacij. Gre za akvarele, perorisbe, olja, dela v tehniki batik, ki si jo je zamislil Grom sam.

Monografijo je na srečanju v Narodnem domu predstavil Štefan Pahor, ki je Groma opisal kot strastnega ljubitelja umetnosti, pozornega pedagoga, v letih po drugi svetovni vojni angaziranega v preporodu slovenske narodne skupnosti v Italiji, večnega iskalca novih izrazov in tehnik, kar je tudi vplivalo na njegovo odločitev za odhod v ZDA.

Grom o Ameriki meni, da je čuden svet, ki umetniku ponuja vse najnovejše tehnične pripomočke, kot npr. laser. Kljub temu je še vedno tako navezan na Trst in Kras, kakor da bi še vedno živel tukaj: “Človek, ki v živi v tujini in ki je imel svojo zavest, ne izgubi vezi z domačimi kraji,” je dejal Grom.

Demokracija, 27. dec. 2007

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PAVEL ŽAKELJ

Umrl je 17. februarja 1993

V miru božjem Ti počivaj, dragi, nepozabni nam, v nebesih rajsko srečo uživaj v ljubezni božji vekomaj.

Žalujoči:

Marija - žena
Otroci - Ani Zitko, Pavle, Stanko, Tone, Janko in Vinko z družinami
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Micke (Mary) Ivec

ob petnajsti obletnici smrti



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Srčno ljubljena nam Micka, šla prezgodaj si od nas. Dobra, skrbna si nam bila, kako brez Tebe je dolg čas. Spomin na Te je naš zaklad, saj vsak od nas Te imel je rad.

Žalujoči ostali:

Angela Hutar — sestra
Nečaki in nečakinje v Ameriki in Sloveniji,
ter ostalo sorodstvo.

V blag spomin

ob osmi obletnici, odkar nas je zapustil dragi mož, oče in stari oče



IVAN RAJK

Umrl 2. februarja 2000

Osem let je že minilo, nam pa žalost srca trga, rosijo solzne oči. Dom je prazen in otožen odkar te več med nami ni.

Žalujoči:

♥ Žena – Malči
♥ Sin – Ivan
♥ Hčerka – Vlasta

† V blag in ljubeč spomin † naših staršev

Alojz in Marija Šef



36. OBLETNICA

Umrl 30. oktobra 1972

Ura slovesa je davno odbila, težke ločitve spomin se budi; ljubezen do vaju še vedno je živa, v našem življenju kot lučka gori.



8. OBLETNICA

Umrla 17. februarja 2000

V miru božjem zdaj počivajta, draga, nepozabna nam; v nebesih rajsko srečo uživajta do snidenja na vekomaj.

Žalujoči:

Lojze – sin
Mimi in Slavka – hčerki
z družinami

Profesorju Martinu Globočniku v hvaležen spomin



Trst – Dne 17. januarja 2008 je v Denverju v Združenih državah Amerike umrl prof. Martin Globočnik, ki je v prvem desetletju po drugi svetovni vojni deloval na šolskem in prosvetnem področju na Tržaškem. Globočnik se je rodil v Cerkljah na Gorenjskem leta 1919. Dokončal je učiteljske v Ljubljani in začel poučevati na osnovnih šolah. Po vojni vihri se je leta 1945 priselil v Trst in tu poučeval najprej na osnovni šoli in potem na nižjih srednjih šolah. Vključil se je tudi v kulturno-prosvetno delovanje, zlasti kot igralec pri slovenski radijski postaji v Radijskem odru.

Poročil se je z Barkovljanko Vero Martelanc in se z njo, po prihodu Italije v Trst, izselil leta 1955 v Ameriko. V ZDA je nekaj let delal raznovrstna, tudi ročna dela. Istočasno je študiral in diplomiral na univerzi. Po diplomi se je zaposlil na Katoliški višji gimnaziji v Denverju, kjer je uspešno poučeval več predmetov: matematiko, ruščino, nemščino, latinščino. Najbolj se je uveljavil kot profesor latinščine, saj so bili njegovi učenci uspešni na številnih tekmovanjih v poznavanju latinščine v ZDA.

Tudi v Trstu se hvaležno spominjamo pokojnega Martina Globočnika, zlasti zaradi njegovega doprinosa na šolskem in prosvetnem področju. V imenu nekdanjih sodelavcev in prijateljev izrekamo sožalje vdovi Veri Martelanc in ostalim sorodnikom v Trstu.

Ivan B.

NOVI GLAS, 31. jan. 2008

Odhod dobrega učitelja

CLEVELAND, O. – Prijatelj pokojnega Staneta Vrhovca Martin Globočnik je parkrat prišel z ženo Vero na spominsko svečanost Tabora na Slovensko pristavo. Po svoje plačilo v večnost pa je odšel 17. januarja 2008. Njegova žena je poslala naslednje vrstice o njegovem življenjskem delu:

Martin Globočnik je bil rojen 1. avgusta 1919 v

vasi blizu Cerkelj na Gorenjskem. Osnovno šolo je končal v Cerkljah, nato je odšel na klasično gimnazijo v Ljubljano. Po šestem letniku je prešedel na Učiteljske. Kot učitelj je bil zaposlen v Mokronogu. Od tam so ga Italijani odpeljali v taborišče Monigo pri Trevisu. Vrnil se je čez eno leto nazaj.

Po osmem septembru 1943 je bil od partizanov mobiliziran in med nemškimi čistkami zajet, poslan v Trbovlje, od tam v delovno taborišče Libe-

nau pri Grazu. Koncem maja 1944 je pobegnil iz taborišča in prišel v Novo mesto.

Po vojni je kot begunec prišel v taborišče Rimini in tam poučeval na begunski osnovni šoli v Kobaridu. Po londonskem sporazumu je bil učitelj pri sv. Ivanu v Trstu, na Opčinah, v Miramaru in Rojanu.

V letih 1951-1954 je poučeval na nižji srednji šoli, nato na trgovski strokovni šoli in akademiji. Medtem se je poročil in leta 1955 odšel v Združene države, v zvezno državo Kolorado.

Po nostrifikaciji diplome je študiral na Univerzi Kolorada v Boulderju in Denverju in postal profesor na višji gimnaziji v Littletonu. Leta 1962 je prevzel mesto profesorja na katoliški gimnaziji Machebeuf v Denverju in tu ostal dvajset let.

Poučeval je latinščino. Pri latinskem krožku (Junior Classical League) je dobil pet nagrad med 50.000 tekmovalci.

V torek, 29. januarja, je bila sv. maša za pokoj njegove duše in sicer v latinščini. Pokojni učitelj, profesor, se je vso učiteljsko dobo trudil pri vzgoji svojih učencev, kar je pri maši zelo lepo poudaril eden njegovih bivših učencev, ki je danes advokat.

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ne, ne pa enake, pa naj bo to le v zvezi z nekaterimi zgoraj omenjenimi področji, ali pa so bili življenjski pogoji bolj opazni na tej ali oni dejavnosti. Tako lahko najdemo o prehrani za taborišče Spittal (100-102) jedilni list za 1. marec 1947 in kakšne so bile prehranjevalne kategorije. Šventova tudi omenja, da so bili prehranjevalni standardi enaki za vsa taborišča v angleški coni Avstrije.

Za taborišče Spittal je naveden še poseben pripis "Delovanje Drčar/Grumovega obveščevalnega centra", čeprav so bila politična delovanja v taboriščih prepovedana. Nadaljni pogledi v to temo so podani v dveh opombah, 256 in 257 (109), kakor tudi različica v opombi 257, z zapisom "Tako so bili četniki in ustaši za borbeno akcijo (terorizem), Slovenci pa so bili bolj naklonjeni propagandnim akcijam" /.../

Drugi del življenja v taboriščih, ki je bil za preživetje in obstoj begunstva še večje važnosti kot prvi, je opisan v dr. Šventovi razpravi v štirih poglavjih: "Vzgoja in izobraževanje" (149-218); "Versko življenje v begunskih taboriščih" (219-238); "Begunski tisk" (239-258); in "Kulturno delovanje v taboriščih" (259-278).

Ta poglavja so podana že v Vsebinski z nadaljnimi podnaslovi, n. pr. Za

"Kulturno delovanje" ... so dodane sledeče teme: Glasbena dejavnost, Gledališče, Bralni večeri, Taboriščna knjižnica, in Razstave.

S kratkim pogledom v glasbeno dejavnost, kot eno številnih primerov podrobnosti, se dr. Švent povrne na začetku te razprave v Vetrinju, kjer so na sestanku 7. junija 1945 - sklical ga je ravnatelj Marko Bajuk - z namenom, da s kulturnimi prizadevanji olajšajo inboljšajo življenje v taborišču, in s tem odpravijo brezdelje in depresije težkega trenutnega položaja.

Med mnogimi programi, ki so jih na tem sestanku sprejeli, je bila tudi ustanovitev pevskega zbora pod vodstvom Silva Miheliča. Navedba cele vrste zelo uspešnih koncertov, tako cerkvenih kot tudi slovenskih narodnih in umetnih pesmi za taboriščne poslušalce in v pomoč k dobrim odnosom z domačini, je v knjigi objavljena na več mestih (260-265).

Pevski zbor, posebno v večjih taboriščih, pod vodstvom izvrstnih pevodij, kot so bili prof. Silvo Mihelič, dr. Franc Cigan, in Aleš Šimenc, so dosegli izredne uspehe, pevke in pevci pa so ponesli svoje izkušnje zborovskega petja tudi v nove dežele po preselitvi.

Morda je imelo begunsko šolstvo v vseh taboriščih (149-180) najbolj (Dalje na str. 16)

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Misijonska srečanja in pomenki

1616. Dobila sem pismo misijonarja, jezuita

p. Vladimirja Kosa, ki deluje na Japonskem:

"Spoštovana! Kako ste me čudovito iznenadili z Vašim darom v imenu MZA. Bog lonaj! Kakor sem vesel daru, tako me je sram, da ne podpiram MZA s članki, le z molitvijo dnevne sv. maše!

Ta dar, kakor vsakokratni dar od MZA, gre v dobro zavetišču najbolj zanemarjenih japonskih otrok. Že več kot 40 let skrbim v tej obliki za nje, tako vodstvo, kot starejši otroci me poznajo kot katoliškega duhovnika, ki jim od časa do časa prinese materialno pomoč v imenu skrivnostnega Jezusa, čigar rojstvo praznujejo in čutijo ob darovih vsak Božič. Zahvaljena MZA, zahvaljeni vsi, ki vse to odločate, da lahko vsaj na ta primitiven način, a do srca in želodca občuteno praznujemo našega ljubega Gospoda Jezusa.

Direktno v tem zavetišču ne smemo širiti krščanstva, ker dobiva zavetišče določeno pomoč od države v obliki mesečnih plač za kvalificirane vzgojiteljice. Zavetišče deluje že več kot 40 let in je doslej vzgojilo okrog 450 fantov in deklet. Otroke pošlje Socialni državni urad v Zavetišče, najmlajši so vsaj 2 in pol leta stari, v zavetišču ostanejo do okrog 17. leta; tako je zavetišče njihov dom.

S prisrčnim pozdravom ostajam vdani in hvaležni Vladimir Kos."

Zdaj malo več vemo, kako se trudi g. misijonar, da prinaša mladini v imenu Jezusa malo priboljška v nekaterih prilikah. Tako počasi pa le zvedo otroci in se kasneje spomnijo imena Jezus!

Celestinova je dobila tele vrstice od misijonarja p. Martina Kmetec, ki deluje v Turčiji:

"Dragi prijatelji! Božič je Bog, navzoč v naši človeški zgodovini, v zgodovini Cerkve, v naši osebni zgodovini.

Bog se je učlovečil in postal ogenj za našo zimo, kot za naše uboštvo. Božič je božja navzočnost na naših samotnih poteh in upanje za naše življenje. Naj nam ne ostane nič v naših rokah, da bi moglo, kakor Devica, sprejeti Božjega Sina. Naša pota daleč narazen se križajo na kraju, kjer smo se rodili za večnost. Pred Betlehemsko štalo mislim na vas v veri in upanju s hvaležnostjo.

Za eno leto sem na Črnem morju. Tukaj daleč naokrog ni nobene cerkve in nobenega duhovnika. Poslali so me sem, da ne bi zaprli cerkve. Vernikov je zelo malo, živimo v veri in upanju.

Vsem vam želim Srečno Novo leto. Želim vam vsem dobro in vas lepo pozdravljam!"

Iz Zambije je Celestinova prejela pismo misijonarja p. Lovra Tomažina:

"Vam in vsem članom in članicam MZA obilo božjega blagoslova! Na praznik Brezmadežne sem praznoval 44-letnico mojega duhovništva in ta dan je bila zahvalna sv. maša za vse milosti in blagoslove, kar smo jih prejeli v teh letih. Na to slavje so bili povabljeni vsi zastopniki iz 9 podružnic. Sv. maša je bila darovana v stari cerkvi, ki je s slamo krita. Kmalu po začetku je pričelo deževati in voda je tekla povsod. Verniki so stali in imeli odprte dežnike, tudi jaz sem si sposodil enega velikega, katerega je držal ministrant nad oltarjem. Na sam Božič smo imeli sv. mašo v novi cerkvi-dvorani, zunaj je deževalo, a znotraj nismo rabili dežnikov, ker je novi prostor.

Na praznik Sv. Družine smo imeli zborovanje otrok in mladine, ker je pred nami "leto mladine". Sklenili smo, da bo vsaka podružnica imela "vocation club", klub za duhovne poklice, ker v naši župniji imamo le dva bogoslovca in tri redovnice.

Dvorana je pokrita, zidar jo obmetava. Zdaj se pogovarjam z družbo za napeljavo elektrike. Ko bomo imeli elektriko, bomo začeli delati cementne bloke za zidavo drugih poslopj in cerkve.

Prišlo mi je zdajle na misel, da bi se morda dobil kak dobrotnik, ki bi nam pomagal pri tem božjem podjetju. Pri nas je zidanje tako drago, da niti ne mislim, da bi najel kako podjetje, da bi to delalo. Moram kar sam voditi, nakupovati, skrbeti za prevoz materiala, plačevati delavce ter biti vodja vsega.

Medtem sem prejel sporočilo, da je lep znesek, darilo MZA na banki. Lepo se zahvalim MZA za vso pomoč in tudi vsem dobrotnikom. Dobri Bog naj vam povrne stoteto! Lovro Tomažin"

Naj nas ta postni čas zbliže z Jezusom, da bomo razumeli Njegovo veliko dobroto, da je sprejel našo grozno trpljenje, ki ga še vsako sv. mašo obnavlja za nas vse, da bi prišli čisti v večnost!

Prav lep misijonski pozdrav od vseh sodelujočih in
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važno nalogo za obstoj, izobraževanje, in za nadaljna pota najmlajših vseh stopenj od ljudske šole do gimnazije. Dr. Švent obravnava ta razvoj, težave povezane z organizacijo, študijskimi programi, z izobraževalnim kadrom, pa tudi s težavami, ki so jih morali v zvezi s šolstvom soočiti in premostiti skoraj vsi, ki so pri tem sodelovali.

Tudi šolstvo je imelo začetek že v Vetrinju, ko je Narodni odbor 16. maja 1945 napravil prve korake v tej smeri (149).

S kakšnimi težavami so se begunci borili, pa lahko najdemo v enem primeru, ko je angleški upravnik taborišča v Spittalau na Dravi "odstavil in prepovedal nadalnje poučevanje nekaterim učiteljem" (172 in opomba 94 na isti strani).

Absolventke in absolventi begunske gimnazije so leta pozneje potrdili višino izobrazbe in strokovnosti, tako s pridobitvijo sprejemov in s podporo za nadaljni študij v Evropi in v Ameriki, kakor tudi z uspešnim delovanjem v svojih poklicih in tudi delom v dobrobit slovenskih skupnosti po svetu.

Še predno so prišli časi prvih odločitev za stalno preselitev iz taborišč drugam, tudi v prekomorske dežele, beremo v Šventovi knjigi, kakšne pritiske so angleške oblasti uporabljale, skupno s stalnim pritiskom s strani Jugoslovanov, da bi se čim več beguncev vrnilo v Jugoslavijo (279-299).

Z racijami na taborišča, kjer so iskali ljudi iz spisov predloženih od jugoslovanskih oblasti, so ustrahovali begunsko skupnost v dvome, ali je sploh kje mirno mesto

na svetu tudi zanjo.

V tej zvezi je treba pripomniti, da racije niso bile izvajane v študentskem taborišču v Gradcu. Če so Angleži koga iskali, so se najprej oglasili v pisarni in nato v spremstvu komandantke taborišča Ms. Margaret Jaboor, s počasnimi koraki stopili do določene barake. Ms. Jaboor je imela drugačno mnenje o beguncih kot marsikateri odgovorni uradnik v angleški okupacijski coni Avstrije.

Dr. Švent zaključuje razpravo o "Slovenski begunci v Avstriji 1945-1950" s poglavji o preseljevanju beguncev v nove domovine, vključno v prekomorske dežele. Posreduje tudi statistike za posamezne države (308, Država preselitve).

Zanimiv je še posebno "Seznam posameznih transportov v Argentino (311-313).

Svojo študijo dr. Šventova zaključuje s popisom konca delovanja begunskih taborišč, z analizo podatkov in z ključnimi besedami. Informativen je tudi prispevek dr. Janje Žitnik o slovenskih zdomskih književnikih.

Knjiga, ki vključuje pomembno fotografsko gradivo, se odlikuje po obsežni bibliografiji (343-358) in velikim številom omemb pod črto. Dodan je seznam kratic, povzetek, summary, in imensko kazalo; stvarnega kazala ni.

Takoj za naslovno stranjo najdemo posvetilo kolegu dr. Jožetu Rantu. Na ovitku je nekaj važnih podatkov o avtorici in naslovi vseh publikacij, ki so dosedaj izšle v seriji Migracije.

Knjiga je izšla v založbi SRC, ZRC SAZU, Ljubljana, 2007. Kot urednica zbirke je navedena Janja Žitnik, recenzenti:

Dušan Nečak, Boris Mlakar, Jože Rant. Jezikovni pregled je napravila Janja Žitnik, oblikovanje pa Milojka Žalik Huzjan.

Dr. Rozina Švent zasluži posebno zahvalo za to izredno znanstveno delo o življenju šest tisoč Slovencev in Slovencev v letih 1945-1950, prvih pet let po Vetrinjski tragediji. Razprava je važen prispevek k razumevanju novejših slovenske zgodovine.

Idrijski rudnik živega srebra bodo letos dokončno zaprli

Idrija – Po daljšem obdobju priprav in posegov v območje rudnika živega srebra v Idriji bodo letos slednjega dokončno zaprli. Rudnik v Idriji je bil drugi največji na svetu, po Almadenu v Španiji.

Od leta 1490, ko je izdelovalec škafov v potoku na Idrijskem slučajno zajel živosrebrno rudo, so rudarji izkopali 700 kilometrov rovov, ki sežejo 400 metrov globoko. V petsto letih so pridobili 147.000 ton živega srebra, kar je pomenilo več kot 13% celotne svetovne proizvodnje omenjene, zdravju sicer zelo škodljive in nevarne, kovine.

Rudnik je omogočil hiter in vsestranski razvoj Idrije. Pri tem so se pridobljene izkušnje kazale v tehniki, tehnologiji, zdravstvu, gospodarstvu in tudi v politiki.

Država Slovenija je septembra lani Idrijo z vsemi značilnostmi njene živosrebrne dediščine, od rudarske tehnologije do čipkarske umetnosti, predlagala za vpis na seznam Unescove svetovne dediščine. Vpis ne bi pomenil le prestiž, ampak naj bi zagotovil tudi nove razvojne možnosti. Z njimi bi v Idriji spomin in znanje, ki ju je ustvarilo živosrebrno rudarjenje, ohranili za prihodnje generacije domačinov.

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