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NEMCI BEŽE IZ KORIDORJA V BELGIJI

Velike nemške izgube v bitkah z Rusi

NAPADI NA JAPON-SKE BAZE

Paris, 9. jan.—Nemci se umikajo pod pritiskom prve ameriške armade, ki je zasedla nadaljnjih devet belgijskih naselbin, iz krajev 30 milj dolge fronte. Oddelki te in tretje armade so zožili koridor v Belgiji, kjer so koncentrirane nemške sile. Te so izpostavljene strašovitemu topniškemu bombardiranju.

Glavni zavezniški stan poroča, da so se tri nemške oklopne divizije umaknile iz koridorja. Enote prve ameriške armade se bodo kmalu združile z enotami tretje armade. Te prodirajo proti strateški cesti, ki spaja Houffalize s St. Hubertom, in Vielsalmu, sedem milj južno od Stavelota.

Druga ofenziva nemške sile v vzhodni Franciji, kjer je zbrana sedma ameriška armada, je bila ustavljena. Nemci so bili vrzeni nazaj dve milj. Sunki nemških sil v smeri Strasbourg, glavnega mesta Alzacije, so bili odbiti.

Franoske čete so dospole v Strasbourg in ojačile tamkajšnje vojaško posadko. Civilisti, ki so pobegnili iz mesta iz bojzani, da ga bodo Nemci reokupirali, se vračajo nazaj.

Enote druge britske armade v vzhodni Holandiji so porazile Nemce v bitki na zapadni strani reke Meuse in reokupirale Wansum, strateško mesto ob tej reki.

London, 9. jan.—Kolone ruske armade prodirajo proti Komarnu, mestu v južni Čehoslovakiji, in avstrijski meji. Prve so dospole na ozemlje, ki je oddaljeno 50 milj od avstrijske meje. Komarno je komunikacijski center ob reki Donavi, 40 milj severozapadno od Budimpešte.

Napadi nemških oklopnih kolon na ruske pozicije na severozapadni strani Budimpešte so bili odbiti in sovražnik vržen nazaj z velikimi izgubami.

Moskva je naznanila okupacijo nadaljnjih 130 blokov Budimpešte. Rusi zdaj kontrolirajo 1900 blokov. V zadnjih treh dneh so Rusi ubili 12.000, ranili 30.000 in ujeli 5430 nemških in ogrskih vojakov v glavnem ogrskem mestu.

Leyte, Filipini, 9. jan.—Ameriški letalci so vrgli 125 ton bomb na japonske baze na Luzonu, največjem otoku Filipinske grupe, poročajo glavni stan generala MacArthurja. Bombe so padle na letališča pri Manili in Batangasu in razble 26 japonskih letal na tleh.

Glavni stan ni potrdil in ne zanika poročila iz Tokija, da se 450 ameriških vojaških transportov bliža Luzonu in da so ameriške bojne ladje bombardirale japonske baze na obrežju tega otoka.

Zadnji ostanki japonske sile na otoku Leytu so bili uničeni. Organiziran japonski odpor na tem otoku je bil zdrobljen v decembru. Japonske izgube v bitkah z ameriški četami so znašale čez 120.000 ubitih in ranjenih vojakov.

Pearl Harbor, Havaji, 9. jan.—General MacArthur in admiral Nimitz sta se tu sestala v zadnjem tednu decembra, se glasi pravkar objavljeno naznanilo. To je bila že tretja konferenca med njima v zadnjih petih mesecih.

Pomožna akcija za stari kraj in Prosveta

Prosveta je od vsega začetka sodelovala v pomožni, kakor tudi v politični akciji za stari kraj. Sodelovala je na vsej črti, sodeluje danes in bo tudi v bodoče, ker se zaveda, da sta obe akciji kardinalno potrebni in da je dolžnost vseh ameriških Slovencev, sploh vseh Jugoslovancev, da storimo vse, kar je v naši moči tako za osvoboditev kot tudi za lečenje globokih ran naših ljudi v rodnih krajih.

Danes je najnujnejše vprašanje zbiranje pomoči, bodisi v denarju, obliki ali drugem blagu. To delo bo pred nami še dolgo časa, kajti potreba tam bodo tako velike in nujne, da jim ne bo mogoče zadostiti namah—z eno ali dvema pošiljkama. Od časa do časa bomo morali posegati v žepa pa dati in dati. Pri tem smo v resnici srečni, kajti bolj prijetno je dati kot prejemati. Te besede boste doumeli le, če se zamislite vanje. Samo pomislite, da človek, ki lahko da, je veliko bolj srečen, vsaj pa materialno veliko na boljem kot pa človek, ki je raztrgan, bos, lačen, brez strehe—sploh brez vsega.

V takem položaju se bodo nahajali stotisoči in milijoni v Sloveniji, Jugoslaviji, sploh širom vse Evrope. Dejstveno bo velika večina prebivalstva dobesedno brez vsega, ko potihnajo topovi. Takrat šele bomo spoznali ogromno velikost potrebe naše pomoči. Denar, ki ga sedaj prispevamo, obleko in drugo blago, ki ga zdaj zbiramo, bo le za prvo potrebo. V resnici bo komaj kaplja v morju.

Med nami Slovenci in Jugoslovani v tej deželi jih je mnogo, ki so že precej globoko posegli v žep—mnogi že večkrat. Toda žalost je še veliko takih med nami, katerim je roka ostala na vrhu ali v sredini žepa ter iz žopa bankovcev spulila le dolar ali dva—kvečjemu petak. Še bolj žalostno pa je dejstvo, da je med nami še tudi veliko takih, ki imajo zašite žepa ali denarnice, kar se tiče pomožne akcije za stari kraj. Kaj si mislimo o takih skupuh in izrodkih človeštva, ne bomo zapisali; rečemo le to, da takih karakterjev ni vesel ne človek, ne Bog, ne Hudič. Sigurno vsekakor je to, da je takih ljudi najmanj vesela slovenska mati, ki jim je dala življenje. Kdor pozna le svoj želodec, ni vreden, da zemljo tlači.

Toda glavni namen teh vrstic je nekaj drugega. Prosveta je zadnje mesece postala nekaj osrednjega organa, oziroma je dobila monopol v priobčevanju imenikov prispevateljev pomožni akciji za stari kraj. Iz vseh naselbin, vsaj pa iz pretežne večine naselbin, kjer je v teku akcija za stari kraj, prihajajo tedenski za tedno številni dopisi z daljšimi ali krajšimi listami prispevateljev. Vsakdo bo priznal, če je dopisniški del lista le preveč obložen s te vrste dopisi, postane nezanimiv. Poleg tega dopisi zelo zaostajajo, kar tudi ni dobro. Posledica tega je, da se množe pritožbe s strani čitateljev kot tudi dopisnikov.

Do sedaj smo te vrste pritožbe, ki niso bile številne, vzeli na znanje in priobčevali vsa imena prispevateljev, pa magari je dal samo kvoder ali desetko. Toda uredništvo Prosvete je prišlo do zaključka, da bomo te smernece nekoliko spremenili, ker ne želimo, da dopisniški del lista izgubi na svoji preveličnosti.

Od zdaj naprej bodo v Prosveti priobčena le imena onih, ki prispevajo po pet dolarjev ali več za stari kraj. To velja za obe akciji—za pomožno in politično. Tako bodo bli dopisi hitreje v list in dopisniški del bo zopet bolj zanimiv.

Upamo, da naša pomožna akcija za stari kraj vsled tega ne bo trpela. Komur je kaj na tem, da bo njegovo ime priobčeno v listu, naj da vsaj petak—sploh naj bi bil to nekak minimum za vsakega Slovenca ali Slovenko. Tajniki podružnic JPO ali SANS, kakor tudi drugi nabiralci, naj hranijo liste prispevateljev v domačem arhivu za vsak slučaj potrebe.

Končno želimo, da vsled tega nihče ne penehta z zbiranjem pomoči za stari kraj in tudi nihče se naj ne brani poseči čim globlje v žep. Oboje delajmo z veseljem, ker smo toliko srečni, da lahko igramo usmiljenega Samaritana našim herojskim bratom in sestram v rodnih krajih.

Nemška letalska sila ojačena

Večja zaščita skladišč gasolina

Paris, 9. jan.—Nemčija ima danes kljub izgubam več bojnih letal nego jih je imela v juniju preteklega leta, ko so zavezniške čete invadirale Normandijo. To dejstvo so ugotovili ameriški generali, poveljniki letalskih sil, na svoji konferenci v Parizu. Konferenca, na kateri je bila razprava o učinkih letalskih operacij, so se udeležili generali Spaatz, Doolittle, Vandenberg in Royce. Izjavili so, da so Nemci poslali več bojnih letal v zrak, ko je feldmaršal Rundstedt zagnal oklopne in pehotne divizije v protiofenzivo proti ameriškim silam nego kdaj prej. Nemčija ima več bojnih letal sedaj, ne pa dovolj izvežbanih pilotov.

General Spaatz je dejal, da Američani izgube več letal v napadih na skladišča gasolina in čistilnice olja kot pa v spopadih v zraku. Samo eno ozemlje, kjer so skladišča gasolina in olja, brani več protiletalskih topniških baterij nego Berlin, glavno mesto.

Poročilo o smrti italijanskega kralja zanikano

Rim, 9. jan.—Besednik Kvirinala je zanikal poročilo, da je kralj Viktor Emanuel mrtev. To je objavil rimski list Italia Libera.

GRŠKI LEVIČARJI ODBILI NAPADE BRITSKIH ČET

Londonski list obsodil Churchillovo politiko

SE JA VODITELJEV DELAVSKE STRANKE

Athens, Grčija, 9. jan.—Grški levičarji so odbili napade britskih čet in oklopnih kolon na svoje pozicije pri prelazu Carikazu, pet milj južno od Erithraje, vasi ob robu planjave province Thebes. Poveljstvo britskih sil je prej naznanilo okupacijo glavnega mesta te province, 50 milj severozapadno od Aten.

Britske čete so v akciji proti levičarjem na polotoku Attici. Enote grške narodne garde pomagajo britskim četam v operacijah proti levičarjem.

General Ronald M. Scobie, poveljnik britskih čet v Grčiji, je naznanil razveljavljanje mirovnih pogojev, ki so bili predloženi levičarjem. To pomeni, da civilna vojna, ki je izbruhnila pred enim mesecem, še ne bo končana.

London, 9. jan.—List Times je objavil uvodnik z ostro obsodbo britske vojaške intervencije v Grčiji in Churchillove politike v prilogi vladi generala Plastirasa.

“Grško ljudstvo ima vso pravico, da samo in brez zunanje intervencije odloči o svoji bodočnosti,” pravi Times. “Churchill ni doslej dal zadovoljivega pojasnila o situaciji v Grčiji. Očitno je, da hoče z oboroženo silo zdrobiti odpor grške fronte za narodno osvoboditev.”

Harold Laski, začasni načelnik delavske stranke je sklical izredno sejo članov izvršitvenega odbora, na kateri bo razprava o razvoju situacije v Grčiji. O sprejetih zaključkih bo premier Churchill informiran.

Nekateri voditelji delavske stranke trdijo, da sta Churchill in zunanji minister Eden krivila dane garancije, da bodo operacije britskih čet omejene na provinco Attico in da bodo vrata odprta za obnovu pogajanj z grškimi levičarji v svrhu sklenitve kompromisa. Oba sta dala tudi zagotovilo parlamentu, da je cilj vojaške intervencije ustanovitev grške vlade, v kateri bodo vse politične grupe reprezentirane.

Revizija britske politike v Italiji

Stettinius naznanil sklenitev dogovora

Washington, D. C., 9. jan.—Federalno vrhovno sodišče je razveljavilo protidelavski zakon, katerega je sprejela državna zbornica v Texasu, s petimi proti štirim glasovom. Odlok večine je podal sodnik Wiley B. Rutledge.

Zakon je omejeval aktivnosti delavskih organizatorjev. Na podlagi tega zakona je bil spoznan za krivega žaljenca sodišča R. J. Thomas, predsednik unije združenih avtnih delavcev, uveljavljen v Kongresu industrijskih organizacij. Thomas je bil zdaj oproščen.

Vrhovno sodišče je izjavilo, da je zakon kršenje pravic svobode govora in zborovanja, katere garantira federalna ustava državljanom.

Thomas, ki je bil obsojen na tri dni zapore in plačitev kazni sto dolarjev, je tiral zadevo pred vrhovno sodišče potem, ko je državno vrhovno sodišče v Texasu potrdilo obsodbo. On je bil obložen kršenja zakona in žaljenja sodišča po svojem govoru na shodu delavcev, uposlenih pri Humble Oil Co. v Pellyju, Tex., ker ni iskal dovoljenja za nastop na shodu.

Odlok federalnega vrhovnega sodišča je velika zmaga delavskih unij. Ta je tudi svarilo drugim državam, ki so namerala sprejeti slične zakone.

Domače vesti

Oblak

Chicago.—Glavni urad SNPJ je 8. jan. obiskal Wm. Oceppek, doma iz Hibbinga, Minn., ki je uposlen pri Transcontinental & Western Air Lines v Daytonu, Ohio.

Naglio zbolela

Windsor Heights, W. Va.—Doris Ujčič, članica društva št. 407 SNPJ, je 4. jan. naglo zbolela. Bila je takoj odpeljana v General Hospital v Wheeling in še isti dan operirana na slepiču.

Padel v Belgiji

Fairport Harbor, O.—Družina Alojz Svigel je bila obveščena, da je 17. dec. padel v Belgiji njen sin Joseph Svigel, star 29 let. On je prvi član društva 355 SNPJ, ki je padel v tej vojni. Poleg staršev zapušča dva brata, od katerih je eden pri mornarici, drugi pa živi v Clevelandu.

Is Milwaukee

Milwaukee.—Dne 30. dec. je umrla v West Allisu Josephine Tratnik, stara 76 let. Zapušča tri sinove (dva pri vojakih), dve hčeri, deset vnukov in tri pravnukne.—Isti dan je v West Allisu umrla Helen Zalar, dv. Poje, stara 64 let. Zapušča dve hčeri in sedem vnukov.—Dne 1. jan. je umrla Agnes Bregan, stara 81 let. Zapušča moža, dve hčeri in pet vnukov.—Poročili so se: Daniel I. Turk in Frances M. Subota, Edward W. Czappa in Rose Urbančič.—Vile rojenice so se zglasile pri družini Ciril M. Zvonar in pustile za novo leto dvojčke, pri družini Mihael Rupčić pa sinčka.

Padel v vojni

Port Washington, Wis.—Družina Jost je bila obveščena, da je 3. dec. padel nekje na evropskem bojišču sin Joseph, star 30 let in v armadi od aprila 1943. Bil je član JPZS. Zapušča mater, tri brate in sestro.

Is Clevelanda

Cleveland.—V bolnišnici Huron Road se nahaja Charles Lampe iz Euclida, ki se je moral podvreči operaciji.—V bolnišnici Charity je bila operirana Frances Zupančič. Operacija je srečno prestala in se ji zdravje obrača na bolje.—Družina Frank Kastelic iz Collinwooda je prejela obvestilo, da je bil njen sin Robert dan pred božičem ranjen v Franciji. Star je šele 18 let in služi v tretji armadi.

Admiral svari pred bombnimi napadi

Amerika je pripravljena na to možnost

New York, 9. jan.—Admiral Jonas H. Ingram, poveljnik ameriške bojne mornarice na Atlantiku, je opozoril ljudstvo na možnost bombnih napadov na New York, Washington in druga ameriška mesta na obrežju.

“Mi vemo in čutimo, da bodo Nemci skušali bombardirati ameriška mesta z raketnimi bombami,” je dejal admiral. “Napad lahko pride v prihodnjih 30 ali 60 dneh. Zelim, da Nemci vedo, da smo pripravljene. Poveljstvi mornarice in armade sta že storili korake za učinkovito obrambo.”

Ingram je izrekel svarilo na konferenci s časnikarji. Dejal je, da ima Nemčija še vedno najmanj tristo podmornic, ki se lahko približajo ameriški obali. Možnost je, da so te opremljene z napravami za spuščanje raketnih bomb.

Nacijska propaganda o novem orožju

London, 9. jan.—Dopisnik britske časniške agencije v Curihu, Švica, poroča, da naciji širijo propagando, da nemške sile na zapadni fronti uporabljajo novo orožje proti zaveznikom. To je bomba V-3, ki “zamrzne” vse osebe v razdalji 150 jardov od pozorišča eksplozije.

Kralj Peter se obotavlja

Posvetoval se je z voditelji starih strank

London, 9. jan.—Daily Herald, glasilo angleške delavske stranke, poroča, da se jugoslovanski kralj Peter obotavlja glede odobritve dogovora, ki sta ga sklenila dr. Ivan Šubašič, predsednik obežne vlade, in maršal Tito, poveljnik jugoslovanske osvobodilne armade. Dogovor določa razpis plebiscita, ustanovitev regenstva, osvojitve demokratične ustave in ustanovitev prehodne vlade.

Dogovor sta že odobrili Velika Britanija in Rusija. Reprezentanti Tita v Londonu so izjavili, da se maršal jezi zaradi Petrovega obotavljanja. Ko se je kralj nedavno sešel s premierjem Churchillom in zunanjim ministrom Edenom, je opravičeval zavlačevanje odločitve. Pozneje je informiral Šubašiča, da je bolan in da ne more izvrševati svojih poslov.

“Znano je, da se je Peter posvetoval z voditelji starih političnih strank,” pravi Daily Herald. “To je pravi vzrok obotavljanja. Voditelji teh strank so odprti nasprotniki sedanje Šubašičeve vlade in Titovega osvobodilnega gibanja.”

Šubašič je včeraj konferiral s premierjem Churchillom in pričakuje se, da bo danes imel razgovor s Petrom.

Pomanjkanje gasolina o Nemčiji

Dokumenti razkri vajo kritično situacijo

London, 9. jan.—Kako je zavezniška letalska ofenziva znižala zalogo gasolina v Nemčiji, razkri vajo dokumenti, ki so prišli v roke britskega ministrstva za ekonomsko vojno. Bombe, ki jih mečejo zavezniški letalci na skladišča gasolina in čistilnice olja, so napravile ogromno škodo. Zdej je manj gasolina na razpolago za nemške motorne armade.

Prvo znamenje o zaskrbljenosti nemškega vrhovnega poveljstva je prišlo v oktobru, ko sta feldmaršal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt in Hitler izdala povelje o hranitvi gasolina. To je tudi rezultiralo v omejitvi motorne transportacije v Nemčiji.

Po 15. novembru je bila civilna motorna transportacija ustavljena v vseh nemških pokrajinah. Celo nekatere oklopne divizije na zapadni fronti niso mogle dobiti gasolina.

Naval na uposlevalne urade v Chicagu

Chicago, 9. jan.—Priporočilo v poslanici, katero je predsednik Roosevelt naslovil novemu kongresu, naj sprejme zakon glede obveznega dela, je dobilo odmev v navalnih na federalne uposlevalne urade. Uradniki so izjavili, da se je število prosilcev za uposlitve v vojnih industrijah podvojilo. “Mnogi izmed teh spadajo v razred 4-F, ki so podvrženi vojaški službi, če se ne prijavijo za dela v vojnih industrijah.”

Konferenca reprezentantov ameriških držav

Washington, D. C., 9. jan.—Državni department je naznanil, da se bo vršila konferenca reprezentantov ameriških republik v februarju. Na tej bodo razpravljali o sedanjih in povojnih problemih. Argentina, edina ameriška država, ki še vzdržuje odnose z Nemčijo in Japonsko, ni bila povabljen na konferenco.

ODPOR PROTI NEMCEM V SLOVENJI NARAŠČA

Partizani aktivni in mestih in podeželskih krajih

MACEDONSKA SKUPŠČINA V SKOPLJU

Washington, D. C., 9. jan.—Vse plasti prebivalstva so dejansko udeležene v osvobodilnem gibanju v Sloveniji in ga podpirajo, je rečeno v članku, ki ga je objavil švedski list Aftonbladetningen. Vsebinski članek je bila sporočena uradu za vojne informacije (OWI) v Washingtonu.

“Celo aristokratski veleposelniki avstrijskega poroka podpirajo partizane v borbi proti Nemcem,” pravi članek. “Partizani so aktivni v mestih in podeželskih krajih. Dostikrat se zgodi, da nemovalni člani nemških vojaških posadk ostanejo v svojih barakah ponoči, ko partizani korakajo in prepevajo po mestih. Kvizlingi se najdejo v vseh mestih. Ti predstavljajo srednji razred in pridružili so se nacijem takoj po okupaciji dežele. Slovenci bolj sovražijo kvizlinge kot okupatorje.”

Članek izraža občudovanje aktivnosti slovenskih partizanov in hvali moralni standard. “Mnogo žensk in deklet se dejansko udeležuje bitk in nekatero so postale častnice,” pravi članek. “Stroga moralna pravila so v veljavi. Sklepejo se poroke brez sankcije cerkvenih in civilnih avtoritet, toda vesno drže. Visok moralni standard, ki prevladuje v osvobodilni armadi maršala Tita, je tudi simbol socialnega razvoja v Sloveniji.”

Drugo poročilo omenja skupščino Macedoncev, ki se je nedavno vršila v Skoplju. Te so se udeležili tudi člani ruske, britske in ameriške misije ter reprezentanti Jugoslavije in Bolgarije. Za predsednika skupščine je bil izvoljen Dimitar Vlahov, za tajnika Ljubčo Arsov in Lina Balinaka, za člane izvršitvenega odbora pa Ciril Grigorov, polkovnik Pantčo Nedelkovski in Pavel Statev.

Macedonija postane država v okviru federativne Jugoslavije. Voditelji francoskih unij se posvetujejo

Voditelji francoskih unij se posvetujejo

Paris, 9. jan.—Voditelji francoskih unij so se sestali na konferenci, ki je bila sklicana z namenom ustanovitve nove mednarodne delavske organizacije. Ta naj bi nadomestila one, ki so obstojale pred izbruhom vojne. Prva diskuzija o tem se je vršila na sestanku reprezentantov francoskih in ruskih strokovnih unij.

Governer Green objavil program

Springfield, Ill., 9. jan.—Governer Dwight H. Green je v svojem govoru, ko je nastopil drugi termin orisal program, ki ga bo skušal uveljaviti. Ta se nanaša na sedanje in povojne probleme in sprejetje nove ustave. Svoj program je predložil državnim zbornicam, ki se je sestala v svojem zasedanju, z apelom, naj ga odobri.

Konvencija kitajske vladne stranke

Cungking, Kitajska, 9. jan.—Prva konvencija Kuomintanga, vladne stranke, od leta 1935, se bo vršila v mesecu maju, se glasi naznanilo. Na tej bo razpravljala o načrtu, da se oblast vladanja prepusti ljudstvu v odločitve.

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Zbiranje obleke

V mnogih nasebinah se še vedno zbira obleka in druge potrebščine za Jugoslavijo. V zadnjih štirinajstih dneh so naše podružnice in nekateri posamezniki nabrali in odposlali v New York 5851 funtov obleke, perila, odev, rjuh, čevljev ter 219 funtov mila in druge groceroje.

Skupni slovenski odbor v Brooklynu se je ozval s 4205 funti. Tajnica Frances Cirar nam poroča, da je lokalni odbor do sedaj nabral 9207 funtov raznovrstnega blaga, ki so ga radodarni rojaki darovali v ta namen.

Iz Waukegana je bila pred kratkim odposlana tretja pošiljatev v teži 1000 funtov in skupna teža nabrane obleke znaša nad 6000 funtov. V Fredericktownu, Pa., ni mnogo Slovencev, toda tajnik Anton Škvarč naznaja, da se jim je vseeno posrečilo nakolektati 498 funtov raznega oblačila.

Naš zavedni rojak v Shippenwillu, Pa., Mike Klenovšek se je po smrti svoje soproge spomnil revežev v Jugoslaviji, ki trpijo pomanjkanje obleke. Pripravil je vsa njena oblačila in čevlje, mnogo skoraj popolnoma novega in odposlal v New York. Pošiljka je tehtala 148 funtov.

Prva dva meseca v tem letu se vrši kampanja Ameriškega odbora za jugoslovanski relief. Pobirajo se prispevki v gotovini in blagu. V Detroitu vodi tozadevno kampanjo Združeni odbor avniških delavcev (JAW-CIO) in odprli je nabiralnice v vseh svojih unijaških dvoranah. Apele za pomoč Jugoslaviji je poslal vsem svojim članom tudi ameriški Veselovanski kongres. Kampanjo je odprl med vseučiliškimi dijaki tudi Hunter kolegi v newyorški okolici ter poznana deklarka šola Smith College.

V glavnem uradu ameriškega odbora v New Yorku je uspešnih 20 oseb, v skladišču pa 19. Predsednica tega odbora, ki vodi jugoslovansko pomožno akcijo izključno med Amerikanci ne-slovenskega pokolenja, je gospa Joyce Borden Baloković.

Denarni prispevki

Vojni reliefni fond Amerikancev južnoslovenskega porenkla je imel do 31. decembra skupnih dohodkov \$293.830.23. Slovenski prispevki v tej vsoti znašajo \$74.069.69. Dohodki v prvem tednu januarja so povišali skupno vsoto nad \$300.000. Samo prve štiri dni tega meseca so nam poslale naše podružnice ter nekaj posameznikov lep znesek \$3.395.16, ki poviša skupno slovenske prispevke na \$77.464.85 (skózi SANSov urad \$63.529.28, naravnost v New York pa je bilo poslano \$13.935.57).

Mnoge podružnice in posamezniki nam pošiljajo lepe zneske, ki so jih darovali naši zavedni rojaki, obenem pa tudi nabiralne pole z imeni prispevateljev. Naš urad bi rad ustregel vsem, nabiralcem in darovalcem in objavil imena in vsote. Toda to je nemogoče, ker je imen preveč, SANS ne more obremeniti naših listov z dolgimi vrstami števil, vsled tega bomo morali omejiti naš seznam na le večje vsote. Naše pridne nabiralce pa prosimo, da za darovane prispevke izdajo uradno potnico ali potrdilo o prejemu.

Od 28. decembra do 5. januarja smo prejeli prispevke za pomožno akcijo WRFASDD od sledečih:

geles, Wash., je poslal znesek \$20, prispevali so Jože Segulin ter Fr. Milavec in žena Helena.

Največji prispevek je poslal Jože Durn, tajnik št. 48 SANS in JPO 35, Cleveland, O., znesek \$1100.00. Postojanka JPO je prispevala \$600.00, \$500.00 pa podružnica SANSa. Za tem sledi naša podružnica št. 39, tudi iz Clevelanda. Prejeli smo ček za \$1006.97. Darovali so: Posamezniki skozi Enakopravnost, mladinski pevski zbor SDD \$50, št. 447 SNPJ \$1550, Jos. Regelj \$20 in razni drugi \$65.50; društvo Slovan št. 3 SDZ \$25, Frank Mohorčič \$25, društvo Lipa št. 129 SNPJ \$10, člani pa \$10.50; nabral Ludvik Medvedek med člani društva Naprej SNPJ \$18; Krist Stokelj je nabral na seji društva Lunder-Adamič št. 29 SNPJ \$131 (Fr. in Terezija Cerkvenik \$50, drugi \$81); društvo Napredne Slovenke št. 137 SNPJ darovalo \$500, članice pa \$20; Camp 293 WOW daroval \$50; samostojno društvo Sreca Jezusovega \$8, samostojno društvo Kranj \$5, razni posamezniki pa \$53.47.

Math Jereb, blagajnik podružnice v Waukeganu, je poslal ček za \$650. Darovali so: Slov. samostojno podporno društvo Waukegan-North Chicago \$500, društvo sv. Jožefa št. 53 KSKJ \$25, društvo sv. Jurija pa \$5.

Za podružnico št. 97, Newark, N. J., je poslal delovni tajnik Andrew Sprogar \$22.74, katero vsoto je iztržil za partizanske zvezdice. Sam je daroval \$5 in enako vsoto Leo Bizjak.

Za podružnico št. 1, Detroit, je poslala tajnica Lia Menton \$381.50, katero vsoto je nabral naš agihni gostilničar Peter Benedict. Sestra Mary Musich od podružnice št. 56, Milwaukee, Wis., je poslala ček za \$46. (V prejšnji objavi smo omenili, da je Joe Jordan daroval \$10; pravilno ime je Joe Jorvan.) Podružnica je prispevala tudi \$150 za SANS.

Louis Žagar, blagajnik podružnice v Kirkland Lake, Ont., je poslal nadaljno vsoto \$25 za to podružnico. Po \$5 so darovali R. Brozović, J. Žužek, Maks Skube, Joe Balkovec, Tony Kraje, po \$10 Nick Kuzma, drugi manjše zneske.

Za podružnico št. 41, Fontana, Cal., je nabral Mike Missouri \$7, poslal pa Anton Blatnik, tajnik.

Za podružnico št. 50 v Denverju je poslal tajnik Frank Okoren znesek \$104.19, kar predstavlja preostanek nabranega denarja. Z odposiljativji obleke je bilo stroškov \$119.54.

Iz Cantona, Ohio, se je oglašil tudi Blaž Odar in je v imenu podružnice poslal za SANS \$100, za relief pa \$31. Helen Fabian, Youngstown, Ohio, je v imenu društva št. 153 SNPJ poslala \$23, katero vsoto nam je izročil gl. urad-SNPJ, sestra Diana Magajne, Mechanicsburg, Pa., pa \$5.00.

V tem seznamu nismo omenili naših podružnic, ki so poslale prispevke izključno za SANS. Ti bodo označeni v mesečnem računu.

Vsem prispevateljem naša iskrena zahvala.

Tajniki nekaterih podružnic nam še niso vrnilli naročilnih pol za SANSove znake. Te prosimo, da jih ob priložnosti izpolnijo in odposiljajo. Ker se je vojni položaj precej spremenil in je nastala potreba za večjo produkcijo vojnega materiala bolj nujna bomo imeli nekoliko ovire tud pri nabavi naših znakov. Družba, ki je dobila naše naročilo nam sporoča, da mora za nedolžen čas obratovati izključno za vojne potrebe ter da so vsajke oblasti ustavile vsa civilna naročila. Vojna je prva in nje-nimi potrebam za čim hitrejšje zamgo in mir se moramo udati tudi mi. Upamo, da odlašanje glede znakov ne bo trajalo dolgo.

V svojem poročilu o poteku dela Vojnega reliefnega fonda Amerikancev južnoslovenskega porenkla (WRFASDD) je omenil tajnik Strahinja Maletič tudi sledeče:

trebno dati pomoč našim naperdenim narodom v Jugoslaviji v najkrajšem času, to je: predno nastopi kruta zima. Hitra pomoč je dvojna pomoč—to je vodilna misel našega dela. Rači tega so bile vse naše sile dosledno usmerjene na delo v dveh poglavitnih nalogah: 1.—da se na hitro zbere med ameriški južni Slovani kar največ reliefnega materiala in 2.—na prizadevanje, da se pri višjih oblasteh doseže korak, da se dobi posebna ladja, katera bi nabrala material prejeljala pred nastopom zime naravnost v Jugoslavijo.

Prvo postavljeno nalogo smo začasno rešili, v pogledu ladje same pa smo dobili po vsestranskem prizadevanju šele 21. oktobra 1944 od predsednika jugoslovanske vlade dr. Ivana Subašiča potom jugoslovanskega poslanstva v Washingtonu uradno in strogo nujno sporočilo, da pride jugoslovanska ladje v New York sredi meseca novembra.

Mi smo to s kratkimi noticami sporočili naši tujaknji javnosti. Medtem pa smo nedolgo za tem izvedeli, da angleške oblasti niso izdale za to ladjo nobenega "release". Od tedaj pa do danes se predstavniki našega fonda ne prestajajo truditi, si prizadevajo in pritiskajo, da se vprašanje prevoza pravilno reši. V tem pogledu smo dosegli izredne in jako koristne rezultate, toda na žalost, o njih še ne smemo pisati v javnosti.

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Zalostnega srca naznanjamo vsem sorodnikom, prijateljem in znancem tužno vesti, da je dne 7. novembra 1944 preminula naša ljubljena mati
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ČLANSTVO ŠT. 205 SNPJ

Duluth, Minn.—Člani društva Leo Tolstoj št. 205 SNPJ so vladno vabljeni, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo prihodnje seje, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo, 21. januarja, ob 1:30 popoldne v spodnjih prostorih International Instituta na 102. ave. W. in McGonagle st. Treba bo članske skupnosti, da se nekaj stori v korist društvene blaginje, ki je prazna.

Časi so resni vsled vojne; prošnje prihajajo za to ali ono stvar v pomoč od vojne prizadetim rojakom v stari domovini. Gotovo bo vsak Slovan pri volji priznati, da je ljudstvo tam v resnih potrebah in da mi v Ameriki lahko nekaj žrtvuemo in ublažimo trpljenje rojakom onkraj morja.

Na decembrski seji je bila udeležba komaj zadostna, da smo ponovno izvolili stari odbor. Predloženi so bili trije predlogi, z namenom, da dobimo nekaj denarja v blaginjo, in sicer: 1. da se naloži 50 centov naklade; 2. da se naloži 25c naklade. V slučaju sprejetja ene ali drugega predloga bo pomenilo eno naklado, a vojakom-članom bodo prosti te naklade. Tretji predlog pa je, da se naloži po 5 centov mesečno do preklica.

Pozivam, da pridete na sejo, kjer boste čuli, zakaj je treba te naklade in da boste rešili to stvar tako, da ne bo pozneje nepotrebna kritiziranja. Dolžnost nas vseh je, da spočujemo naše obljube ter delujemo za društvo v večjem številu kakor pa je bila navada zadnjih nekaj let. Saj je društvo nas vseh, ne samo nekaterih članov! Eder gornjih predlogov bo sprejel, pa naj bo udeležba kakršna že!

Pozivamo vse članstvo zato, da ne bo pozneje kritiziranja tajnice, ko vas bo opominjala da je posebna naklada za društveno blaginjo. Tajnica ni kriva, kar društvo sklene na seji. Dolžnost nas vseh je, da smo navzoči in da napravimo tak zaščitek, da ne bo treba nobene kritike. Če bi članstvo bolj številno pohajalo na seje, bi lahko napravili kako veselico sem pa tam, pa bi držali blaginjo v dobrem stanju, ker pa članstvo ne poseja sej, noče delati pri prireditvah, je pa prišlo do tega, da bo treba posebne doklade na en ali drug način.

Društvo šteje 120 članov v odraslem oddelku. Od teh je 18 članov v službi Sfrica Sama v Evropi, na Pacifiku in doma. Torej 15% članov našega društva je v vojni službi. Prizadeti smo skoro vsi, nekateri bolj, drugi manj, zato je treba, da večkrat skupaj pridemo in kaj ukrenemo v korist članom-vojakom, ko se bodo vrnilo domov, kar upam da nam bo ustrezno prej ko mogoče in na vsak način v l. 1945.

Torej bratje in sestre, vpošteujte to kot bratski opomin in iskren klic za skupno delovanje v korist našega društva in naše splošnosti. Zaključujem z bratskim pozdravom in voščilom, da bi to leto končalo kruto klanje nedolžnih ljudi, in da bi oni, ki so zakrivali to morijo, prejel zaslužen kaznen prejel ko mogoče! Za društvo št. 205. SNPJ: John Kobl, predsednik.

MLADINSKI PEVSKI ZBOR SDD

Cleveland, O.—Mladinski pevski zbor SDD je prvotno imel prirediti jesenski koncert v mesecu novembru, toda zaradi raznih zadržkov, ki smo jih imeli preteklo leto, smo koncert preložili na nedeljo, 14. januarja.

Torej dragi prijatelji in prijateljice slovenske kulture, v nedeljo popoldne ob treh popoldne vsi na priredbo Mladinskega pevskega zbora, ki se bo vršila v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd.

Ta zbor je pokazal vsako leto dober uspeh s krasnimi nastopi in vseskozi bogatimi in pestrimi programi. Vsak je užival petje naših mladih pevcev in pevke. Letos pa je zbor vzporedno spevoigro v treh dejanjih, med dejanji pa nastopijo pevci in pevke v solih, duetih, kvartetih in z godbo. Po igri pa nastopi celoten zbor.

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Nekemu mojemu prijatelju, ki je v ujetništvu, sem pisal, da bo naša mladina priredila koncert in da bo pela same slovenske pesmi. On mi je odgovoril, da bi se smatral srečnega, ako bi imel priliko učiti se slovenskega jezika in slovenskih pesmi, toda pod Italijo se ni smel učiti slovensščine, a tu v ujetništvu pa tudi nima prilike, ker je edini Slovenec med dva tisoč Italijani. Pisal je, da ni nikoli hodil v slovenske šole, kar se pozna tudi po njegovi pisavi.

Toda dovolj o tem. Mnogi se trudimo z našo mladino in mladina skuša naučiti se slovenskega jezika in slovenske pesmi. Vpoštevajmo to in pohoitimo v nedeljo, 14. januarja, na igro in koncert Mladinskega pevskega zbora. Pričete je ob pol štirih popoldne. Petje je pod vodstvom Alice Artel-Cech, igra pa pod Johnom Steblajem.

Po končanem popoldanskem programu se bo vršila domača zabava v obeh dvoranah. V zgornji bo igrala dobro poznana Vadenalova godba, v spodnji pa bo igral orkester Mladinskega pevskega zbora. Servirali bomo tudi do dobro večerjo in še nekaj, toda bo že vsak našel, če bo...

Mladinski pevski zbor bo tudi nastopil isto nedeljo na slovenskem radioprogramu. Poslušajte naše mlade pevce in pevke. Torej na gotovo in veselo svidenje!

John Sorc.

Federacije SNPJ

VABILO NA FEDERACIJSKO SEJO IN VELIKI SHOD

Bridgeville, Pa.—Seja federacije skupnih društev SNPJ v zapadni Penni se bo vršila v nedeljo, 28. januarja, na 57 cesti in Butler st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Pričetek točno ob desetih popoldne.

Ker je to letna federacijska seja, bodo na dnevnem redu važne zadeve, kot volitev odbora, poročila in drugo. Apelira se na vsa tukajšnja društva, da gotovo pošljejo najmanj dva zastopnika na to važno sejo.

Po seji pa se vrši velik shod v korist SANSa, katerega prirejajo skupne federacije in podružnice SANSa in JPO-SS v tukajšnji okolici. Shod se bo pričel ob treh popoldne. Glavni govorniki bodo Louis Adamič, Mirko G. Kuhel, Janko Rogel in več drugih. Točnejši program bo objavljen pozneje.

Vljudno vabimo rojake in rojakinje, da se shoda udeležijo v velikem številu. Ker imamo v teh krajih več slovenskih domov, klubov in društev, bi bilo pripravljivo, da bi kaj darovali na tem shodu. Prav tako tudi posamezniki. S tem bi pokazali, da v resnici hočemo pomagati našim bednim bratom in sestram v stari domovini.

John Kvartich, predsednik.

ZAPISNIK FEDERACIJSKE SEJE

Gillespie, Ill.—Izčrpek zapisnika seje federacije SNPJ za centralni Illinois, ki se je vršila v Auburnu, Ill., dne 26. novembra 1944.

Predsednik odpre sejo ob pol petih dopoldne. Zapisnik se je sprejel kot čitan. Zastopniki so društva iz St. Louisa, Gillespieja, Virdeana in Auburna. Uradniki federacije in zastopniki o kakšnem posebnem društvenem delu, kar se pripisuje našim mladim pevcev in pevke. Poročila uradnikov in zastopnikov so sprejeta.

John Homec, Joe Lapanja in F. Hershler so izvoljeni v odbor za razmotrivanje popravkov ali dodatkov pravilom za prihodnjo

konvencijo. Popravke in dodatke naj predložijo na seji, katero lahko skličejo po dovršenem delu v sporazumu s federacijskim odborom.

Soglasno je sprejeto, da ostane za l. 1945 stari federacijski odbor. Federacija daruje \$2 v pomoč ubogim v Jugoslaviji. V blaginji je še \$48.67. Brat predsednik zaključuje sejo ob eni popoldne.

John Rugel, zapisnikar.

NAZNANILO

Windsor Heights, W. Va.—Pozivam zastopnike tukajšnjih društev, da se gotovo udeležijo letne federacijske seje, katere se bo vršila 28. januarja v več popoldne v društveni dvorani na Boydsvillu. Seja bo važna, ker bomo volili odbor za leto 1945.

F. Kolenc, preds. federacije.

Društvene vesti

Thomas, W. Va.—Na letni seji društva št. 29 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni za leto 1945 sledeči odborniki: predsednik Max Selak, podpredsednik Andrej Susman, tajnik Lenhart Werdeinek, blagajnik Frank Lenček, zapisničarica Frances Mlekush, predsednik nazornega odbora Jakob Kleviser, Antonia Vidmar in Joe Brinovec. Zdravnik J. L. Miller. Seje se obdržavajo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne v mestni dvorani.

Lenhart Werdeinek, tajnik.

Cleveland, O.—Članstvo društva št. 53 SNPJ je prošeno, da se gotovo udeležijo seje, ki se bo vršila dne 14. januarja ob pol desetih dopoldne v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd.

Januarska seja je prav tako važna, če ne še bolj, kot decembrska, zato je dolžnost slehernega člana, da je navzoč. Podano bi poročilo o poslovanju društva v preteklem letu. Pozivam, da so navzoči zlasti bolniški obiskovalci in poročate o stanju bolnikov. Na rokah imam še veliko štenskih koledarjev, zato pridite ponje. Apeliram, da plačate pravočasno svoj assessment.

J. F. Durn, tajnik.

Spangler, Pa.—Na decembrski seji društva št. 248 SNPJ smo tudi zbirali prispevke za naše brate in sestre v stari domovini. Skupaj smo zbrali \$11. Denar bomo odposlali gl. predsedniku SNPJ Vincentu Cankarju, on pa bo odposlal na pristojno mesto. Vsem darovalcem se najlepše zahvaljujemo in se pripravljamo, da tudi ob drugi priliki zopet prispevajo za staro domovino.

Mary Zemlock, tajnica.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Na letni seji društva št. 747 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za l. 1945: predsednik Frank Kerner, podpredsednik Joe Vidmar, tajnica Helen Ambrozich, blagajnik Joe Androjna, zapisnikar Joe Tamshoe.

Nadzorni odbor: Louis Ambrozich, Frank Medved, Frank Ramshak, zdravnik dr. Stefanec. Seje se obdržavajo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne pri bratu Louisu Ambrozichu.

Joseph Rlicnia, tajnik.

Lowber, Pa.—Dne 29. novembra je šel k vojakom naš član William Serofchuck. Društvo št. 583 SNPJ ima že 17 članov pri vojakih. Štirinajst jih je preko obeh oceanov, trije pa so v Zedinjenih državah. Do sedaj so še vsi zdravi. Naše članstvo jim želi, da se kmalu srečno povrnejo v svojo domovino.

Joseph Klus, tajnik.

Ely, Minn.—Na letni seji društva Sokol št. 20 SNPJ, ki se je vršila dne 10. decembra, so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za l. 1945: predsednik Luka Verhovnik, podpredsednik Joe Markovich, tajnik Frank Erzar, blagajnik John Kalan, zapisničarica Frances Erzar. Predsednik nazornega odbora John Pucel, nadzornika pa Louis Centa in Joe Grahek. Zastopniki za Jugoslovanski narodni dom John Korosec, Frances Erzar in John Kalan. Društvena zdravniška dr. Sutherland in dr. Grahek.

V zadnjem letu smo izgubili šest članov oz. članice. Umrle so nadomestili z novimi člani. Želim, da se kmalu povrnejo na naše arede. Seje društva se ob

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Nadalje sporočam, da kdor hoče imeti društvenega zdravnika, mora plačati \$1 na leto. Zadnji čas za plačitev zdravniškega je 30. aprila.

Upam in želim, da boste plačevali društveni assessment in prispevke ob pravem času, kajti zalagal ne bom za nikogar, in ako boste suspendirani, si pripisate posledico sami sebi. Znano vam je, da je imelo naše društvo na starega leta večer zabavo v korist društvene blaginje. Zdej apeliram na vse tiste člane in članice, ki se niste udeležili veselice, da prostovoljno plačate vstopnino, saj gre za društveno blaginjo. Ko po bom



LT. MATTIE LEKAN, star 21 let in član SNPJ se čas 20 let. On je sin družine Matt Lekan iz Euclida, O. ki je 20. nov. 1944 v vojaški šoli v Las Vegasu, Nevada, izdelal solo za pilota na bombardarju B-17. Mlademu pilotu vso arečo in napredek!

državajo vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob devetih dopoldne v Jugoslovanskem narodnem domu v spodnjih prostorih.

Frank Erzar, tajnik.

Ogleby, Ill.—Na letni seji društva št. 85 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni vsi stari uradniki za l. 1945. Obenem smo sklenili, da se preselimo, in sicer v Dolaskovo dvorano. Toda dobil sem informacije, da nimajo prostora za nas, zato obveščam članstvo, da se prihodnja seja vrši v starem prostoru. Prosim, da se članstvo udeležijo seje v velikem številu.

Anton Gardin, tajnik.

Oakmont, Pa.—Naznanjam članstvu št. 472 SNPJ, da je članstvo na letni seji sklenilo, da mora vsak član in članica plačati \$1 posebne doklade, ki mora biti plačana meseca januarja. Ta sklep smo sprejeli zato, ker ni denarja v društveni blaginji. Izvzeti so doklade samo člani-vojaki.

Prosim vse tiste, ki so oddali in one, ki niso bili na seji, da vpoštevate ta sklep in da plačate \$1 poleg rednega assessmenta.

Odbor za leto 1945 je ostal stari razen bolniškega tajnika, za katerega je bil izvoljen brat Matt Langus. Društvene seje se bodo vršile vsako drugo soboto v mesecu ob pol sedmih zvečer v običajnem prostoru in ne vsak drugi petek, kakor do sedaj. Toliko v pojasnilo.

Amalia Sorch, tajnica.

West Allis, Wis.—Ponovno sporočam vsem tistim članom in članicam, ki se niste udeležili letne seje društva št. 104 SNPJ, da smo izvolili za l. 1945 vse stari odbor, in sicer: predsednik Rudi Singer, podpredsednica Ivana Kodre, tajnik Joseph T. Turck, blagajnik Ant. Demahar, zapisnikar Frank First, predsednik nazornega odbora Ralph Cheplak, društveni zdravnik dr. J. F. Stefanec.

Seje so vsak drugi petek v mesecu ob osmih zvečer v Krajevni dvorani. Društvena naklada ostane za leto 1944 ravno ista kot je bila v letu 1944, to je 10c mesečno. Prizadeti smo v tem oziru vsi enako.

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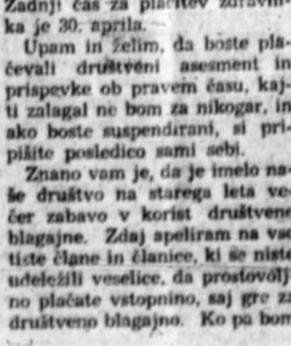
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V Prosveti so dnevno svatovne in delavske vesti. Ali jih želite vsak dan?



ONE STEEL MILL on the East Coast burned 105,227,000 gallons of fuel oil during the first three months of this year.

pobiral prispevke za sirote v stari domovini, pa mi izročite \$5. Naši bratje in sestre v Jugoslaviji so v resnici potrebni naše pomoči.

Naj se ob tej priliki najlepše zahvalim prijateljem, članom in članicam društva št. 474 SNPJ v Blanfordu, Ind., ki so nas ob času smrti tasta tolažili in nam pomagali v uri žalosti.

Na koncu pa priporočam članstvu našega društva, da se v tem letu bolj točno in v večjem številu udeležujete društvenih sej. Na svidenje 12. januarja v Franka Krajevni dvorani.

Joseph T. Turck, tajnik.

Willard, Wis.—Sporočam članstvu društva št. 198 SNPJ, da je bil izvoljen na letni seji sledeč odbor za leto 1945: predsednik Joe Slemec, podpredsednik John Kallinger, tajnik Martin Kirn, blagajnica Mary Kallinger, zapisničarica Mary Bregant. Nadzorniki: John Bergant, predsednik, G. Malnar in Jennie Kirn. Društveni zdravnik je dr. Wm. Olson, Greenwood, Wis. Seje se bodo vršile vsako četrto nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne. Društveni prispevki ostanejo po starem.

Martin Kirn, tajnik.

Cleveland, O.—Na letni seji društva št. 129 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči odborniki za leto 1945: predsednik Joseph Trebec, podpredsednik Andy Skerl, tajnik Anthony Meklan, 485 E. 109th st., telefon Mu. 0289, blagajnik John Šivec, zapisnikar Karl Penko.

Nadzorniki: predsednik Stanley V. Pockar, Frank Sot in Joseph Filipic; društveni zdravnik: F. J. Kern, M. F. Oman in Anthony Skur. Zastopnik za konferenco SND Joseph Trebec, za klub društev SND Frank Sot, za izletniške prostore SNPJ Karl Penko, za clevelandsko federacijo SNPJ Frank Sot.

Naše društvo podpira sledeče ustanove: SANS, JPO-SS, slovensko šolo SND, Slovensko narodno čitalnico, prosvetni klub SND.

Seje se obdržavajo vsako drugo nedeljo v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave.

Anthony Meklan, tajnik.

Salem, O.—Pozivam članstvo društva št. 478 SNPJ, da se gotovo udeležijo prihodnje seje, katere se bo vršila 14. januarja v običajnem prostoru. Na seji bomo volili odbor za l. 1945. Prosim članstvo, da vpošteva to naznanilo.

Frank Hrvatin, tajnik.

Ogleby, Ill.—Odbornice društva št. 155 SNPJ se lepo zahvaljujemo za sodelovanje pri pripravah domačega pečiva, ki smo ga razprodale in tako dobile nekaj denarja v društveno blaginjo.

Antonia Šimenc, tajnica.

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WHERE THE FUEL GOES

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Od časa do časa

komentira in poroča Milan Medvedek

To kolono bom polagoma obnovil, sem zadnjič zapisal, a od tedaj je preteklo že precej časa. Danes bom pogled nekaj starih novic.

Jubilejna kampanja SNPJ je končana; rezultat je lep: 3557 članov in članice v obeh oddelkih. Uspeh je toliko lepši, če pomislimo, da smo imeli zadnja leta precej kampanj. Kampanja je bila dobro vodena in publicirana, naši stari, zvesti enotarji pa so se zopet odrezali. V Chicagu, kakor po navadi, pa si je zopet priborila prvenstvo neutrudljiva Mary Udovih!

Poročnik Michael Kumer, ki je najmlajši prvi gl. podpredsednik, ki ga je še kdaj imela SNPJ, se je povrnil v Zedinjene države, se takoj nato oženil z Anno Groserjevo, potem pa prišel za nekaj dni v Chicagu. Pred članstvom kluba št. 1 JSZ je imel zanimivo predavanje. Podal je dobro sliko o razmerah v Angliji, o jugoslovanskih voditeljih v zamejstvu etc.

Škoda, da nimamo v našem javnem življenju več tako razumnih mladih mož kot je Mike. Po končanem predavanju je Lojze Zorko izrazil isto, kar je čutil tudi pisec. Lojze je dejal: "Nikoli se še nisem pokesal, ker imam Mika rad od prvega trenotka, ko sem ga srečal."

Mihael je bil in bo ostal eden prvih voditeljev naše mlade generacije pri SNPJ in prav tako njegova žena Ann.

Tudi o drami "Norec" je bilo že poročano v Prosveti. Ob tej priliki bi komentiral, da bi lahko vzporedil še marsikatero dobro igro in tako oživel slovensko dramatik v Chicagu, samo potrebno je, da imamo vsaj malo dobre volje in razumevanja.

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- 25 John Kos 24.
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- 28 Romy Predovic 20, Mike Barila 24.
- 29 Mary Kalotz 20, Mary Kalotz 24.
- 30 Fannie Gerstel 20, Joseph Kincihar 20.
- 31 Victor Kihus 20, Sam Pasalic 20, Janib Tulic 21.
- 32 Anton Mulla 20.
- 33 Mary Zupancic 21, Frank Potocar 22, Florian Vrhovnic 20, Ivana Vrhovnik 20, Frank Ostrovich 24, Anton Senkic 27, John Senkic 25, Paul Poesza 20.
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- 36 Josephine Kaplan 20.
- 37 Louis Benedek 20.
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- 40 Jacob Novak 20.
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- 42 Rudolph Kurz 21, George Elenich 20, George Elenich 20, Steve Vukobrat 20, Joseph Butala 20.
- 43 Matt Makvic 20, Ivan Delac 20.
- 44 John Salkich 20, John Salkich 20, Louis Prosek 20, Jivo Vranoff 20, Anton Orsanic 21.50, John Blavne 20.
- 45 Andrew Babovich 21, Joseph Adanec 20.
- 46 Margaret Kotel 21.50, Paul Lauko 20, Frank Riegler 21.50.
- 47 Anton Veljanika 21, Anton Jenkel 20.
- 48 Jennie Sankovich 21.
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- 51 Emanuel Manderovich 21, John Salkich 20, Frank Salkich 20.
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"Norec" bomo igrali 18. februarja za pevski zbor Naprej v Milwaukeeju. Potrudili se bomo, kajti Naprejci so zaslužijo: prišli so v mrzli Chicagu v hudem sneženem zametu ter tako pripomogli do večjega uspeha.

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OB-KONCU LETA

Baggaley, Pa.—Ob koncu leta vidimo, kaj smo storili dobrega ali slabega v preteklem letu v privatnem ali javnem življenju. Pri društvu št. 318 SNPJ zaznamujemo v splošnem precej povoljen napredek, navzlic raznim neprilikam.

V jubilejni kampanji se je naše društvo povzpelo na častno mesto, ker smo dosegli našo kvoto. Sedem novih članov ni veliko, vendar pa je nekaj. Če bi bilo več zanimanja, bi lahko pridobili več članov.

Od našega društva je pri vojakih osem članov, ki se nahajajo daleč na Pacifiku, v Indiji, Franciji in drugod, ter se bore za nas v tujini. Da smo pokazali, da jih nismo pozabili, čeravno so daleč od nas, jim je društvo za božič darovalo vsakemu po \$5. Poslali smo jim tudi božična voščila. Naše želje so, da bi se čim prej zdravi in srečni povrnili k svojim dragim.

Tudi našim bolnim bratom in sestram doma želimo, da se jim povrne ljubo zdravje. Pri tem pa ne smemo pozabiti na naše rodne brate in sestre v stari domovini, ki trpijo in kličejo nas na pomoč. Mnogi nečejo slišati njih obupnih klicov.

Mi vsi bi morali posnemati Jolietu slovensko naselbino, ki je bila združena na delo za naše brate in sestre v stari domovini. V Jolietu je bil moj prvi dom, kó sem prišla iz stare domovine pred 23 leti.

Tudi v naši naselbini smo zbirali obleko in denar za nesrečneže v Sloveniji. Obleko smo odpejali v Herminie k Antonu Zorniku, kjer je bilo glavno zbirališče za okraj Westmoreland. Denar pa je bil poslan v SAN-Sov urad.

Društvo je obnovilo članarino za Prosvetno matico. Za leto 1945 pa smo izvolili sledeči odbor: predsednik Louis Planinšek, podpredsednik John Zabkar, tajnica Theresa Matko Arch, blagajnica Mary E. Matko, Theresa Matko Arch, tajnica.

VABILO NA SEJO IN DRUGO

Cleveland, O.—Članstvu društva št. 53 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo vrnila redna mesečna seja v nedeljo, 14. januarja, v društveni dvorani v SDD. Pričetek točno ob desetih dopoldne. Zadržanja seja je bila še dovoljno obiskana in upam, da se boste udeležili v velikem številu tudi te seje.

Tajnik Jože Durn je poročal, da je bil izvoljen ves stari odbor, ker ni nihče drugi hotel kandidirati. In ker ni bilo kandidatov, sem še ostal, da bom delal "napake".

Naše društvo ima starega bolnika Franka Linca, 18676 Abbey ave., blizu Cleveland Trust banke na 185th. Člani, ki imate kaj časa na razpolago, ste proseni, da ga obiščete in s tem pokazate, da ste dobri bratje. Frank ima paralizirano roko in noge in leži v postelji že nekaj let. Doma je iz St. Vida. Leta 1903 je prišel iz stare domovine v West Virginijo, l. 1904 se je preselil v Fleming, Kansas, l. 1930 pa v Cleveland, O.

Med božičnimi voščili, ki sem jih prijel, me je Mary Bates iz Chicago opomnila, da je njuna mama Fanny Keržičnik nevarno bolna in da leži v bolnišnici St. Anthony. Ker je bila pošta ob božičnih praznikih zelo zaposlena, sem prejel njeno pismo pet dni prepozno, toda odpisal sem ji takoj, da naj me obvesti, kako je z njeno mamo. Ko mi je odgovorila, je bila njena mama že pokopana na pokopališču St. Joseph. Pokopali so jo tako kot je želela pokojnica. Umrla je 21. decembra 1944 ob pol enajstih ponoči. Pogreb pa se je vršil 28. decembra.

Frances Keržičnik, katere dekliško ime je bilo Dornik, je bila doma iz premožne hiše iz Krške vasi pri Kriškem. Njen oče Ivan Dornik je lastoval tudi veliko kmetijo na Gorici, ki je spadala pod cerkljansko občino. In tako sva s včasih pogovarjala o tistih starih vajah, ki so bile obema dobro znane. Kako je bilo ime njeni materi, mi ni znano. Omožila se je z Anto-

nom Kržičnikom, in sicer v Mokronogu. Leta 1910 se je vrnila iz Chicago v Mokronog, kjer je bil njen mož, ki je že poprej zapustil Chicago, toda nekaj dni pred njenim prihodom je umrl in tako je naša samo njegov grob.

Pokojnica zapušča hčer Mary, štiri sinove: Anthonyja, Harryja, Johna in Fritza in veliko vnukinj in vnukov. Hčer Frances, ki je bila poročena, pa je že poprej umrla.

Bilo je leta 1909, ko sem se naselil v Chicago. Moral sem si poiskati sobo. Dobil sem jo pri družini Koren na 17. cesti in Center, sedaj Racine ave. To je bilo v hiši, kjer so imeli Čehovi gostilno. Tam so stanovali tudi Keržičnikovi. Ko se je podala Frances Keržičnik v domovino z otroci, so se po nekaj mesecih vrnili v Chicago. In mama Keržičnik, ki je bila resnična mama, je s seboj pripeljala Bizjakovo Ančko in slednja je postala čez tri leta moja žena. Kadar koli sem se iz Clevelanda podal v Chicago, mi je moja pokojna žena vedno naročila, naj ne pozabim obiskati Keržičnikovo mamo. Zadržega avgusta pa je mama rekla: "Zakaj nisem jaz umrla, namesto Ančke? Ampak zgodilo se je, kajti smrt ne vpraša, kdo naj umre in kdo živi. In tako sem izgubil svojo Ančko, staro prijateljico Mladičovo Ančko in sedaj se Keržičnikovo mamo. Vse tri v enem letu.

Mary je pisala, da je imela mama lep pogreb in veliko venec. Le od mene ni imela venca, ker je Mary smatrala, da imam sam dosti težav zadnje čase in zato me ni takoj obvestila. A kljub temu bi se rad odzval na en ali drug način, kajti spomini mojih mladih let, ki sem jih preživel v Chicago, še niso pozabljeni.

Keržičnikova mama je bila ena ustanoviteljica društva Nade št. 102 SNPJ in ona je predlagala pri tem društvu Anno Bizjak-Barbič, takoj ko je prišla v Chicago.

Blag ji spomin in naj mirno počiva v hladni ameriški zemlji!

Frank Barbič.

NEKAJ O DRUŠTVU IN DRUGO

La Salle, Ill.—Članstvu društva Triglav št. 2 SNPJ naznanjam izid volitev in druge sklepe, kateri so bili sprejeti na letni seji. Izvoljen je bil ves stari odbor z izjemo enega člana v nadzorni odbor in sicer Frank Struna je namesto Martina Novlana. Sklenjeno je bilo, da se vsem članom in članicam, ki so v vojaški službi, plača en redni mesečni assessment, ko se vrnejo iz armade.

Sedaj hočem omeniti še stanje naše blagajne, to je za tiste člane, ki se ne udeležujejo društvenih sej, da lahko iz tega soderijo, kako se pri društvu posluje. Članov smo imeli 1. decembra 215 v odraslem oddelku, 53 v mladinskem, skupaj 268. To je največje število, odkar društvo obstoji. Imovina je razdeljena sledeče: 50 delnic Slov. narodnega doma \$500.00, Eureka Building Association \$365.00, Peru Federal—2 bonda \$200.00, dva vojna bonda \$200.00, na rokah \$211.64, skupna vsota \$1,476.64. Na seji je bilo tudi sklenjeno, da se kupi še en vojni bond ter da se daruje \$25.00 lokalni podružnici SANS za WRFASDD.

Dne 20. decembra je umrl naš član John Livek. On je bil dolgo časa bolan in zadnja 4 leta se je nahajal v okrajni bolnišnici v Ottawi. Kolikor je meni znano, je bil rojen 27. junija 1868 v Šmarjeti pri Novem mestu. Sorodnikov tukaj ni imel. Jednota je zanj plačevala assessment, mu pomagala z denarjem, kadar je kaj potreboval, ter mu kupila prostor na pokopališču s stišno oskrbo (perpetual care). Društvo mu je oskrbelo tak pogreb, kakršnega si je pokojnik želel.

V soboto dne 27. januarja priredita gospodinjski in gospodarski klub Slovenskega doma domačo zabavo ob 7. uri zvečer. Vabljeni ste vsi, ker to bo nekaj posebnega. Igral bo godec Rifel

iz Jolietu, oddan bo tudi vojni bond. Predsednik gospodarskega kluba mi je omenil, če kdo želi še kaj listkov, naj se zgleda pri njem ali pri mrs. Furar v Domu.

Fred Malgal, tajnik.

PADEL NA BOJIŠČU

Johnstown, Pa.—Družina Math Pecjak je prešla dne 13. decembra žalostno vest, da je padel v boju s sovražniki na daljnem Pacifiku njih sin in brat Pfc.



William Pecjak.

Uradno je bilo potrjeno, da je bil ubit 16. novembra preteklega leta. Usoda je res muhasta. Namreč na dan 16. novembra je bil poklican k vojakom njegov bratranec Ignatz V. Pecjak in tako je on napolnil vrzel Stricu Samu. Toda kdo more nadomestiti staršem sina? Spročilo o smrti je bil hud udarec za starše, ki je prišlo prav na božične praznike. Kdo more potolažiti starše, ki izgube svojega otroka? Edina tolažba bi bila, ako bi prišlo do zaželjenega miru in z njim zagotovilo, da se nikdar več ne ponovi to grozno klanje. Bilo mu je komaj 23 let in je padel za domovino. Oh, da ne bi bilo te mlade žrtve zastoj in da bi prinesla narodom resnično svobodo!

Pokojni William Pecjak je bil zelo mirnega značaja in priljubljen pri vseh, ki so ga poznali. Bil je sin ustanovitelja društva št. 3 SNPJ in prvi član tega društva, ki je moral dati svoje življenje v tej vojni. Za njim žalujejo Math in Mary Pecjak, oče in mati, pet bratov in tri sestre. En brat in sestra pa sta umrla.

Za pokojnikom žaluje tudi naše društvo, kajti bil je zvest član. Dragi brat! Počivaj mirno v tuji zemlji, ker ti usoda ni dala, da bi počival v svoji rodni grudi. Odsel si od nas v cvetju mladosti, a upamo, da Tvoja žrtve ne bo zastoj.

Ko je bil zadnjikrat doma na dopustu, nisem mislila, da sem mu stisnila roko poslednjikrat. Ker smo dobri družinski prijatelji, je tudi nas globoko pretresla žalostna vest in žalujemo z družino vred.

V imenu društva št. 3 SNPJ izrekam globoko sožalje prizadeti družini!

Mary Vidmar, tajnica št. 3 SNPJ.

LETNA SEJA FARME SNPJ IN 5-LETNICA

Cleveland, O.—Leto 1944 je za nami. V preteklem letu smo marsikaj doživeli, toda na vse to moramo pozabiti in vreči se moramo v novo leto energično in pogumno ter storiti ne samo to, kar nam velevajo naše dolžnosti, temveč kar je potrebno, čim več kot nam je mogoče! Naša barka v tujini se ziblje in maje, zato moramo mi, ki se zavedamo važnosti naših organizacij in podjetij, močno veslati, iti z vretrom pogumno naprej. Ne strahimo se truda, ne strahimo se požrtvovanja in znoja!

Pred nami je zopet važna prireditve, in sicer petletnica nakupa farne SNPJ. To obletnico bomo dostojno proslavljali v nedeljo popoldne, 28. januarja, v avditoriju Slovenskega narodnega doma na St. Clair ave. Odbor izletniškega prostora SNPJ je pridno na delu, da preskrbi vse potrebno.

Kakor je znano naši javnosti, se je imela vršiti petletnica farne SNPJ meseca oktobra lanskega leta, toda zaradi strašne požarne nesreče smo jo morali preložiti na ta mesec. Nered, vendar je potrebno, da

poudarim, da je farma SNPJ lastnina skoro vseh društev SNPJ v okolici in Clevelandu, zato glejmo, da doprinesemo temu narodnemu kolektivnemu podjetju vsi po svoji moči in se korporativno udeležimo petletnice. Ako še nimate vstopnic, jih kupite takoj!

Naznanjam, da se bo vrnila letna seja farne SNPJ v torek zvečer ob pol osmih, 16. januarja, v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clair ave. Na to sejo naj pridejo vsi stari in vsi novi zastopniki in prav tako vsi direktorji in odborniki. Na seji bo podano letno poročilo in izvolili bomo nov odbor za l. 1945. Seja se bo pričela točno ob pol osmih zvečer. Prosim, da to vpoštevate, kajti vsak si želi počitka ob pravem času.

Kakor sem že omenil, seja se naj udeležijo vsi stari in novi zastopniki, to pa vsled tega, ker bi se imela vršiti ta prireditve lanske leto, zato je umestno, da ste še vedno zastopniki do te prireditve.

Torej na gotovo svidenje!
John Sorc, predsednik.

GLAS IZ EUCLIDA

Euclid, O.—Ravno sedaj je minulo leto dni, odkar sem se združil oglasila v Prosveti. Tedaj sem opisala potovanje v Florido in obisk pri naših sinovih, ki služijo Strica Sama. Sedaj pa ne morem nič taksnega opisati, ker sta preveč oddaljena od nas in sem le z mislijo pri njih.

Moj starejši sin Louis je Ph. M. 2/c in je nekje na Havajskih otokih. Mlajši sin Victor, A. R. M. 2/c pa je pri B-24 nekje na zapadni obali Californije in bo moral v kratkem iti čez, ali pa bo že odšel še predno bodo te vrstice priobčene.

Minulo je zopet leto dni, leto žalosti in trpljenja. Mnogo nedolžne krvi je bilo prelite, mnogo mladih življenj darovanih—zakaj? Zato, ker se ti in ne jaz in ves proletarski narod ne zavedamo svoje moči! Samo garamo in mislimo na tiste grde judovske grobe, da bi jih spravili čim več skupaj. Mali človek nima časa misliti—da le dobi nekaj drobtin z bogatinov mize, pa je pripravljen garati noč in dan ter producirati orožje, da z njim ubijajo ubogo delavsko paro in naše nedolžne mladeniče, najlepši cvet, ki ni užil še nič sveta.

Pa pišejo o civilizaciji narodov. Saj res, drug drugega tolčejo in čim več se jih spravi s sveta, tem večja je pohvala. Sramota, da se kaj takega dogaja! Delavec bi moral delati, da bi užival, sedaj pa producira, da s tem sam sebe uničuje. Res žalostno, a resnično.

Toda dovolj o tem. Škoda je časa in papirja, da bi človek o tem pisal, kajti vseeno nič ne pomaga. Poročala bom rajši o društvenih novicah, katere pa niso nič razveseljive.

Lansko leto nam je smrt ugrabila kar dva člana. Dne 8. novembra je umrl brat Edward Bedenko. Star je bil komaj 34 let. Rojen je bil v Park Cityju, Utah. On je bolehal več let in srce mu ni hotelo pravilno delovati, ali na bolniški podpori pa pred smrtjo ni bil, čeravno se je slabo počutil več tednov, imel pa je vedno upanje, da bo ozdravil. Vsa zdravniška veda mu ni mogla pomagati in ga rešiti prežgodnje smrti.

Pokojnik je bil naprednega mišljenja in je imel veliko prijateljev, kar se je pokazalo pri pogrebu. Zapušča mlado ženo in sinčka, mater Terezijo Krnc in očima, brata Williama in teto Anno v Clevelandu.

Dne 11. decembra pa je umrla tudi naša članica Rose Zgone, stara šele 46 let in mati štirih otrok. Pokojnica je bila rojena v Minnesoti, kjer zapušča veliko sorodnikov, tukaj pa moža, tri odrasle hčere in 11-letnega sinčka, kateri jo bo najbolj pogrešal. Bolehala je skozi 10 mesecev in ji je bila smrt rešiteljica, ali ostalim pa je pustila tugo in žalost. Vsem prizadetim izrekam moje sožalje, umrlemu bratu in sestri pa časten spomin. Smrt kosi in nič ne izbira, naj bo mlad ali star, vsakdo se ji mora ukloniti.

Tudi bolnikov smo imeli preteklo leto vedno dosti. Imamo jih še sedaj 4ri stalne, in sicer Joe Gombach, John Krnc in John Jezerc. Vsi trije se zdravijo doma. Želim jim, da bi jim letošnje leto prineslo zaželjeno ga zdravja.

Pri vojaki imamo 19 članov. Do sedaj so še vsi živi, vsaj tako upam. Večina izmed njih je na raznih bojiščih. Anthony Go. le je bil komaj nekaj mesecev v Franciji in je bil ranjen. Sedaj se zdravi v bolnišnici nekje v Angliji. Alex Borynace pa je bil na južnem Pacifiku, a sedaj se nahaja v bolnišnici v Cambridgeju, O. Kaj je z njim, še ni znano.

Edina dobra novica pa je, da sta šla sestra Josephine Rodica in njen sin Frank iz naše mirle metropole v gorko Florido. Da bi jaz mogla biti tisti spominček, ki si mi ga poslala, Josephine, bi bila kmalu pri vaju v Floridi. Najlepša hvala zanj, prav tako za pozdrave in voščila.

Hvala lepa vsem prijateljem in članom za božična voščila. Želim vam enako in da bi bilo to leto zmage in da bi res prineslo mir na zemlji! Pozdrav vsem čitateljem Prosvete. Mogoče se zopet oglasim drugo leto.

Mary Dodic.

POROČILO O DRUŠTVU ŠT. 422

Raina, Utah.—Letna seja društva št. 422 SNPJ je bila še precej dobro obiskana in se vršila v najlepšem redu. Izvolili smo sledeče odbornike za leto 1945: predsednik John Cuder, podpredsednik John Glavan, tajnica Sophie Kotar, blagajnica Aldine Thomas, zapisničarka Christina Evtaz, predsednica nadzornega odbora Mary Starkovich, društveni zdravnik Dr. Frank J. Gorishek. Seja se bo do vršile vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu ob dveh popoldne v običajnem prostoru.

Društvo šteje 24 članov v odraslem oddelku in 14 v mladinskem. V zadnji kampanji smo pridobili tri nove člane ter dosegli kvoto našega društva. V resnici bi želela pridobiti več članov, ali ni bilo mogoče. V tej dolini ni veliko Slovanov in večinoma vsi so člani različnih organizacij. Od našega društva so tudi trije člani pri vojaki. Maks Cadez, moj sin, je šel prostovoljno k mornarici novembra meseca l. 1942, Robert Evans, nečak Christine Evtaz, je tudi odšel prostovoljno k mornarici meseca februarja l. 1943. Tony Medved pa je bil poklican meseca aprila 1934, in sicer v armado. On je sin Jakoba in Mary Medved iz Mapletona, Utah.

Da bi bilo vsaj kmalu konec vojne, konec tega groznega klanja, in da bi se naši sinovi zopet vrnili srečni in zdravi med svoje drage!

Za jugoslovanski relief sem tudi tukaj nekaj nabrala med našimi rojaki. Darovali so sledeči: Tony Kump \$7; po \$5: Jack Medved, John Glavan in Pete Svetich; po \$1: John Cuder, Christina Evtaz, George in Mary Starkovich, Sophie Kotar, Sylvia Krajc in Aldine Thomas. Skupaj \$28. Denar sem poslala regionalnemu odboru v New York.

Naročila sem tudi nekaj več Družinskih koledarjev, katere upam, da prejmem v kratkem. Cena Družinskega koledarja je letos \$1.25. Ako ga kdo želi kupiti, ga lahko dobi pri meni.

Sophie Kotar.

IGRA IN PLES

Cleveland, Ohio.—Mladinski pevski zbor Slovenskega delavskega doma na Waterloo Roadu priredi spevoigro v nedeljo, 14. januarja ob pol štirih popoldne. Igra je pod vodstvom J. Steblaja, vam znanega igralca na odrih kot učitelj drugih. Petje pa je pod vodstvom Alice Artel, omožene Cech. Ker je že pri zboru od začetka, to je že nad 10 let, je tudi dobro poznana.

Zadnja igra je bila "Janko in Metka" in je bila jako dobro speljana. Občinstvo je napolnilo dvorano in je bilo zelo zadovoljno. Upam, da bo tudi sedaj, ker otroci se prav pridno učijo. Edina potreba je zdaj, da napolnite dvorano in jim daste priznanje za njih trud in veselje do slovenskih pesmi, da se bodo še za naprej pridno učili v ponos slovenskemu narodu v Ameriki.

Jerry Pajk, 53.

DRUŠTVENA VEST

Bessemer, Mich.—Naznanjam članstvu društva št. 236 SNPJ, da se bo vršila prihodnja seja 14. januarja ob dveh popoldne v Ramsay Town Hall. Ker bomo volili uradnike za l. 1945, je važno, da se seja vsi udeležite.

Mary Marczak, tajnica.

Odgovor na Molkovo pismo—III

Kaj nastane v Evropi, na Balkanu in v Jugoslaviji ob zaključku te vojne, nihče ne ve. Vemo le to, da je med vsemi tlačenimi in bičanimi narodi neusahljiva želja po demokraciji in svobodi. Koliko bodo te želje uresničene, je seveda drugo vprašanje, kajti na delu so sile, in to predvsem zunanje sile, ki se trgajo za "sfere vpliva." Te sile, bodisi s strani Rusije ali Anglije, znajo preprečiti realiziranje demokratičnih težaj širokih ljudskih plasti, ako ne v vseh, vendar pa v marsikateri evropski državi.

Kaj se kuha, lahko vidimo v Grčiji, Italiji, na Poljskem in v bolj meglenih obrih tudi v nekaterih drugih državah. Ako bi vesele imele jasen in pošten načrt za sanacijo in pacifikacijo Evrope v obliki demokratične in razorožene evropske federacije, bi bili izgledi za vse narode danes svetlejši in tudi Nemčija bi bila mogoče že skrahirala. Toda dejstva so danes veliko bolj temna in ne opravičujejo nobenega optimizma.

Pisec teh vrstic je lahko v zmoti, toda do zadnjega časa je videl edino svetlo točko v vsej temni Evropi in resnično velikem osvobodilnem gibanju v Jugoslaviji. Tako epopejskega gibanja za lastno osvoboditev in zgraditev nove države v najtežjih okoliščinah ne vidim nikjer drugje v Evropi. Tej svetli točki se je zadnje mesece pridružila nesmrtna Francija, ki je bila v svojih najtemnejših dneh razvila slično osvobodilno gibanje, ki je tudi determinirano, da zgradi novo državo.

Kakor sem omenil že zadnjič in kar bi bilo lahko jano vsakemu—tudi br. Molk!—je dejstvo, da brez takega osvobodilnega gibanja kot se je razvilo v Jugoslaviji pod vodstvom velikoga Tita, bi bila usoda Jugoslavije skoraj gotovo zapetena in v njo vred lahko tudi usoda Slovenije. Tega kardinalnega dejstva ne smemo nikdar pozabiti, pa naj bo bodoči razvoj Jugoslavije že tak ali tak.

Brez osvobodilnega gibanja, to je z mago Mihajloviča, bi po vojni zopet prišla na krmilo države velesrbska klika, ki je že pred par leti opustila vsako misel na obnovo Jugoslavije v starih mejah in pričela odprto govoriti in delati načrte le za ustanovitev Velike Srbije. To je storila vsled tega, ker se je zavedala, da bi bila geografska in politična obnova stare Jugoslavije nemogoča vsled sovraštva med Srbi in Hrvati. To sovraštvo, za katero nosi velik del krivde tudi hrvaški kovinizem, je bilo že pred vojno veliko, toda po nacifasistični okupaciji Jugoslavije in ustanovitvi "nezavisne" Hrvatske je radi masnega klanja med Srbi in Hrvati to sovraštvo postalo naravnost nepremostljivo—to namreč v obnovi stare Jugoslavije.

Toda kolikor nam je znano, je veliko osvobodilno gibanje tako rekoč čez noč izbrisalo to smrtno sovraštvo med Srbi in Hrvati in jih povezal v skupni borbi proti okupatorju in domačim kvizlingom ter jih obenem preželo z veliko idejo o Novi Jugoslaviji. V partizanskih in osvobodilnih vrstah so si vsi bratje—Srbi, Hrvatje in Slovenci.

Br. Molek očividno ignorira vse to velikó dejstvo, sploh najbolj pomembno dejstvo za obnovo Jugoslavije in za pobratimstvo med Srbi in Hrvati, in v svojih prividih vidi le nekega komunističnega totalitarskega monstruma. To ga je tako zasleplilo, da ne vidi niti, kaj bi se zgodilo s Slovenijo, ako bi ne bila vstala Osvobodilna fronta in omogočila obnovo Jugoslavije na načelih demokratične federativne države. In povrhu so še dobri izgledi, da bo ta država postala republika, o čemer bo odločalo jugoslovansko ljudstvo samo s tajnim plebiscitom.

Za vsakega Slovence brez ozira na politično ali versko mišljenje mora biti važno vprašanje, kaj bi se zgodilo s Slovenijo, ako bi po tej vojni vstala Velika Srbija namesto nove in notranje prerjene Jugoslavije? Očividno je, da bi že iz geografskih razlogov ne mogla postati del Velike Srbije, čeprav bi to hotela. Kaj bi se v tem primeru zgodilo z njo? Kot neodvisna država bi skoraj ne mogla živeti—vsaj ne dolgo. Če bi bila pridružena bodisi Italiji, "nezavisni" Hrvatski ali ubogi mali Avstriji, bi prišla z dežja pod kap. Druga možnost je, da bi jo tudi "demokratične" velesile razkosale in njene kose razmetale na vse štiri strani, kajti taka "rešitev" tega malega naroda bi bila zanje najenostavnejša. Pravica? Kdaj se je še kadéra do zob oborožena in vedno lačna gorila brigala za pravico?

Danes Slovenija ne stoji pred temi vprašanji. Njena bodočnost v novi, demokratični, federativni Jugoslaviji ji je zagotovljena kot enakopravnemu članu države. Vse to lahko pripišemo zaslugam velike Osvobodilne fronte. Se več! Danes ni več nobenega dvoma, kaj se zgodi po osvoboditvi s slovenskim Primorjem in hrvaško Istrijo! In sila, ki ima največ zaslug, da ti kraji zopet postanejo del Združene Slovenije in del Združene Hrvatske, je Osvobodilna fronta!

Pisec teh vrstic ni bil še nikdar nacionalist ali šovinist, vendar mi ni vseeno, kaj se zgodi z rodno Slovenijo in Jugoslavijo—kot mi tudi ni vseeno, kaj se zgodi ali kakšna bo bodočnost naše nove domovine Amerike in sploh katerega koli naroda. In upoštevajoč gornja dejstva, je sploh izredno čudno, kako more biti kak trezno misleč Slovenec in Jugoslovian hladen ali celo sovražen napram partizanom in Osvobodilni fronti.

Kar sem zgoraj napisal, ni nič novega. Toda da br. Molk!u odgovorjam bolj obširno, sta dva razloga. Prvi je ta, ker je še tudi med nami veliko ljudi, ki omalovažujejo epohalne dogodke v stari domovini in podcenjujejo velikanske zasluge, ki si jih plete Osvobodilna fronta za BODOČNOST Slovenije in Jugoslavije in sploh vsega Balkana. Drugi razlog je pa ta, da me bo tudi br. Molek razumel, zakaj sem v njegovih očeh "slep," oziroma zakaj smo "slepi" pri Prosveti in ne vidimo onega "monstruma" v Jugoslaviji kot ga on vidi. O tem "monstrumu" še prihodnje sredo.

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GLAVNI ODBOR

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- VINCENT CAINKAR, gl. predsednik... F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik... ANTON TRJOJAR, gl. pomočnik...

Podpredsedniki

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Districtni podpredsedniki

- JOS. CULKAR, prvo okrožje... JAMES MAGLICH, drugo okrožje...

Gospodarski odbor

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Poradni odbor

- ANTON ŠULAR, predsednik... FRANK VETARICH, prvi podpredsednik...

Nadorni odbor

- FRANK ZAITZ, predsednik... ANDREW GRUM, prvi podpredsednik...

Glavni odsvetniki

- DR. JOHN J. ZAVERTNIK, prvi odsvetnik...

Aktivnosti za jednoto naj ne odnehajo!

Kljub neugodnim in kritičnim razmeram, v katere je pahnjeno človeštvo, dasi ne po lastni krivdi in pod katerimi sedaj ječijo milijoni, naša organizacija zopet beleži dober gospodarski napredek...

Izgube mladih članov iz naše srede, katere se dnevno množijo po bojnih poljanah, občutno bolijo—poleg ožjih sorodnikov prizadetih—tudi nas, ker zavedamo se, da bo organizacija težko pogrešala posebno one, ki so bili zanjo aktivni.

Glavni odbor naše jednote je v preteklem letu demonstriral, da zgodovina te organizacije bistveno ostane nespremenjena, to je, da stojimo ob strani tistih, ki se resno borijo za demokratična načela...

V bratski podporni organizaciji, posebno še naši, gre zasluga za njen napredek vsem onim, ki so na en ali drugi način pripomogli do napredka v kampanji ali izven iste; vsem tem se ob tej priliki izreka naša zahvala.

Bratje in sestre! V smislu sloge, medsebojne zaupnosti ter prave bratske zavesti, nadaljujmo svoje delo za našo jednoto tudi v letu 1945.

Ker se vsled številnih božičnih in novoletnih voščil mi ni bilo mogoče vsem osebno zahvaliti, želim na tem mestu izraziti prijateljsko zahvalo vsem prizadetim in vas zagotoviti, da so bila vaša voščila z iskrenim zadovoljstvom sprejeta.

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik.

Prošnje za izredno podporo

Applications for Special Benefit

- Dr. št. Lodge No. 30—Ferdinand Krepusch ascment za tri mesece... 36—Frank Sturm ascment za tri mesece...

Ker je s tem končano vse, kar je bilo pripravljeno za to sejo, predsednik isto zaključil ob 3:30 pop.

F. A. Vider, gl. predsednik, F. A. Vider, gl. tajnik.

NOVOPRISTOPLI ČLANI

NEW MEMBERS

Table with columns: Lodge No., Name, Death Cert., Sick Bene-fit, Death Bene-fit

ADMITTED DECEMBER 1, 1944

Table listing new members with columns: Lodge No., Name, Death Cert., Sick Bene-fit, Death Bene-fit

IZKAZ IZPLAČANIH SMRTNIN

REPORT ON DEATH CLAIMS PAID in December, 1944

Table with columns: Line number, Name of Dec'd Member, Vnaji, File No., Clasa, Clasa, Clasa, Member of Lodge, Vnaji, Amount

SKUPAJ—TOTAL \$55,504.37

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik—Sec'y.

IZKAZ IZPLAČANIH OPERACIJ IN ODŠKODNIN

REPORT ON OPERATION AND DISABILITIES PAID in December, 1944

Table with columns: Line number, Name of Member, Cert. No., Clasa, Clasa, Clasa, Member of Lodge, Vnaji, Amount

SKUPAJ—TOTAL \$1,500.00

F. A. VIDER, gl. tajnik—Sec'y.

Predsednikova kolona

Zborovanje gl. odbora. Minilo je špet eno leto in v glavnem uradu smo poleg rednega dela pridno zaposleni za zaključevanjem prometa ali jednotnega poslovanja v letu 1944.

Kot znano, imamo pri nas uveden sistem, da naše poslovanje pregledajo naši glavni nadzorniki, poleg tega pa še računski izvedenci. To se vrši vsakega pol leta in sicer, kakor hitro je mogoče za dotično poslovno dobo zaključiti račune, nakar sledi redno zborovanje celokupnega gl. odbora.

Vsi smo pozvani. Nastopilo je novo leto in začeli smo ga z željo, da bi nam bilo naklonjeno ter prineslo mnogo uspeha. To velja za nas kot posameznike in prav tako kot člane organizacije.

Dajmo jim lojalno oporo. Kot smo že zadnjič poročali, zaznamujemo lep napredek naše jednote tudi v prav kar končanem letu, dasi je vojna tudi nas težko prizadela in splošne razmere za razmah podpornih organizacij niso bile prav nič udobne.

Dolgotrajna vojna ima brezdvomno svoje kvarne učinke tudi pri tem. Mladi moški so v vojaški službi, starejši pa so utrujeni od dela in slednje velja v precejšnji meri tudi za članice.

Nadalje predložil zadevo društva št. 605, ki je končno predložila podrobnosti račun o stroških za pokojnino Fr. Paulincem ter je sklenjeno, da se račun plača.

Nato je predložena in na priporočilo glavnega zdravnika odobrena v izplačilo sledeče operacije in odškodninske zadeve ter prošnje za izredno podporo:

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Zapisniki sej gl. izvršnega odseka SNPJ

Seja 6. dec. 1944

Predsednik odpre sejo glavnega izvršnega odseka ob eni uri popoldne. Navzoči so bratje Cainkar, Vider, Trojar, Kuhel, Gradišek, Vrhovnik, Godina in Gardin.

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DRUŠTVENA VEST

Coverdale, Pa.—Pozivam članstvo društva št. 427 SNPJ, da se polnoštevilno udeležijo januarske seje.

Članstvu je znano, da smo izvolili na decembrski seji društveni odbor za l. 1945. Jaz sem se vlijudno zahvalil za nominacijo trikrat in dejal, da ne prevzamem tajništva, toda predsednik me je proglasil za tajnika še za naprej.

Bratje in sestre, apeliram na vas, da gotovo pridete na sejo 14. januarja pred deseto uro jutraj, da ta zadeva pride na dnevni red.

Apeliram tudi na tiste člane, kateri zmeraj zaostajate z assessmentom, da ga pravčasno plačate, tako da bom denar vsaj enkrat pravčasno poslal v glavni urad.

John Ferencič, tajnik.

More on Our 1945 Program

Two weeks ago, in briefly reviewing our Society's past work, we mentioned certain facts which were instrumental in bringing about favorable results. Last week, in restating certain duties and endeavors for 1945, we also outlined certain events which are scheduled for this year.

We said last week that it's the duty of all of us to place our Society and all its institutions first on the list of activities, save one—the winning of the war and a democratic peace, a peace that will insure the rights of the people everywhere. We are against any and all imperialistic designs here and abroad. We are for social, political, and economic democracy on the widest scale possible, for all peoples and nations, large and small. Only in this way will future wars be prevented; only in this way the lives of our young men shall not have been sacrificed in vain. Any other arrangement of international problems will lead to another world catastrophe.

That is why—because we are convinced that this is the best and only honest solution—we will continue to support the formation of democratic governments in all liberated countries. And when we say democratic governments, we mean governments chosen by the people concerned without any outside interference—without the use of power politics.

Therefore, we will support the administration in its foreign policy when it will exercise its office for the full realization of such a program. We will do this because we are willing to cooperate with the forces that are working to prevent future wars and to bring about a peace on the basis of equality and international brotherhood.

It has been often said that kind words and bits of praise here and there will help others, and give you a lift, too. We must be kind and courteous to each other on all occasions, because courtesy is "like vitamins for the soul." By increasing our faith in one another our mutual relations will improve considerably.

In our work for our Society we will find that courtesy always pays dividends, as it does in any other collective endeavor. The success of a lodge to a very large extent depends on the lodge officers, on their disposition, on their attitude and relations with the membership. By cultivating goodwill and courtesy, a large measure of success can be attained.

We must remember that in our work for our Society fraternal benefit protection is but one of its developments, and it is the most important feature of our fraternal system. It is therefore a continuous obligation of each and every member at all times—to make every effort possible to increase our numbers. This is a necessity that deserves the best we can give it, and the serious consideration of our officers.

We must also remember that fraternal insurance is our most valuable possession. It weathers all storms, panics, and depressions. Therefore, be sure that it is always kept in force by prompt payment of assessments when due. It is advisable, if convenient, to pay ahead or in advance.

Now that a new year has begun, try and increase your attendance at lodge meetings. Make the meetings interesting and the members will turn out. "Who," you might ask, "shall make the meetings interesting?"

The answer is—your lodge officers. Let us remember that the lodge officers can either make or break the lodge. It is they to a very large extent that can promote lodge activities and make meeting attendance attractive. In fact, the whole lodge structure and its progress hinges on the officers. A wide-awake lodge executive personnel will see to it that things are running smoothly and will constantly strive to keep the lodge before the public eye.

The thing that makes the SNPJ strong enough to stand out, is its character as shown by its qualities of courage, determination, enterprise, and earnest striving for higher and higher ideals. By applying the same qualities to your lodge you can make your own lodge stand out among the other lodges in your community.

Lodge 540 Will Meet January 14

ELIZABETH N. J.—Happy new year and greetings of 1945 to all SNPJs from Lodge 540.

Elections of officers were held, and the following are our new officers: Pres., Mike Bratnik; Vice Pres., Joseph Cipath Sr.; Fin. Sec'y, Joseph Pasarih Sr.; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Pezdirc; Treasurer, Mary Skari Jr. Auditing Committee: Chairman, Mary Turk Jr.; Joseph Cipath Jr. and Joseph Domina. Congratulations to you all and thanks go to all for the splendid work you have done in the past, also for your patience and cooperation. This also goes to members who held offices the previous year.

All those members who attended each and every meeting without fail are to be thanked for their loyalty and faithfulness. It's members like you who keep a lodge like this alive and functioning. Keep it up and may more members follow your example.

Thanks go to all members who have kindly donated old clothes to the Yugoslav Relief. Some members are still to be heard from. This is a very worthy cause and all members should donate clothes or else give a cash donation. We would like 100% cooperation from all.

Service News: John Pasarih, 2/c Petty Officer, is home on a 30-day leave after being overseas for nine months. His family were made happy that he could spend holidays with them. On Jan. 10 he left for Boston and then the Pacific area. Good luck, John.

Sgt. Joseph Pasarih is now on his way to the Pacific area also. Best of luck, Joe. S1/c Frank Pasarih and F1/c Theodore Cipath are in the Pacific area. Frank on a heavy cruiser and Theodore on an aircraft carrier.

Cpl. Frank Skari, Pfc. Louis Bettas and Pfc. George Cerne are in France. Pfc. John Bratnik in England. Tony Skari still missing. Good luck and best wishes to you all.

Next meeting of Lodge 540 will take place Sunday, Jan. 14, at 2 p. m. At usual place. Let's start the new year right by having a large attendance at this meeting.

Greetings go to the editorial staff of Prosveta and to all the rest who make up this paper.

Reminding all to pay your dues on time each and every month during 1945.

Publicity Committee, MARY PEZDIRC, 540.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Before we know it another meeting will be here. Yes, sir, Jan. 26 is the date. Keep that in mind you Badgers and let's start the new year off with a bang. Installation of the officers will highlight the meeting. Let us show the new officers that we are behind them solidly and will continue to do so for the entire year.

Brother Johnny Maren with his two sisters and brother-in-law spent part of the holiday season with his folks and friends in Mt. Olive, Ill.

Young Tony Spruck who is stationed at Camp Denning in New Mexico is home for a few days visiting his family and friends.

S/Sgt. Ralph Simon is also home for 15 days visiting with family and friends. Ralph is stationed in Florida.

So far Henry Cukjati, Frankie Bevek, and Anton Schuller have written letters regarding the little Christmas present sent them by the Badger lodge. They were really tickled pink that they were not entirely forgotten by us back home. So you can see, Brothers and Sisters, these boys will always remember the good old SNPJ. These boys are all on the European battle front. And do not forget to write and keep on writing.

The addresses for this week are: Cpl. Leo Omejc, 36274224, Co. C, 60th Armed Inf. Bn., A.P.O. 259, c/o P. M. New York, N. Y.; Pvt. L. J. Oblack, 16157204, 12th Hvy. Dep. Svc. Troop 4th Army, Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi.

A change of address: Pvt. John Oblack, Marine Bks. U.S.N.D.D., Hunters Point, San Francisco, Calif. The Badger lodge extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. Christine Sawicki (Strukel) whose husband was killed on the European battle front.

Bowling Taps
Bowling news is rather scarce as most leagues suspended operations during the holiday season. We find Rudie-Pugel hitting two honor rolls this past week. In the Tuesday Allstar wheel we find him smacking a 603 set. In Friday night's business session he totaled 631.

Among the lassies we find Clara Medved leading the parade with a neat total of 556 in Hank Marino's ladies' league. Little Josie Smanz bowling in Remie's Wednesday's ladies' league hit a creditable 508. SALT, 584.

COMRADES' HEARTS OF AMERICA Re-elect Officers

NOTE BOOK

By J. J. FIFOLT

In the Service

CLEVELAND, O.—Pfc. F. Elerich—35021984, Hq. Bty. 8A AAA AW Bn, APO 953, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif., sent the lodge a lovely Christmas card, picture suggesting Hawaii or one of the South Sea Isles. He sends regards to all.

From Stanley J. Haece, S1/C AEM A&R Shop 360, U. S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., came also Christmas greetings to the gang.

Frank Ross, ASN 35009976, Co. A 612 T. D. N., APO 230, c/o Postmaster, New York, a loyal friend of the Comrade lodge, writes:

"I hope that this sort of letter finds all of you in the best of health and as much happiness as possible. I hope that your organization has had a very successful year, financially and otherwise. I hope that the girls' teams, excuse if I should say ladies, are burning up the slides and leaving the opposition to follow a trail of smoke. I've travelled around quite a bit and seen quite a lot. Some of these things I hope I can erase from my memory. I guess that's the way of wars. May this world be blessed with a peace soon which will be more lasting than the one which preceded this war."

Frank sent his letter from somewhere in Belgium. He concludes with "good luck and continued success in the new year to all of you as well as your organization."

Our friend Joe Koren, 15101601, 2540A.A.B.U. Sect. "C," Matagorda Island Gunnery Camp, Foster Field, Texas, drops me the following note:

"Received your Christmas card and also the package of foodstuffs. Thanks from the bottom of my heart. It's a grand feeling to be remembered by friends back home. Wish I could join you for the December meeting. It's been a long time since I've attended one of them. I won't be able to make it this year but I sincerely hope it will be a different story in 1945. Everything is running smoothly down here, that is, everything but the weather. It's warm one day and cold the next. We are being kept quite busy, having a large number of planes which insist on having minor accidents. They require repairs and that's my job. I better bring this letter to a close. Time for "lights out." A happy New Year to all."

Joe Homovec, U.S.S. Carrier (DE 700) "E" Div., c/o Fleet P. O., New York, has recently been promoted to 1st class petty officer. Congratulations, Joe.

Along with his letter Frank Ross sent the lodge a lovely card extending "Joyeux Noel."

Helen Prudish tells me she finally heard from the War Department. They told her Johnny's reported missing, since June 15 in the European theatre of war. We've all got our fingers crossed that he'll be found soon.

Stanley Skuk dropped in at Dues Collection Nite prior to going back to camp. He asked me to say hello to the group.

January Meeting

The first meeting to be presided by our new President Joe Zorman, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 16, Room 3, in old SNH building. It would be nice if a large group would be on hand to start the officers for 1945 on their new duties. Plan to be present and start the new year right. The time 8:15 p. m.

General

There is one person who is starting the new year on the right foot and she is, Frances Kristoff, by enrolling Carol in the juvenile department. The youngster is four months old. The increase in family must have necessitated larger quarters, they now reside at 760 E. 260th st.

A Christmas card from the Rezske of Girard for Frances Presern is waiting to be picked up at my home.

At the meeting January 16, if not before, Pauline Spik is going to have an entertainment committee meeting to discuss our next dance, to be held Feb. 17. Start saving your liquor ration. Give the writer a call if we can expect your usual co-operation.

W. Pa. E. S. Federation Meeting January 21

IMPERIAL, PA.—The next meeting of the E. S. Federation of SNPJ Lodges of western Pennsylvania will be held in the Slovene Hall, Strabane, Pa., on Sunday, Jan. 21, beginning at 2 p. m.

All affiliated lodges ought to be represented with three delegates each. Since this is the annual meeting many important items will be heard and discussed. Be sure your lodge is represented. JAMES M. MAGLICH, Sec'y.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—The Hearts of America, SNPJ lodge 690, held their annual and election meeting on Dec. 20. It may be noted that all lodge officers were reelected for another year. They are as follows: Pres., Joe Rezin; Vice Pres., Helen Rezin; Sec'y, Frank Rodina; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Land; Treas., Mary Rodina. Trustees, Matilda Kovackoff, Dolly Billaci and Martin Volk.

Service News: From our 10 boys in the service, seven are overseas. Corp. Tony Staes, Belgium; Pfc. Vincent Zemlock, France; Sgt. Joseph Mistic Jr., Pacific area; Sgt. Andrew Rezin, Pacific area; Pfc. Joseph Volk, France; Pvt. John Gricher, France; and Pfc. Tony Spaccek, destination unknown. By the way, we heard that Pfc. Joe Volk is in the hospital in France for a well earned rest. We wish him a speedy recovery. Best of luck to all our boys in the service. In the States are Pvt. Frank Groblshek, Pvt. Emil Spaccek, and Corp. John Radey.

At our December meeting I was presented a gold cross and chain. Was too speechless to thank you members personally. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I will treasure that lovely gift—always!

May the new year bring a quick Victory to all peace-loving nations. Let's all do our part on the home front. Buy more war bonds and stamps, and bring our boys home sooner. MARY RODINA, Treas.

Wolverine News

DETROIT, MICH.—The first meeting of the new year will be held at John R Hall, Sunday, Jan. 14, at 6 p. m.

At the last meeting the following officers were elected: Alberta Naprudnik, President; Rose Klarich, Vice President; Dan Obed, Treasurer; Rudolph Bernick, Secretary; Ann R. Stromar, Recording Secretary. Drs. Collins and McKinnon are lodge physicians.

The results of the drawing were most successful. Having disposed of forty-five books, highest honors for salesmanship go to Mary Benedict Jr. Nice going, Mary. The first \$25 war bond was won by none other than our popular member Lefty Kovach, who in turn donated it to a serviceman; a typical act of Lefty, the grand sport he is. The second \$25 war bond went to Julia Markovich, the remaining 10 prizes being satisfactorily distributed to lucky persons. Among the lucky was Bro. Frank Kern—which reminds us, Frank, we didn't get a taste.

Notes and Quotes: Welcome to Frances Bernick and Frank Lindley who have joined the Wolverines. Congratulations to Tony and Helen Steffler on the arrival of a baby girl. It is a baby boy for Rose Mary Parsons whose husband is with Uncle Sam's boys. And a baby girl for the Pete Vonceina family. Congratulations.

Simone Martinek, Rose Cunico and little Norma Jean Benedict are on the sick list, little Norma Jean because of appendectomy, but latest report has it all are getting along nicely.

The happiness of Mrs. Tony Cerne was good to see—due to the fact that hubby Tony has come home on a 30-day furlough after two years overseas in the Hawaiian and South Pacific area. At the moment they are visiting relatives and friends in Illinois and Kansas.

A bit late but not forgotten are congratulations and best wishes to Lt. and Mrs. Michael Kumer. Sorry we missed you on your recent stop-over.

Rose "Kozzie," declares nothing surpasses a hot bowl of noodle zupa at 8 a. m. on New Year's day. How about it, Jo and gang?

ANN R. STROMAR, 677.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Official notice is given hereby that the time for audit of books and the Supreme Board meeting of the Slovene National Benefit Society has been set for the third week of the coming month. The first session of the Supreme Board is to begin Thursday, February 15, 1945, at 9 a. m., at the headquarters of the Society, 2657-59 S. Lawndale Avenue, Chicago 23, Ill.

All members of the Supreme Board kindly consider this announcement as regular official call of the meeting, and be sure to attend.

VINCENT CAINKAR, Supreme President.

Activities for the Society Must Not Cease!

In spite of unfavorable and critical circumstances and the suffering into which humanity has plunged through no will of its own, our organization again reports good material gain as well as progress in membership. Even though the past year's progress has been thoroughly satisfactory, somehow we cannot be as enthusiastic about our success as in the former years. In these trying times, sorrow has taken toll of our happiness.

The ever larger losses on the fighting fronts, among whom are young members of our Society, cause sorrow and suffering to their close relatives and hurt us also, knowing that the organization will miss them, and especially those who were active. We may not be sentimental, but we cannot, in view of all the shocking occurrences on various continents, feel very happy or even complacent. This is natural; were our reactions different, we would not be human.

But we must not give up!—for life remains where there is hope and faith. Let our motto be that: "We will do all in our power that the present sacrifices shall not be in vain, but that their blood will give birth to a new generation, a new society that will use calm reasoning in international controversies instead of barbaric methods—gun and sword; a society which will acknowledge that nature has created a world for all existent on this planet, and that no individual shall exercise his power over the fate of other persons nor any powerful nation over a small one."

This organization's creed, so clearly demonstrated by the supreme board during the past year, remains fundamentally unchanged—it supports those who fight for democratic principles and a better world after the war. Our Society is a people's organization and as such, must serve in the interest of the people. These are the very principles that give the Society life and promote our membership's enthusiasm for our activities.

In a fraternal benefit society, this being especially true of ours, the credit for its advancement goes to all who have in one way or another contributed toward its progress during the campaign period or otherwise, and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to all participants.

Sound and honest management, sound investments—these are a good advertisement for any firm. This is well demonstrated in our Society by the fact that we pay full mortuary benefit to the beneficiaries of deceased soldier-members.

Brothers and Sisters! In the spirit of cooperation, faith and true fraternalism, let us continue to work with full vigor for our Society in 1945.

Because it was impossible to individually acknowledge all the season's greetings received, I wish at this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all concerned, with assurance that each was received with great pleasure. I also wish to thank all lodge officers and members in general for your willing and prompt cooperation which so greatly helped to expedite business matters and hope that you will, in the future, continue in the same manner. F. A. VIDER, Supreme Sec'y.

Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—A correction: Jackie Persin's orchestra will play at our Veronian Presidential Ball on Jan. 28, instead of Frankie Porovne's band as was previously announced.

It's going to be a "natural," this smiling Jackie's band from Warren, Ohio, for what our Veronians are saying, the biggest frolic of all times.

Yes, this "grape festival" that will begin at 8 p. m. Jan. 28, a Sunday evening, will see various Veronians, whether Slovene or not, in different roles to make this dance a success, the proceeds of which will go to help lick infantile paralysis.

When Jackie—whose music is well liked by our Veronians—starts with his theme opening we expect to have two strikes of our fund against that dreadful disease, because of the advance ticket selling. Sixty (60) cents, that's the price of admission for the Jan. 28 dance. That, to my estimation, not anyone will want to miss.

To the folks who attended the Xmas dance that featured Les Faulk and New Year's affair that saw the Moonlight Riders playing their music to the largest crowd the Veronians have had to date—thanks.

Let's keep it up, Veronians, by attending these monthly meetings held by our lodge. Wasn't it a fast and business like meeting that you hundred and five (105) members attended last month? Yes, and that luncheon—that saw Kay Miller with the aid of other girls getting praises—was delicious. So when Jan. 21 comes around let's forget about that evening meal at our homes—because the Veronians are going to furnish this month and every month thereafter—a free luncheon to all members who attend these meetings.

Your new entertainment committee for 1945 is: Elmer Eiffler, Kay Miller, Nellie Gorun, Steffie Krulac and Frank Bozick. Sick committee: John Youk and Mrs. Mary Doles. The auditors: John Kobala, Steve Ruskwicz and John Lipsky. L. Michael Kumer and wife along with brother Louie and the Mrs. had a nice time at our New Year's dance. Never miss Pvt. Charles Latin, according to the Veronian club the first Christmas greeting card from Hawaii. Soon to get a petty officer's rating is Eddie Ruskwicz who was home recently on a leave. His brother Frankie, who is now serving with the armored division, was also spending a furlough at the same time.

Arriving from Germany was a Xmas greeting card sent by Frank ("Porky") Bouma. Although three cars were derailed, Andy Lipsky escaped uninjured when the train in which he was riding heading back for Ft. Benning, Ga., wrecked in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rudy Varoga, brother of Mrs. Helen Lesar, is soon to be awarded the Navy Cross (for his gallant action in the Pacific war theater). Elmer Mihelic, serving with the medical corps in France (by some kind of a freak accident) was injured, when cut by an axe. "Lucky George Lipecky," that was the title given to my kid brother who is home from New Guinea. George, who is a sniper, told me of an experience (only one) while fighting the Japs. Says George, "here I was in the interior of a jungle, camouflaged, when all of a sudden a large kangaroo jumped right past me." Wonder how we would feel if something like that happened to us? MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

Muse Lodge 517 Will Meet Sunday, Jan. 21

MUSE, PA.—On Dec. 17, SNPJ lodge 517 held its annual meeting and election of officers. The old officers were reelected. They are: Pres., William Prost; Vice Pres., Frank Steiner; Sec'y, Antonia Kumer; Rec. Sec'y, Margaret Prost; Treas., Frank Steimer; Auditor, Emil Kumer.

The meeting will be at the same place and at the same time, each 3rd Sunday of the month at 2 p. m. Please attend the next meeting on Jan. 21. We have some important business to attend to, so please all of you members do be present. Mrs. ANTONIA KUMER, Sec'y.

Notice, Members of SNPJ Lodge No. 521

WASHINGTON, PA.—All members of SNPJ lodge 521 are urged to take notice that all dues that are not collected at the regular meeting will be collected only on the last two (2) days of the month. There will also be a special assessment of 25c for the month of January to cover additional expenses of the lodge. EMIL P. DUDASH, Sec'y.

Editor's Note

SHARON, PA., F. N.—Your letter postmarked at Sharon Jan. 2, '45 at 10 p. m. reached us Jan. 4—at 9 a. m., much too late for last week's paper.

NOTATIONS

By Frances L. Rak

CHICAGO—Members of the Slovene Center Social Club are urged to attend their annual meeting Saturday eve, Jan. 13, at 8 o'clock at headquarters, 2301 S. Lawndale. Election of officers for 1945 will take place and reports of various social activities will be given. Following the meeting sausage and sauerkraut (kravce klobase in kislou zelje) will be served. John Steblay will be here from Waukegan, and again entertain, with good accordion dance music. Invite your friends to spend a social evening with this likeable group.

Perfect Circle.—The first meeting of Perfect Circle No. 26 for this new year will be held Saturday morning, Jan. 13, at 10:30 at the usual place. Installation of officers will take place. Plans will also start formulating for their fifth anniversary program to be given sometime in March, and we've been told it will be a "Gay Nineties Revue."

At the present time rehearsals have begun for the Waukegan program. Naturally, the members are looking forward to their trip to Waukegan on Jan. 21. They've been invited together with the Milwaukee Circle to participate on their program. Many of the parents and friends will also make the trip; only the older group will make the trip this time.

Servicemen.—It's 1st Lieutenant Oscar B. Godina from now on. He's

had a promotion. Congratulations! Oscar let's us know that he's met and talked to Jimmy Jachino in France. A couple of weeks ago we read with special interest in Prosveta an article submitted by S./Sgt. Tony Strazar, who is somewhere in Germany. Tony hails from Nokomis and his parents have told us that he's been wounded twice, for which he was awarded a Purple Heart and that he's due for an Oak Leaf Cluster for the second wound. "I'm finally on my way," postcards T/Sgt. Stanley Peve, of Kearney Air Field, Neb. Stanley is a West Newton (Pa.) lad and member of Youth Valley Knights. We read with great interest in last week's Prosveta about S/Sgt. Joseph Oves's contribution to war effort by being the co-inventor of a "Mechanical Finger."

All-A-Round.—Congratulations to the Frank Videgars on the birth of their new daughter! Sam Reven celebrated his birthday with a party last Saturday. Bob Sanneman will start going to school to take up further personnel work for his place of business. Elwood Blake of the Young Americans together with other Detroit bowlers spent last weekend in Chicago. They enjoyed themselves at the Center. It was good to see the Comrades Note Book by J. F. Fifolt again in the Prosveta columns.

Will see you at Perfect Circle's meeting and then Slovene Center Social Club annual meeting Satur-

Our Front

By Louis Beniger

In spite of military reverses in Europe, the problem of future peace is still widely discussed here and abroad.

Along with this problem comes the inevitable question of frontiers, and this seems to be the chief obstacle for peaceful settlement of disputed territories. For example, Russia's attitude in regard to Poland seems to be the most "disconcerting." Last week, Russia recognized the Polish government at Lublin as the provisional government of Poland. This was to be expected, although in Washington and London they pretended to be "surprised."

The fact is that Russia's armies are working according to a very definite plan or pattern. The land they win is either made a part of Russia or is turned over to a provisional government friendly to Russia.

What about England? Churchill "persuaded" the Greek king to step aside, and the Greek archbishop was installed as regent.

That is very likely the end of royalty in Greece, and that will be a good riddance because George of Greece is anything but a democrat. The same goes for Peter of Yugoslavia and Zog of Albania. All of these dynasties should and must be discarded if the people are to enjoy their rights and liberties. There shouldn't be any place for parasitic kings anywhere, and the Balkan countries were certainly "blessed" with a lot of them.

The fighters of the underground in every liberated country are demanding to be consulted about the new setup. Where the Allies attempt to deny them that privilege, there has been plenty of resistance.

In Yugoslavia, the problem of the kind of government the people want seems to be settled. Elections are promised at the earliest time possible.

It seems that the main problem in Yugoslavia will be that of frontiers. This is so particularly as regards Slovenia and Italy. The Yugoslavs are right in their justifiable demand that Trieste, Fiume and Gorica with their territories should be included into Yugoslavia.

Last week, Dr. Josip Smoljaka, commissioner of foreign affairs of the Yugoslav National Liberation Committee, declared that there is no way of "insuring lasting peace between Yugoslavia and Italy other than for Trieste and Fiume, which constitute a single geographic and economic unit in which the Slavs are a majority, to be joined to Yugoslavia, with a full guarantee of linguistic rights to the Italian minority."

That is exactly what the Slovene American National Council demands; that is what every Yugoslav wants to see come true.

Integrity Broadcast

CHICAGO.—January is the birthday month of the Integrity Lodge, SNPJ 631. It was back in 1928 that the lodge was formed by a group of members who are today (most of them) still with us, only a little older and possibly a little gray, and some of them with grownup children. But the spirit is still with them, the spirit that has been often demonstrated in the years gone by. Of course, they are not so active, and that's due to age, married life, etc.

The Integrity had many problems to solve during its existence, but we did not give up the struggle, never shirked our duty. We have made good progress, and today our ranks number close to 350 in membership. In 1945 we hope that our lodge will see further progress. Our goal this year is—50 new members. Therefore, it is not more than right that each and every member get behind the wheel and make it a banner year for the lodge in '45.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of paying lodge dues on time. If the members would only realize the difficult position the secretary is in when lodge dues are not paid on time, they would, no doubt, pay more promptly. See that your dues are in on time, always!

Bro. Victor Zajac is home on furlough. Johnnie Roycht, brother of Rose and Albert Roycht, is also home on furlough. Ann Podlesnik and Emma Zagar spent their holidays in Chicago visiting the Podlesniks and friends.

We are very sorry to hear of the sudden death of our Bro. Ralph Deitch's wife and baby, and wish to express our sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

Bro. Joe Baumlich and family will soon move to the North Side of Chicago. Sis. Obregar was visiting her sister in Chicago. Sis. Josephine Kukovich is back in her old Beauty Parlor on Oakland ave. Bro. Bob Kukovich is in the Philippines. Rudolph Kaltinger and his friend Johnnie Mokottis have met somewhere in the Pacific.

Do you like to read news reports in the Prosiveta? If so, send your news-bits to your lodge secretary. Also, if you have changed your address please notify the secretary at once.

MICHAEL R. FLEISCHACKER, Secretary SNPJ Lodge 631.

FLASHES

By DONALD J. LOTRICH

CHICAGO.—Though we got a bad start for the new year by skipping the first issue with our contribution, we have got a firm start for 1945 in other ways. Everything seems to be looking up, except the war. We've done remarkably well in the Pioneer Lodge during 1944 and brought its membership close to the 1,100 mark. We've helped to guide the assets of the Yugoslav Savings and Loan Association to over a \$1,000,000, which is an all-time record. We have corresponded regularly with about 100 of our G. I.'s and in many other fields we have given our assistance to make things turn out right. In 1945 we look forward to, first of all, the end of the European war so that our many fine friends and members can get back-home to civilian life. Yes, we intend to carry on our duties firmly and consolidate the gains recorded.

A committee of the Pioneers composed of John Alic Jr., Frank Lotrich, Edward Hudale, Anne Groser Kumer, and the Pioneer secretary held a session last Sunday to review the spring tournament possibilities. We are checking to determine dates and places and expect to announce the complete details of the Pioneer handicap bowling tournament and the Midwest division of the national tournament. We expect to alter Pioneer tournament somewhat. We are going to make it a doubles tournament instead of the team event in order to attract more contestants. A more suitable time for the tournament is also being considered.—While we speak about bowling, we can report that the Pioneer league is doing well every Wednesday night at Bennett's Alleys. Twelve full teams are still in the field. Some mighty fine games are rolled from time to time. Notwithstanding many wartime handicaps the bowlers are having a lot of fun and recreation.

In the past couple of weeks we have had the privilege of meeting up with Michael Kumer, the chap who is taking the Pioneer president away from us. He related many interesting incidents from his army life and is still the same old Michael Kumer, in so far as the knowledge of what makes the world go round is concerned.—William Pretnar, a Navy pilot, was in to see us the other day. Bill is home on furlough and looks mighty well.—Another young chap who was home during the holidays was Frank Jirmasek. He looks mighty good.—A note from Mary Kranker tells us that her mother was in Holcombe, Wis., for the holidays.—Frances Tratar likes her new location in Los Angeles and explains that while we are having zero weather she is helping her neighbor water the lawn.—The Prushecks have finally wound up in Phoenix, Arizona, the same spot where Jean Dremely is. The Prushecks, you will remember, are the wife and daughter of the late Gregory Prushek, well-known Slovene painter. Marion is now civilian pilot. She has probably received her wings by this time so we want to be the first to congratulate her.

Last Friday night we heard Guy E. Bonney, superintendent of Veterans Affairs for the state of Illinois, tell the Toman Library Forum what all the boys and girls will be entitled to after they return from the service. It is surprising to know that the State of Illinois, for instance, gives a scholarship at the University of Illinois for every G. I. who has served overseas, absolutely free. Also, that the Federal Government grants about \$500 in cash for educational purposes. Yes, Mr. Bonney spoke about rehabilitation, employment and loans for servicemen and women. We hope to get these notes for publication one of these days so that our people will know just what they can get absolutely free after they return home.—We thought that Robert M. Hutchins, president of the U. of C., was mighty fine on the Round Table New Year's day over the NBC network. Among other things he stressed that we should act, do more and talk much less in our everyday life, in the functions of our government and in the operation of our economy.

Since the last report we can tell our folks that Local 25 of SANC held its annual meeting on Dec. 28 and elected the following officers: Louis Zorko, president; Paul Berber, vice-president; Frank Alesh, secretary-treasurer; Anton Trojar, recorder; Angelina Zaitz, John Potokar, and Donald Lotrich, auditing committee; Louis Beniger, Frances Vider, and Louis Zorko, publicity, and Frances Vider, Louis Beniger, Louis Zorko, Joseph Kristan, and Donald J. Lotrich, relief work. The meeting went on record to support the CIO Yugoslav War Relief Drive when it is instituted and to continue in the collection of funds and clothing for shipment across. Incidentally, Brother Louis Adamic informed us that the first boatload of supplies for the Yugoslav Partisans has already left New York City. This is good news.—Contributions received for the Yugoslav War Relief include \$25 by Justin and Frances Saitz and \$5 by Martin Mle-kush. Another contribution that is necessary to report came from Florida. Gust Supancic sent 21 bushels of fruit which brought \$42 and

which amount was given to Vincent Cankar for the Yugoslav War Relief. The fruit was very good.

A card and letter from Arley Bozicnik tells us that he is in the battle area in Germany. He reports that he hasn't removed his clothing for five weeks because he was on active duty and what little sleep he caught while fully clothed including the shoes. Gosh, it must be terrible to keep a fellow up in the front lines that long. He acknowledges receipt of the Pioneer Bulletin and thinks frequently of his wife and child at home. Arley knows what the score is and also knows something about what makes wars.—Then we have a V-mail from James Jachino. He is stationed near Oscar Godina's outfit and made contact with him at the Red Cross Station. Oscar is getting husky, according to Jim. They talked about the Pioneers, about the Bulletin and the folks at home adding that it felt good to talk to someone from the lodge. Jimmie also tried to locate Frank Groser but didn't succeed. He was able to send back a German helmet as his contribution to the Pioneer collection.—Luke Groser tells us that things were reasonably good and with the exception of the air raids got along well. He sent us some Japanese invasion money and explains that he was in a hospital for a month. He, too, talks about the value of the Pioneer Bulletin.

A cheery note from Charles Zadel, who wants to kill two birds with one stone by acknowledging receipt of the Pioneer yule parcel, and our letter. He adds that we have no idea of what these parcels mean to the boys. He is in good shape.—John Janecic's outfit received two bronze stars for meritorious achievements since D-day, he tells us. He has been in London and received the Pioneer package and the Bulletin.—A New Year's card from Oscar Godina indicates that he must be near Paris.—"Alaska is still the same cold and barren place with lots of snow and ice," writes Frank Jantz, while acknowledging receipt of the Pioneer parcel. "Keep the Bulletin coming because I like to read of what's cooking at home and how the other boys in the service are doing."—And Frank's pal, Henry Zonta, tells us that he was dreaming of a white Christmas even if the weather is hot where he is stationed. He likes our letter and the Bulletin. Henry has been in the Southwest Pacific for a long time and should be getting home on furlough soon. Frank Jantz wrote that he would like to change places with him.

George Ratkovich didn't forget us for Christmas.—Leo Vider's V-mail greeting card was adopted by his outfit and stenciled and sent out by all of the boys of the group. Leo drew it, having had schooling in this prior to the war. It pictured a hospital ship with Santa Claus at the helm and a couple of bottles of good sunshine in his bag.—After a long silence, we heard from Jacob Drasler again, who acknowledges receipt of the parcel and explains that life in Italy isn't too bad. He repairs the B-24's there. He spent the holidays in a rest camp where he met up with a number of Slovene sailors and enjoyed talking with them. The sailors were from Yugoslavia.—Andy Sosko is getting good. We received two letters within a week from him from the Philippines. He acknowledges receiving the Pioneer Bulletin which he likes and explains that he is working with the quartermaster corps. He hopes that the Japs will soon surrender.—From Burma we received a fine letter from that old Pioneer friend, Adolph Malovich. He left the States on Oct. 12 by plane, stopping at Puerto Rico and a number of places en route to India. He reports seeing Taj Mahal, the most interesting sight so far, a most beautiful temple in Agra, India. He has flown 15 missions as radio operator and waist gunner with the 490th bomb squadron. After a long time the Pioneer Bulletin finally caught up with him.—The final overseas note this week comes from Henry Stirn extending best wishes for the holiday season. Next week we will tell you about the folks at home who sent us notes in the past two weeks.

PM Prods the President

"We have a great deal of faith in Franklin D. Roosevelt, but we think he does best when prodded, and we intend to do our best to go on prodding him. He seems to feel that he can be his own Secretary of State; that these appointees, whatever their past records, can be handled; that they will carry out a progressive foreign policy."

PM, Dec. 20.

"An apparent filibuster to prevent action on the appointments collapsed early in the session when Senator Claude Pepper of Florida who was directing the opposition announced that he had been told by the President by telephone that if postponement were taken until Jan. 3, as provided in a resolution presented by Senators Pepper, Murray, Guffey and LaFollette the identical names would be resubmitted by him at that time."

N. Y. Times, Dec. 20.

Juvenile Circles of the SNPJ

Perfect Circle No. 26 to Mark Fifth Birthday

CHICAGO.—On Sunday, January 7, a group of Circle members met in the lower SNPJ hall. This group is rehearsing a "miniature" barn dance which will be part of the program that is to be held in Waukegan on the 21st of January. The members are enjoying these rehearsals, and they are progressing along fine.

Saturday, Jan. 13, the Circle will hold its regular meeting of the year, and installation of officers will take place. The Circle will be celebrating its 5th anniversary this year, and plans for a program observing this important event will be discussed at this meeting. New ideas, regulations, and suggestions for the betterment of the Circle will be proposed and acted upon at this meeting.

Members are urged to attend this meeting so that they can help to make this anniversary year an outstanding one for the Circle.

RICHARD ZASADIL
Perfect Circle Member

Lincolmites

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—On Dec. 24, the Lincolmites elected the following officers for 1945: Pres. Frances Lazar; Vice Pres. Frank Volk; Sec'y, Rudy Kerar; Treasurer, Freds Klasing; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Aldick; Sgt.-at-Arms, Dom Lozar. Auditors: Joe Brincar, Lois Volk, and Mary Ann Feiber.

A very good crowd attended this meeting and enjoyed supper together afterwards. We were glad to see so many of our new members out, both juveniles and adults and we hope to see them often in '45.

The juveniles enjoyed games, a gift exchange and a real yule treat prepared by the committee. Loretta Klasing and her cousin Joe, two of our older juvenile members, had charge of the games and really entertained the younger members in a big way. The prizes were something out of the ordinary and we think it was more than generous of Freda to give so much time and do so much extra work to make this party the success that it was.

We have heard recently that the shipment of clothes that we sent to the Yugoslav War Relief headquarters early in December reached there in good shape. The same correspondence asked that we continue our work in this drive for used clothing. So let us continue to gather what we can, get it cleaned and mended, so when the next big drive starts we will be ready.

Last week we had the pleasure of spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in our old home town, Iliopolis. But like the old gray mare the old home town just "ain't what she used to be"—not since Remington-Rand moved in a few years ago.

It is really disheartening to see the once productive farmland west of town now a huge munition works. Looking at it one cannot help but ask, "What is it all for?" "Is it really a fight for freedom?" "Or is it a struggle to keep capitalism alive?" When we think of what is going on in Italy and Greece, two of the so-called "liberated" countries, it is hard to believe that this conflict is a fight for true freedom.

Probably the most ironic thing about the struggle in Greece is the fact that the British government has colonial troops from India, which is far from free, fighting their imperialist battle, trying to force the monarchy back on the Greek people. Does that not indeed give a nasty twist to the word "liberation"?

Last Saturday afternoon we had for the first time the rare privilege of hearing Zinka Milanov sing—not just a few numbers, but a whole afternoon of beautiful singing. When we heard the narrator explain at the end of the program that the role she had sung was one so difficult that few singers attempt it, we realized more than ever what a truly great performer she is. We only wish that television might have made it possible to see her too.

This writer would like to again say "Thanks" to the thoughtful person who presented us with a dozen beautiful roses at the last meeting. We were certainly surprised but not half so surprised as pleased at such a gift.

Our first meeting for the new year will be on Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p.m. Let's all be there and give our officers the support they deserve. Attending the meetings is one way we can all help.

MARY BRINOCAR, 567.

1-10th of 1%

Strike losses are still running far below 1943, the Bureau of Labor Statistics revealed last week.

For November, man-days lost because of stoppages amounted to 710,000, or 1/10 of 1 per cent of the time worked by the nation's toilers during the month.

For the same month of 1943, the toll taken by walkouts was 2,562,007 man-days, or 38/100 of 1 per cent.

Strugglers' Spotlight

CLEVELAND, O.—Just a reminder to all Struggler members: Saturday, Jan. 13, our first meeting of '45 takes place and we would like to see as many as possible present. It's Saturday night, folks, and you know as well as I do that most of us can make it on that night. We changed the date from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Saturday so more members can attend. Don't disappoint us! Can we count on you?

Service-News-Corner

Word has reached your scribe that Eddie Dolsak was wounded for the second time and is now recuperating at a base hospital in England. Hope it isn't too serious. Our members all join in wishing him a speeding recovery.

At the time of this writing Walter Lampe is back again in England and Ernest Mramor is in the Philippines. The whereabouts of Rudy Lokar is not known and we hope that by this time he has safely arrived at his destination.

Come on, Strugglers, let your scribe in on some of the news of our boys and girls in the armed forces. We would like to hear about them. How about letting us know?

Farewell Party for Lokar

A surprise farewell party was held New Year's eve in honor of Johnny Lokar at the home of "Kanary" Koss. As you all know our Johnny leaves for Columbus this weekend where he will serve as secretary to Governor Lausche. We received the surprise of our lifetimes when we saw how many "old-timers" came to wish Johnny good luck in his new job.

First of all, we started off as if we were conducting a Struggler meeting of days gone by—fun and laughter accompanied each serious word that was spoken, there was gaiety in the air and still one could feel the sadness also. We hate to see Johnny go but Cleveland's loss is Columbus' gain.

The new governor of Ohio is a Slovene and is a member of the Strugglers also. He's one of us folks and not one of those millionaires that usually are successful in the political game. One outstanding feature of our Brother Lausche is the fact that he is proud that he is a Slovene, that he came from a poor and humble family and that his mother and father migrated to this country from Yugoslavia. We are proud of you and wish you all the success in the world and will be behind you 100% in any venture that you undertake.

Coming back to Lokar may I remind our SNPJ friends that Johnny was our prey for eleven years and it was thru that we have progressed as far as we have. He always had the lodge at heart even in the old days when so many thought that he was running the whole show. We will miss you, Johnny, but if you ever find time, come down and spend some time with us. We hope to continue having our meetings still on Saturdays.

Those who were present at the party included the following Strugglers: Ted and Mary Lauric, Joe and Mary Tolar, Tony and Frances Mozina, Marty and Alma Lokar, John and Millie Marolt, Bill and Josephine Perusek, Frank and Mimi Gregoric, Walter and Fanny La-hoce, Charles and Theresa Klemments, Paul and Celia Golob, Eddie and Josephine Hoffert, Charles and Rose Fox, Frank and Mary Koss, Louis and Albina Tolar, Reginald and Anna Kent, Frank and Pauline Sajovec, Leo and Allie Perusek, Joe and Anna Karlinger, Fred and Edith Zupancic, Anthony and Florence Zaman, Fred and Dorothy Perusek, Florence and Frank Marolt, Mary Lampe, Anne Zele, Josie Tomsic, Hermina Zupancic, June Rupnick, Bill Koss, Frank Ipavec and Frank Koss Sr.

ANNE (STRAUS) ZELE, 614.

United Slovenes

ST. MARYS, PA.—Here it is 1945 and Lodge 581 started the new year with great hopes and expectations for a prosperous and victorious year.

The following officers were elected: Mary Rollick, President; Mary Sorg, Vice Pres.; Mary Burdick, 2nd Vice Pres.; Gabriel Uljon, Sec'y; Rose Rollick, Ass't Sec'y; Ludwig Bon, Treasurer; Mary Burdick, Recording Sec'y; Michael Bukovac and Agnes Prudick, Sick Committee; Mary Burdick and Mary Rollick, Auditing Committee. Doctors Sanders and Restak remain our physicians. Meetings will be held each third Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Secretary's home, 523 Curry Ave.

The calendars have been mailed and if anyone was overlooked, please notify us.

Pfc. Louis Rollick was reported missing in action in a telegram to his mother, Mrs. Mary Rollick, sent on Dec. 27, and on New Year's day she received another telegram from the same department stating that he was found and was slightly wounded. This is the second time he was wounded, having received the Purple Heart previously. Another one of our members is entering the service, Silvio Ciladi. Lots of luck!

Sister Mary Burdick is flashing a big diamond! When is the big event, Mary?

Before and After

Most important of all was last month's statement of President Roosevelt (transmitted to the Convention of the Zionist Organization of America, in Atlantic City, by Senator Wagner) expressing his satisfaction with the Democratic plank regarding Palestine, and pledging that if re-elected President, he would help to realize the Jewish goal of establishing a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

Jewish Frontier, Nov. 1944

Setback Not Due to Shortages

Whatever may be the explanation of the German break-through on the Western Front it was not the result of any lack of munitions and supplies furnished by American workers. That's on the testimony of Wes Gallagher, Associated Press correspondent, who is with the American armies on the raging battlefield.

In a story radioed directly from the scene of the fighting, Gallagher declared that "there are undoubtedly multiple reasons for the American setback and it is going to take weeks, and perhaps months, to assess them truly."

"It is not due, however, to any shortage of men and material in the broad sense," he wrote. "The Allies have a superiority in men and materials along the Western Front and no instance has come to light to date where the defeat of any particular unit was caused by running out of ammunition or personnel shortage within the unit."

SEVENTH ARMY YANK IN GERMANY



ON BOMBED EMBLE, one of the first troops attached to the U. S. 7th Army to enter the Nazi homeland, points his rifle at a target in the dense forest before him. He steadies himself against the side of a tank to make certain he won't miss. Official Signal Corps Radiophoto.

One Montgomery Is on Our Side

By KENNETH M. LANDIS II

Two Montgomerys go into action this week, and we're fortunate to have one of them on our side.

He is Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, the famous British commander, who will lead several American armies in an Allied drive to throw the Germans out of Belgium.

The other Montgomery is Montgomery Ward, the Chicago mail order house, which went into federal court to resist the authority of the U. S. Army.

In some ways our Army has been having as difficult a time in Chicago as it has had in Belgium. Many people thought the battle was over last spring when Sewell Avery was carried out of his office and dumped on the sidewalk.

But Mr. Avery had unexpected reserves, and after losing the union election, staged a counter-offensive against the War Labor Board and the war powers of the President.

He chose D-Day, when Gen. Montgomery was landing in France, to inform a committee of Congress that his \$600,000-a-year business had nothing to do with the war.

More Confused Than Athens

He glorified in the fact that he had forced two soldiers to carry him out bodily: "Thank heaven I did that! Because the damned photograph resulted..."

That was the day he assumed the offensive, declaring that the War Labor Board "must be destroyed."

Our Army moved in more cautiously this time, realizing Mr. Avery's heroic inclinations. Fortified behind a battery of lawyers, he has not yet been ejected.

In some respects the military situation in Chicago has been more confused than in Athens. The rival forces have been issuing their communiqués from adjacent offices.

It was several days before Gen. Byron was able to get access to the books, and for awhile he seemed to be running the business with nothing more than an old Montgomery Ward catalogue.

A Suggested Reward

Now it appears the general has got his hands on the money, and there are heart-rending shrieks of anguish from the Avery camp. The Army has shown it can run the mail order business.

It's an outrage, says Avery, comparing himself to the boss of the musician's union who successfully defied the War Labor Board. Caesar Petrillo got away with it. Why can't I?

The answer is simple

Not all the divisions in the Army could make one Jaucha Heifetz recording. Even if we brought Gen. Patton back, he couldn't croon like Frank Sinatra.

Sewell Avery shouldn't be jealous. He's done the best he could to defy the President's war powers, even if he isn't named Caesar.

Indeed he deserves a name more appropriate than Sewell. As a reward for his talents, I suggest that he be known henceforth by the sobriquet of that stubborn Sioux warrior, Sitting Bull.

—Chicago Sun.

Spirit-o-Grams

By Whoosid

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Another year has gone by. Let's all try to make this new year even more successful than 1944. All members should do their utmost to help the new officers in any activities they may have planned for the coming year.

When this article is published our annual Christmas party will be just a memory, and I'm sure that all those who attended had a wonderful time. I'm also sure that all the kiddies enjoyed Santa's visit.

The first meeting of 1945 will be held Friday, Jan. 12, at the usual time. All members are urged to attend because many important topics will be discussed. A final report of our 40th Anniversary dance will be given at this meeting.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, the Central Committee will celebrate their fifth anniversary of the Croatian Radio Program. This celebration will take place at St. Joseph's hall, Twelfth and Russell. The program starts at 2 p. m. and dancing in the evening till 12. All members who wish to attend this celebration are asked to purchase their tickets from Bro. John Buckowitz or Bro. Tony Heravatin. The admission is 40c in advance and 50c at the door. Don't forget get your tickets as soon as possible.

On January 27, the Slavs will hold a Liberation Ball at the Cheek Hall, 18th and Allen. It will be a costume ball. All nationalities should dress in their native costumes. All the Slavs are invited to attend and dress in their Slovene costumes. More information will be given at our January meeting.

This and That: Lt. Walter Young-han was home on a three day pass and was able to spend Xmas with his wife, Ben and Tillie Ducote made a trip to Nokomis, Illinois after receiving a telegram that Tillie's Aunt was seriously ill with pneumonia. While in Nokomis she met her sister Dorothy Sudnik, a member of the Pioneer Lodge.

Your Dollar

By CONSUMERS UNION

Children's Shoes Scarce

The shortage of children's shoes, especially in the better grades, appears to be getting worse. More infants' shoes are being made than last year, about 28.5 million as against 26 million pairs; but with the increased number of babies, there is still a shortage. All sizes up to 12 are short, and parents face special difficulties in buying infant sizes up to 5.

Washington reports indicate that WPB is giving consideration to issuing a directive which would order shoe manufacturers to produce additional quantities of children's shoes, so that total production can be raised about 20%. A telegraphic survey of 150 children's shoe manufacturers late in November disclosed that 99% of them believed manpower shortages would be the bottleneck in such a program.

Another move to meet the problem was WPB's authorization for manufacturers to produce ration-free shoes for children, made of "pigstrip" (bacon rind). It is expected that this program will bring about 7 to 10 million pairs a year. The soles of these shoes must be of unrationed material, probably reclaimed rubber. And the unrationed shoes must sell at the prices of comparable rationed shoes.

Community Fish Prices

Most types of fresh and frozen fish that are now under price control will soon be given retail community cents-per-pound ceilings by OPA. This action follows the new cents-per-pound markups established by OPA for frozen fish and seafood. These markups increased retail prices on some items and decreased prices on a number of others.

While the community price lists for fish are welcome news for consumers, the fact remains that retail fish prices are way too high—they are now about 99% above the pre-war level. OPA has still not done the job of cutting the excessive margins between the prices received by fishermen at the vessel and the prices paid by consumers at the retail level.

Pen Pill Claims False

A precedent in enforcing the New York State law against misleading radio advertising was recently set when a corporation and its president were convicted for making false claims over the radio.

The corporation, Vita-Plus, Inc. (which is no longer in business) was fined \$500 on each of two counts, and its president was fined \$500 and sentenced to a year in jail on each of the counts.

The New York City Markets Department prosecuted them for falsely claiming over the radio that their product, a pill known as Vita-Plus, would increase gasoline mileage by 20 to 30% when put into a gas tank. Vita-Plus sold for \$1 for 35 tablets.

Commissioner H. M. Brundage of the Department of Markets said: "There is a lesson to be learned here for both radio stations and radio listeners. The stations themselves have a civic duty to perform in making certain that the advertising they carry on their wavelengths is not false, exaggerated and, in particular, destructive."

"Listeners, on the other hand, must learn to regard carefully wild, blown-up claims by sponsors for their product. Today's example may well serve as a warning to those who attempt to use the radio, newspaper or any other medium in an attempt to swindle the public."

Largest OPA Penalty

The Pacific Mills of Lawrence, Massachusetts, has paid OPA \$2,165,842.02 as a cash settlement for alleged ceiling price violations. It was the largest penalty ever collected by the agency during its existence.

OPA charged that the company had made overcharges on more than 20,000,000 yards of woolen and worsted fabrics manufactured for civil-

ian consumption between June 22, 1942 and October 16, 1944. The overcharges, according to OPA, ranged from 2 to 45 cents a yard. The company based its prices on the cost involved in the use of domestic wool, while actually it was using foreign wool that cost less.

While paying the penalty, the company made a defense that has become typical in such cases. The company said it had complied with OPA regulations but differed with the agency "on a matter of interpretation." And while handing over more than \$2,000,000, the company contended that establishment of its point of view "could be accomplished only after prolonged, expensive and energy-consuming litigation."

We nominate this for the alibi of the year.

Questions and Answers On Service to Veterans

Question: My doctor tells me that I should not attempt any kind of work for a while. Am I eligible for readjustment allowance (unemployment compensation) under the G. I. Bill?

Answer: No, this is not considered as a physical adjustment allowance. To be eligible for readjustment allowance (unemployment compensation), a veteran must be available for work at the time he files. However, if you will visit the War Manpower Commission's United States Employment Service, you can discuss your case with a claims taker, and the Veterans' Employment Representative will be glad to assist you with information about other benefits for which you may be eligible.

Question: What is a physical adjustment allowance?

Answer: The Veterans' Administration provides such adjustments through hospitalization, out-patient treatment, rehabilitation training, or pensions, if the veteran is physically unable to work. For further information, visit the USES office (United States Employment Service) in your district.

Question: I have lost my discharge papers from the army. What should I do?

Answer: Write to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., and ask for A.G.O. Form 0214. You should fill out and return the form, and you will receive a certificate in lieu of discharge. You should be very careful to keep your discharge papers and other important documents in a safe place—and you should carry a certified or photostatic copy of your discharge with you at all times. If you receive an honorable discharge, you can have your discharge papers recorded free at the County Recorder's office.

Question: Is it possible for me to draw subsistence allowance under the educational provisions of the G. I. Bill, and at the same time draw unemployment compensation?

Answer: No.

A Modern Solomon

A retired Pittsburgh industrialist, a whimsical fellow, bequeathed his friends, from whom he had long been estranged, his entire estate except for a portion for his son "which might please them."

The son contested the will, but the judge, finding it in order, inquired of the remaining beneficiaries if they intended to carry out its provisions. They replied that they did, and added:

"We will give the son a tenth of the estate and retain the other nine-tenths for ourselves."

"Take then the tenth for yourselves," ordered the canny judge, "and leave the remainder to the son, for by the will he is to have the part that pleases you."

Much learning shows how little mortals know.—Young.

Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting of Dec. 8

Meeting was called to order at one o'clock in the afternoon in presence of all executive officers. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Supreme secretary reads letter from the New York Fraternal Congress annual convention and fee of \$10, which is approved. Letter from the Minnesota Fraternal Congress concerning annual convention is placed on file. Subscription to the magazine Your Investments is not renewed.

He also reports that an important meeting of the executive committee of Yugoslav war relief was scheduled for Dec. 12 in New York to which he is invited. Unanimously agreed that since he is a member of War Relief Fund of Americans of South Slavic Descent he should attend the meeting.—Season's greetings of secretary Sylvia Trojar of Circle 26 is read and placed on file.

Secretary of the Sick Benefit department submits question of sick benefit refund of deceased Frank Kern of lodge 28, his daughter claiming she is entitled to same; in the absence of sufficient evidence the request cannot be granted.

He also submits matter of lodge 605 concerning the late John Pauline along with the details involving expenses, which is approved for payment.

The following operation, disability and special benefits were approved upon recommendation of the supreme medical examiner: Frank Fatur (147) \$25, disability; George Bjezovic (678) \$25, operation; special benefit of \$25 each to Josephine Mersol (1), Frank Stropnik (104), Andre Turk (238) and John Gladogovich (283); \$15 to Valentin Slaves (366) and \$10 to John Bellan (427).

Meeting of Dec. 20

Meeting was called to order at 1 p. m. at which all members of the executive committee were present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Supreme secretary submits initiative of lodge 126 to change sections II and V of the by-laws. The general opinion prevailed that section II of the newly proposed amendment is not in conformity with the law of the State in which the Society is incorporated; decided that the supreme secretary should look over the statutes and reply to the lodge accordingly.

He also reported that he attended the meeting of the WRFASD in New York on Dec. 12, and that the most important question was a detailed plan and agreement presented by experts to conduct Yugoslav relief campaign among Americans. He pointed out that he did not agree with the clause in the agreement submitted to the committee with respect to compensation to the association who will conduct the campaign. He believes that the compensation should be based on a percentage basis, but the motion was carried by a large majority to approve the agreement as submitted. Treasurer also gave a brief report on the same matter.

Supreme treasurer, who is at present employed by the Slovene American National Council and whose leave of absence has expired Dec. 15, asks for an additional three months extension because of pressing work at SANS office. Under the circumstances, the committee granted him an additional three months leave of absence.

Juvenile Director's motion that the entire set of books written by Louis Adamic be purchased, is carried.

Juvenile Director reported that he is going to undertake intensive action for promoting and organizing Juvenile Circles next year, and asked if there would be any compensation available for the organizers of Juvenile Circles. The committee decided that such compensation should be awarded according to the accomplishment of the organizer in such an undertaking.

He also reported that lodge 100 asked him to show the SNPJ films Dec. 21 and asks for permission. The request was granted.

Applications for assessment loan and special benefits were approved (details in Slovene minutes).

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.
Vincent Galinar,
Supreme President,
F. A. Vidan,
Supreme Secretary.

The Evil One

An Englishman caught a boy in his garden stealing apples, and handed him to the police.

As it was the boy's first offense, the magistrate let him off, but told him never to yield to such temptation again, adding:

"Ye should have flown from the Evil One."

"So I did, sir," replied the boy, "but he gripped me afore I got over the fence!"

His Punishment

Little Johnny started the day by introducing the cat to the canary. Next he upset the bowl of goldfish, twisted a knob off the radio, took granddad's watch to pieces, and let the bath overflow.

"The little fiend!" his mother said when she was told. "I'll punish him for that. Now I'll not allow him to go to Sunday school!"

No steps backward, is the rule of human history.—Theodore Parker.

Sportslants

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—The great Army football team that went undefeated and untied this past season, scored 504 points to their opponents 35. This 1944 squad truly was a great aggregation. But the sports experts figure next year's team to be better than the 1944 powerhouse. Of the Army's first three teams which consist of 33 men, 23 of the best players will be available next fall. Statistics indicate that these leather luggers should top last year's squad but they will have to go a long way to beat a record of 504 points in nine games. An average of 56 markers a game! Harold Tausel, Utopian member and former Collinwood High All-Scholastic played at right tackle for the Army's third team, Hal scored that last touchdown against Notre Dame and will return this coming season.

The Allman transfers, Cleveland's entry in the National Pro Basketball league put on their bravest—and best—showing of the campaign in their clash with Chicago's quintet. With only six men available the Clevelanders put on a brilliant show as they crushed the Chicagoans 64 to 47. Of the six in uniform, four played the entire 40 minutes while the fifth went out on personal fouls with less than a minute remaining. His place was taken by the lone sub. The boys were barely able to stand after that terrific grind. Mel Reibe, home town product and the League's leading scorer last year, flipped in 24 points to run his total for 11 games to the amazing sum of 118. Better than 19 points per contest! A marvelous exhibition in this fast Pro League.

And down along Waterloo way where the home league keggers hold sway at Joe Pozelnick's lanes. The famed bowling Lausche brothers, Charlie, Harold and William, Stan Stefanic, Tony Skufca and Herman Dresner are but a few of the stars that are cracking sparkling scores these cold snappy nights. "Wait till the snow flies," is an often repeated statement of yore. And the lads respecting that bowler's version are belting the daylights out of those maples. Taking a gander at the statistics shows why every Friday night... the boys fire away with all their might!

THE HOOPS LEAGUE

Team	Standings	W	L	Avg.
1-Oornik's Hab.	10	20	12	971
2-Laganke & Son	20	16	967	
3-Ordina's Ser.	25	17	961	
4-Schultz's Tavern	24	18	971	
5-Kramer's Grill	11	21	936	
6-Euclid W. S.	10	23	950	

Team	High 3	Team	High 1
Laganke's	2340	Euclid's	1127
Schultz's	2117	Laganke's	1098
Ordina's	2000	Schultz's	1085

Ind. High 3	Ind. High 1
C. Lausche	410
F. Yerve	310
H. Dresner	290
H. Dresner	260
B. Allich	250

Ind. High 3	Ind. High 1
C. Lausche	410
S. Stefanic	210
A. Skufca	200
H. Dresner	200
R. Clucker	200
L. Schuster	200
J. Tekavec	187
F. Yerve	187
H. Laganke	187
F. Jelinek	187
G. Jelinek	187
M. Disanto	180
J. Alark	180
P. Vranit	179
H. Lausche	178

J. J. SPILAR,
Ath. Rep. Dist. No. 3.

Consumers Pay More, But They Get Less

American consumers hung up a new spending record during 1944. According to a significant report by the Department of Commerce, their outlay for goods and services was \$97,000,000,000, an increase of 6 per cent over 1943. This was more than half again as much as the 1939 dollar value of expenditures and double the dollar value of 1933, the bottom of the depression.

But, while consumers spent nearly \$6,000,000,000 more to live, the report indicates they actually got less for their money.

Due to Higher Prices—The increase represents, almost entirely, higher prices. The disclosure adds point to the contention of organized labor that wages lag far behind living costs and it justifies the complaint that the government has failed in its pledge to curb profiteering.

The huge outlay, it was made clear, was for the bare essentials of existence—food, clothing, household furnishings, etc.

The amount of clothing purchased during the year was approximately the same as in 1943, but consumers paid 7 per cent more for it.

There was evidence, the report asserted, that manufacturers have dropped their old low-price lines and substituted higher-priced merchandise without a corresponding improvement in quality.

There was no change in the amount paid for durable goods, but the quantity purchased was almost 10 per cent below 1943 and more than a third under the 1939 figure. Higher prices, of course, are the explanation.

Buyers Strike—"Particularly noticeable," the report pointed out, "was the substantial rise in prices of furniture and home furnishings. They were so far out of line that dollar sales declined as a result of consumer refusal to purchase 'victory' or substitute goods."

Altogether, the report conceded, the lot of the consumer is not a happy one.

WHY PIT SOLDIER AGAINST WORKER

Employers, Fearing Unions, and Politicians Seeking Votes May Precipitate Most Dangerous Problem of New Year

We are entering a new year. It will not be an easy year for Americans. It will witness the overthrow of Hitler. Then we will find ourselves up to our ears in the problem of establishing something like order throughout the length and breadth of Europe.

If we achieve the right answer, we will contribute greatly to the cause of world peace. If we don't get the right answer, we may drift into another war, and such a conflict might snuff out our civilization as we have known it.

It is too much to hope that 1945 will see the end of the war with Japan. Before Pearl Harbor a brilliant Senator said we could clean up the Japs in six weeks. That shows how little brilliant Senators know about war.

We will clean up the Japs, but we will be lucky if we finish the job before the end of 1946. That's the view of our military commanders.

With Germany beaten, this year may see the beginning of an attempt to get back to peace-time production. Two or three million men, who leave now the uniform, will be looking for jobs. Employers who do not like labor unions will be craftily endeavoring to array the soldier against the worker who helped hold the home front while the fighting was going on.

Strangely enough, the government is doing something like that right now. By Presidential order, governmental departments and agencies are being combed to find positions which may be given to returning soldiers. What will become of the civilians now holding these jobs? Apparently no one is worrying about that side of the problem.

This situation doesn't look very serious just now, but if that policy of shoving civilians into the breadlines, in order that the returning soldiers may have jobs, is adopted, we are bound to have trouble in this country.

Organized labor takes the position that the only safe policy is to provide jobs for all Americans, able and willing to work. From the beginning of this war effort, organized labor has advocated the best for the soldier—the best wages, the best clothing, the best food, the best weapons, the best of everything. It has also advocated adequate care for the soldier's dependents.

After the war it has contended that the soldier should be restored to the job he left when he went to the front, plus the seniority he would have won, had he remained home; also such training and education as he desires.

The policy advocated by organized labor is sound. The policy which would pit soldier against worker is unsound. If adopted, it will lead inevitably to Fascism, possibly to Communism, and certainly will jeopardize, if not destroy, good old-fashioned American democracy.

From the letters which reach this office from soldiers, labor is convinced the big majority of our fighting men desire a square deal and nothing more.

This may prove to be the nastiest problem we will have to face in 1945, so we should be giving some thought to it. When you are writing to your soldier friends, in camp or overseas, it might be well to discuss it with them.

If the soldiers, the workers, the farmers—representing an overwhelming percentage of the population of our country—will work together, in peace as they have in war, they can set this America of ours on a mountain top—an inspiration to harassed peoples everywhere, and an example of the "miracles" which may be wrought by "men of good will" who seek for themselves only what they are willing to concede to others.

Organized Labor Made Huge Gain in 1944

Organized labor rang out the Old Year with the largest membership in history. Rolls of the A. F. of L., C. I. O., Railroad Brotherhoods and legitimate independent unions are estimated at more than 14,000,000—a gain of a million during the year.

The year was marked, too, by a production record on labor's part greater than the world has ever known before—a record that has drawn praise from the leaders of government and the armed forces, and from the chiefs of the Allied Nations, as well.

Greedy Landlords Forced to Cough Up

Profiteering landlords will be forced to cough up millions of dollars gouged from workers as "security deposits." Under a recent court ruling this form of robbery is branded a clear violation of OPA rent regulations.

Tenants, ruled the court in Detroit, can either demand the deposits be returned to them in cash or be applied on their rent.

Area rent control offices of the OPA are assisting tenants where landlords are balking on the matter.

AFL Executive Council Recommends Establishment of Co-Op Department

NEW ORLEANS, LA. (CLNS)—Recommendations were made last week by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor at the Federation's annual convention here, November 20, that a Department of Consumers Cooperation should be established in the Federation "with a full-time executive and the necessary staff." This was the most advanced step ever proposed by the AFL and one which has resulted from months of educational effort within the ranks of the Federation.

The recommendation was part of a two-thousand word report on "consumer cooperation" made by the Executive Council in which there were other recommendations as follows:

1. That there should be "close collaboration between the AFL and The Cooperative League of the USA."

2. That members of local unions should be trained to develop cooperative organizations and this "training should be had through The Cooperative League of the USA."

3. That sound educational practices should be followed by the unions through organization of buying clubs and through their expansion into stores managed by trained supervisors.

Elmer E. Millman, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, has been leading the effort to establish in the Federation's administrative organization the Department which has now been recommended.

"Now we are ready to go," said Millman. "We will now be able to develop the administrative machinery to insure against the mistakes made years ago when organized labor tried to develop 'labor' cooperatives rather than consumer cooperatives embracing consumers from all ranks of society."

Rarely has there been a report to the Federation so comprehensive as this one. Workers are "recognizing that, in order to control quality and price of the goods they need for living, they must combine their power in cooperatives, just as they combine their labor power in unions to control their conditions of work," the report stated. The consumer cooperatives which now exist, their local societies, their regional organizations and their producing units were described. Many members of the Federation now "sit on the boards of directors of forty-six successful cooperative stores."

"When workers and other consumers, through their cooperatives control the names of production in any line of goods, they can prevent monopolies and powerful interests from exploiting them by charging excessive prices," the report declared. "American farmers broke the fertilizer trusts and forced them to reduce prices, and thus saved millions of dollars. In Sweden, workers' cooperatives broke powerful monopolies in flour, rubber goods, electric light bulbs and margarine by manufacturing these products in competition with the monopolies and selling at a price workers could afford."

Tribute was paid particularly to the consumer cooperative development in Waukegan, Illinois. In 1943, the report stated, "when private stores furnished shoddy goods at exorbitant prices, these cooperatives sold \$1,541,000 worth of high quality products to their 4,400 members at fair prices and saved a total of \$79,000."

"This new vigor in the cooperative movement comes at a most opportune time," the report continued after describing the nationwide development of cooperatives. "American workers look into an uncertain future. While there is general agreement among all elements in our country—employers, work-

Bond Drive Blasts All Records

As returns roll in, Uncle Sam's Sixth War Loan Drive becomes more stupendous. The Treasury asked for \$14,000,000,000. It will receive more than \$21,000,000,000, undoubtedly the largest sum ever raised by any government at one time.

There have been fewer "free riders" than in any other campaign. A "free rider" is a man or woman who ostentatiously purchases government bonds, thus establishing a reputation for patriotism and financial standing, and then promptly liquidates the securities.

The "free rider," according to Treasury officials, has been one of the greatest pests developed by the bond drives. His number has run into the thousands. The Treasury made a special effort to discourage him this time, and apparently succeeded.

Trade unionists made a fine showing, according to James L. Hough-telling, the man whose job it is to interest organizations, and more particularly labor organizations, in the purchase of bonds.

"We fixed a quota of \$75 per head for railroad workers," said Hough-telling. "That should net about \$120,000,000, and everything indicates we will go over the mark."

"We have received excellent cooperation from all groups in the labor movement. They are entitled to the thanks of the nation."

Bumper Harvest of Wheat Is in Offing

If present prospects pan out, the wheat harvest in the United States next year will go a long way toward feeding a hungry world. The Department of Agriculture, on the basis of December crop conditions, forecasts a yield of well over a billion bushels, probably exceeding the 1944 crop which topped all records. Annual domestic consumption is about 600,000,000 bushels.

FROM NAVY TO ORPHANS OF ROME



SOME OF THE GIFTS for more than 5,000 children in orphanages and other institutions in Rome are pictured as workers in the Italian capital assembled toys and candies and clothes for distribution with hearty Merry Christmas wishes from the officers and men of the United States Navy stationed in that area.