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OFENZIVA V ITALIJI

Zavezniška ofenziva v Italiji je bila pretekli teden tako uspešna, da sta prišli skupaj obe prej ločeni fronti, južna in severna. Na najbližji točki je zavezniška fronta oddaljena samo 18 milj od Rima. Zavezniki so zavzeli večje število mest in strateških točk in zajeli nad 12,000 nemških ujetnikov. Po nekem poročilu iz Vichy Nemci ne nameravajo braniti Rima, ampak se bodo ustavili na neki črti severno od Rima. Koliko je to poročilo točno, bo pokazala bližnja bodočnost. Vsi znaki pa kažejo, da imajo zavezniki na italijanski fronti veliko premoč in da nameravajo odločno obračunati z Nemci.

DRUGE FRONTE

Zavezniška letala bombardirajo Hitlerjevo trdnjavo Evro-po od zapada, juga in severa. Zavezniške bombe rušijo nemška gnezda tako v Nemčiji kot v Franciji, Belgiji, Holandski, Norveški, Bolgarski, Rumunski, Madžarski in Jugoslaviji. Tudi ruski letalci so aktivni od svoje strani; v ostalem pa je ruska fronta precej mirna. Na pacifični in kitajski fronti se vršijo raztreseni boji.

RUSKE ŽRTVE

Korespondent United Pressa, Henry Shapiro, ki je bil več let v Rusiji, je pretekli teden govoril na zborovanju farmerskega kluba v Clevelandu, Ohio. Povedal je, da je Rusija v tej vojni z Nemčijo žrtvovala najmanj 30 milijonov življenj, od teh 10 milijonov vojakov. Večji del evropske Rusije so Nemci silno opustošili in v sužnost so odvedli do 12 milijonov ljudi. Vsa poročila o nemških grozodejstvih v Rusiji, ki smo jih slišali, so komaj senca tega, kar se je res godilo. Ni čuda, da Rusi tako odločno zahtevajo, da se morajo povojne razmere v Evropi urediti tako, da Nemci ne bodo imeli nikdar več prilike za ponovno vojno.

V POMOČ UJETNIKOM

V Washingtonu je napravilo zelo dober vtis poročilo iz Rusije, da bo sovjetska vlada posredovala pri japonski vladi v prilog ameriškim in britanskim vojnim ujetnikom na Japonskem. Ker Japonska ni v vojni z Rusijo, sta ameriška in britanska vlada naprosili sovjetsko vlado za tako posredovanje in Rusija je želji drage volje ugodila. Sovjetska vlada bo skušala od japonske vlade dobiti zagotovilo v treh glavnih točkah: dovoljenje, da švicarski in mednarodni zastopniki Rdečega križa obiščejo vsa ujetniška taborišča na Japonskem in poročajo o razmerah v istih; da japonska vlada izda popoln seznam vojnih ujetnikov, tudi tistih, ki so v ujetništvu umrli; da dovolijo pošiljati ujetnikom regularne potrebščine potom Rdečega križa, dostavljane po nevtralnih ladjah v japonska pristanišča.

VEČ TEŽKIH TOPOV

Ameriška vojna industrija je dobila nadaljnja velika naročila za težke topove in odgovarjajočo municijo. Težko topništvo se je dobro izkazalo v Afriki, na italijanski fronti in posebno še na ruski fronti. Dovoljnimu številu težkih topov se ne more dolgo ustavljati nobena utrdba in takih topov ne bo nikoli pre-

CHURCHILLOV GOVOR

V britiskem parlamentu je ministrski predsednik Winston Churchill dne 24. maja v obširnem govoru podal pregled vojnih razvojev in smernice angleške vlade z ozirom na te razvoje. Ker državniki takih smernic ne razglasajo, če ni vsaj povprečnega soglasja od strani zaveznikov, si moremo misliti, da v tem primeru Amerika in Rusija ne nasprotujeta objavljenim smernicam. Churchillov govor je bil dolg in so ga v celoti priobčili le maloštevilni ameriški listi; zato so ga čitali le maloštevilni naši rojaki, razen v kratkih izčrpih. Nas seveda zanima, kaj je imel Churchill za povedati o Jugoslaviji, zato v naslednjem podajamo v prostem prevodu ves tisti del Churchillovega govora, ki se nanaša na Jugoslavijo:

“Preteklo jesen sem podal nekatera dolga poročila o poziciji Jugoslavije in naših odnosih s tamkajšnjimi različnimi jurisdikcijami. Neprilike in razsežnosti teh problemov so zelo velike. Treba je pomniti, da so pri tem prizadeti ne samo trije izraziti narodi, Srbi, Hrvati in Slovenci, ampak, da so dalje na jugu tudi Albanci, ki se držno upirajo nemški vladi. Tudi oni so v sedanjem času razdeljeni na več tekmujočih in celo nasprotujočih si skupin.

“Nič ni lažjega kot zagovarjati katero koli izmed raznih razmer v teh različnih krajih z vsemi njihovimi zahtevami in protizahtevami in s popolno zadovoljivostjo povedati stvar z dotičnega stališča. Mogoče je najlažji govor napraviti, če se vzame eno gotovo stran in se o nji razpravlja, brez ozira na vse drugo. Toda mi moramo misliti na smernice prav tako kot na govor.

“Mi imamo čas razmišljati o problemu kot o celoti in v razmerju napram našemu glavnemu cilju, ki sem ga navedel v začetku mojega govora, namreč, da porazimo sovražnika, kakor hitro mogoče, da zberemo za to vse sile skupaj in damo temu prednost pred vsem drugim. Jaz vam morem danes samo povedati o nadaljnjih pozicijah, ki so bile dosežene v Jugoslaviji, kot posledica naših neprestanih naporov v naši zuni. (Dalje na 2. strani)

SLOVENSKE VESTI

Federacija društev Ameriške bratske zveze v državi Minnesoti bo zborovala v nedeljo 4. junija v Evelethu, Minn. Zborovanje se bo vršilo v mestni dvorani in se bo pričelo ob eni uri popoldne.

Zborovanje federacije društev Ameriške bratske zveze v zapadni Pennsylvaniji se bo vršilo v nedeljo 25. junija v Centru, Pa.

Letna konferenca Ameriško-slovenskega kongresa v New Yorku se bo vršila v nedeljo 4. junija v češki narodni dvorani, 321 E. 73rd St., New York, N. Y. Začetek konference je določen za 10. uro popoldne.

Slovenski dom v Pittsburghu, Pa., priredi primerno proslavo na praznik ameriške zastave, to je 14. junija zvečer. Proslava bo v prvi vrsti posvečena staršem, katerih sinovi in hčere služijo v vojnih silah Združenih držav. Na prireditve so vabljeni vsi Slovenci iz Pittsburgha in okolice.

Kampanjski buletini

Poroča Anton Zbašnik, gl. tajnik

Današnji buletin ne rabi nobenega drugega uvodnika kot ugovoritev, da se je položaj znatno izboljšal in da so prospekti za uspešno kampanjo zelo dobri.

Zadnji teden je za častno konvencijo odlikovanje kvalificiralo nič manj kot trije glavni odborniki in šest prospektivnih delegatov. Med temi so: Vrhovni zdravnik dr. Arch, ki je hkrati poslal 12 mladinskih prosej in dve prošnji za odrasli oddelek, kar znaša 16 točk, in poročila, da to še ni vse; prvi glavni podpredsednik Frank Okoren in 4. glavni nadzornik Frank J. Kress, ki imata vsaki po 11 točk; Agnes Jurečič, tajnica in delegatkinja društva št. 170, Chicago, Ill., ki ima 24 točk in je prva za sedanjega voditelja kampanje, sestro Mary Keržnik od društva št. 134, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Anton Knapp, tajnik in delegat od društva št. 2, Ely, Minnesota, ki ima 16 točk; Frank Udovc, tajnik društva št. 176, Tacoma, Wash., ki ima 12 točk; Joseph L. Champa, predsednik in delegat društva št. 2, Ely, Minnesota; Ivan Hlich, predsednik društva št. 22, So. Chicago, Ill.; in Joseph Turk, tajnik in delegat društva št. 36, Conemaugh, Pa.; ki imajo vsaki po 10 točk.

Za dobro mero naj še dodam, da smo zadnji teden pridobili 111 novih članov v oba odelka.

To je izredno dober rekord in mislim, da to poročilo zdaj lahko zaključim.

SE JE OBRNILO

Na dan 22. junija 1941, ko so Nemci navalili na Rusijo, je Hans Heil, korporal v 25. nemškem bataljonu saperjev zapisal v svojo beležnico: “Včeraj smo se pošteno napili. Ob tretji uri in petnajst minut zjutraj so se pričele vojne operacije. Mi bomo prišli do črnega morja. To bo fin izlet.”

Od takrat se je mnogo izpremenilo. Preteklo zimo so Rusi našli beležnico Wilhelma Unkrona, majorja v 169. nemškem topniškem polku. V njej so našli zabeleženo sledeče:

“Nedavno bomba rdiranje Muenchena je popolnoma izpremenilo lice mesta. Videti je samo obilico razbitih in požganih poslopij. Naši vojaki niso več zmognili odpora proti sovražniku. Ob 14. uri smo imeli samo še 50 topovskih krogel in te morajo zadostovati do jutri. Situacija je katastrofalna. Pravijo, da je to vojna, pa nam ne dostavijo streliva. Rusi so z veliko silo prodrli našo črto na desni in levi in mi se spet umikamo. Kot vedno, se naši vojaki umikajo celo tam, kjer Rusi nimajo namena napadati. Dejstvo je, da je naša morala šla k vrugu.

“Kompanijski poveljniki so izgubili kontrolo nad svojim moštvom. Vojaki bežijo, če le slišijo vrisk Rusov, četudi Rusov ni videti. Najostrejša povelja (Dalje na 6. strani)

TO BO PRAVA POMLAD

V naslednjem so v prevodu navedeni nekateri najbolj značilni izčrpi iz črtice “Maj 1940-maj 1944,” ki jo je napisal sloveči ruski vojni korespondent Ilija Ehrenburg:

“Dne 10. maja 1940 so Nemci invadirali Francijo. Bili so pravi, izbrani Fritzji, in so korajžno marširali proti zapadu. Na Pariz so zrlji kakor na malo zakusko, kateri bodo sledili London, Moskva, Ural in Indija.

“Nemški generalni štab je ovekovčel to invazijo Francije v filmu “Zmaga na zapadu.” Film kaže, kako Nemci streljajo, rušijo in požirajo; kaže, kako zažgejo starodavno mesto Rouen. Film je bil napravljen v letu 1940, da bi vzbudil grozo v srcih narodov. Služil pa bo drugemu namenu: za dokaz na sodišču.

“V maju 1940 so Nemci drveli proti zmagi. Ni dvoma, da mnogi, ki so sodelovali v teh zmagah, se danes vprašujejo, kaj se je moglo zgoditi od takrat. Zakaj so danes Nemci ob reki Seretu v Rumuniji, namesto, da bi bili ob reki Gangi v Indiji? Zakaj, namesto bajnih palač vidijo razvaline nemških mest? Vsekakor, le malo tistih Nemcev, ki so invadirali Francijo, je še živih. Večina ponosnih zmagovalcev Francije trohni v ruski zemlji.

“Francози so se zanašali na svojo Maginotovo obrambno linijo. Zdaj vedo, da utrdba ni tisto, kar šteje; štejejo močje. Poleg tega se je Maginotova linija raztezala samo do Belgije, in Nemci so vdrl v Francijo preko Belgije. Francija je draga plačala za svoje zmote.

“Ob času, ko se je svet vzbudil iz narkoze “apizarstva,” so Nemci podjarmili Francijo. Mnogo vode je od takrat steklo pod mostovi Sene. In pod temi mostovi je splaval tudi marsikateri Nemec, ustreljen po francoskem gerilcu. Pred štirimi leti je bila Francija vesela, razigrana, bogata in slabotna. Zdaj je razrušena in krvava, toda je duševno močna. Ona ne čaka, ampak se bori. Vojaki Jugoslavije in gerilci Belorusije in Litvinske vedo o tem besnem odporu gerilcev Francije.

“Pri Stalingradu, ob Dnjepru in ob Dnjestru je rdeča armada (Dalje na 6. strani)

VSESLOVANSKI ODBOR

Vseslovanski odbor v Moskvu nam sporoča, da je dne 23. maja poslal maršalu Brožu Titu brzojavko sledeče vsebine: “Ob priliki vašega rojstnega dne vam vseslovanski odbor pošilja prirsčne pozdrave in najboljše želje za uspeh vaše bojevitve aktivnosti kot voditelja jugoslovanskega ljudskega osvobodilnega gibanja.

“Boj proti fašističnim vpadnikom, ki ga izvajajo ljudstva Jugoslavije, združena po vaših naporih in pod vašim vodstvom, je visoko upoštevan od vseh svobodno ljubečih ljudstev, v prvi vrsti od velikega ruskega ljudstva in vseh slovanskih ljudstev, ki se borijo proti fašizmu. Pod vodstvom velikega Stalina je junaška rdeča armada ruskega ljudstva zadala sovražniku številne izrazite poraze, močno izkrvavela nemški vojni stroj, osvobodila nad tri četrtine okupiranega ruskega ozemlja in nevzdržno podi sovražnika proti zapadu. Vsak udarec, zadan sovražniku po osvoboditvi slovanskih ljudstev, (Dalje na 6. strani)

RAZNA POROČILA O JUGOSLAVIJE

Urad za vojne informacije v Washingtonu poroča, da v Beogradu izhajajoči nacijski list Donau Zeitung v posebnem poročilu iz Ljubljane priznava naraščajočo nezadovoljnost slovenskega prebivalstva na ozemlju, ki je bilo priključeno Nemčiji. Dotično poročilo poudarja, da je v Ljubljani mnogo govorjenja o vzpostavljenju in oživljenju slovenskega življenja, o povojnih načrtih in, da je bilo vse napačno izvršeno, kar je bilo izvršeno v zadnjih par letih. Na dotični članek nacijski list odgovarja: “Napačna vzgoja mladine se ne more predugaciti preko noči. Zdrav narodni čut Slovencev se je pokvaril v pretiran šovinizmu. Meje nemškega rajha, za katere “Vindisarji” v Južni Koroški in Spodnji Štajerski ne marajo, so bile znanstveno utemeljene in so vedno obstojale. Namesto, da bi naglašali stoletja staro pripadnost nemškemu rajhu, ga Slovenci označajo za svojega največjega sovražnika. Namesto da bi se spominjali vira “kulturalnih” sil na slovenskem ozemlju, so postali sluge zapadne mentalitete. Namesto, da bi se nanašali na svojega sosedo na severu, kujejo zarote z Londonom in Moskvo.”

Ta jeremijada v Donau Zeitungu dokazuje, da se Slovenci dobro zavedajo, kdo so njihovi sovražniki: ne Angleži in Rusi, ampak Nemci!

Urad za vojne informacije v Washingtonu navaja izčrpek iz poročila nekega ameriškega korespondenta v Kairu o kempu jugoslovanskih beguncev na Srednjem Vzhodu, kjer biva kakih 20,000 jugoslovanskih otrok, žensk in starih ali po-habljenih moških: “Taborišče je na nekem od Boga pozabljenem kraju blizu Sueškega prekopu. Milje in milje šotorov ali s pločevino pokritih koč na neusmiljeno vročem pesku Sinajске puščave. Stanovalci so drobci družin; matere, ki so izgubile svoje sinove in može, pohabljeni patrioti. Njihova obleka je morda zašita in obnošena, toda absolutno čista. Po dvajset jih živi v enem šotoru, kjer ni najti najmanjšega znaka nesnage. Cementna tla so čista. Neki sloveči pesnik urejuje lokalni list. Računovodja je bivši ban-ker. Neki upoštevani godbenik upa, da bo njegov moški pevski zbor nekoč šel na svetovno turo. In, ko pevci zapoje “Star Spangled Banner,” te stisne v grlu.”

Britiški korespondent John Talbot, ki zastopa Reuterjevo časopisno agencijo in ki je, kakor je bilo že poročano, nedavno posetil glavni stan maršala Tita v Jugoslaviji, opisuje, kako zavezniški letalci dostavljajo potrebščine Jugoslovanski osvobodilni armadi:

“Stoječ na vetrovni planoti, povsem obkroženi od visokih gor, sem preživel večji del ene noči opazujoč, kako so izpod neba padale zdravniške potrebščine in municija za Jugoslovansko osvobodilno armado. Prostor je bil oddaljen manj kot 15 milj od nemških pozicij. V času približno štirih ur je prihajala skoro nepretrgana vrsta ogromnih transportnih letal preko gora, ki je zmetala na tla skoro 25 ton najvažnejših potrebščin za partizane. To je predstavljalo aktivnost samo (Dalje na 6. strani)

VSAK PO SVOJE

Domišljavost Nemcev je taka, da ne morejo nikdar priznati umika ali poraza, če je še tako dokazan. Se glede zadnje svetovne vojne vztrajajo pri trditvi, da niso bili premagani. Ko so se v sedanji vojni neslavno umikali iz Afrike in še bolj neslavno iz Rusije, so to označevali za taktične manevre za skrajšanje bojne črte. Ko so zavezniki nedavno pričeli z veliko ofenzivo v Italiji in zrušili tako zvano Gustavovo nemško obrambno črto, so Nemci hiteli zatrdjevati svetu, da take črte sploh ni bilo. Ko so pozneje zavezniki začeli rušiti drugo nemško obrambno črto, imenovano Hitlerjevo linijo, so Nemci brž izjavljali, da se Hitlerjeva linija vleče višje oziroma bolj severno. In, če zavezniki iztirajo Nemce iz vse Italije, bodo slednji najbrž trdili, da v Italiji sploh ni bilo nemškega vojaštva; samo nekaj nemških turistov.

Naši vojaki, nastanjeni v Angliji, pišejo, da je tam mnogo jako starih gostiln; nekatere da so celo iz petnajstega stoletja. V teh starih gostilnah pa se toči večinoma zelo mlado in voden pivo, in fantje se čudijo, kako da se angleški pivci v dolgih petsto letih niso izpametovali.

Kdor ni bil nikdar bolan, ne ve, kaj je vredno zdravje, in, kdor ni bil nikdar dolžan, ne ve, kako bogat je, četudi ima morda samo par dolarjev v žepu. Koliko noči prečujejo dolžniki, ugibajoči, kako bodo pravočasno plačali obroke in obresti! Kako jih dolgovi z gnojnimi vilami strašijo v spanju! Po kakih ovinkih morajo opletati podnevi, da se izognejo sitnim upnikom! In posebno značilno je, da slaba vest dolga dosti-krat grize tudi ugledne in na videz dobro situirane osebe. Nedavno je bilo v neki gorski kabini v Virginiji najdeno pismo, ki ga je bil pisal nekemu upniku Thomas Jefferson, tretji predsednik Zedinjenih držav v tretjem letu svojega predsednikovanja. Pismo vsebuje sledečo prošnjo: “Ako je moja nota za \$558.16, plačljiva 15. decembra, še vedno v vaših rokah, bi bil zelo vesel, če bi se mogel datum plačila odložiti za nekaj časa, ali pa, če jo morem odplačati v mesečnih obrokih, ker vidim, da bom v zelo težkem položaju.” To kaže, da so bili dolgovi pokora vseh časov, kot davki in nahod.

Ministrskega predsednika Božidara Puriča, ki je načeloval jugoslovanski zamejni vlad, je baje kralj Peter poslal po go-be. To kljub znanemu dejstvu, da je bil Puričev kabinet tisti, ki je Petru dovolil poroko z grško princezo. Prijatelj Cahej si to zadevo razlaga tako, da sta se mladi kralj in kraljica skregala, pa je Peter jezen na Puriča, ker mu ni preprečil ženitve. Cahej se morda moti, morda pa ne. Pota jugoslovanske zamejne vlade so že od nekdaj nerazumljiva.

Da me kdo po nepridnem za ušesa ne prime, naj takoj v začetku povem, da spodaj navedena storijska ni zrastla na mojem zelniku, ampak je bila priobčena v ugledni ameriški reviji “Time,” letnik XLIII, izdaja 20, stran 38, poglavje Education, druga kolona, od prve do sedemindvajsete vrste. (Dalje na 4. strani)



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CURRENT THOUGHTS

Our AFU Pre-Convention Membership Campaign is in full swing. Many of the lodges are already doing their share to make this campaign a success. Other lodges, as yet inactive, should follow their example and enroll as many new members as possible. Now that most of the delegates are elected they too, can get down to work and try to earn the Convention Honor Badge for themselves. Ten points is the set quota to be eligible for this honor. Each new adult member enrolled is counted as two points, each new juvenile as one point. In addition cash awards are paid to members who enroll new members. These cash awards are paid when the new member has paid at least six months dues. This campaign should be of interest to every AFU member. They can help their delegate total up the ten points needed to receive the Honor Badge. Won't you do your share?

D-Day! Invasion day is just around the corner. This means that more ammunition, more supplies and more of everything necessary for the big push will be needed. The Fifth War Loan drive is scheduled to open on June 12th. Surely every conscientious American knows his duty in this respect and realizes that this war loan drive will be the most important one thus far. You can help deal the knockout blow to the Axis by buying more War Bonds.

"BACK THE ATTACK — BUY MORE THAN BEFORE!"

Speaking of invasion day, it would be well to remember that we must discourage all careless talk as to where our boys are going and any other information we might hear in this regard. Keeping the enemy guessing is an important cog in the invasion plans. Don't talk about your secret war work, troop movements or any other information which the enemy is trying hard to uncover. Remember that "loose lips sink ships!" Let's all cooperate and keep mum as far as war talk is concerned.

The majority of AFU lodges are discussing the by-laws and it proves that the Union is purely American in spirit. The voice of the members is respected and their suggestions will be carefully considered at the convention. The members are free to suggest any improvements which they think would be better for the growth and progress of our Union. Attend your monthly lodge meeting and join in these discussions. Know your lodge and your Union and be an active part of our membership. This is your privilege and all members should cooperate for only in this way can better plans be made for the successful future of our American Fraternal Union!

Thought For The Day

Now let us thank the Eternal Power: convinced That Heaven but tries our virtue by affliction,— That oft the cloud which wraps the present hour Serves but to brighten all our future days.

—Wm. Shenstone

CAMPAIGN BULLETIN

Reported by Anton Zbasnik, Supreme Secretary

Today's bulletin needs no other introduction as assurance that the situation has considerably improved and that the prospects for a successful campaign are very good.

Last week no less than three Supreme Officers and six prospective delegates qualified for the Convention Honor Badge. Among them were Dr. Arch, Supreme Medical Advisor, who sent 12 juvenile and two adult applications which total up to 16 points and he reports that this will not be all; the First Supreme Vice-President Frank Okoren and the Fourth Supreme Trustee Frank J. Kress have each 11 points; Agnes Jurecic, secretary and delegate of Lodge No. 170 of Chicago, Ill., has 24 points to her credit and is in second place right behind the campaign leader, Sister Mary Kerzinsnik of Lodge No. 134 of Rock Springs, Wyo., Anton Knapp, secretary and delegate of Lodge No. 2 of Ely, Minn. has 12 points. Joseph Ely, Champa, president and delegate of Lodge No. 2 of So. Ely, Minn., Ivan Ilich, president of Lodge No. 22 of So. Ely, Minn., and Joseph Turk, secretary and delegate of Lodge No. 36 of Conemaugh, Pa., each have 10 points. For good measure I would like to add that last week we acquired 111 new members in both departments.

This is an exceptionally good record and I think that now I can conclude this report.

Pay to Blood Donors

It is the present policy, it has been learned, to pay Army enlisted personnel in theaters of operations the sum of \$10 for each pint of blood given for use as whole blood in blood banks.

A recent dispatch received from the Fifth Army in Italy

tells of a corporal who went to a field hospital and offered his blood and upon receiving a \$10 pay voucher in payment for it, contacted the American Red Cross field director for the Fifth Army and contributed the money to the Red Cross.

—Army and Navy Journal

Lodge 139 Pays Tribute to Deceased Brother J. Grahek

Cadillac, Mich. — Brothers and sisters of Lodge No. 139, AFU mourn the death of Brother Joseph P. Grahek, a faithful member of our lodge for a great number of years. It was a great shock and we all miss Brother Grahek, especially his family. He was loved by all, young and old. He was a good friend to all who knew him. Brother Grahek died of bronchial pneumonia on April 23, 1944 at the Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey, Mich. The deceased was born Aug. 28, 1876 in Postova vas pri Crnomelj, Yugoslavia. He came to this country at the age of twenty-two to Calumet, Mich. There he worked in the copper mines, No. 5, for thirteen years. Then he moved with his family to Cadillac, Mich. where he lived until his death. He worked at the St. John Table factory until four years ago when he retired.

Brother Grahek was the secretary of Lodge No. 139, AFU for nearly fourteen years; he attended four conventions, the last at Waukegan, Ill. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Grahek; five sons, Joseph B. Grahek, Jr., Rudolph, Ralph, John and Pfc. Frank and a daughter, Mrs. Dan Pastotnik. A daughter, Mary, preceded him in death thirteen years ago. He also leaves eight grandsons and five grand-daughters. His first grandson, A/C Joseph G. Grahek III is serving with the Air Corps and has just graduated from pre-flight school in Montgomery, Ala.

Brother Grahek was buried with Catholic rites at St. Ann's Catholic Church and interment was at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Cadillac, Mich.

This is the second death this year in Lodge No. 139. The other faithful member, Brother Joseph B. Metesh, passed away Feb. 22, 1944. Brother Metesh was the president of Lodge No. 139 for a number of years. Fraternal regards.

Mrs. Frances M. Grahek,
Sec'y
Lodge No. 139, AFU
Cadillac, Mich.

VIVICILLIN DISCOVERY

Add Vivicillin to the list of miracle drugs. This newest medical discovery, made by two German refugees now in London, is a simplified form of Penicillin. Both are grown from mold. Vivicillin effects amazing cures of infections and is adapted to treatment of wounds.

Dr. Hans Enoch, co-discoverer, thinks the announcement premature. He wants to make hundreds of additional tests, but he had enough confidence to plunge a hypodermic filled with a fatal dose of drugs into his arm. He didn't die. Vivicillin counteracted the drug. Second human guinea pig was a boy who physicians said would die. He's alive today.

The two German scientists, who left the Reich when Adolph Hitler first began to regiment the nation, are rushing tests hoping to complete their research before the invasion begins. The drug, they say, will save thousands of lives.

—Pathfinder

Lament of the Lieutenant

Twinkle, twinkle, little bar; How I wish you were a star.

American Fraternal Union Members Serving Our Country



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News of AFU Yanks

This week we hear from Pvt. Mary L. Pelan, a WAC, who writes: Will you please send the Nova Doba to me. I am a member of Lodge No. 75, AFU of Meadowlands, Pa. I enjoy reading the Nova Doba and I hate the thought of missing any issue. Thank you.

Pvt. Pelan's friends may write to her at the following address:

Pvt. Mary L. Pelan, A-312933
Group X-14
3rd W.A.C.T.C.
Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

Cpl. John Tanko writes to notify us of his change of address. Friends may write to him at the following address:

Cpl. John F. Tanko, 35054737
Co. "A" 69th Bn. A.S.F.T.C.
Camp Berkeley, Texas.

Pvt. Joe Oblak, member of Lodge No. 70, is back again with an interesting letter to our AFU readers. He writes: "Time has really elapsed since last I wrote your paper and our paper, the Nova Doba. I have been receiving it regularly. Now again I have been transferred to a new unit.

"I had the good fortune of having another furlough recently. It helped me renew old acquaintances with my Slovene friends in Chicago, Ill., and Bessemer, Pa. My dad sent me to Bessemer to visit my grandmother and grandfather and other close relatives who also are members of the American Fraternal Union. There I had a good time; one handicap though was that I am not able to speak Slovenian, but despite this I came out all right.

"It was good to hear Slovene and Croatian songs again. It brought back memories of the Slovene affairs that were held constantly by our Slovene groups in Chicago and all over the country.

"I met a goodly number of AFU members at John Hujan's and Anton Golenko's places on Blue Island Ave. Those are the places to see your Slovene friends when you're in Chicago. I'm sorry to say I didn't see two of my AFU pals, Louie and Christine Dolmovich. Am I forgiven, Louie?

"I also visited the Slovene Labor Center and whom do you think was the bartender? None other than ex-Santa Claus, Mr.

Out Enumelaw Way

By Mary Balint

We're all rested up now from the excitement of our big basket social, so here we go again with latest flashes on our local AFU front and other tidbits which make Northwest news.

Your scribe will do the honors for Lodge No. 162 at the forthcoming convention. The honor of delegate-elect was extended to me at our lodge meeting on May 21. Mrs. Josephine Richter was elected alternate.

At the same meeting a committee of four were elected to meet with Mrs. Mary Potocnik, to study the by-laws and to discuss the suggestions which were made at our last meeting. The committee will bring their report to the lodge meeting in June. Members are urged to attend the June meeting so they will hear the committee's report and voice their opinions pro and con. Members of the committee are: Frank Richter, Fred Medvesek, John Mehlich, Peter Tostovrsnik and Mrs. Mary Potocnik.

And now we are very happy and very pleased to report that the card party and basket social sponsored by Lodge No. 162, AFU was very successful. Despite the handicaps of gasoline shortage and night shift operations, the party was well attended and especially am I happy to say that bankrolls certainly were flush!

The lunch auction was the big feature of the entire evening. The baskets were beautiful outwardly and bountiful inwardly. The sale brought forth peals of laughter and squeals of delight as baskets were opened and dinner partners announced. The grand success of the basket auction can be credited to the excellent sales ability of Albert Richter. His glib tongue and witty manner kept the crowd in an uproar and netted the treasury over \$100.

During the dinner hour several items, among them a complete set dinnerware were auctioned off. The total proceeds of the evening were \$154.05. It was voted to send \$100.00 to JPOSS and \$50.00 to SANC.

To everyone who assisted in making this party the grand success that it was we extend our heartfelt thanks. Especially do we thank Mrs. Mary Potocnik for her donations of all the card party awards, cards and the set of dishes. Thanks to Mrs. Matilda Petchnick for her donation of the two lovely door prizes and to Mrs. Josephine Richter for her donation. Also thanks to Mrs. Mary Mehlich and Mrs. Rudolph Petchnick who took charge of added refreshments and to Elmer Petchnick for the chair and

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Tauchar. Reason: Mr. Croser was on a vacation after so many years of serving the Slovene members of the club.

"Now I'm back in camp and we're being schooled in soldiering, so this war will soon be ended and we can all be together again.

"My two brothers, Frank and Bill, are now fighting on different oceans. I hear from them regularly. In conclusion, I wish you all a successful convention in Wyoming."

Pvt. Oblak's friends are asked to note his new address: Pvt. Joe Oblak, 36706571
661st S. A. W. Co.
Drew Field, Tampa 7, Fla.

To the Delegation of the 17th Regular Convention

By Janko N. Rogelj, Supreme President

The delegation of the 17th regular convention will be composed of elected delegates and the Supreme Board and Supreme Judiciary Committee members of the AFU. I have in mind all the above-mentioned while writing this notice for the coming convention.

The Pre-Convention Membership Campaign is now in progress. All of us who are interested in the American Fraternal Union know this, especially those who will be members of the coming convention.

However, only knowing about it is insufficient. The question is whether we are interested enough and working for this campaign. Our loyalty to our fraternal organization is being tested.

The campaign bulletin, reported every week by the Supreme Secretary, shows the success of those who are truly faithful and did the necessary work and enrolled new members in the Pre-Convention Campaign.

Thanks to each and everyone who showed himself to be loyal and active in this campaign.

During the month of May our lodges elected quite a number of delegates. During the month of June the remainder of delegates will be elected.

The campaign goal is familiar to everyone. Ten points are necessary for an individual to qualify and receive the Honor Badge at the convention. This work is not too difficult. Probably every one will attain the goal before the campaign is concluded.

Delegates! Your lodge has placed all its trust in you when it elected you as representative of your lodge. You have the respect of your lodge members. You must prove yourself worthy of such high respect. The lodge and the Union expects you to reward the recognition and respect which they have shown for you.

You are proud of the special honor bestowed upon you as being elected delegates to the coming convention. With your self-esteem and pride you must prove your worth for the welfare and progress of our American Fraternal Union.

If you have in you this conscientiousness and pride, then you will not attend the coming convention until you reach the goal of ten points, until you qualify for the Honor Badge which will be designed by the Supreme Board.

This is now your work and your duty. Will you fulfill it? Do not waver; get to work now!

The Supreme Officers and Supreme Judiciary members should do the same.

In this Pre-Convention Campaign there is also a race as to who will enroll the greatest number of new members. Three members of the coming convention who will acquire the most new members will also receive special cash awards. Perhaps it will be three women delegates who will receive this honor and recognition.

Lodge members! Help your delegates to attain their quota. After all, this is a campaign for all members of the American Fraternal Union.

Warning from the Home Office

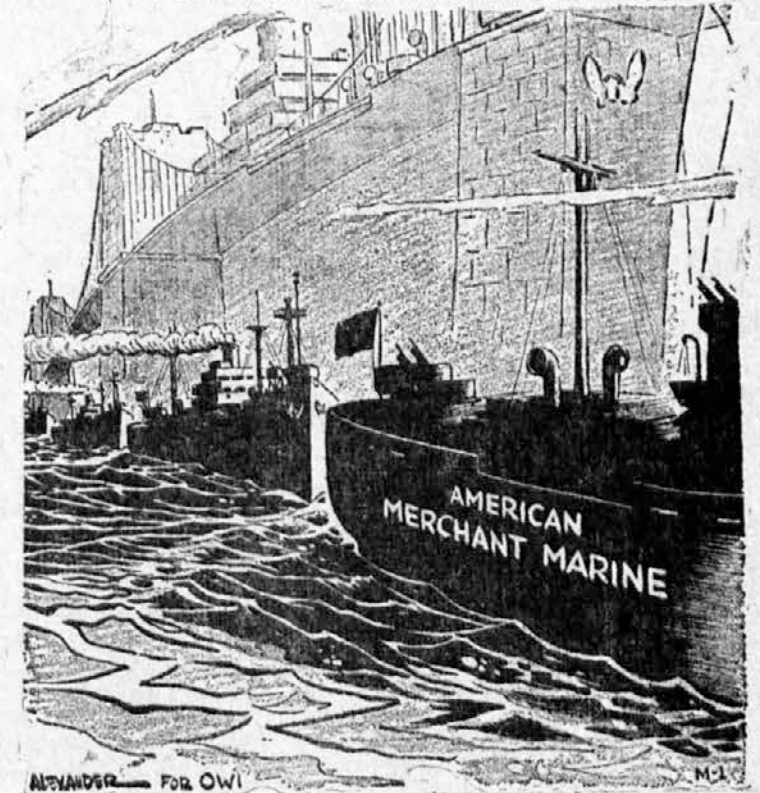
TO LODGES THAT HAVE BEEN GROUPED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A JOINT DELEGATE!

The Union's By-laws provide that all such lodges as have been grouped for the purpose of electing a joint or common delegate to the convention shall forward the name of their candidate to the Supreme Secretary not later than June 5, otherwise it will be assumed that the lodge did not elect a candidate. Up to the date of the filling of this warning, May 27, less than one-third of such lodges have been heard from. Notice is hereby given to all lodge presidents and lodge secretaries that unless the name of their candidate has been reported to the Home Office on or before June 5, he or she will not be placed on the ballot at the July elections and will, therefore, be deprived of the privilege to compete for this important office.

Fraternally yours,

ANTON ZBASNIK, Supreme Secretary.

BRIDGE TO A VICTORIOUS PEACE



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OUT ENUMCLAW WAY

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table service. The caretakers of the hall are extended a vote of thanks for their assistance. We're certainly not forgetting our auctioneer, Albert Richter, and his assistant Maxwell Manowski. A great big thank you for your fine work.

The ladies have requested that I thank the "pečlarje" individually, for their fine response. That would be too much of a problem to take time out to name them one by one and do them the justice they deserve. One, I would like to mention though, and he is John Goluf. He provided more merit than any other buyer. His net total was five baskets which cost him night on to \$35. With his feast spread out before him and seated among his selected lady partners, he reminded one of an Egyptian king in his harem. We hope all the bachelors enjoyed our company as much as we did theirs, we thank them for their participation and extend an invitation to them to attend our parties in the future.

Music for dancing was furnished by Mr. Frank Hren and his son of Seattle, Wash. Thank you very much.

The following contributions by members and friends who could not attend are gratefully acknowledged. Mr. George Poronta of Tacoma, \$5.00; Mr. John Laush, \$2.00; Mrs. Mary Podbregar, \$2.00; Mrs. Mary Sader, \$1.00 and Mr. Dave Price \$1.00. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is very much appreciated.

All names cannot be noted, so if omissions were made it is because space is limited. Everyone who attended, contributed to the success of the party and for your fine cooperation we are grateful. The proceeds are to be used for a worthy cause and as time goes by, I hope

more such parties will be effected. I hope everyone of you will encourage such affairs.

On the Washington state AFU campaign front, we find that Ivka Segota of Roslyn, is well on her way for the special convention honors. I am certain that by the time this goes to press, she will have attained her goal, so it is safe for me to extend congratulations.

I have just learned that Mary Puz will represent the Tacoma lodge at Rock Springs, Wyo. Congratulations on your election and now I hope your name will appear on the convention honor roll very soon. Please let us hear from you.

The latest bulletin shows that Frank L. Tomsic of Lodge 101, leads over all with 19 points. Maybe Enumclaw's neck 'n neck race will have to be with him, but if we don't gain a little momentum soon we're very apt to be left in the dust. How about a little co-operation, members of Enumclaw?

I was glad to see that Margaret Mary Startz is pleading for a juvenile page. I certainly am wholeheartedly in favor of more activity for our younger members. The convention should set aside a little time for a discussion on it. I hope to see a new juvenile section materialize. Let's have more views on it from our juvenile members.

A Nation on Wings

In 1940, there were less than 100 major airports in the U. S. By the end of this year there will be at least 865, not counting military airdromes, all capable of handling even the biggest planes now flying. In addition, there will be well over 2000 landing fields.

Cash Awards

The American Fraternal Union pays awards for newly-enrolled members in both departments. They are as follows:

The awards are as follows for the Adult Department:

For Plan "D" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 1.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 2.50 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$ 5.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$ 7.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$ 9.00 award;
For Plan "D" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 250 death benefit, \$ 2.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$ 500 death benefit, \$ 3.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,000 death benefit, \$ 6.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$1,500 death benefit, \$10.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$2,000 death benefit, \$12.00 award;
For Plan "E" and "F" insured for \$3,000 death benefit, \$18.00 award.

Awards for enrolling new juvenile members:

For Plan "JA" \$1.00 award; for Plan "JB" \$3.00 award; for Plan "JC" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award;
For Plan "JD" for \$250 insurance, \$1.50 award; for Plan "JD" for \$500 insurance, \$3.00 award; for Plan "JD" for \$1,000 insurance, \$5.00 award.

All members who enroll new members in the adult or juvenile departments of the American Fraternal Union are entitled to these awards. The awards will be paid when the new members have paid six months dues.

Pvt. Joe Sterle Writes From New Guinea

Hello AFU Members: It's been some time since I last wrote to the Nova Doba so I sat myself right down to drop you a few lines again. I am now in New Guinea, the place of coconuts and natives and let me tell you we see some sights out here. I always did want to visit the South Sea Islands and here I am and it's not bad except that there aren't any women nor drinks out here. I see by the papers from back home that the men don't have many places to go when they are home on furlough. Out here there is plenty of traffic on the roads and trucks will gladly stop to give you a lift to where you're going. If you're hungry you just go to the nearest outfit to eat and if you're lucky, you can get yourself a nice steak and I mean nice. If you're not so lucky you'll have to settle for some bloody, bully beef.

I see you folks back home are doing a grand job of getting the supplies for us here and it sure makes a fellow feel good whenever a boat comes in so keep up the good work and we'll do our best to win this war in a hurry.

The food here is not bad at all, every now and then we get dehydrated potatoes, powdered eggs and evaporated liquor (which we never see) but to tell you the truth, the food is all right here. All is well here and you work and get three square meals a day and a little time to go swimming with the crocodiles. I've heard soldier's telling about the big cockroaches and boy I wish that's all I had to worry about. While I'm laying in bed I see a big snake crawling overhead on a rafter and it doesn't feel so good. Well, that's jungle life for you.

It certainly will be swell to get back home again and see the railroad yards where the trains switch and listen to them ding, dong and bang, and hiss, and pant, and puff, and jar, and jerk and smoke all night long. One of these days we'll wind up the fight and come home again to those swell Slovene polkas which we miss so much.

Oh yes, I'm getting mail from friends of mine who keep asking me if I am doing any actual fighting. Now I'll tell you about one of my first battles. It started when we got off the landing barges and hit the shore. My rifle was all tangled up with the rest of my equipment and I was helpless. There in the first coconut tree was something to fight. I had nothing handy but rocks so I heaved the first one up—didn't even come close—then I tried again and hit one but it didn't fall down so I decided to climb the tree. With my knife hanging at my belt I took it out of its sheath and stuck it between my teeth and up I went. When I finally got to the top I struck one of them and he dropped down. I went down after him and put him between my knees and with my knife I began to cut. When I started to skin him he would slip from between my knees so then I got mad and jabbed him again. They're sure tough rascals to hold for they're slippery as a greasy pig so after a half hour of rasting I cut his skin away and then proceeded to cut his eyes out and boy I sure thought I would break the point of my stick. His eye-balls were hard as rock but finally I cut them out and he started to drain. Boy, was that a sight to see.

I had all the fellows around me but he was all mine for he caused me much trouble. After I drained him I broke his skull and then shared it with the boys. We were hungry so we ate away and after we finished we sat around and talked about the horrible battle I had and they all thanked me for the good meal. I threw the remains into an old fox-hole near-by and I'm telling, folks, if you can think of an easier way to husk a COCONUT just send in your ideas for it is some job! This is the story of my first fight! Anything more is a military secret!

However, we did push forward with every man's gun pointing forward and rushing the Japs. We couldn't keep up with them they ran so fast and had such a good start. They are still on the run. We then settled down and for awhile things were pretty quiet. Pretty soon the red signal came and overhead was Washing-Machine Charlie! Japs planes remind me of the old one-cylinder washers back home and they sure make a racket. Then you run for your fox-hole and roll in and you have to hurry for four others are all trying to get in too. I saw a case when the first boy started for his fox-hole and got in last. One fellow started to dig one and when he got six inches dug he gave up and said he didn't need one. Then we had an alert and four guys jumped in the six-inch hole and when the all-clear sounded the hole was four feet deep without any pick or shovel! You'd be surprised how small a hole you can dig into when necessary. The holes are pretty nice. Some of them have coconut palms planted around them and a calendar on the inside and a nice background of burlap sacks. These home sites don't sell cheap either, they are high priced but after the war you can have all you want, but until then, "sorry, there's no room."

After we were here for some time some of the boys were slowly learning to make "Jungle Juice" (liquor to you). It sure is some brew! I'd like to give you the recipe but I can't for I don't think you'd live through it. I will tell you how it works on you. First you pick up the bottle gently so it won't blow up. Then you take off the cap, holding it away from your face, then if there's anything left you take off your hat in order to let your hair straighten up. Then you look around for something strong to give you support. First you take only a short swallow about the size of a small beer glass. It will be a little hard at first; for the first twelve hours you'll think you're in a tornado. Then brother if you live through that you ought to be sent out here!

Well folks, I'll bring my story to an end for now. Until next time I send my regards to all AFU members. I am sending you my change of address for I like to read the Nova Doba.

Pvt. Joseph Sterle

WD HAS PLAN TO BRING AMERICAN DEAD HOME

Washington — The War Department has a plan to bring home the bodies of American war dead from foreign battlefields for burial in national cemeteries.

The plan was revealed through testimony before a House Appropriations subcommittee, discussing plans for enlarging the Arlington Cemetery and creating other cemeteries. H. P. Caemerer, of the Fine Arts Commission, told the committee: "After this war, as I understand, all the bodies of the boys will be brought home. Concerning this work the advice of our commission has been requested by the War Department."

—Army Times

Science Prof: What happens when a body is immersed in water?

Coed: The telephone rings.

The Battle for the Balkans

A ROUND TABLE

Louis Adamic — Louis Dolivet — Josef Hanc — Sava N. Kusanovich
Bogdan Raditsa — Gaetano Salvemini — Victor Sharenkoff
Rustem Vambery — Basil Vlavianos — J. Alvarez Del Vayo

(Continuation)

Salvemini:

In this connection I beg to tell you a short story. Once a convention of the American Federation of Labor was held in Philadelphia. After two days of discussion an Italian worker named Lo Casto obtained the floor and said: "Mr. Chairman, in this convention everybody talks 'brothers and sisters' and 'sisters and brothers' and everybody is a damned liar." Let us not talk brothers and sisters. Let us come down from the stratosphere of abstract generalizations to business. Let us put all our cards on the table. Let us keep in mind that if democratic good will is indispensable to solve boundary problems (and all problems) a good solution would enhance democratic good will whereas wrong solutions would wreck good will on both sides. I wish Yugoslavia and Italy would form a Zollverein (and I hope they will), so that boundaries between them lose all economic significance—so that one might go from Trieste to Ljubljana and vice versa just as one goes from Newark, New Jersey, to New Haven, Connecticut, traversing New York State without realizing one has crossed two frontiers. But the question of boundaries remains to be settled—even if they are no longer political and economic but merely administrative. A Slovene or Croat has to know whether he must pay his taxes to an Italian administration which is free to spend his money to support Italian rather than Slovene or Croat schools. An Italian has to know whether he must pay his taxes to a Slav administration which is free to support Slovene or Croat rather than Italian schools. Where the population is compactly Slav or Italian the problem is easy to solve. Where the two nationalities are intermingled the problem can be solved only by equitable compromises and by forcing respect for these compromises upon anyone maddened by nationalist frenzy.

Since I don't like to talk "brothers and sisters" let me say without equivocation that there is no question about Dalmatia, Dalmatia is Slavic. As to the territories east to Gorizia, Trieste and West Istria, no man can have the least doubt that they are inhabited by a compact Slavic population and are entitled to go with Yugoslavia.

Nothing is more boring than a man who speaks of his

past. But in this case I begin to point out that I have not reached this opinion recently. I expressed the same views in 1914 and I upheld them during the war and during the peace negotiations. The Italian Nationalists changed my name from "Salvemini" to "Slavemini" This was the greatest honor that could come to me in my life. And now I am glad that I can still uphold that old idea of mine—which is but an idea cherished by Mazzini and all patriots of the Italian Risorgimento.

(To be continued)

Juvenile Voices

ELY REVIEW
By Margaret M. Startz

Ely, Minn. — Steve Banovetz Sr., 73, a resident of Ely since 1889 died at his home last week Monday following a spinal injury which had kept him confined to his home for 22 years. Funeral services were held from St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The members of the AFU and KSKJ lodges of which he was a member, and a large number of local friends attended the services. Interment was in the family burial plot at the Ely Cemetery.

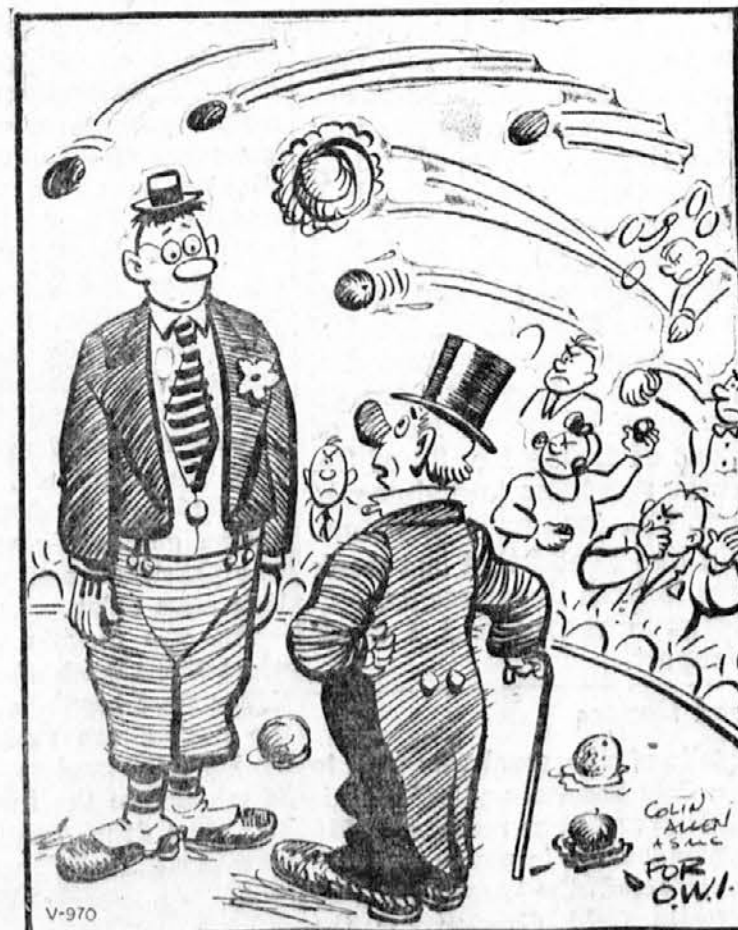
Mr. Banovetz was born in Yugoslavia in 1871. He came to America in 1887 and lived in Tower, Minn. for two years before moving to Ely in 1889. He was employed in the mines and later worked at the Vall Hardware, Penske Hardware and the Gleason Hardware, as clerk and utility man. He was one of the organizers of the South Slavonic Catholic Union now the American Fraternal Union. From a humble start, the Union has grown to be one of the leading organizations of its kind in the nation with lodges in 22 states.

The deceased served for several years as city alderman. His survivors are eight sons, Matt, Steve, Rudolph, Frank and Joseph of this city; Bernard at the University of Minnesota; George of Denver, Colo.; and Jack of Hibbing, Minn.; also three daughters, Mrs. Joseph Bomshak, Mrs. Louis Gerzin and Mrs. Joseph Belihar. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Banovetz of Duluth, a sister Mrs. Joe Novak of Ironwood, Mich. and nine grandchildren also survive. Mr. Banovetz has been my life long neighbor.

Madeline Svetich has graduated from college at St. Louis, Missouri. She plans to be a social welfare worker. Bately she arrived home for a short visit with her parents and after her visit will leave for Washington, D. C. for a short course at the Red Cross School and will then be assigned a position. Madeline is the daughter of Mrs. Rose Svetich who is the second Supreme Judiciary of the AFU and secretary of Lodge No. 29, AFU.

Mrs. Frances Erzen, your article on fraternalism was good. I do hope that the members will make their pledge and carry it through for only with the help of the members can the AFU as a whole, be successful.

Eighty-nine pupils will graduate from high school and seven from Junior College. I wish to congratulate my cousin, Patricia Goulet, who is graduating from high school and also Rose Bergant and Rosaline Mantel who are graduating from Junior College. So long folks, until next week.



"SAW IN THE PAPERS WHERE THERE'S 2 MILLION MORE VICTORY GARDENS THIS YEAR!"

Uncle Sam's Corner

Women's Cotton Dresses:

Those bareback cotton summer dresses which are finding such current favor with women are not only in style—they're patriotic as well. Manufacturers are pushing the production of them because they save material, and are advocating them for street wear as well as for sports. Buyers in department stores and the information that there are enough cotton dresses for women to supply present demands because they ordered early, however, they're not having much luck with re-orders.

Better Baby Scales Soon:

You'll find nursery scales with metal trays in the stores one of these days, fairly soon. WPB has released metal baby-weighing scales, for parts where formerly only wood was permitted.

Month-old Egg Fresh?

Yes, war-born experiments keeping eggs fresh for long periods of time may result in fresher eggs in peace time for the country's housewives. The time may be coming when a month-old egg can claim to be fresh—and prove it in the cooking. A hot mineral oil treatment has recently been developed which seals the pores of the shells and kills bacteria. Tests made by the University of Missouri showed that eggs treated in the manner were still poachable after standing for 45 days at room temperature.

More Baby Carriages:

We're due for a boom in the carriage trade, infants' division. The Office of Consumer Requirements of WPB says the baby carriage buying will reach a new high this year; present program calls for manufacturing of 900,000 as against 784,000 in 1941. Reason: There are more first babies, fewer used carriages available.

More Spices Used:

One out of five American families has increased its use of spices and flavorings since the war began, reports the trade association of spice importers and jobbers. With ports out, or insufficient to meet the demand, a new market is opening up for the American farmer in some sections of the country. Paprika and mustard are now being produced commercially at prices which compare favorably with import prices, and experiments are under way with caraway and coriander. Spice men believe that the acquired taste for spices will continue after the war, and assure farmers of considerable business.

War-time Shoes:

When leather went to plastics and fabrics moved to beach and country wear, today they are part of any wardrobe. Many fabrics are used in seasonal shoes. These are baidines, cottons and materials with rosettes, poms, with platform and en soles taking part in the convention of rationing.

Burglar: "Don't be scared lady, all I want is your money." Old Maid: "Oh, go away, you are just like all the other ones."

Iz urada glavnega tajnika A. B. Z.

From the Office of Supreme Secretary

PREJEMKI IN IZDATKI MESECA APRILA 1944.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1944

Odrasli Oddelci.—Adult Dept.

Dr. št. Lodge No. Prejemki Income Izdatki Disbursements

Dr. št. Lodge No.	Prejemki Income	Izdatki Disbursements
1	\$ 478.00	
2	786.79	
3	116.00	
4	28.00	
5	152.50	
6	1,194.50	
7	681.30	
8	98.50	
9	114.67	
10	101.00	
11	1,014.00	
12	229.50	
13	631.00	
14	1,430.00	
15	700.50	
16	280.00	
17	247.00	
18	112.00	
19	85.50	
20	64.98	
21	188.00	
22	42.00	
23	32.50	
24	30.00	
25	32.00	
26	877.00	
27	312.45	
28	242.50	
29	644.50	
30	21.00	
31	59.00	
32	85.00	
33	43.00	
34	292.50	
35	52.00	
36	1,158.50	
37	33.00	
38	9.00	
39	28.00	
40	122.00	
41	44.00	
42	54.00	
43	41.00	
44	50.50	
45	51.00	
46	127.00	
47	18.00	
48	27.00	
49	698.00	
50	1,007.00	
51	46.00	
52	48.00	
53	21.00	
54	18.00	
55	9.00	
56	52.50	
57	114.00	
58	66.50	
59	157.00	
60	24.00	
61	49.00	
62	37.00	
63	90.00	
64	197.50	
65	9.50	
66	37.50	
67	71.00	
68	47.00	
69	26.00	
70	26.00	
71	26.00	
72	57.00	
73	20.00	
74	10.50	
75	118.00	
76	41.00	
77	140.50	
78	211.41	
79	13.00	
80	33.50	
81	74.00	
82	57.00	
83	65.00	
84	3.00	
85	397.00	
86	18.00	
87	549.50	
88	49.00	
89	37.00	
90	71.00	
91	38.50	
92	31.50	
93	16.00	
94	189.50	
95	21.00	
96	75.00	
97	75.00	
98	182	
99	183	
100	27.00	
101	9.00	
102	104.00	
103	186	
104	188	
105	30.00	
106	7.00	
107	111.00	
108	25.00	
109	81.00	
110	199	
111	73.00	
112	75.00	
113	44.00	
114	169.50	
115	15.50	
116	25.50	
117	218	
118	113.00	
119	172.00	
120	50.00	
121	33.00	
122	13.00	
123	24.00	
124	538.00	
125	11.00	
126	252.00	
127	30.00	
128	50.00	
129	261.50	
130	25.00	
131	141.50	

Skupaj-Total \$31,153.71 \$20,672.14

ANTON ZBASNIK, glavni tajnik—Supreme Secretary.

PREJEMKI IN IZDATKI MESECA APRILA 1944.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL 1944.

Mladinski Oddelci.—Juvenile Department.

Dr. št. Lodge No.	Prejemki Income	Izdatki Disbursements
1	\$ 37.53	
2	10.15	
3	6.00	
4	3.25	
5	.60	
6	4.25	
7	559.74	
8	620.46	
9	220.00	
10	351.16	
11	756.33	
12	204.87	
13	216.58	
14	195.06	
15	727.22	
16	1,128.49	
17	367.61	
18	336.23	
19	318.34	
20	413.88	
21	450.77	
22	175.12	
23	207.95	
24	405.98	
25	137.45	
26	234.87	
27	243.37	
28	139.25	
29	147.63	
30	31.47	
31	438.44	
32	51.61	
33	396.24	
34	519.71	
35	154.71	
36	112.97	
37	194.40	
38	28.15	
39	151.19	
40	135.98	
41	269.97	
42	113.46	
43	153.03	
44	127.66	
45	162.18	
46	469.75	
47	173.07	
48	207.93	
49	175.27	
50	139.59	
51	51.92	
52	173.77	
53	155.65	
54	158.99	
55	340.08	
56	174.94	
57	91.85	
58	341.78	
59	67.28	
60	117.40	
61	59.31	
62	47.21	
63	42.78	
64	85.74	
65	163.44	
66	78.10	
67	147.33	
68	588.42	
69	206.49	
70	103.00	
71	18.79	
72	99.58	
73	220.07	
74	301.21	
75	30.53	
76	181.41	
77	164.45	
78	58.41	
79	47.91	
80	300.76	
81	48.05	
82	28.06	
83	84.56	
84	331.98	
85	67.05	
86	12.50	
87	98.22	
88	85.96	
89	37.77	
90	48.99	
91	74.58	
92	88.23	
93	181.28	
94	46.83	
95	57.87	
96	11.05	
97	68.62	
98	305.92	
99	124.83	
100	100.95	
101	53.31	
102	260.63	
103	87.41	
104	151.43	
105	45.49	
106	18.10	
107	181.67	
108	126.51	
109	73.09	
110	236.23	
111	68.79	
112	191.58	
113	65.45	
114	269.64	
115	81.48	
116	59.98	
117	70.05	
118	50.93	
119	74.17	
120	78.18	
121	555.68	
122	182.61	
123	47.04	
124	63.33	
125	104.66	
126	54.15	
127	88.02	
128	194.67	
129	136.89	
130	234.74	
131	37.92	
132	68.84	
133	91.33	
134	212.53	
135	26.72	
136	53.07	
137	36.37	
138	16.52	

Skupaj-Total \$1,884.30 \$ 450.00

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1	\$ 1.95	
2	64.84	
3	2.10	
4	4.35	
5	12.45	
6	.15	
7	3.15	
8	6.40	
9	16.30	
10	7.90	
11	1.80	
12	11.80	
13	6.45	
14	1.50	
15	7.65	
16	16.14	
17	8.38	
18	30.50	
19	2.10	
20	6.72	
21	7.50	
22	20.01	
23	2.25	
24	12.30	
25	8.00	
26	2.70	

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13	6.45	
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12	11.80	
13	6.45	
14	1.50	
15	7.65	
16	16.14	
17	8.38	
18	30.50	
19	2.10	
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