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RUSI SE PRIBLIŽALI ŽELEZNIŠKEMU SREDIŠČU

Berlin priznal, da so nemške čete v defenzivi

BOMBE POTOPILE ŠEST OSIŠČNIH LADIJ

Moskva, 29. dec.—Ruske armade pod poveljstvom generala Nikolaja F. Vatutina prodirajo naprej na tristo milj dolgi fronti v obliki pahljajce, ki se razteza od Novaja Kalitve do Rosoša ob meji Ukrajine in dalje do step pri Kalmiku. V svojem prodiranju so prebile nemško obrambno črto in zasedle Nagolni, ki leži tri milje južno od Kotelnikovska, važnega železniškega križišča.

Moskva, 29. dec.—Ruske čete kontrolirajo skoro vso progno železnice Stalingrad-Lihaja, ki vodi od slednjega mesta proti Rostovu, strateškemu mestu ob izlivu reke Don v Črno morje. Vrhovno poveljstvo poroča, da so čete prodrle 54 milj daleč po zadržitvi protinapadov nemške obožene sile v bližini Kotelnikova.

Nemci so uprizorili protinapade, da ustavijo prodiranje ruskih čet in rešijo 22 nacističkih divizij, zajetih na ozemlju med Donom in Volgo. Nadaljnjih 3500 nemških vojakov se je podalo večeraj. V ofenzivi so Rusi pobili in ujeli čez 120.000 sovražnikov. Samo v enem sektorju fronte so sovjetske čete pobile in ujele 17.000 nemških vojakov v bitkah od 12. do 27. decembra.

Berlin, 29. dec.—Vrhovno poveljstvo se pritožuje, da se morajo Nemci boriti proti Rusom v hudem mrazu na centralni fronti, kjer je temperatura padla na trinajst in več stopinj pod ničlo. Poveljstvo tudi priznava, da so nemške čete v defenzivi.

London, 29. dec.—Ameriške letelce trdnjave so metale bombe na Souso, luko v Tuniziji, in osiščne ladje. Bombe so razbile eno ladjo, več drugih pa poškodovale. Bombe so poškodovale tudi pomole in skladišča.

Angleški letalci so devet ur prej bombardirali osiščne zalagalne luke v Tuniziji. Vest iz glavnega zavezniškega stana pravi, da divjajo srdite bitke v bližini Medjez-el-Baba, 34 milj južnozapadno od Tuniza, glavnega mesta Tunizije. Zavezniki drže šest milj dolg pas ozemlja ob cesti, ki vodi iz Medjez-el-Baba v Tebourbo.

Ostanki Rommelovih kolon še vedno beže pred osmo britsko armado, kateri poveljuje general Bernard Montgomery. Operativci sodijo, da se ne bodo ustavili, dokler ne navežejo stikov z osiščno oboženo silo v Tuniziji.

Ameriške letelce trdnjave so v zadnjih dneh potopile šest osiščnih ladij in parnikov.

Melbourne, Avstralija, 29. dec.—Zavezniški letalci nadaljujejo napade na japonske bojne ladje in transporte. Včeraj so metali bombe na japonsko križarko pri Rabaulu, otok New Britain, in jo potopili.

Čile pretrga odnošaje z osiščem

Santiago, Čile, 29. dec.—List Defensa poroča, da so osiščni diplomate vprašali za potne liste, da hitro zapuste deželo, če bo vlada pretrgala diplomatske odnošaje z Nemčijo, Italijo in Japonsko. V višji državni zbornici se bo vršila tajna debata o prelomu z osiščem. Če bo prišlo do preloma, bo Argentina prevzela predstavnostvo čilejskih interesov v osiščnih državah.

Francija dobi nemškega "zaščitnika"

Laval poročal o rezultatu konference s Hitlerjem

Madrid, Španija, 29. dec.—Sem dospela poročila omenjajo, da bo Hitler kmalu imenoval "protektorja" za Francijo. Če se bo to zgodilo, bo Francija prišla med dežele, ki že imajo nemškega "protektorja". Te so Čehoslovaška, Holandija in Belgija. Velika mračnost je zajela Vichy po seji članov Lavalovega kabineta, na kateri je Laval poročal o rezultatu konference s Hitlerjem. Doznava se, da je nemški diktator zahteval nadaljnje koncesije od Francije. Na Lavala je pritiskal, da mora formirati novo francosko armado, ki naj bi se borila pod nemškim poveljstvom proti združenim narodom.

Poučeni krogi trdijo, da Laval ni mogel dobiti nobenega zagotovila od Hitlerja in grofa Ciana, italijanskega zunanjega ministra, ki se je udeležil konference, glede statusa Francije in njenega imperija po vojni.

Vojni zločinci pridejo pred sodišče

Ustanovitev mednarodnega tribunala

London, 29. dec.—Združeni narodi nameravajo ustanoviti mednarodno sodišče po vojni, pred katerega pridejo Hitler, Mussolini in drugi osiščni vojni zločinci, pravi vest iz zanesljivih virov.

Načrti, ki so zdaj predmet diskuzije, določajo takojšnje imenovanje članov mednarodnega tribunala, formiranje procedure in preliminarno zbiranje evidence o storjenih zločinih. Doznava se, da bosta predsednik Roosevelt in državni tajnik Cordell Hull izbrala prominentnega ameriškega jurista za svetovalec tribunala.

To pozicijo bo morda dobil Sheldon Glueck, profesor prava na univerzi Harvard. On je znan kot strokovnjak in največja avtoriteta v zadevah mednarodnega prava. Glueck je bil rojen na Poljskem in postal je ameriški državljan l. 1920.

Angleški komunisti snubijo laborite

Združitev z delavsko stranko

London, 29. dec.—Komunistična stranka je ponovila svoj apel iz leta 1939 za združitev z angleško delavsko stranko, drugo najmočnejšo grupo v parlamentu. Apel vsebuje pismo, naslovljeno stranki, naj ga upošteva na svoji prihodnji konferenci.

Harry Pollitt, načelnik komunistične stranke, je dal zagotovilo, da bodo člani stranke lojalno izvajali vse zaključke, sprejete na konferenci delavske stranke. On je dejal, da so izkušnje v tej vojni pokazale, da bo delavstvo, če bo enotno, igralo veliko vlogo v povojni rekonstrukciji.

Nekateri opazovalci vidijo v tem koraku komunistične stranke napore za dosego delavske enotnosti na mednarodni podlagi v tej vojni in ugleditev poti za kooperacijo med Rusijo in njenimi zavezniki v povojni rekonstrukciji. Apel za pridružitve k delavski stranki je sledil preklicu prepovedi izhajanja lista Daily Worker, glasila komunistične stranke. Ta stranka se zdaj spet udeležuje v angleškem političnem življenju.

JUGOSLOVANSKA UBEŽNA VLADA REORGANIZIRANA

Zunanji minister Ninčič in njegovi tovariši resignirali

ČETNIKI UJELI 6000 SOVRAŽNIKOV

London, 29. dec.—Dr. Momčilo Ninčič, zunanji minister v jugoslovanski ubežni vladi, in več drugih ministrov je sinoči resigniralo, toda uradni predstavnik vlade je dejal, "da general Draža Mihajlovič, poveljnik četniške armade, ostane vojni minister." Ninčič in njegovi tovariši so odstopili po seji kabineta, ki je trajala ves dan.

Predstavnik vlade je dalje rekel, "da je bil kabinet reorganiziran z namenom, da se doseže enotnost med različnimi grupami v Jugoslaviji in ojači vlada. Število ministrov je bilo znižano."

Drugi jugoslovanski krogi so izjavili, da resignacija Ninčiča ni v zvezi s civilno borbo v Jugoslaviji med pristaši generala Mihajloviča in grupami partizanov, katere vodijo komunisti. Obe skupini se borita proti osiščni okupacijski sili.

Mihajlovič je poveljnik armade 30.000 do 100.000 četnikov v srbskih gorah. V služaju zavezniške invazije Jugoslavije se lahko ta armada poveča na več sto tisoč mož. Dva glavna vzroka civilne borbe v Jugoslaviji sta omenjena.

Eden je staro politično kavsanje med Srbi, Črnogorci, Hrvatimi in Slovenci. Jedro Mihajlovičeve četniške armade tvorijo Srbi, dočim grupe partizanov tvorijo Hrvati in Slovenci. Drugi vzrok je Mihajlovičeva opozicija proti komunistom.

Velika Britanija, Amerika in Rusija opazujejo položaj v Jugoslaviji in aktivnosti Mihajlovičevih četnikov, ki napadajo po Nemcih kontrolirane železnice. Dve glavni železniški progli služita Nemcem pri transportaciji materiala v luke ob Jadranskem morju, iz katerih gre potem v severno Afriko. Ena železniška proga spaja Budimpešto z Jugoslavijo, druga pa gre iz Jugoslavije do rumunskega oljnega polja.

Carigrad, Turčija, 29. dec.—Jugoslovanska četniška armada pod poveljstvom generala Mihajloviča je pobila in ujele čez 6000 nemških, italijanskih, ogrskih in bolgarskih vojakov ter hrvaških ustašev in zaplenila najmanj 40 ton orožja, streliva in drugega bojnega materiala, se glasi sem dospelo poročilo. Četniki so razdeljali z dinamitom železniški progli med Zagrebom in Belgradom ter med Belgradom in Solunom v več krajih.

Japonske čete nadomestile francoske v Indokini

Čungking, Kitajska, 29. dec.—Francoski vojaški častnik, pristaš generala Charlesa de Gaulle, je po prihodu v to mesto dejal, da so japonske čete nadomestile francoske, ki so strážile mejo Indokine, dan po zavezniški invaziji francoske severne Afrike. Admiral Jean Decoux, guvernor Indokine, se je moral udati japonskemu pritisku.

Eden ubit in 48 ranjenih pri eksploziji

Chicago, 29. dec.—Eden delavec je bil ubit in 48 ranjenih pri eksploziji, ki se je pripetila v tovarni Electrocast Steel Foundry Co., 15th Place in Cicero ave., Cicero. Federalni detektivi vodijo preiskavo vzroka eksplozije, ki je porušila del tovarne.

Domače vesti

Obiski in posravniki

Chicago. — Vseslovanski odbor v Moskvi, Sovjetska unija, je 27. dec. brzojavno voščil srečno novo leto uredništvu Prosvete z željo, da jugoslovanski narodi čim prej dosežejo trajno prijateljsko zvezo z ostalimi slovanskimi narodi in da leto 1943 prav gotovo prinese zmago nad Hitlerjem. Podpisana sta Božidar Maslarič, podpredsednik in Vladimir Osmilin, tajnik.

Milwaukee vest

Milwaukee. — Dne 21. t. m. je naglo umrl za srčno kapjo Martin Rožič, star 54 let in rojen v Bohinjski Bistrici. Bil je član društva 16 SNPJ in tukaj zapušča brata in sestro. Njegov civilni pogreb je bil oskrbljen po Ermenčevem zavodu.

Is Clevelanda

Cleveland. — Na božični večer je bila dvakrat zaporedoma povožena od avta Mary Jeršin, ki je dva dni kasneje umrla v bolnišnici. — Dne 23. t. m. je v bolnišnici umrl John Govekar, star 66 let in rojen v Smledniku na Gorenjskem. Tukaj zapušča sva, v starem kraju pa dva sinova. — Na božični praznik je umrl Frank Černe, star 55 let in doma iz Dobrunj pri Ljubljani. V Ameriki je bil 31 let in zapušča ženo, sina in hčer. Bil je član društva 142 SNPJ.

Nov grob v Ohlu

Piney Fork, O. — Na božični praznik je tukaj umrla Urula Sever, stara 66 let in doma iz Navija pri Ljubljani. V Ameriki je bila 35 let in tukaj zapušča sina, sinaha in tri vnuke, v Clevelandu pa sestro. Bila je članica društva 176 SNPJ.

Is Minneapolis

Duluth, Minn. — V tukajšnji bolnišnici St. Mary's se nahajata Neža Zalar z Elyja, Minn., članica SNPJ in Maks Frasel iz New Dulutha.

Kitajska zahteva enakopravnost

Razorožitev in okupacija Japonske

Čungking, Kitajska, 29. dec.—Kitajska bo zahtevala popolno enakopravnost v grupi narodov, ko bo ta vojna končana z zmago zaveznikov. Njeni cilji in želje so opisane v članku, ki ga je objavilo uradno glasilo. Te vključujejo:

Razorožitev Japonske in vrnitev vseh pokrajin, katere so Japonci zasedli.

Začasno okupacijo Japonske po zavezniških četah, da se zagotovi izvedba mirovnih pogojev. Kaznovanje japonskih militaristov, ki so odgovorni za to vojno.

Odpravo vseh pogodb z zunanjimi državami, ki so jih te sklenile med seboj in katere ogražajo suvereniteto Kitajske, zakonov in regulacij v škodo Kitajske. Večjo ekonomsko kooperacijo med Kitajsko in drugimi državami, da se pospeši industrializacija Kitajske.

Za šibke azijske države naj se prizna načelo samoodločevanja. Politika dobrega sosedstva naj sloni na kooperaciji in enakopravnosti. Kitajci, ki bivajo v Saimu, na Malajskem polotoku, Filipinih in v holandski Vzhodni Indiji, morajo dobiti popolno gospodarsko enakopravnost.

Evakuacija prebivalcev iz Pariza

Bern, Švica, 29. dec.—Tukajšnja radiopostaja je citirala poročilo iz nemških virov, da bo milijoni ljudi zapustilo Pariz, da se olajša živilska kriza. Matere, otroci in brezposelni bodo prvi zapustili mesto in odšli v Normandijo.

WALLACE ZA SVETOVNO FEDERACIJO

Razorožitev elementov, ki ogražajo mir

NAUK IZ PRVE SVETOVNE VOJNE

Washington, D. C., 29. dec.—Podpredsednik Henry A. Wallace je v svojem govoru po radiu orisal načrt poveljne federacije vseh narodov, ki naj bi vzdrževala mir, ekonomsko in politično pravičnost na temelju samoinicijative, v centralizirane svetovne avtoritete. Če taka federacija ne bo ustanovljena, bo svet, kakor v zadnjih dvajsetih letih, šel po poti, ki vodi v anarhijo in izgubo milijone življenj ter milijard dolarjev, kar dokazuje sedanja vojna.

Wallace je govoril po radiu v zvezi s proslavami 86. rojstnega dneva Woodrowa Wilsona, ameriškega predsednika v prvi svetovni vojni. Preden je govoril po radiu, je imel privaten razgovor s predsednikom Rooseveltom. Iz tega sklepa, da je Roosevelt sankcioniral Wallacejev načrt glede ustanovitve svetovne federacije narodov, ko bo ta vojna končana. O sličnem načrtu sta prej govorila državni tajnik Hull in državni podtajnik Welles.

Podpredsednik je dejal, da je Amerika dobila dober nauk iz prve svetovne vojne in je zdaj pripravljena prevzeti odgovornost proporno po svoji moči v družini narodov za ustanovitev svetovne federacije.

Prva naloga združenih narodov naj bi bila ustanovitev mašinerije, ki naj bi razorožila one elemente, ki ogražajo mir — mednarodne policijske sile, ki bi onemogočile agresijo. Ustanoviti je treba tudi mašinerijo za preprečitev ekonomske borbe med narodi. Ta naj bi bila nekakšen svetovni ekonomski svet. Morda bi bilo treba ustanoviti tudi mednarodno raziščišče, ki naj bi izrekalo odločitve v spornih slučajih. To bi moralo biti dovolj elastično v razsojanju v vseh zadevah, ki se pojavijo v nastalih okoliščinah.

Bistvo Wallacejevega načrta je nova svetovna demokracija kot logičen korak naprej od Rooseveltove "nove svobode" do Rooseveltovega "new deala." Taka demokracija naj bi slonela na dveh vodilnih načelih — svobodi in enotnosti. Ti načeli sta temelj ameriške demokracije že čez 150 let.

Angleški pacifist Morris aretiran

London, 29. dec.—Stuart Morris, bivši kanonik anglikanske cerkve v Birminghamu in znan pacifist, je bil aretiran. On je pred tremi leti resigniral kot kaplan v znak protesta proti stališču, ki ga je njegova cerkev zavzela napram vojni. Pri nedavnih nadomestnih volitvah je kandidiral za poslanca v parlamentu kot pacifist, a ga je porazil konservativci Basil A. Peto, ki je v volilni kampanji naglašal potrebo bombardiranja Berlina in drugih nemških mest. Peto je dobil pri volitvah 21.000 glasov, Morris pa samo 1552 glasov.

Angleški premier Churchill v Ameriki?

Washington, D. C., 29. dec.—Bela hiša ni zanikala in ne potrjuje poročil, da se angleški premier Winston Churchill nahaja v Ameriki. Stephen Early, Rooseveltov tajnik, je na vprašanja reporterjev, ali je Churchill v Ameriki odgovoril: "Ne vem, ali je ali ni. Čeprav bi vedel, vam ne bi povedal."

Detektivi ustrelili dva gangeža

Vsi člani Touhyjeve tolpe ujeti

Chicago, 29. dec.—J. Edgar Hoover je naznanil, da so bili vsi člani Touhyjeve tolpe ujeti. Roger Touhy, Basil Banghart in neki drugi gangež so bili ujeti v stanovanju na 5116 Kenmore ave. danes zjutraj.

Chicago, 29. dec.—Federalni detektivi so ustrelili dva člana Touhyjeve tolpe, ki je 9. oktobra pobegnila iz državne jetnišnice pri Jolietu. Ustreljena sta bila St. Clair McInerney in James O'Connor. Oba sta bila obsojena v dosmrtno ječo kot roparja.

McInerney in O'Connor sta se skrivala v drugem nastropju poslopja na 1256 Leland ave., v katero so udri federalni detektivi. Pri njima so dobili vsoto \$3500. J. Edgar Hoover, načelnik federalnega detektivskega biroja v Washingtonu, je došel v Chicago. Takoj po prihodu je odšel v detektivski urad v poslopju Bankers. Reporterjem je povedal, da jim bo pozneje pojasnil namen svojega obiska.

Unija ADF naznani-la podpis pogodbe

Delavci proslavljajo zmago

Las Vegas, Nev., 29. dec.—Unija, včlanjena v Ameriški delavski federaciji, je naznanila podpis pogodbe s konzernom Basic Magnesium, ki proizvede važen vojni material. Pogodba krije čez 5000 delavcev.

Uradniki unije pravijo, da je bila pogodba sklenjena po večtedenskih pogajanjih. Delavci vidijo v tej veliki zmagi. Unija je bila priznana kot edina predstavništva delavcev pri kolektivnih pogajanjih.

Pogodba določa delovni teden 40 ur, plačo in pol za čezurno delo, dvojno plačo za delo ob nedeljah in praznikih in letne počitnice s plačo. Plača za neizurjene delavce je 80 centov na uro, za izurjene pa \$1.50 na uro. Veljavnost pogodbe potече čez eno leto.

Ženske v uniji avtnih mehanikov

Vrata odprta za pristop

Chicago, 29. okt.—Unija avtnih mehanikov je naznanila, da bo sprejemala ženske kot članice, ker je nastalo akutno pomanjkanje mehanikov v Chicago, središču vojnih industrij in obrambne transportacije. Don Burrows, poslovni agent unije, je dejal, da je armada pobrala dvajset odstotkov mehanikov in da morajo ostali delati 70 in več ur v tednu.

Mehaniki, ki popravljajo tovarne avte, prejemajo visoko plačo. Burrows je dejal, da so aplikacije žensk za vstop v unijo dobrodošle. Vse one, ki so izurjene in imajo potrebne izkušnje, bodo sprejete. Pristopnina \$100 bo znižana na \$10 za one mehanike, ki ne bi hoteli nadaljevati dela po vojni.

Po sedanji mezdni lestvici je plača mehanikov \$50 do \$65 na teden poleg plače za čezurno delo. Ženske ne bodo prejemale tako visoke plače od začetka, zvišana pa jim bo, ko se izurijo. Burrows je dalje rekel, da se nahaja veliko število tovarnih avtov v garažah v svrhu popravil. Delo zaostaja zaradi pomanjkanja mehanikov. On je reprezentant Mednarodne zveze strojniki, včlanjene v Ameriški delavski federaciji, v katero spada tudi unija avtnih mehanikov.

DRŽAVNI TAJNIK HVALI FRANCOSKEGA GENERALA

De Gaulle odložil obisk Amerike

GIRAUD IZGUBIL DRŽAVLJANSTVO

Washington, D. C., 29. dec.—Državni tajnik Cordell Hull je pohvalil generala Girauda, ki je bil imenovan za vrhovnega komisarja francoske severne Afrike po umoru admirala Jeana Darlana. Hull je dejal, da bo izbira Girauda rezultirala v zedinjenju vseh francoskih grup in elementov pod njegovim vojaškim vodstvom.

Hullova izjava je pustila vrata odprta generalu Charlesu de Gaulle, načelniku odbora borbeneh Francozov. On bo morda odpotoval v severno Afriko, kjer bo konferiral z Giraudom o konsolidaciji njegove grupe s francosko oboženo silo v Afriki, ki se je pridružila zaveznikom v borbi proti osišču.

London, 29. dec.—General Charles de Gaulle, ki je imel danes odpotovati v Ameriko, kjer bi konferiral s predsednikom Rooseveltom, je odložil obisk v zadnjem momentu. Tu trdijo, da je general to storil na Rooseveltov apel.

Doznava se, da je nameraval odleteti proti Ameriki že zadnji četrtak. Bil je že na letališču, da se odpre v Ameriko, ko je dobil telefonsko sporočilo od premierja Churchilla s navetom, naj odloži odhod za nekaj dni. Ko se je v vlakom vračal v London, je bil informiran o umoru admirala Darlana.

Včeraj je De Gaulle obiskal podadmiral Alan Kirk, šef štaba ameriške bojne mornarice v evropskih vodah, ki mu je oddal poslanico od admirala Williama Leahya, šefa Rooseveltovega štaba, s sugestijo, naj odloži obisk zaradi položaja v severni Afriki.

Prej je De Gaulle izjavil, da bo kooperiral z generalom Giraudom, vrhovnim komisarjem v severni Afriki, v vseh ozirih.

Vichy, Francija, 29. dec.—Maršal Henri Petain je v govoru po radiu obsodil vse Francoze, ki kooperirajo z zavezniki v severni Afriki. Prej je bilo naznanjeno, da je vladni svet odzvel francosko državljanstvo generalu Giraudu.

Nemec izgubil ameriško državljanstvo

Chicago, 29. dec.—Federalni sodnik William H. Holly je odzvel državljanstvo Hansu Geislerju, 37 let staremu Nemcu, ki je bil nedavno obsojen na pet let zapora na obravnavi pred vojaškim sodiščem. Geisler je bil potrjen in pozvan v armado 4. aprila preteklega leta in nekaj mesecev pozneje odpuščen. Pred vojaško sodišče je bil postavljen, ker je, ko je bil v vojaškem taborišču Fort Sheridanu, izjavil, da raje izgubi ameriško državljanstvo, kot da bi se boril proti osišču. Geisler je na obravnavi priznal, da se je redno udeleževal sej Nemško-ameriškega bunda, nacijske organizacije.

Ameriški poslanik se vrača domov

London, 29. dec.—H. F. Arthur Schoenfeld, ameriški poslanik v Helsinki, Finska, je došel v London na svoji poti domov. On je bil pozvan v Washington, da poroča Rooseveltu in državnemu tajniku Hullu o situaciji na Finskem.

Slovenska kronika za Ameriko za leto 1942

Število umrlih nekoliko padlo od lani. Avti ubili manj rojakov, toliko bolj pa je naraslo število pobitih. Ženitve silno poskočile v starem letu.

V letu 1942 (od 30. decembra 1941 do 30. decembra 1942) je 1039 Slovencev umrlo v Združenih državah, Kanadi in Južni Ameriki na podlagi podatkov, ki jih Prosveta dnevno objavlja v koloni "Domače vesti". V tem številu so všteti vsi prijavljeni primeri smrti vsled bolezni in nesreč.

To število je manjše kot je bilo število smrtnih primerov v letu 1941, namreč 1115. Dočim je bilo število smrtnih primerov vsled bolezni in starosti večje v letu 1942 (domala 900) kot kdaj prej, se je v tem letu precej znižalo število smrtnih nesreč, bodisi pri avtomobilskih nezgodah, pri delu in drugače.

Avto je usmrtil 43 Slovencev in Slovencek v letu 1942 (68 v prejšnjem letu); 30 rojakov je bilo ubitih pri delu (33 v prejšnjem letu) in 60 je izgubilo življenje na druge načine (vsled padca na ledu ali doma po stopnicah, ustrelijen po nesreči, utonili itd.), medtem ko je število teh nesrečencev znašalo 24 v letu 1941. Umorjeni so bili štirje, eden manj kot v prejšnjem letu in vlak je smrtno povozil dva rojaka — isto kot v prejšnjem letu.

Vojna je vsekakor odgovorna za znižano število ubitih pri avtnih nezgodah, ko je omejila avtni promet in znižala hitrico vožnje. — Prav tako lahko rečemo, da je vojna znižala število samomorov. V letu 1942 si je osem rojakov vzelo življenje, pet manj kot v prejšnjem letu. Zelo izboljšane materialne razmere, ko je skoro vsakdo uposlen in služi denar, so vsekakor pomogle, da marsikdo ni imel časa misliti na samomor.

Na drugi strani pa je v letu 1942 silno poskočilo število pobitih rojakov. Dočim so v letu 1941 avtomobilske nezgode poškodovale 260 ameriških Slovencev — najbrže prenziko število, kajti

Zapisnik seje gospodarskega odseka

Redna seja gospodarskega odseka SNPJ 10. okt. se je vršila v gl. stanu jednote. Navzoči so vsi odborniki razen jednotnega predsednika. Zapisnik prejšnje seje se sprejme.

Odsekov predsednik Petrovič poroča, da detajlirano poročilo korporacije Ohio Forge pokazuje lep napredek. Družba izdeluje vojna naročila in v sedmih mesecih so znašala vsoto \$1.134.000 ter letne dividende se pričakujejo. Pri korporaciji Republic Steel ima jednota \$3000 v bonidih po 4 1/2%. Njeno premoženje znaša \$453.962.373.93. Sklenjeno, da ostane po starem. Pri korporaciji Cliff ima jednota 37 delnic, čije število delnic znaša 810.000. Sklenjeno, da se jih skuša prodati.

Pri družbi Indiana Limestone ima jednota \$3000 na vknjižbi po 6% in 180 delnic po dolarju. Te se bo skušalo prodati ob ugodnem času. Družba Cleveland Terminal Tower se je reorganizirala in prejeli smo \$520 v obveznicah, en odstotek v gotovini, \$4.56 v papirjih, 2.62 delnic in 6.59 v nezajamčenih certifikatih za vsako obveznico po \$1000, ki se sedaj cenil med 22 1/2 in 25.

Blagajnik poroča, da so bila odplačana clevelandska posojila FHA št. 17 v znesku \$1566.29, FHA št. 74 v znesku \$275.54, št. 35-J v znesku \$100, FHA št. 6 v znesku \$1887.54 in št. 54-A v znesku \$1084.45 ter čikaško FHA št. 33 v znesku \$3627.17. Dozorele in odplačane so bile akronske obveznice v znesku \$3000 in bedfordске v znesku \$900. Dalje so bile vpsolane zadolžnice okraja Jones, N. C., v znesku \$5000. Vse hranilne in posojilne delnice bivše SSPZ so se zamenjale za nove na ime SNPJ in štirje dvojni računi so se izenčili.

Družba Maricopa poroča, da obrestni ne bodo plačani 1. okt. Družba Detroit-Cleveland Trust izkazuje izgubo \$10,970 in skup-

Društvene priredbe

Tajnikom društev SNPJ in dopisnikom Prosvete bo koristilo, ako prečitajo uvodnik "Namesto noveletnega članka" na četrti strani današnje Prosvete.

Veselica za Društveni dom Lloydell Pa.—Društvo 60 SNPJ in društvo 35 ABZ priredita skupno veselico v korist Društvenega doma v soboto, 2. januarja, pričetek ob osmih zvečer. Za ples bo igrala godba "Balkanskih deklet", odbor pa bo skrbel za žejne in lačne. Vabljeni ste uljudno vsi člani in članice obeh društev, kakor tudi vsi prijatelji in znanci in sosednja društva, da nas obiščete v soboto zvečer na naši veselici.

Ralph Jerman.

Domača zabava društva 490 So. Chicago, Ill.—Na letni seji društva 490 SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da priredimo domačo zabavo v korist društvene blagajne. Zabava se bo vršila v soboto zvečer, 20. februarja v spodnjih prostorih brata Jerryja Trillerja na 9804 Ewing-ve. Toliko na znanje sosednjina društvom v South Chicagu in okolici, da ne bi prirejala svojih zabav isti dan.

Ker so časi resni in je potrebno, da se društvo obdrži v dobrem stanju in da kupi od časa do časa kakšen vojni bond, da pomagamo državi do čim prejšnje zmage nad sovragom, zato ni nič več kot prav, da imenujemo to zabavo "zabavo zmage" ali "victory dance". Oddane bodo tri lepe nagrade, ki odgovarjajo stvari v teh časih. Prva nagrada bo vojni bond za \$25, druga za \$5 vojnih znamk, tretja za \$2.50 vojnih znamk. "Premije" bodo po centu, kar je zelo poceni za take nagrade. Društvo pričakuje, da bo vsak član in članica prodala vsaj eno knjižico, ki stane dolar, tako da bo vsakdo nekoliko pomagal pri tem delu. Knjižice so na razpolago pri tajnici in poslužite se jih in pojdite na delo. Tudi godba vam bo gotovo po volji, ker pride zopet Pucelj z dvema pomočnikoma.

Naša prihodnja seja se vrši v torko zvečer, 5. januarja v navadnem prostoru. Prosim, da pridete vsi na to sejo, ako vas ne zadržuje delo ali bolezen, posebno naj bodo navzoči stari in novi odborniki, tako da bo odbor pravilno upeljan. Slišali boste poročilo nadzornega odbora za zadnje tri mesece, kot tudi poročilo delegata, ki je zastopal naše društvo na Slovenskem narodnem kongresu v Clevelandu. Pogovorili se bomo kaj več tudi o naši zabavi, kako priti do boljšega uspeha.—Srečno novo leto vsemu članstvu SNPJ in ostalim prijateljem!

Jacob Briljavac, predsednik.

Vabilo Naprednih Slovencev Cleveland.—Za božič sta nas obiskala naša člana-vojaka Paul in Vincent Ponce. Oba sta se z veseljem zahvalila za njima poslana božična darila. Škoda, ker se ne bosta mogla udeležiti veselice našega društva Napredne Slovence 137 SNPJ prihodnjo soboto zvečer, 2. januarja v Slovenskem narodnem domu na St. Clairju. Zato pa ne smejo pozabiti naše mlade članice povabiti svojih prijateljev in znancev, ki so v vojaški suknji, na ta ples. Danes prirejata veselice in tako enostavno, ker primanjkuje mesa in "žganega". Toda mesarica Anna Azman nas je zagotovila, da nam bo dobro postregla z mesom, naše kuharice kot so Agnes Žagar, Jennie Skuk, Anna Lunder in Josie Mežnarčič bodo pa pripravile okusen prigrizek.

Naš glavni šef za baro bo pa Mici Pečenkova, kot vedno. Poleg nje bodo stregle izkušene točajke sestre Braidich, Jeglich, Mikuš, Shutte in druge. Kar še potrebujemo sedaj, je veliko številno posetnikov in veselica bo uspešna. Dobiček bomo rabile v dobrotelne namene.

Članice so prošene, da porabijo vstopnice, ki so jim bile poslano. Ves veselični odbor naj bo dovolj zgodaj na mestu. (Te so proste vstopnine.) Vsem čitateljem Prosvete želimo zdravo in srečno novo leto! Na svidenje v soboto na naši veselici!

A. Simčič, tajnica.

Društvene vesti

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Milwaukee.—Društvo Sloga 16 SNPJ je v decembru izgubilo dva člana. Joseph Srnovsrnik je umrl 10. dec. v starosti 56 let za rtičvodom. Rojen je bil v vasi Račica na Štajerskem. V Ameriki zapušča dva brata, enega v Milwaukeeju, drugega v Clevelandu. Martin Božič je pa umrl 21. dec. v starosti 54 let za srčno kapjo. Rojen je bil v Bohinjski Bistrici na Gorenjskem. Tukaj zapušča brata in sestro. Oba pogreba sta se vršila civilno iz pogrebnega zavoda Franka Eremena. Društvo izreka globoko sožalje sorodnikom obeh pokojnih bratov.

Kar se tiče volitev pri našem društvu, smo bili izvoljeni vsi stari odborniki za 1943, tako da v tem ni spremembe. (Tajnik je bil izvoljen že 31. leto zaporedoma.) To leto je vladala lepa harmonija med uradniki in člani, kar je hvale vredno. Člani so šli na roko vsemu odboru in tako lahko rečemo, da smo delali roka v roki. Želim, da tako ostane tudi v bodoče.

Obenem želim tudi, da se udeležujete društvenih sej in da plačujete assessment čim več mogoče na seji, ker s tem prihranite neka stopinj sebi: prvič ste na seji, drugič pa vam ni treba hoditi na dom tajnika. Tako olajšate delo sebi in tajniku. Obiskujte redno tudi bolne članice in poročajte osebno na prihodnji seji o njihovem stanju. Izpustite osebosti in bomo šli tudi v bodoče v prijateljskem in bratškem duhu naprej. Zapomnite si to, da lepa beseda lepo mesto najde. Tekom mojega 30-letnega tajnikovanja še nismo imeli nobene velike pritožbe, da bi je ne mogli sami gošiti in smo se tako izognili sodnji. In zakaj ne bi rešili sami, če pride kaj narobe? Samo malo "common sense" in se vse uredi.

Ne pozabite tudi našega zastopnika Prosvete. Plačajte mu naročnino, če vas obišče na domu. Zavedajte se, da moč težko hodi od hiše do hiše in se ne izgovarjajte, naj pride drugič. Naša prihodnja seja bo 12. januarja. Udeležite se polnoštevno. Društvena zabava se bo vršila 6. marca—na pustno soboto zvečer v dvorani Tivoli. Podrobnosti še sledijo. Hvala vsem za poslana božična in novoletna voščila in enako želim tudi vsem srečno novo leto!

Frank Perko, tajnik.

Irwin, Pa.—Od našega društva 41 SNPJ so pri vojakih sledeči člani: Frank Vodnik ml., John Vodnik, Victor Bohinc, Louis Volker, John Jelovčan ml., John Volker, Stanley Sirmic in William Kuznik. Prvih pet se nahaja pri vojakih že od leta 1941, zadnji štirje pa so šli v tem letu.—William Bohinc, tajnik.

Cleveland.—Pri društvu Cleveland 126 SNPJ je bil izvoljen sledeči odbor za 1943: Predsednik Anton Abram, podpredsednik Matija Lučič, tajnik John J. Gabrenja, blagajnik Anton Smith, zapisnikar Blaž Novak, nadzorniki Louis Srdel, Matthew Martinčič in Emma Mihačič, vratar Anton Pogačar, za-

stopnik Prosvete John J. Gabrenja, zdravnik dr. F. J. Kérnj dr. Anthony Skur in dr. Thos. Bohor.

Zastopniki raznih ustanov, čijih podpiratelj je društvo in obenem tudi delničar SND: Za delniško sejo SND J. J. Gabrenja, za izletniško farmo SNPJ Matthew Martinčič in Blaž Novak, za postojanko 2 JPO-SS Anton Stanovnik in Matthew Martinčič, za klub društev SND James Kos in Anton Stanovnik, za elevalandsko federacijo SNPJ Matija Lučič in Anton Abram, za Cankarjevo ustanovo Matija Lučič in Anton Mohorič, za prosvetni klub SND Blaž Novak.

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J. J. Gabrenja, tajnik.

Cleveland.—Članice društva Naprednih Slovencev 137 SNPJ so na letni seji izvolile sledeči odbor za 1943: Predsednica Josephine Močnik, podpredsednica Josephine Mežarič, tajnica Antonia Simič, blagajnica Josephine Tratnik, zapisnikarica Anna Čebul, nadzornice Josephine Jeglich, Sophie Skerlep in Mary Cerk, bolniške nadzornice Jennie Drobnic in Mildred Kress; zastopnica za clevelandsko federacijo in Cankarjevo ustanovo Josephine Tratnik, za farmo SNPJ Rose Jurman, za Prosvetni klub SND Ursula Muley, za klub društev SND Frances Spick.

V imenu društva se lepo zahvalim članicam Martinčič, Mežnarčič, Močnik, Jereb in Simic, ki so prinesle na letno sejo lepe dobite.

Tajnica.

Najzanimivejše dnevne delavske vesti so v dnevniku "Prosveti." Ali jih čitate vsak dan?

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Naznanilo in zahvala

Zalostnega srca naznanjam sorodnikom prijateljem in znanecem da je dne 15. oktobra 1942 preminula naša ljubljenca soproga hči in sestra

Mary F. Aidich
(omozena WILSON)
Rojena je bila 2. oktobra 1913 v Chicago, Kansas in ob smrti stara 29 let. Živela je v Springfieldu, Ill. in sicer od 1. 1923. Tukaj zapušča soroga Paul Wilsona, mater mrs. Mary Ostrožnik, tri brate namreč Louis, John in Joe Aidich in strica Peter Drakaler in v Peoriji, Illinois, teto Luis Verbals, ter več drugih sorodnikov in prijateljev. Globoko sožalje družini. Počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti bude semljica.
MARY OSTROŽNIK,
Springfield, Ill.

Ženstvo in mladina

(Rezolucija, sprejeta na Slovenskem narodnem kongresu v Clevelandu, O. 5. decembra 1942.)
Slovenski narodni kongres z ogorčenjem obsoja največjo poročnost, katero so izmislili nacistični sadisti in jo trajno izvršujejo s tem, da pehajo slovenske žene in dekleta v prisilno prostitucijo za perverzno naslado podivjane nazijske soldateske. Enako strogo obsoja prisilno odvajanje otrok in njih vitkanje v nemške šole in jakovsne mladinske organizacije s namenom, da se odtuje svojemu narodu in se vzgoje za nacije in sovražnike svojih rodni staršev.

V vsaki vojni padajo žrtve in s tem ne računamo le napadalec, ampak tudi tisti, ki se opravljeno branil. Toda še le fašisti vsake barve so iz vojne, ki je že sama na sebi zadostno zlo, naredili najhujšo, najnevarnejšo razbojništvo, ki zanikuje vsako človeško dostojanstvo in tepta vsa civilizacijska in blato. Vrhunec podlosti je nacifilizem do segel s sistematično skrutnivitvijo ženstva in smotnim uničevanjem vsake moralnosti, tako satanako organiziranim, da se nesreč ne žrtve ne morejo ne braniti, ne upirati.

Nešteti slučaj uradno ukasanega ropa deklet za prostitutke namene so bili naznanjeni s pomočjo podtalne pošte, koliko jih je neznanih stariem in sorodnikom nesrečnih žrtv in koliko teh se je rešilo s samomorom, bo še le po končani vojni mogoče natančneje dognati. Tipičen za seksualno politiko nacistične vojske, ki se je primeril kmalu po nemški okupaciji v Kranju. Nekega dne se je ustavila vrsta avtomobilov pred tekstilno tovarno: naciji so kar od dela nagnali dvesto mladih delavk vanje, ne da bi jim povedali, kaj nameravajo z njimi in pod močno stražo so bile odpušljane v razne nemške vojaške tabore. Eni sami teh žrtv se je s pomočjo nekega strahotnika posrečilo, da je ušla in skoraj na smrt izmučena prišla domov. To deklet je povedalo, da so bile njene tovarišice razdeljene v skupine in zaprte v javne hiše po raznih krajih. Da bi vsaka mogla zadostiti pohoti najmanj petnajstih podivjanih nacistov, so jim vbrigavali posebne injekcije in če se je kljub temu izrpal, je enostavno izgnila—nihče ne ve, kako in kam.

To ravnanje kaže, da ne more biti s fašizmom in nacizmom nobenega sporazuma pod nikakršno pretvezo, ampak da ne bo civilizacija varna, dokler se ta hudobnost popolnoma ne uniči in iztrebi s koreninami.

Zločini nad ženstvom in mladino so tako gnusni, njih namen tako podel in njih posledice tako nevarne za bodočnost naroda, da se po končani vojni ne morejo in ne smejo prezreti. Nemške oblasti morajo biti prisiljene, da najdejo in vrnejo vse žrtve, ki bodo še žive in jih odškodujejo, kolikor se morejo take strahotne krivice vsaj materialno poravnati. Slovenski narodni kongres je prepričan, da bodo s drugimi vojnimi krivci vred tudi vsi tisti, ki so ukazovali in izvrševali ta hudodelstva nad nedolžnim ženstvom in mladino poklicani na odgovornost in po zaslugi kaznovani brez ozira na njihov družabni položaj.

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Naznanilo in zahvala
Tužnega srca naznanjamo, da je po dolgotrajni in mučni bolezni za vedno zatnila svoje oči naša ljubljenca soproga in mati

FRANCES MESEC
(roj. PETKOVŠEK)
Umrila je 13. decembra 1942 ob 2. uri dopoldne. Pokopana je bila na North Shore Garden of Memories pokopališču. Tukaj zapušča soproga Martina, sinova Franka in Johna, hčeri Frances in Matilda poroč. Selinski, brata Franka Petkovič in Little Fallu, N. Y., sestro Marion Jelovick v Waukeganu, bratrance Franka Gregogka v Little Fallu, N. Y., Frank Petkoviča v Willardu, Wis., sestro Mary Sulhaj v Little Fallu, N. Y. V starem kraju v Zaplani nad Vrhniko mater (ako je še živa), dve sestri Ana in Marijo in brata Josipa. Izkreno se zahvalimo sorodnikom, znanecem in prijateljem, društvom "Sloga," Molka Enakopravnost" in "Little Fort," vse tri od SNPJ in Samostojnega podpornemu društvu, za darovane vence in za obilo udeležbo ob sprejemu pokojnice na njeni sednji poti na mirovdor. Lepa hvala nje bratu Frank Petkoviču, ki se je osebno udeležil pogreba in daljnega Little Fallu, N. Y., ter ki je vsem ostalim darovalcem vencev, katerih je bilo nad 80, in ker bi vsem preveč prostora navesti imena vseh posameznikov, naj bodo tem mestu še enkrat izročena vam hvala za tolažbo in za iskreno nam sožalje. Naša priročna hvala sosedam Mary Ark in Mary Špacapan, ter sestri Marion Jelovick, Frances Slabe, bratu Jack Mesecu in njegovi senci, za tolažbo in poživitev naših duš, ki smo jih v ob smrti pokojnice. Hvala vsem skupaj. Tebi, draga, nepoznani soproga in mati, pa želimo, počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti zabljena soproga in mati, pa želimo, počivaj v miru in lahka naj Ti zabljena ameriška semljica.—Zalujoči ostali: Martin Mecec, soproga Frank in John, sinova: Frances in Matilda por. Selinski, hčeri North Chicago, Ill.

Glavni zaključki

prve seje eksekutive Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta, vršiče se v Chicagu dne 22. decembra 1942

Prva seja izvršnega odbora Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta se je vršila v torek, 22. decembra, v Chicagu. Navzoči so bili predsednik Ethin Kristan, prva podpredsednica Marie Prislund, drugi podpredsednik Janko N. Rogelj, tajnik Rev. K. Zakrajšek, blagajnik Joseph Zalar, zapisnikar Mirko G. Kuhel ter odborniki Vincent Cankar, Leo Jurjevč, dr. F. J. Kern in Frank Zaitz.

Zapisnik prvega Slovenskega narodnega kongresa je bil prečitan in sprejet. Zaključeno je bilo, da se tiska zapisnik v 3000 izvodih in se razdeli med kongresne delegate in lokalna društva slovenskih podpornih organizacij, obenem pa se apelira nanje, da pomagajo kriti stroške za izdajo.

Na lokalna društva vseh slovenskih podpornih organizacij bodo poslani apelji za organiziranje lokalnih podružnic SANS v svrhu zbiranja prostovoljnih prispevkov za politično akcijo. Naproseni bodo gl. odbori naših podpornih organizacij za finančno podporo ter da apelirajo na svoja društva za ustanovitev postojank ali podružnic.

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Odbor je pooblastil pisatelja Louisa Adamiča, da posreduje pri governerju Lehmanu za pomoč v rekonstrukciji in rehabilitaciji uničene Slovenije.

Predsednik in tajnik sta delegirana, da tvorita deputacijo, v katero smeta po potrebi in nujnosti imenovati še druge odbornike, da osebno ponesejo na pristojna mesta v Washington resolucije, ki jih je sprejel kongres.

Administrativni urad SANS se bo nahajal v Chicagu, politični pa v Washingtonu, slednji potem, ko bodo finančna sredstva dopuščala.

Na vse slovenske časopise in revije se apelira, da **PODPIRAJO DELO**, katerega bo vršil SANS na podlagi resolucij sprejetih na kongresu, posebno za ZDRUŽENJE SLOVENIJE V FEDERATIVNI JUGOSLAVIJI. Nastopati moramo enotno v besedah in dejanju.

Mirko G. Kuhel, zapisnikar.

pravne člane. "Ne napredujemo... Ni dobička..." In tako dalje. Povem, da društvo redno plačuje svoje obveznosti, svoje delavce in na dvorano. Kaj hočeš še več?

Skusil si že, dragi Frank, da ni prav zdravo, ako človek ne kroti jezika. V svojem dopisu pišeš, da se ti očita brezverstvo. Well, ni treba posebne modrosti za to. Kar se tiče jednote, so samski ljudje zadnja leta malo pomagali za njeno porast. Pionirji in družinski očetje so ji omogočili porast. Samec ne pusti nasledstva, ko umrje, očetje pa puste naslednike, ki so temelj vsake ustanove.

Zato je moj nasvet, Frank, da zanaprej nastopaš dostojno napram društvu in tudi članstvu. Kot sem že omenil, društvo pošteno plačuje svoje obveznosti. Ako imaš kaj tirtati, prinesi račun in bo prav gotovo povoljno rešen. Res ne vidim, zakaj prinašaš v javnost stvari, ki se morejo rešiti le doma na sejah, kjer imamo vsi enake pravice in dolžnosti, kakor tudi pošteno plačo za pošteno delo s strani delavcev in uradnikov društva in dvorane.—Charles Coryak, 289.

Društvene vesti

Tajnikom društev SNPJ in dopisnikom Prosvete bo koristilo, ako prečitajo uvodnik "Namesto noveletnega članka" na četrti strani današnje Prosvete.

Kitsville, Minn.—Na letni seji društva 161 SNPJ je bil izvoljen sledeči odbor: Predsednik Anton Ribich, podpredsednik Frank Papan, tajnik Charles Kerzie, blagajnik John Rolar, zapisnikar Jakob Podlipnik, predsednik nadzornega odbora Frank Zidarich, zdravnik dr. Estrem. Seje so vsako zadnjo nedeljo v mesecu.

Naznanjam članom, da je bilo na glavni seji sklenjeno, da tajnik ne bo pobiral asesmenta pred sejo na svojem domu. Kdor ne bo plačal asesmenta na seji, naj pride na dom isti dan ali pa druge dni, kar jih še ostane po zadnji nedelji v mesecu. Vsak član mora prinesiti s seboj plačilno knjižico; kdor je nima, naj jo naroči pri tajniku.

Charles Kerzie, tajnik.

Cleveland.—Društvo Lunder-Adamič št. 28 SNPJ je izvolilo sledeče uradnike za 1943: Predsednik Krist Stokel, podpredsednik Ignac Rugel, tajnik Wm. Candon (246 E. 214 St.), blagajnik Anton Wapotech (892 E. 72rd St.); nadzorni odbor — John Pollak (predsednik), Louis Zele in John Turk, reditelj Jacob Zagar. Seje se vrše vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu v dvorani št. 2 dopoldne. Zastopniki raznih ustanov: Za konferenco SND Anton Wapotech, za federacijo in farmo Krist Stokel, za klub društev S. N. D. Anton Wapotech in John Hočvar, za prosvetni klub SND Josephine Skabar in Agnes Kallan, za Cankarjevo ustanovo Wm. Candon, za jugoslovansko pomožno akcijo John Pollak in Anton Wapotech.

Društvo je sklenilo na letni seji dne 20. dec., da vsak član in članica plača v letu 1943 dolar; plača se lahko vse naenkrat ali pa na obroke štirikrat v letu. Društvo pa doda še vsoto, da bo \$500.00. Ta vsota je \$250 za pomožno jugoslovansko akcijo in \$250 za Slovenski ameriški narodni svet. Celotna vsota bo izplačana v mesecu januarju.

Dalje je društvo darovalo za Cankarjevo ustanovo \$12, za Slovensko narodno čitalnico \$6, za Prosvetno matico \$6 in za prosvetni klub SND \$5. Pred par meseci smo darovali za Rusko vojno pomoč \$25 in za ameriški in jugoslovanski Rdeči križ vsakemu po \$15.

Društvo ima do sedaj že čez dva tisoč dolarjev vojnih bondov.

Društvo želi vsem srečno in veselo novo leto 1943.

Wm. Candon, tajnik.

Frontenac, Kansas.—Stara navada je, da se članstvo vabi na decembrsko sejo, naše društvo 27 SNPJ pa vabi svoje članstvo na prihodnjo sejo v nedeljo, 3. Jan. Mogoče bo kaj boljši uspeh. Zadnja seja je sprejela precej drastičen sklep, da ne bo držal izgovor, češ, "bodo že brez mene opravili." Pomnite, ako bi bili

vsaki taki mlačneži pri društvu, kako bi potem poslovali? Torej je priporočljivo, da pridete v polnem številu, da boste slišali zapisnik letne seje. Tudi nadzorni odbor bo poročal za zadnje tri mesece in boste slišali tudi celoletne račune — koliko smo vplačali, koliko prejeli in za kaj. To so zadeve nas vseh. Ker imamo vsi enake pravice, imejmo tudi vsi enake dolžnosti. Pregovor pravi: sloga jači, nesloga tlači.

Uradniki za 1943 so: Predsednik Rok Firm, podpredsednik Anton Lesjak, tajnik Frank Krajsel, blagajnica Frances Preložnik, zapisnikar Tony Jurshe, zdravnik dr. G. Gish, nadzorniki Joe Jereb, Matt Cancel, Anton Žagar; bolnišnica odbornika Anton Bartol in Joe Jartz, za prošnje Frances Tratar in Paulina Vičić, reditelj John Rudman; zastopnika za federacijo Anton Žagar in Frank Krajsel, za Prosveto Frank Krajsel.

Frank Krajsel, tajnik.

Chicago, Ill.—Članstvo društva št. 131 SNPJ naznanjam, da je letna seja izvolila vse prejšnje odbornike za prihodnje leto. Ti so: Predsednik M. J. Turk, podpredsednik A. Gradišek, tajnica U. K. Gradišek, blagajnik V. Zupančič in zapisnikar F. Smith.

Obenem želim pripomniti, da je omenjena seja določila božična darila članom vojakom, in sicer vsakemu \$3 iz blagajne. Nekateri so že odgovorili, da so darila prejeli in se društvu iskreno zahvaljujejo. Sedaj se nahaja v armadi osem fantov od našega društva in razen mojega nečaka Theodora Gradiška, ki je bil poslan iz Anglije v Afriko, so še vsi v Združenih državah. Društvo želi vsem čimprej srečen povratek.

Glede vojnih bondov, katere je naše društvo oddalo na letni seji, naj bo pojasnjeno, da je prvega dobila sestra Mildred Simičič, drugega pa Frank Grecco. Članom mladinskega oddelka naše društvo zaenkrat ni določilo običajnih božičnih daril. To radi tega, ker smo se spomnili naših vojakov, kar upam, da bodo prizadeti vzeli z zadovoljstvom na znanje.

Ursula K. Gradišek, tajnica.

Warren, O.—Naznanjam članom društva 321 SNPJ, ki se niste udeležili decembrske seje, da je bil izvoljen sledeči odbor za 1943: Predsednik Jakob Peršin, podpredsednik Karl Tomažin, tajnik Joseph Jež, blagajnica Frances Jež, zapisnikar Frank Modic, nadzorniki Lojza Tomažin, Jennie Resnik, Anton Martinc; zastopnika za federacijo Jakob Peršin in J. Jež. Seje se vrše vsako prvo nedeljo v mesecu od dveh popoldne v Hrvaškem domu na Burton st.

Torej ste vabljeni vsi, da se v prihodnjem letu udeležujete seji. Sedaj ne bo izgovora, da je treba pregodaj vstati ali da morajo članice kosilo pripravljati. Udeležite se prihodnje seje v polnem številu, ker slišali boste letne račune in druge važne stvari. Asesment bom pobiral vsakega 26. v mesecu, kot do sedaj od sedmih do osmih zvečer. Prosim vse, da plačate asesment do zadnjega v mesecu, ker tajnik ne sme rabiti društvenega denarja za zalaganje asesmenta izvemski, če član vpraša na društveni seji in če je odobreno. Kdor je suspendiran radi neplačanega asesmenta, ni tajnikova krivda, marveč vas samih. Upam, da boste upoštevali to naznanilo.

J. Jež, tajnik.

Joliet, Ill.—Naše društvo 115 SNPJ je v letu 1942 izgubilo pet članov, ki so: Mary Thomas, Joe Marentič, Joe Terlep, Louis Lonsher in Joe Thomas. Zadnja dva sta umrla v enem tednu.

Helen Storniša, tajnica.

McKeesport, Pa.—Naše društvo 347 SNPJ ima že šest članov v armadi Strica Sama in vsem smo poslali božična darila. Lahko smo vsi ponosni nanje, ker se bore za svobodo vsega sveta. Eden od teh članov, ki še ni star 18 let, toda je že korporal, se lepo zahvaljuje društvu in članstvu za prejeto dar.

Tajnik.

Ali ste naročili na dnevnik "Prosveto"? Podpirajte svoj list!

Od časa do časa

poročila in komentira

Milan Medvešek

V Clevelandu imamo mnogo pridnih in poirtvovalnih društevnikov in društvenc. Med najbolj pridne in poirtvovalne je pisec vedno prištevati sestro Frances Candon. Samo v "luknji" pod odrom Narodnega doma je presedela kot suflerka dramskega zbora Ivana Cankarja skoro četrstoletja. In delo šepetalke ni lahko. Sedeti sključen v dve gubi in na mrzlem več ur pri vsaki igri in povrh še brezplačno ni nobena šala!

Toda to ni edino delo, ki ga je toliko let vršila sestra Candon. Bila je aktivna (in to v pravem pomenu besede!) pri vseh naših naprednih društvih in ustanovah: pri Narodnem domu na St. Clair Ave., pri Progressivnih Slovenceh, Naprednih Slovenceh, Cankarjevi ustanovi itd., itd.

Mrs. Candon se je morala pred kratkim podvreči težki operaciji. Iskreno želim, da čim prej ozdravi in se zopet povrne domov k svoji skrbeči družini.

Kapitalistično časopisje je dolgo časa histerično kričalo, da mora vlada "zamrzniti" delavske plače, če hoče preprečiti grozečo inflacijo.

Ko je vlada končno to storila, je obenem izdala ukaz, da ne sme nobena oseba prejemati več kot \$25,000 letne čiste plače.

Kako pa je časopisje sprejelo to odločbo? Tako kot je bilo pričakovati. Nasprotuje in kritizira to odločbo z vso vehemenco. Po mnenju časopisja in drugih "dnevnih" patriotov je "zmrzovanje" plač delavstvu, to je malim ljudem, popolnoma logično, pravilno in patriotično, dočim je "zmrzovanje" plač nad \$25,000 velikim zverinam nepravilno, neložljivo, škodljivo in upeljevanje komunizma v tej deželi. To so ti tičji!

Božičnica kroška št. 2 SNPJ je prav lepo uspela. Navzočih je bilo veliko število članov mladinskega oddelka. Za tako lep uspeh gre v prvi vrsti zasluga voditeljici kroška Marion Tratnik-Adam in Zagarjevima dekletoma.

Pred kratkim sem komentiral članek slavnega učenjaka H. G. Wellsa, v katerem piše, da je papež na delu proti Sovjetski uniji, da ščeva verski boj proti njej in da se v ta namen poslužuje celo Japoncev in intrigira z njimi. Brat Molek je bil precej skeptičen o Wellsovi izjavi in omenil neko poročilo, ki je bilo v Amerikanskem Slovcu, ki pravi ravno nasprotno, namreč da papež ne gleda več tako pesimistično na Sovjetsko unijo.

Zadnji teden je imel "sveti očev" govor, kateri potrjuje Wellsovo trditve. V svojem govoru je dejal, da se je treba bojevati proti totalitarizmu, a imenoma ni imenoval nacjskega totalitarizma, ampak samo marksističen socializem. V mislih je imel seveda Rusijo. Sploh pa je ves govor eksemplar nazadnjaškega stališča do sveta. Sicer pa je to stara pesem "svetega očeta".

O Finski smo se precej prekalili, ko jo je napadla Sovjetska unija. Danes pa molčimo, ko prihajajo poročila, da so finski ugledni voditelji, med njimi tudi sam predsednik vlade, pred kratkim nazdravljali japonskim uspehom v vojni z Združenimi državami in burno ploskali, ko jim je japonski poslanik kazal slike, ki so predstavljale razdejane Pearl Harborja. Zakaj Združene države ne napovedo vojne Finski, je res uganka.

Nekateri menijo, da bo Rusija ob koncu vojne tako izčrpana, da ne bo imela nobene moči in seveda malo besede pri urejevanju nove Evrope.

Pobožne želje teh ljudi se najbrže ne bodo izpolnile. Pet močnih ofenziv, ki jih vodijo sovjeti proti Hitlerju ravno te dni, dajo misliti drugače.

Največja tragedija te vojne bila, če bi Združeni narodi obnovili v Evropi nacionalistični-kapitalistični gospodarski red. In vse kaže, da se močno dela v tej smeri. Upajmo, da ne pride do tega, da bo delavstvo in ves pro-

Glavni dogodki

leta 1942 doma in po svetu

- 1—Uvedba odmerkov, zamrznitev cen in plač ter postavitve največjih davkov v zgodovini v Združenih državah.
- 2—Produkcija bojne opreme v Ameriki se je počel veriti.—Tajni obisk "arzenala demokracije" po predsedniku Rooseveltu.
- 3—Uključitev 18 in 19 let starih mladeničev v obvezno vojaško službo.
- 4—Smrtna obsodba desetih nemških saboterjev in njihovih sodnikov ter prijateljev; šest je bilo takoj usmrčenih.
- 5—Požar je usmrtil čez 500 oseb v nočnem klubu v Bostonu.
- 6—Največja kampanja v ameriški zgodovini za zbiranje starih železa in kavčuka ter za prodajanje vojnih bondov in vojnihranilnih znamk.
- 7—Mobilizacija žensk v Združenih državah v treh pomožnih vojaških organizacijah.
- 8—Wendell Willkie, potujoč z letalom, je obiskal Bližnji vzhod, Rusijo in Daljni vzhod.
- 9—Winston Churchill je obiskal Washington in Kanado.
- 10—Velika angleška zmaga v Egiptu in Libiji, ameriška invazija francoske Afrike in umor Jeana Darlana v Alžiru.
- 11—Japonska okupacija Filipinov, Singapora, Jave in Burme.
- 12—Velika ruska kontraofenziva med Donom in Volgo potem, ko je Staligrad odbil vse napade in vzdržal sto dni nemškega obleganja.
- 13—Poraz japonske pomorske sile na Koralnem morju in pri otoku Midwayju.
- 14—Ameriška ofenziva na Solomonih in ameriške zmage na otoku Guadalcanalu.
- 15—Angleški in ameriški letalski napadi na industrijska mesta v Nemčiji in Italiji, ki značijo konec osliščne premoči v zraku v Evropi.
- 16—Ameriški bombniki pod poveljstvom Doolittle so z bombami postpali Tokio.
- 17—Napad ameriških in kanadskih "komandnih" oddelkov na obnovno mesto Dieppe na Francoskem.
- 18—Čudovita rešitev kapitana Eddieja Rickenbackerja na Pacifiku.
- 19—Ameriški Slovenci so imeli svoj prvi Slovenski narodni kongres, na katerem so začrtali skupni politični program glede Slovenije in Jugoslavije.

gresiven element pravočasno preprečil take nakane.

Vojna stane stotine milijard dolarjev. Ako tehtamo te številke in pomislimo, da ne predstavljajo papirja, temveč uničevanje človeških dobrin, potem pridemo do zaključka, da bo vojna svet spravila na rob propada.

To je seveda prva misel. Ako pa se pogledimo malo globlje, vidimo, da je v današnjih dneh veliko lažje ustvarjati zemljako bogastvo, da ustvarimo stokrat več v stokrat krajšem času, zato materialna stran te vojne ni tako porazna kot se zdi na prvi pogled. Seveda, tu ne govorim o ogromnih človeških žrtvah in trpljenju.

Ako bo človeštvo končno toliko doraslo, da bo znalo razumno razdeliti sadove svojega ustvarjanja, ustvarjanja na podlagi modernih iznajdb, in uredilo narodno gospodarstvo v duhu modernih razmer, bo lahko navzile sedanjí vojni zavlačala zlata doba za vse človeštvo, katero ne bo poznalo ne vojne in ne drugih socialnih krivic.

Darlan, zloglasni Quisling, nazadnjak in izdajalec, je mrtev.

Noben pošten človek ne bo pretakal solz za njim.

Darlanovo mesto je zavzel general Giraud, ki ni sicer tak Quisling in oportunist kot je bil Darlan, a navzile temu pa ne dosti prida — star general z maginotako mentaliteto in po vrhu velik nazadnjak, kot so večinoma vsi stari francoski generali, ki so za časa španske civilne vojne držali Bluma za vrat, da ni mogel iti na pomoč španiskim lojalistom.

Pater Zakrajšek piše v našem časopisju članke o Slovenskem kongresu. Sodeč po njegovih člankih, se nehoče vprašujem, ali je mož znehati za tajnika Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta? Tudi tistih njegovih solz ne morem pozabiti. V enemu izmed člankov omenja dve ženski, Mrs. Prislund in Mrs. Növak, češ, da imata zelo velike zasluge za uspeh kongresa. Zanimivo, zelo zanimivo! Kristanu in Adamiču, ki sta bila tudi Slovenskega kongresa, še dosedaj ni pripisal nobenih zaslug. Zelo zanimivo... in zelo nediplomatično.

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Moj življenjski obetaneh stvari: od tega dela in vsled starosti ni mi mogoče dobiti druge vrste stalno delo še kjerkoli; vsled tega se uljudno priporočam, kadar želite prebravati ali papirati vaše stanovanje, bom zelo vesel ako me pokličete in prinesel vam bom vsrzoce krasnega slovenskega papirja, barvila in dal smerno čeno se izvršitev dela.

Želim vsem v tem obzoru, kakor tudi po širni Ameriki vsem znancem, sobratom, sorodnikom in prijateljem

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Od društva Delavec št. 8
So. Chicago, Ill.—Letna seja društva Delavec 8 SNPJ je bila še prilično obiskana. Seveda bi bila lahko še bolje, toda v razmerah, v katerih živimo, ne moremo boljše pričakovati. Dasi smo letno sejo preložili iz petka na nedeljo, se je ni udeležilo več članov, ker delajo tudi ob nedeljah.

Odbor za prihodnje leto je: Predsednik Frank Kosich, podpredsednik Michael Zatkovich, tajnik Joseph Kosich, blagajnik John Dejak, zapisnikar Michael Chandick, nadzorniki John Koshir, Frank Kasher, Joseph Vucich. Seje bodo vsak drugi petek v mesecu v Calumet Park Field Housu ob 7:30 zvečer. Društvo ostane še nadalje član federacije in Prosvetne matice.

Na seji je podal zanimivo poročilo društveni predsednik Frank Kosich kot delegat Slovenskega narodnega kongresa. Članstvo ga je z zanimanjem poslušalo. In kako tudi ne, saj gre za osvoboditev naše rojstne domovine in pomoč našim sivočem, ki še tam žive. Brez financ seveda ne bomo daleč prišli in torej naj bo naša naloga, da zbiramo finančna sredstva v ta namen, da bomo pripravljani, ko bo prišel čas odločevanja. Vemo tudi, da bo glad, mizerija, bolezen in bo treba vsega. Veseli bodo naše pomoči. Važno je tudi to, da naš narod postane svoboden ne samo izpod italijanskega in nemškega fašizma, marveč, da bo v bodoče imel tudi pravo demokratično vladno, da se bo lahko svobodno razvijal v nji in živel v miru.

Od našega društva je 13 članov v armadi; dvanajst jih je še "doma", eden pa je na Havajih. Ti so Joseph Mikolich, John Zatkovich, Edward Maras, John Pavichevich, William Pavichevich, Michael Toporsh, Rudolph Toporsh, Frank Markez, Joseph Radovich, Frank Ziherie, August Malchich, Joseph Gornik in John Jaki. Društvo se je spomnilo vseh in jim poslalo primerno božično darilo. Sklep letne seje je tudi, da člani, ki se nahajajo pri vojakih, bodo v bodoče prosti društvenega rednega in izrednega asesmenta.

Ker radi pomagamo vsaki dobri stvari, je radi tega članstvo sklenilo na letni seji, da priredimo domačo zabavo v korist društvene blagajne, in sicer na predpustno soboto, ki bo letos 6. marca. Veselica se bo vršila v Hrvaškem domu na 9618 Commercial ave. v spodnjih prostorih.

Dvorana je najeta, kakor tudi Pucjeva godba, odbor pa je že sedaj pridno na delu, da uredi vse potrebno. Sklep letne seje je, ker gre ta zabava v korist naše blagajne, bomo vsi enako prispevali, to je, vsak član plača vstopnino. Gotovo bomo tudi na tej zabavi nekaj "oddali". Odbor je že na delu, da poskrbi, kaj bi bilo najbolje. Toda če mislimo na uspeh, moramo tudi pri tem delu vsi enako pomagati—vsi listke prodajati.

Po letni seji smo imeli prigrižek in nekaj pijače, tako da se je razvila prav prijetna zabava. Da pa ni trpela društvena blagajna, so člani zbrali skupaj toliko, da smo približno pokrili stroške. Člani, kateri še niste dobili stenskega koledarja SNPJ, vprašajte zanj, ko pridete plačat asesment. Ne pozabite tudi tega, da pobirame asesment doma le od 25. do zadnjega v mesecu. Prosim, upoštevajte to.

Joseph Kosich, tajnik.

Seja postojanke JPO-SS
Detroit.—V nedeljo, 10. januarja ob drugi uri popoldne se vrši seja tukajšnje postojanke JPO-SS v Slovenskem narodnem domu na John R. Kart ne bom pošljala in torej vas prosim, da upoštevate to naznanilo in pridete na sejo v polnem številu.

Ker smo v sezoni lepih voščil, tudi jaz želim vsem čitateljem srečno novo leto in da bi nastopil res mir na zemlji, pa ne samo za nekaj let, marveč trajno. Katherine Kraiz, tajnica.

Po slovenskem kongresu

Akron, O.—Vendär je prišel čas za potrebno akcijo, sem si mislil, ko sem čital v Prosveti pred več tedni novico, da se bo vršil Slovenski narodni kongres 5. in 6. decembra v Clevelandu. Radi odmerkov gasolina in obdov in radi zaposlenosti v vojnih industrijah sem nekoliko dvomil, če se bo moglo udeležiti večje število delegatov, seveda večina delavcev.

Ker me je kongres zanimal, bi bil rad v Clevelandu takoj ob pričetku, toda me je delo zadržalo, nekaj pa tudi natrpna transportacija, da sem prišel na zborovanje šele proti koncu prvega dneva. Ko sem vstopil v avditorij Slovenskega narodnega doma, sem bil dokaj presenečen nad številno udeležbo, kajti zasedeni so bili vsi sedeži, a nekaj stoječih rojakov pa je še steno podpiralo. Prej sem mislil, da nas bo kake pol dvorane.

Malo sem postal v ozadju dvorane, da se malo ogledam. Takoj sem opazil na odru Etbina Kristana, poleg več drugih oseb, ki je ravno čital neko resolucijo. Čital jo je tako na glas kljub svoji 75-letni starosti, da sem vsako njegovo besedo razumel, čeprav ni govoril po mikrofону kot so morali nekateri drugi pred njim in za njim, če smo jih hoteli razumeti. Vsi so ga pazno poslušali. Po prečitani resoluciji je bilo takoj glasovanje. Ker nisem bil še potrjen kot delegat, stopim k mizi blizu vrat, kjer me je "punca" vpsala, mi pripelja "potrdilo" na moj sknjčič ter mi izročila večje število resolucij in drugega gradiva.

Stopil sem nekaj korakov dalje ob steni in zapazil "večnega popotnika" A. Tankovicha, resno zamišljenega v potek zborovanja. Malo sem ga sunil, da me je opazil. Pozdravila sva se običajno, kakor ga vprašam, naj mi na kratko pove, kaj vse sem zamudil, da bom tako imel čim prej jasno sliko o zborovanju. Povedal mi je, da sta bila ob otvoritvi navzoča tudi priljubljeni clevelandski župan Frank J. Lausche in Louis Adamič, ki pa je moral kmalu iti v neko mesto na vzhod na predavanje. Prej je Adamič še podal svoj referat.

Po preditanju resolucij in nekaj drugega je bilo zborovanje prvega dneva zaključeno. Kmalu potem sem opazil ostale tri akronske zastopnike—brate M. Klariča, Majerja in Anderluha, ki so imeli malo boljše priliko, da so prišli pred mano v Cleveland. Zborovalci in poslušalci so se kmalu razšli po raznih prostorih obširnega Doma. Razumljivo, da smo se spet sešli s številnimi znanci iz Clevelanda in od drugod (v Fabjančičevi družbi smo pogrešali A. Valentičiča).

Naša akronska skupina, kateri se je pridružil tudi brat Peklaj iz Mogadorja, se je pridno skupaj držala. Domenili smo se, da obiščemo Slovenski muzej v SND. Gremo tja in takoj sem opazil tam brata Moka, urednika Prosvete, ki se je pri mizi pogovarjal z nekaterimi rojaki. Tam sem zapazil tudi znano mi osebo Matijeta Pogorelca, ki je v spremstvu Erazma Gorseta, oskrbnika muzeja, ogledoval to in ono. Njega poznam že izpred prve svetovne vojne, ko sem kopal železno rudo na Elyju in v drugih naselbinah po železnem okrožju Minnesote. On je prodajal res dobre in močne žepne ure, ki so bile kot nalašč pripravne za rudarje, pa tudi zlate ali pozlačene verižice, prstane in drugo, kar smo kupovali fantje, če je bilo kaj groša, da smo se bolj postavili pred dekleti, ki so prihajale iz Slovenije.

Tako smo sedaj torej tukaj videli trojico, ki ji gre največ zasluge za ustanovitev Slovenskega muzeja. Mi ostali rojaki

po Ameriki pa prispevajmo zgodovinske zanimivosti temu muzeju. Kadar bomo ob kaki priliki v Clevelandu, si pa oglejmo te zanimivosti. Vsakdo bo našel kaj, kar ga bo zanimalo.

V soboto zvečer smo se mnogi udeležili veselice Svobodomiselnih Slovencev SDZ, ki so imele veliko udeležbo. Tudi tukaj je bilo lušno. Predno smo se odpravili k počitku, je naša skupina hotela nabaviti si nekaj clevelandške specialitete, to je slovenskih kranjskih klobas. Mislili smo si, da jih bomo gotovo dobili. Najprvo se ogledamo pri Ažmanu poleg Narodnega doma, toda nam je povedal, da smo prepozni, da klobas ni več.

Malo smo bili razočarani in v skrbeh, kaj potem, če ne bo klobas za nas one, ki se ukvarjamo s kuhinjami brez gospodinj. Tovarš Majer me tolaži, češ, le malo počakaj, sem "šur", da jih bomo dobili. Tako smo šli z novo korajžo k par drugim rojakom, a klobas ni bilo več. Na neki mesnici sem še videl napis: "No beef today". V taki zadregi nisem vedel, ali bi dolžil Ažmana ali druge mesarje ali Barbiča. Še bolj pa nas je jezilo, ker se nam je smejala Mihevcova Franca iz Salema, ko smo ji pripovedovali o naši smoli. Namesto da bi nas ženske pomilovale, so se nam pa še smejale! Ja, ženska je res zagonetka . . .

Potem smo šli iskat prenočišča. S Klaričem sva šla na 33. cesto k njegovim znancom, ki so bili zelo gostoljubni in zgovorni, da bi menda z nami radi kar do jutra govorili. Toda bila sva utrujena in pričela sva zehati kot bi imela "piece work", kar je pomnilo, da bi rada spanja. Vseeno sva se proti jutru zmuzgala na posteljo. Da ne bi kaj zamudila, sva naročila, naj naju pokličejo ob osmi uri, kar se je tudi zgodilo. In tako sva že pred deveto uro zjutraj dospela na zborovanje.

Zborovalci so naglo prihajali in ni bilo dolgo, ko je bila velika dvorana napolnjena. Ko je naša skupina zopet zasedla stole, smo mnogi imeli prvič priliko videti krasno sliko Slovenije na zastorju. Res je nekaj pametnega, da se pokažejo lepe slike Slovenije tudi na zagrinjalih, in sicer ne samo v Clevelandu, marveč tudi drugod po narodnih domovih, namesto tistih trgovskih oglasov. Še bolj pa se mi je zdelo slika Bleda naravna, ker sem tam po prvi svetovni vojni več dni užival krasoto narave in gostoljubnost Blejčanov. Sedaj pa vsi vemo, da so tisti lepi kraji oropani, ljudstvo pobito, razglašeno ali zasužnjeno. Pri pogledu na sliko sem se zamislil v žalostno usodo Slovenije.

Nisem bil dolgo v tej zamišljenosti, ko je predsednik brat Cankar zopet otvoril zborovanje. Potem so bila klicana imena zastopnikov, katerih je bilo nekaj nad 500 in je Albina Novak imela precej opravka, predno jih je sklicala. Jaz bi bil kmalu protestiral, ker me je "premu-fala" v Barberton. Res sem zastopal društvo 73 SNPJ, ampak sem zastopal tudi naše društvo 535 SNPJ iz Akrona. Zato sem tej pomoti oprostil, toda sem vseeno rajši v Akronu, kjer je moj dom in delo.

Tako je bil program spet v polnem teku. Prečitanih je bilo več brzojavnih in drugih pozdravov iz širne Amerike. Bilo je spet nekaj govorov, potem pa je prišla na dnevni red glavna točka, to je volitev eksekutive in osrednjega odbora Slovenskega ameriškega narodnega sveta. Pri izboranju kandidatov je nominacijski odbor dobil kar 100% priznanje, kajti njegova lista je bila soglasno potrjena skoro pri vseh kandidatih. Izvoljeni so bili res taki narodni delavci, ki so že večkrat pokazali v javnosti, da delajo neumorno za rešitev slovenskega naroda in so pripravljani delovati še več v tem kritičnem času, ko naš narod umira v Sloveniji in kličie ameriške Slovence v obupu na pomoč.

Med zborovanjem je bilo tudi malo programa v počast delegatov. Ne bom šel v podrobnosti, toda dolgo ne bom pozabil dveh krasnih živih slik, ki sta predstavljali "Klic-obupane Slovenije" in "Naša zastava pod zaščito Svobode". Pri tem je mlada Anica Čebul tako ginljivo deklamirala, da niso samo meni stopile solze v oči, marveč sem jih videl tudi okrog sebe, in to posebno pri ženskah. Da, clevelandski Slovenci res znajo nekaj pokazati javnosti in so lahko ponosni nanje tudi drugi narodi radi njih kulturnega dela.

Prišlo je na vrsto tudi vprašanje financiranja tega gibanja za obrambo Slovenije. Za pričetek so apelirali na zborovalce za prostovoljne prispevke in nabrali so nekaj nad \$1300. Imena prispevalcev niso bila čitana, ker ni bilo časa, pač pa so jih omenili nekaj, ki so prispevali večje vsote. Poleg mene sedeči tovarš Majer me je dregnil v rebra, ko je slišal, da je njegov sorodnik daroval \$50. Ravno prejšnji večer smo bili v njegovi trgovini s čevlji v bližini SDD; bil je precej zaposlen z odjemalci, a vseeno smo si ogledali njegovo veliko zalogo čevljev. Kadar jih bo zmanjkalo v Akronu, bom šel pa k njemu. Prav na mestu je, da se podpira take zavodne rojake, katerim je narod pri sreč, obenem smo pa lahko prepričani, da bomo od domačih boljše postreženi kot od tujca. Pohvaliti je treba tudi cvetličarje I. Slapnika, ki je zbornici podaril dosti rož, katere so prinesle lep skupiček. Torej ne pozabimo: "Svoji k svojim . . ."

Za financiranje tega gibanja še ni bilo izdelanega načrta na tem kongresu, ampak poudarjali so, da bo treba dosti denarja za to akcijo, če hočemo doseči naš cilj, da Slovenija ne bo izbrisana z zemljevida. Potrebno je složno delovanje ne glede, če je kdo komunist ali socialist, svobodomislec ali katoličan. Kadar hiša gori, je treba gasiti, ker se lahko tudi tvoja vname brez ozira, kakšnega mišljenja si. Predvsem pa bo treba malo globlje poseči v žep kot smo kdaj prej, ker še nikdar v zgodovini ni bil obstoj našega naroda tafa-fala" v Barberton. Res sem zastopal društvo 73 SNPJ, ampak sem zastopal tudi naše društvo 535 SNPJ iz Akrona. Zato sem tej pomoti oprostil, toda sem vseeno rajši v Akronu, kjer je moj dom in delo.

In ako pomislimo na trpljenje in grozote, katere prenaša naš narod v stari domovini, so naši prispevki le malenkost na-

pram njih žrtvam. Ne strinjam se pa s prisiljenimi prispevki, kajti sem mnenja, da bomo več dosegli s prostovoljnimi darovi kot drugače. Ker sem ravno pri tem, bom na kratko omenil, kako bi bilo po mojih mislih uspešno financiranje te akcije.

Prvič naj bi se pooblastili zastopniki v sleherni slovenski naselbini za zbiranje prostovoljnih prispevkov. Tj bi šli do vseh rojakov po naselbini. Drugič naj bi vse jednote ali zveze poslane svojim društvom tiskovine z apelom na vsakega posameznega člana, da se prostovoljno obveže plačevati od 25c do dolarja na mesec pri asesmentu. Kdor se obveže za tako podporo, lahko plača tudi naprej za vse leto.

Še nekaj bom omenil predno končam. Prav nič se mi ne dopade neopravičeno kritiziranje, bodisi osebno ali po časopisju glede zmožnosti ali izvolitve tega ali onega v eksekutivo ali osrednji odbor SANS, pa naj bo to od levece ali od desnice. Ako jih je kongres potrdil tako rekoč soglasno, zakaj bi ne mogli tudi po kongresu delovati složno brez metanja polen pod noge. Pomagajmo jim rajši moralno in drugače pri tem težkem in odgovornem delu, kajti ne gre za njihovo osebo, marveč za ves slovenski narod. Je tako kot je zapisal urednik Molek: "Danes ni važno, kaj je ta ali oni posameznik delal v preteklosti, danes je važno samo to, kaj dela sedaj za zmago demokracije in za bodočnost našega naroda v starem kraju."

Nisem še pozabil, ko je Zbanič omenil na kongresu v neki osebnih zadevi izrek: "Kdor je čist, brez napake, naj vrže kamen name . . ." Kdoroli skuša netiti razdor v tej akciji za obrambo Slovenije, po mojem mnenju daje moralno pomoč nacifašistom in dela pogubo Slovincem. Položimo strankarstvo na policio vsaj v tem kritičnem času, ko se demokracija bori proti zasužnjstvu vsega sveta. Predvsem pomagajmo Ameriki v vseh njenih naporih za zmago, ker brez njene zmage je izgubljena ne samo Slovenija in Jugoslavija, marveč bo ostal zasužnjjen ves svet. Srečno novo leto vsem čitateljem in dopisnikom!

Joseph Irman. 535.

Silvestrova zabava v Springfieldu

Springfield, Ill.—Kot že več let v preteklosti, bo tudi letos Slovenski delavski dom priredil veselico na 31. decembra, to je na Silvestrov večer, začetek iste ob 8. uri. Je že mnogim znano, da je na vsaki veselici v drugih prireditvah, kar se jih vrši v našem Domu, dovolj vsakovrstne zabave za stare in mlade, česar tudi na tej veselici ne bo manjkalo.

Je sicer star običaj ali navada, da se na vse veselice vabijo ne samo člani, pač pa tudi drugo občinstvo, katero je vselej dobrodošlo. Torej kdor želi ali si privoščiti imeti dobro zabavo znanj dan v tem letu, naj se gotovo udeleži te veselice in je lahko zagotovljen, da mu ne bo žal. Na veselici ne bo samo dobra godba, pač pa bodo zraven godbe in plesa še druge zanimivosti in dobrote, katerih bo vsakdo deležen, kdor bo prišel na to Silvestrovo zabavo.

John Gorsek.

Pred dvajsetimi leti

(Iz Prosvete, 30. decembra 1922)

Domače vesti. Društveni klub v Clevelandu, ki deluje za gradnjo Slovenskega narodnega doma, poroča, da je že nabral \$12,000 v ta namen.

Zadeve SNPJ. Največ podporo iz novega sklada izrednih podpor so doslej prejeli člani, bivši rudarski stavkarji, ki ponekod še vedno bivajo v šotorih.

Delavsko vesti. Department za delo v ameriški vladi se pritožuje zaradi nizkih plač, ki jih prejemale ženske v industrijah.

Inozemstvo. Lausanska konferenca je prišla v zastoj zaradi petroleja v Mosulu.

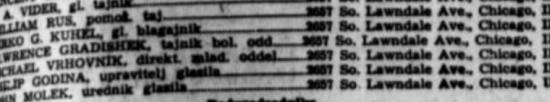
Sofjetska Rusija. Vseruski kongres sovjetov je sprejel Stalinov predlog za združitve vseh sovjetskih republik, ki se bodo poslej imenovali "Unija."



Mati Thomasa Lennona, člana unije ADF, ki je bil ubit v bitki s Japonci.

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DRUŠTVENE VESTI

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Predsednikova kolona

Zavedno in pogumno naprej

Še par dni—pa bo konec leta 1942. In ko se tako poslavljamo od starega leta ter pozdravljamo prihod novega...

Mi smo seveda za zmago demokracije. In hočemo, kajpak, da bo ta zmaga popolna ter čim prej mogoče.

Ko torej stopamo v leto 1943, ki ima baje biti leto odločitve v tej vojni, stopamo s posebnimi dolžnostmi, ki so zaenot težke odgovornosti na naših ramah.

Domača fronta tudi važna. In ko razmišljamo o vojni ter potrebnih naporih za zmago na vojnih poljanah, se moramo ravnati tako zavedati dolžnosti in odgovornosti za domačo fronto—zmagonosno kampanjo.

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Our Responsibilities in 1943

By the time this issue of Prosveta reaches our distant members, the New Year will have just begun—the year which is destined to bring America and her Allies closer to Victory over the dark forces.

As we stand on the threshold of 1943, we realize that we are facing new problems and responsibilities of tremendous importance created by the war. We must therefore be aware that the first and most important task of the country and its citizens is to win the war.

This, as we said here last week, is our first consideration above everything else. Our soldiers of production vow that our country's war effort shall be stepped up without regard for any vested interests.

We must do this because it is the only way to defeat the enemy. Not only this but we must see to it that there will be no appeasement or tolerance shown to the Nazi-Fascist criminals after the war is won.

This is a people's war and the army we are raising is our own people's army—to fight for and protect the things we cherish.

While we are fully conscious of our duty to our country, we must not neglect our own Society which is next in importance to all its members.

In 1943, the Juvenile Department of our Society will mark its 30th anniversary. Established in 1912 at the fifth regular convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, our Juvenile Department began functioning the following year after it was approved by the membership through referendum.

This anniversary calls for a genuine celebration throughout our Society's jurisdiction. Very likely the Supreme Board will adopt a comprehensive plan for this purpose at its February session.

Ours was one of the very first fraternal organizations in this country to establish a juvenile department. Since 1912 many other fraternal organizations have followed suit until today all fraternal organizations have their juvenile departments.

In 1943, still another anniversary will be marked—the 5th anniversary of our Juvenile Circles, which also deserves to be properly observed.

The SNPJ Victory Membership Campaign launched last March, is progressing steadily with favorable results. It will close on March 1 and therefore but two months remain in which our members can enroll those prospects they have had in mind.

On the strength of the record made thus far, it is estimated that by the time the final count is made that about 5,000 new adult and juvenile members will have been added to our ranks through the campaign.

During the two remaining campaign months of 1943 many more juvenile and adult members can be enrolled. That this is still possible has been eloquently demonstrated by those campaigners whose record speaks for itself.

Let us resolve at the beginning of 1943 that we will enlist every potential member into the SNPJ, the largest, strongest and soundest Slovene fraternal organization in this country!

Svoboda Will Present "Aunt Maggie's Will"

DETROIT, MICH.—Albena Mesgett has been elected president of Singing Society Svoboda for the coming year.

Svoboda has lost the invaluable services of Mr. Berliog, who has retired from active participation in our cultural undertakings.

Because so many of our boys have left home, we have temporarily abandoned our singing practice. To conform with this circumstance, an all-girl play has been undertaken.

Editor's Note

SYGAN, PA., J. M. W.—Your card postmarked Dec. 21 at 9 a. m. reached us Dec. 23 at 9:30 a. m., after last week's paper went to press.

New York All American Lodge

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The year 1942 is practically over and a page of history of SNPJ Lodge 580 has been completed. It was certainly a very full page of events, some good and a few bad, one after another throughout the year.

The new officers were elected, and they are as follows: Agnes Mikoley, President; Ann Padar, Vice-President; William Fugina, Treasurer; Jennie Padar, 222 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, Financial Secretary; Peter Fugina, Sergeant-at-Arms; Frank Padar Jr., Recording Secretary; auditors, Joseph Kochevar, Frank Padar, and Peter Fugina; Manager of Juvenile Circle, Jennie Padar; Assistants, Anna Kochevar and Katherine Kirk.

The committee for the Valentine Dance reported that the Astor Hall was rented for Saturday, February 13, 66-91 Forest Avenue, Ridgewood. The orchestra for the dance will be none other than Jerry's Starlight orchestra.

The second meeting of the Juvenile Circle No. 50, "Junior All Americans," progressed very nicely, with a gain of two brand new members into the lodge, and four new members for the Circle.

There is to be a Great Festival sponsored by the United Slovene Societies for Greater New York, on Sunday afternoon, January 17. This festival is to include a concert, dance and refreshments, starting at three o'clock in the afternoon.

So that all of the New York All Americans will be able to come to Arlington Hall, 23 St. Marks Place, New York, N. Y. (near 3rd Ave.) on January 17, the regular monthly meeting for January will be held on the second instead of the third Sunday of the month, January 10, 1943, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

All the net proceeds of this festival are to be given as the initial fund for the freedom and liberty of our enslaved brother Yugoslavs under Fascist Italy, Germany, and Hungary.

All service men are welcome, whether they be in the Army, Navy or the Marines, especially those Slovenes who are stationed in and near New York City.

Now let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy New Year, one filled with joy and contentment.

Waukegan Will Collect Dues Twice Each Month

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—The secretaries of the local SNPJ lodges 14, 119 and 568, the Slovene Independent Benefit Society and the Slovene Sokol Society will hold collection of lodge assessments on the first and third Saturday of each month, from 7 until 9 p. m. at the Slovene National Home, in the small hall, downstairs.

This is being done for the benefit of both the members and lodge secretaries. Now that gas rationing is in effect, and the schedule of various transportation cut down, it will be a help to members belonging to the one or more lodges in Waukegan, since the assessments of all can be paid in the one place at the same time, and as the bus stops in front of the hall and the street car only 2 blocks away.

The members are urged to help out the secretaries by paying their lodge dues, hereafter, either at the meeting or on the 1st and 3rd Saturday at the Slov. Nat'l Home from 7 to 9 p. m.

CHRISTINE STRITAR.

Badgerland News

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Every year at this time, articles of this sort are filled with lists of New Year's resolutions. Guess it wouldn't be proper if I didn't make some suggestions. So I suggest that, in accordance with the times, all of us more firmly resolve to do everything in our power to help bring about a speedy and successful conclusion to the terrible strife that has engulfed us.

As is usually the case, the main subject of the day is, "How have the draft boards treated our lodge this month?" Well, this time it was to the tune of five members.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: The committee has decided to have dancing and refreshments after the annual card party that is going to be held at Sostarich's Hall, So. Sixth and W. Bruce. The date for the affair will be Sun. Jan. 31.

Anyone interested in competing in the Midwest Bowling Tournament, which will be held in Waukegan on Sun. Jan. 24, please attend the special meeting that will be held at Sostarich's Hall at 2 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 3.

This 'n' That: Angeline Peters is visiting her husband at an army camp in So. Carolina. Josephine Zajec is vacationing in the state of Mississippi. Gil Lesky and Frank Borello were home on furlough.

JOE WENE, 584.

Corp. Joe Evanovich Thanks for Yule Gift

McKEESPORT, PA.—Corporal Joseph Evanovich, member of our SNPJ lodge 347, stationed at Army Air Base in Alamogordo, N. Mex., sent the members of this lodge the following letter of appreciation for the yule gift he received from our lodge:

"I received your Christmas gift, and greatly appreciate it. I want to thank you and every member of the Lodge for your kind thoughtfulness from the bottom of my heart.

"I want to wish all members of SNPJ lodge 347 a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. I wish I could be with you all for the holidays, but circumstances forbid it. Sincerely, Corp. Joseph Evanovich."

As mentioned above, Bro. Evanovich is stationed in New Mexico. His address is: Corporal Joseph Evanovich, 330 Bomb Group, 459 Bomb Sqdn. Army Air Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

MARKO SABICH, Sec'y.

New Year's Eve Dance

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Once again we are coming to the close of the year and are looking forward to the coming year with anticipation. As usual, the Slovene Workers' Home is giving a gala occasion, with plenty of music and all the necessary refreshments to celebrate a great night.

We are looking forward to seeing all our old friends there and also many new ones. Dancing will be from 9 p. m. till 2 a. m. Music will be furnished by Gorsek's orchestra and the price of admission is 50c per person.

Hoping you can all attend and bring your friends with you. So come early and stay late and help bring in 1943 with a big bang.

COMMITTEE.

Attention, Lodge Secretaries!

In the event that there is a lodge which did not receive small wall calendars as yet, or if a sufficient quantity was not received, please report to the Supreme Office immediately and specify the additional number of calendars you require.

F. A. VIDER, Supreme Secretary.

Last "Off the President's Bat"

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Soon 1942 will close its door. What the future holds no one knows, the only thing that anyone can hope for is the best.

Socially, Comrades did very well this year. As far as membership is concerned they held their own. The sore spot throughout the year was attendance at meetings.

The group appreciated the work done by Vice President Pauline Spik the past few years and elected her as President. We know she is a very capable leader and the lodge should forge ahead in 1943.

One of the most excellent reports ever presented in the history of the lodge, was Mary Krizmanic's report covering proceedings at the recent Slovene Congress. It was clear, concise and splendidly written up.

Cleveland Federation representatives will consist of Marie Stefanic and the writer. Pauline Spik, Marie, Jean Beljan and Mollie Koren were elected as representatives to the Athletic Board.

The concluding social event for the season was held on Dec. 19. Considering the holiday season a good crowd was in attendance though we did miss a great many of the members.

Difficulty in securing supplies and higher prices asked by everybody indicates a difficult row along the field of entertainment in 1943.

Members who carried the ball this year and members serving as companion officers deserve special thanks for their time and effort spent. To Pauline Spik the patent on the title "Off the President's Bat" is passed on. I know she'll exceed the writer's lax efforts this year, who shall try to do better in the capacity of Secretary.

J. F. Fifolt, Secretary, 1237 E. 60th Street, Telephone En 4737

Our Boys in Service

AVELLA, PA.—Two brothers and members of SNPJ lodge 292, namely, Rudy and Charles Ograzensek, are now in the armed forces of our country. Rudy enlisted in the Navy on Aug. 21, 1941, and is at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., studying radio.

IRWIN, PA.—The following members of SNPJ lodge No. 41 left for military service in 1941: Frank Wodnik Jr., Feb. 17; John Wodnik, Feb. 27; Victor Bohine, May 3; Louis Bohine, July 3 and Louis Volker, Oct. 31.

WILLIAM BOHINCE, Sec'y.

Attention, Members Of SNPJ Lodge No. 6!

SYGAN, PA.—All members of SNPJ Lodge No. 6 who have not yet paid their dues for December are requested to do so before the end of the month, so that we may complete our reports for the year before our meeting on Jan. 3, 1943.

JOHN M. WIRANT, Sec'y.

1942 Was a Successful Year— What About 1943?

And so 1942 draws to a close—a year which had its beginning in the midst of bewildering echoes of the fiendish attack on Pearl Harbor still ringing loudly in our ears, and the end of which finds the nation engaged in a world-wide struggle with more than two thousand of our SNPJ youth proudly wearing the uniforms of Uncle Sam.

It was altogether an amazing year, this 1942—a year which began with much doubt as to whether any national or even sectional events of importance would be staged by the SNPJ, and opinions wavered as to the feasibility of conducting a membership campaign, and then surprisingly wound up with new marks set in almost everything the Society and membership undertook.

The year 1943 is now right on our heels. Very shortly its seconds will pound into minutes, its minutes into hours, and its hours into days—a new cycle of 12 months, 365 days, will begin all over again.

Each of us will be expected to endure greater difficulties, more serious measures of rationing effecting nearly every phase of our everyday life, further curtailment of transportation facilities and, perhaps, as many more of our young men, married and single, will be called to the colors as are already in service.

But though the clouds are growing darker and darker day by day, let us remain steadfastly hopeful and confident that out of the fruits of labor and war will eventually spring the seed of an enduring world peace.

VICTORY CAMPAIGN NEWS

Sandwiched in between, we have a bit of good news of the Victory Campaign, now closing its tenth month with approximately 4500 new members enrolled—a new SNPJ record.

Mary Udovich of Chicago is singled out this week as a symbol of achievement, having enrolled her 200th member of the campaign. A slight lead, however, is still held by John Barufaldi, who managed once more to gain enough new members to keep in front of all contestants.

By adding four more new members to her previous gains, sister Ursula Ambrosich, Supreme Vice-President of the Fifth District, became the fourth contestant to attain the goal of 100 new members.

Two other contestants joined the ranks of the select 25 Victory Circle by enrolling their 25th new member. They are Sylvia Skedel, Secretary of Lodge No. 254, Bon Air, and Helen Ribarich, Secretary of Lodge No. 292, Avella, both of Pennsylvania, the latter accomplishing this goal by securing six new members.

Donald J. Lotrich, the Pioneers' (559) Secretary for more than ten years, moved into a more prominent place among the campaigners by adding seven new members to his credit. Helen Kristof, Secretary of Lodge No. 163, Albia, Iowa, came through with her second largest gain of the Victory Campaign, this time obtaining four new members.

Chicago's Christmas Program a Success

The Chicago Federation of SNPJ Lodges staged its annual Christmas program and dance on Sunday, December 20, with a capacity crowd attending. It was surprising as well as gratifying to see so many members present with their children.

Midwest Bowling Tournament Next

The next outstanding event on the sports calendar of the SNPJ is the annual Midwest Bowling Tournament to be held at Waukegan, Ill., Sunday, January 24, 1943. Because of curtailed traveling conditions, and the fact that time is at a premium to many SNPJ bowlers, it is not expected that many lodges outside the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Waukegan areas will be represented.



Our Front Golden Eagles

By Louis Besiger

We all know that war is a destructive and not a creative force. When it is "creative" it is so only for the purpose of making destruction more effective. That's why no sane person is for war, but when it does come in spite of our efforts to avoid it, it must be fought with all our might lest we be destroyed.

As long as we live in a society where wars are possible, we must constantly be prepared for any eventuality. There is no other way—except by preventing its possibility everywhere. America was attacked and if it had been totally unprepared at the time of the attack it would simply have had to submit to the enemy. Today America is waging an effective fight on several fronts, is winning the war and those who sought to destroy us are being destroyed themselves!

Speaking of war and its destructive capacity of life and property, it is timely to compare a few relative figures with our industrial casualties. For instance, our military casualties in the first year of the war totaled 58,307, and during the same year our industrial casualties amounted to more than 4,000,000. Accidental deaths among workers reached the staggering total of 46,500 as compared to 8,192 known dead in the Army and Navy.

It is said that the Department of Labor and various safety agencies are reciting the above facts daily as we face a rising tide of accidents among the nation's 55,000,000 workers. Of course, the increase in work accidents reflects speeded production, excessive strain, replacement of trained workers, and a shortage of safety equipment. One safety director characterized accidental death thus: "Those who die in battle die for a cause; those struck down by accidents die in vain."

The National Safety Council claims that all accidents are preventable, and all safety experts agree that workers on the battlefield, are in no case "expendable." Of course, war production must be maintained at all costs, but it is not necessary and it is disastrous if one of these costs is death or disability to workers.

In spite of the upward surge of accident injuries at work, statisticians nevertheless expect total man-days lost by workers in 1942 to run 10 per cent less than in 1941. The reason is a 28 per cent decrease in auto accident deaths resulting from curtailed driving. The loss through death of a worker is calculated at 6,000 man-days or about 20 years of work life.

As a member of the SNPJ in these war times I urge every member to invest at least 10% of his earnings each payday in War Stamps and Bonds and keep our country free for our future generations, our children, and at the same time your son, brother and maybe a daughter or sister is serving—help him or her by making these purchases. Our Army and Navy must get the best in fighting equipment and we on the home front must supply these funds to make these things possible. I receive many letters from boys on our fighting fronts, members of our Young Americans. So let's fight on our home front to preserve democracy, and bring our boys marching home from the far-flung battle fronts of the world. The Japs started it for us—let's finish the job as soon as we can. Keep pitching.

Young Americans, let's have at

GIRARD, OHIO.—Christmas morning!—The fruition of an entire year's plans. There are presents galore. A bountiful supply of food and refreshments. An anticipation of satisfying recreation. But in spite of all these and more, it is not an entirely happy holiday. Like leaves in a wind-storm, our friends are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the globe. Some may be in combat with our hellish enemies at this very second. War knows no holidays.

We have one consolation. We know that our friends and our friends have plunged themselves into this catastrophe with a full and intelligent realization of its importance. We know that they are now working as hard as they formerly played in the various activities offered so appropriately by the SNPJ. We know, too, that our boys and girls are an ambitious and progressive group. Kumer, Bertovic, Bill and Frank Seitz, Frank Hribar, William Bruce, F. Zitnik, R. Yereb, A. Slapnik, F. Klucik, J. Ujcich, L. Groser, "Eagle" Ooepk, Lt. Mary J. Kaushap, L. Hostnik, S. Pakiz, etc., are either wearing different ranks of stripes or will shortly. We owe much to these and their like. Furthermore, we know that a mere seasonal greeting is a feeble expression of our inner thoughts and hopes. For the present, though, that must suffice.

We look to the future and their return home.

Eagles' Meeting
Officers for '43—Pres., Stanley Hribar; V. Pres., E. Prevec; Sec'y, Mary Macek; Treasurer, Mary Leskovec; Rec. Sec'y, F. Rezek. Auditors are G. Ritter, M. Matekovich and H. Cigolle. Federation representatives—S. Hribar and the reporter. Circle Manager—Rezek and Ass't, Mary Macek. Social Committee: F. Matekovich, M. Leskovec, M. Zitnik, S. Hribar, Mary Macek, Margaret Umek and the reporter. "Feelers" have been extended by the SDZ to the numerous Girard organizations concerning a money raising campaign for the SANC. When a meeting is announced definitely, this reporter and Charles Jacobs will attend on behalf of the Eagles.

The Eagles went so far as to choose an anniversary date and an alternate date for their fifteen years of life. If possible, we shall celebrate on Sat., April 3, with April 10 as the second choice. A little before Stan Hribar gave his report on the Slovene Congress, Sec'y M. Selak announced that nineteen of our members are in various branches of the Service. Dr. Williams was retained as the lodge physician. He has been serving in that capacity since the birth of the lodge. He is not only our physician but our friend and for this reason he shall be included in our anniversary plans.

The Eagles will remain associated with both the Federation and the Educational Bureau. Each member will continue to be assessed a dollar a year for which he shall receive tickets for two lodge dances. Service men exempt. It was reported that our adult membership jumped from sixty-three to ninety while the juveniles advanced from forty to sixty-five. The drawing went to Frances Matekovich.

The meeting place for '43 is still a problem. The Slovene Hall is available and to the adults, the price arrangement is satisfactory. The catch is that the Trustees are stubbornly demanding an excessive rate from our Circle. To further aggravate the situation, some of the members on the Board of Trustees of the Dom are also our members and these same members sit by idly, and perhaps, contentedly, watching burdensome restrictions envelope the future of our Circle. It's not a pleasant condition. Officially, Lodges 49-643 and Circle No. 7 are without a home. The middle of January should bring us an answer.

Juvenile Circle
Officers:—Pres., Irene Rovani; V. Pres., Ernest Percehlin; Sec'y, Hermina Percehlin; Rec'd Sec'y, Dorothy Muster; Treasurer, George Ritter Jr.; Auditors are Thomas Ritter and Margaret Matekovich. Jeanette Tancek and Marjorie Macek will report activities to the Miladinski List while Hermina Percehlin and Irene Rovani will do the same for the Prosveta. The Bank Award went to Irene Mihelich and the Insurance Award to Bernice Muster. No plans were made for the future and no meeting date set for January.

Note to the Absent-Minded
Hang on to your present umbrellas. New ones will be few and the ribs far between.

WPB has ordered manufacturers to limit production to 30% of 1941 output. The number of ribs in men's umbrellas is cut from ten to eight and in women's from 16 to 10. Ribs of men's umbrellas cannot exceed 25 inches in length, and women's must be five inches shorter.

The weight of steel used in each umbrella is set at a reduced figure. Use of plastics and iron or steel for shafts and handles is forbidden.

least one article in the Prosveta each week. Write yours today.

CHAS. KAITNER JR., 564.

ary. The Circle will suffer most if an adverse decision is made at the Dom. IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO CURTAIL ALL ACTIVITIES.

Richard Carrier was proposed for membership. The happy smiles of our youngsters told us that our Christmas Party was a genuine success. It was well worth the effort put into it. For the first time, the Circle itself financed the entire affair and, even at that, the treasury report is a good one.

OFF THE RECORD—William Goede was home on furlough from Duluth, Minn. He looks as well as ever. When last heard about both Carl Swabek and Andy Gerona were at Camp Perry, Ohio. Carl is a huge fellow and it is said that he was kept at Camp Perry for an additional two or three weeks because they couldn't get a coat large enough to fit him.

Our congratulations to Millie Simic and Lt. Victor Kozlear who were married on Dec. 11. Lt. Kozlear plucked one of the most industrious workers from the Waukegan Little Forts and we hope that sunshine follows them wherever they go. We are happy to note that many of our girls are taking over the responsibilities, duties of the lodges these days. That is as it should be. Look at that Library, Pa., outfit—an ALL GIRL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Keep your face always to the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you. A Happy New Year to all!
FRANK REZEK, 643.

Concordians Blank Wolves; Falcons Sweep Three
CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Setting the Utopian Wolves back in their tracks in all three games the Concordians now remain one game behind the league leading Utopian Falcons. Leading the rout was Stuzen who had a 554 series and a 219 game. Dusa followed with a 516 series. For the Wolves Jelinek had a (7) series. Matthews also was pitching.

Falcons Fly On
The Utopian Falcons padded their one game lead by virtue of a three game win over the Utopian Crickets. For the winners "Hammering" Hank Zorman had a 547 series, E. Marsh a 534 series, J. Spilar a 531 series and J. Jerse a 518 series. Koncan with a 542 series and S. Lunder with a 516 series were high for the losers.

"Slamming" Simic Stars
With Simic in the limelight the Lunder-Adamic sharpshooters took all three contests from the Comrades. 'Twas a grand day for whitewashing, indeed. "Slamming" John Simic started out with a 204 and 212 game before ending up with a 179 to get a nice 595 series. Wasn't thinking of last week when the bottom fell out, were you, John? Prime came next with a 526 series and a 201 game. For the Comrades Stefanik had a 543 series and V. Vehar a 528 series.

Utopians in the News
Officers elected for the coming year of 1943: Pres., Henry Zorman; Vice Pres., George Jelinek; Sec'y, Valeria Artel; Treas., John Spilar; Rec. Sec'y, Tony Elersich. Also in attendance at the meeting and the party that followed were Mr. and Mrs. Lisch, Mr. and Mrs. S. Benedict, Jo Debeljak, Mary Straszar, Anne Lusin, August Samec, Joe Francek, Frank Kovsca, Emil Jerse, John Jerse, Nick Spehar and John Maurich who won the bank nite award of \$2 in war stamps.

JOHN J. SPILAR,
Athletic Rep. District No. 3.

Rationing and Shortages
While OPA promises more rationing and "new rationing techniques," food shortages are accumulating. The Department of Agriculture wants civilian consumption of butter cut 18%, cheese, 43%, and evaporated and condensed milk, 21%. Reports indicate that the adult meat ration—when rationing comes—will more likely be 2 and not 2½ pounds a week. Agriculture Secretary Wickard also wants ice cream production limited to 75% of 1942 output.

Rationing is the answer to these shortages of meats and dairy products. Yet we are nowhere within sight of seeing dairy products rationed, although the milk situation is so serious in some areas that Secretary Wickard urged the prompt rationing of milk there to assure ample supplies for children, invalids and pregnant women.

There is no doubt that the rationing program—or rather lack of program—is just about a complete mess. Here's what United States News, a publication with excellent information pipelines in Washington, has to say, and it is not exaggerating either.

"Meat: Rationing decided upon, but actual fulfillment being dodged."

"Dairy products: Rationing seems inevitable, but also being dodged."

"Coffee: Little prospect of an early increase in rations."

"Whole rationing program is mismanaged: it is a mess. Officials fail to act when supplies are adequate; fail to freeze stocks and ration on a basis that would assure fairly adequate quantities. Then: After hoarders get the supplies, there's a rush to impose rigid rations for what is left."

—B & B

Juvenile Circles

Circle No. 4 Resumes Rehearsals Early in January

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—After winding up the activities for the last year with a Christmas party on December 19, Circle 4 is all set to start out a new year with more activities.

On the sixth of January the chorus will resume its regular rehearsals after a two-week vacation. The first meeting of the year will follow the rehearsal. The new officers for the coming year will be installed taking their oath of office.

Activities to be undertaken during the year will be discussed, and a report of the things the chorus and club has done in the past year will be given.

The next big project of the chorus will be the annual concert in the spring, which is to be planned in the near future.

After the meeting the entertainment committee will serve refreshments. Remember the first Wednesday in January, the 6th, the chorus rehearsals start again and the first meeting of the year takes place. The place, Sostarich's Hall, So. 6th and Bruce Streets, the time, 7 o'clock.

Bring your friends and interest them in this growing organization!
OLGA RADEL, Circle 4.

Circle No. 26 Will Install New Officers January 9
CHICAGO.—At our last meeting the election of officers was the main event. The election returns are as follows: Edward Udovich, president; Josephine Slansek, vice-president; Sylvia Trojar, secretary; Rose Podbevsek, sergeant-at-arms. Mr. Vrhovnik gave awards to the following members of our Circle: Ruth Medice, Sylvia Trojar and Frances Seneca. The awards were Victory pins and certificates which stated the activities which the member had performed to make him or her outstanding. We also had a grab-bag party and some refreshments.

Our next meeting will be held on January 9, 1943, in the lower SNPJ Hall. The meeting will start at 10:30 a. m. The installation of officers will take place at that time. We will also make plans for our future activities. All the members are urged to attend this meeting and bring their friends so that we may enlarge the membership of the Circle.

SYLVIA TROJAR, Sec'y.

Comrades No. 3 Team Bowl an 830 Game
CLEVELAND.—News: Comrades No. 3 blasted the pins for a 2243 total. Another 21 pins would have made a new league high. That last game was a honey! Antoinette Skok bowled a 201 game, first for her this season, while Agnes Flanders broke out with a 166. The game totaled to 830, just six pins under the record high of 836. Too bad that gutter ball had to come up in the last frame, Rose! Of course, such bowling deserved victories and the team came through with three, at the expense of Comrades No. 2. Fran Spik again hit a 220 game and 554 series. Maybe this is your season, Fran! Jo Vehar is still getting wonderful support by that cute little rooster of hers.

Uncle Sam is demanding a lot more time of his pieces this year. Quite a few blinds are in evidence every week. Strugglers No. 2, handicapped by two blinds, Lokar and Grajar, still managed to salvage one game from the Spartans. A 179 game by Jean Silbar and 175 by Helen Grum, helped to turn the trick. On the other side we have Val Kaucic hanging them for a 423 series, to help towards a two-game victory.

The Concordian team encounter resulted in a two game defeat by their own No. 2, having Agnes Jeric as the star performer with a 153 game and 396 series. Mary Menich was very consistent, bowling games of 97-90-94.

Utopians engaged the Strugglers No. 1 and came through with one game. A 471 by Straszar and 424 by Lisch, took top honors. Hermine Zupanic is back in the groove, hitting a high 187 and 497 series. Josie Tomsic blasted a 466 total with games of 169-132-165.

Net result of the encounter between Comrades No. 1 and No. 4 was a two-game victory for the No. 1 team. Al Vehar, pounding in strike after strike, performed like a veteran. There just were no spares in that ball. It was either strike or nothing. With only three misses in each game, she blasted the pins for a 178-172-155. This was Al's first five hundred series. Keep it up, Al! Elsie Simic is still baffled by that elusive hook. Once it's there, but when she needs it, it disappears. Never mind, Elsie. Practice makes perfect. High game and series went to Koren with a 161 and 458.

Let's start the new year right, girls! Let our goal be "better bowling and higher scores!"
Don't drop your shoulder.
MOLLIE KOREN, Sec'y.

Important Resolutions Spirit-o-Grams

A United Slovenia (Submitted by Etbih Kristan)

In violation of all the rules of international law, the Axis authorities are not satisfied with the occupation of the conquered regions, which up to the time of a definite peace should be administered according to local law, but are instituting their own so-called "New Order," which is to say, slavery for the subjugated people, dismemberment of states, establishment of new puppet states, incorporation of entire regions into their own countries; in short, they are following a course of merciless plunder.

In this manner the Fascist coalition dismembered Jugoslavia completely. It gave a part of Serbia to traitor Nedich, a part of Croatia to the notorious criminal Pavelich, and Slovenia was wiped out entirely, Germany swallowing nearly two-thirds, Italy nearly one-third while the rest was tossed to Hungary. In all these parts brutal denationalization is in process by forced mass transfer of the population, importation of foreign elements, Germanisation and Italianisation of the schools, separation of parents and children and by means of wholesale murder. The purpose is clear and in some Axis documents even bluntly admitted: Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and their satellites are making a supreme effort to exterminate the Slovenes as a nation. In this respect there is no difference between the Axis partners: the Italian Fascists are just as barbaric as the German Nazis and in Hungary the henchmen of Horthy do not want to remain behind their masters.

The Slovene National Congress most emphatically condemns this savage treatment and is convinced that those guilty of these bestialities, be it the German, Italian or Hungarian oppressors, shall not escape their deserved punishment in accordance with the statements made by the Allied representatives. The situation created by compulsory expulsion and uprooting of our people, and by artificial settlement of foreigners in their places, cannot and must not be condoned. At the peace conference, all the regions with Slovene character must remain as they were prior to the enemy occupation.

In this, as is self understood, the Slovene nation expects that the United Nations' victory, toward which it is contributing the greatest sacrifice, shall bring it complete national justice, embraced in a United Slovenia, which is to say, the unification of all regions which are Slovene in character according to population, regardless if before the war they were a part of Jugoslavia or under a foreign rule, either German, Hungarian or Italian.

The Slovene National Congress, on the basis of unimpeachable reports, affirms that on this question there is no difference of opinion among various Slovene groups and parties, because all of them realize that the existence of the Slovenes as a political and cultural national entity, depends entirely on the fulfillment of this goal. The history of the past twenty-five years clearly shows that the Slovenes under foreign rule would lose their identity as a nation. The German, Italian and Hungarian masters had no other aim than to denationalize the Slovenes as rapidly as possible, and toward that end they have—even before the advent of Fascism and Nazism—resorted to the most brutal means. The salvation of these parts of the Slovene nation is possible only by freeing them from foreign rule and uniting them with their racial brothers.

This is the demand of justice, and at the same time it is one of the conditions for future peace which cannot be lasting without justice for small and large nations alike.

Therefore, the Slovene National Congress declares that it shall support as far as possible the demand for a United Slovenia, trusting in the high principles expressed in such documents as the Atlantic Charter and in statements by prominent Allied representatives, to whom justice is more than a diplomatic game of chess in which nations are the pawns.

THE SLOVENES AND THE HAPSBURGS
In common with all democratic minded people, the delegates of the Slovene National Congress are extremely perturbed over the recognition given to Otto von Hapsburg by the War Secretary's office in connection with the proposed establishment of an Austrian battalion within the framework of the United States Army.

This matter does not concern only the Austrians, or rather, Americans of Austrian extraction who themselves are vigorously opposing the suggestion that Otto has any right to pose as his representative, but it concerns all the nations which were at one time subjects of the hated Hapsburg rule, and moreover, all true democratic people generally. This can be clearly seen from Otto's contention that there are ten million Austrians in America whereas actually Austria has a population of only about six million and Mr. Hapsburg could reach his stated millions only if he had in mind the former and now fortunately extinct monarchy of Austria-Hungary, with the further addition of a few other states, quite in the best Hapsburg manner.

Mr. Stimson's letter which Otto boastfully displayed at his banquet could, and to some extent already has aroused fear among the nations which had been the oppressed subjects of the Hapsburgs, that the government of the United States is in sympathy with the ambitions of President Otto who has never denied his great desires and who does not represent even the expelled or emigrated Austrians, but rather only a kind of clique of known Fascists which had brutally suppressed all democracy in Austria.

The Slovenes would be prepared to make and maintain friendly relations with a democratic Austria, as with any neighboring state, when it would be free of foreign and domestic Fascism; but in the return of Hapsburgs, even though only at the head of present Austria, they see the most dangerous threat to their national independence as well as to all European democracy and world peace.

The Hapsburg monarchy could be restored only against the determined will of all the nations which rejoiced in its merited collapse and its authority could be established only by armed force, against which the people from the Sudetenland to the Balkans, from the Alps to the Carpathians would revolt with all their power. The Hapsburgs are nothing else but a permanent menace and it is necessary to conclusively end their plotting before it can give birth to a poisonous fruit.

OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
(Submitted by Marie Pridland)

The Slovene National Congress vehemently condemns the extreme baseness planned and practiced by the Nazi sadists against the Slovene women and girls who are driven into compulsory prostitution for the perverse gratification of the savage Nazi soldiery. It likewise condemns the forced removal of children and placing them into German schools and so-called youth organizations, with the purpose of alienating them from their own nation and rearing them as Nazis and as such, enemies of their own parents.

Every war has its victims, and this is expected by the attacker as well as the defender. War in itself is a great enough evil, but it remained for the Fascists of every hue to make it the most bestial banditry which rejects every human dignity and tramples all civilization into the mire. And the height of baseness was achieved by Nazi-fascism with the systematic degradation of womanhood and with the planned destruction of morality, so diabolically organized that the hapless victims can neither defend themselves nor offer any opposition.

Numerous cases of officially ordered bondage of girls for the purpose of prostitution were reported through the underground communications; how many of these victims there are, are unknown to parents and relatives, and how many saved themselves by committing suicide will be determined only after the war. A typical instance of Nazi sexual politics is the one which occurred in the city of Kranj soon after the German occupation. One day, a caravan of autobuses stopped in front of the textile factory; the Nazis took two hundred young women workers directly from work and loaded them into the busses, without telling them what they intended to do with them. Under a strong guard they were taken to various German military camps. Only one victim managed to escape with the help of a guard and returned home nearly dead. This girl reported that her companions were divided into groups and each could satisfy the covetousness of at least fifteen savage Nazis, a special injection was given and in it spite of this she showed exhaustion, she simply disappeared—no one knows how and where.

This practice shows that there can be no understanding with Fascism and Nazism under any kind of pretext and that civilization will not be safe until this evil is completely destroyed and uprooted.

The crimes committed against our womanhood and youth are so foul, their purpose so base and their consequences so dangerous for the future of nation, that they cannot and must not be ignored at the end of the war. The German authorities must be forced to find and return all the victims who will remain alive, and to make retribution, as such as such terrible injustice can be at least materially repaid. The Slovene National Congress is convinced that all those who ordered and carried out these crimes against the innocent women and children will be called to answer for their deeds along with the other guilty parties of this war, and that they will be punished accordingly, regardless of their social standing.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The curtain has been drawn for our final event of 1942 on Sat., Dec. 28, when our Xmas party was held at the Concordia Winter Garden. We all had a grand time, and who wouldn't, with accordion music practically in every corner.

Bro. Roy Cohill, our featured accordionist and judged to be St. Louis' greatest musical personality, rendered the dance music. We Spirits are so proud of him, especially because he is a Slovene. Our Juvenile Richard Ducote will be an accordion wizard one of these days, as the selections he played received a big hand. He was accompanied by his mother, Tillie Ducote, an accomplished violinist. They made a pretty picture. Another accordionist present was John Stonich (also known as the jeweler from Chicago). He rendered several polkas.

Ole Santa came in loaded down with gifts and goodies for the Juveniles who were seated around the huge Xmas tree anxiously awaiting him. Before they received their gift, each one of the Juveniles gave a recitation or song to show Santa how good they were. Thanks to Sis. Ducote. The youngest Juvenile present was Robert Kacin, and the prospect to be was Joe Gasperich Jr., age 5 months. Seemed as if Bro. John Spiller was campaigning. We were glad to see the Gasperiches present. We had lots of fun with the potter (pillow) dance. We certainly danced plenty of polkas to end 1942 in a merry way.

All in all the Xmas party will be a memory to yearn for another happy one in 1943. Thanks to our committee for their untiring efforts who have given us the enjoyment.

This and That: Sis. Julia Krall's son John, U. S. Coast Guard stationed in New York, was home on a two weeks furlough and it was good to see him once again. Looked very good too. Bro. John Rhodus has left for Iowa on Dec. 23 (Navy Cadet). Good luck to you, Johnny.

On Jan. 17 at the Municipal Auditorium downtown a United Slav Rally will be held and we urge every Slav in this vicinity to witness this important event.

Sorry to hear of the mishap in the J. Kacin family. Junior Kacin and his brother Alvin were sled-riding when it overturned, injuring Junior. Here's hoping it isn't serious. Spirits wish him a speedy recovery. Inez and Frank Kokal motored to Advance, Mo., for the holiday.

Was glad to see Sis. Milka Posavec's photo in the Prosveta last week. For 23 years being a Sec'y tells the story what the SNPJ means to her. We need more fraternal workers in our locality as Sis. Posavec.

The Spirits meeting date is early for Jan. on the 8th, so you Spirits better mark the calendar. It will be important that you be present especially if you want a Secret Pal for 1943. We will draw names at this meeting and reveal our 1942 Pals. Sis. Ducote, Vertovsek, and Bro. Mahnic have received gifts the year around from their pals. So attend our Jan. 8 meeting.

As the old year is about to bid farewell, so goes our 1942 Whoosit, yours truly has enjoyed writing these weekly articles and hope you have enjoyed reading them. So thanks dear readers and Editor, and come in 1943 Whoosit. Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year.

New Year's Eve Party At Slov. Labor Center
CHICAGO.—On New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31, Club No. 1 JSB will hold its annual party at the Slovene Labor Center, 2301 S. Lawrence Ave. Good music will play for dancing and refreshments of all kinds will be served. Admission is free. Don't forget to come and bring your friends along as a good time is in store for all. Come early and stay late, ring out 1942 and ring in 1943 at the Center with the rest of your friends! The customary noise-makers and such will be available as a necessary adjunct to a genuine New Year's Eve party such as ours. Do not fail to attend.

COMMITTEE.

WPB Laces Down Cotton
Possibly the war communiques will reveal some remarkable new military use for lace, but at present it is hard to see the justification for WPB's move to release approximately 100,000 pounds of British hosiery yarns for lace manufacture.

These yarns are made of scarce Egyptian long-staple cotton, which is a vital material for balloon and flare cloth. If any of these long-staple yarns can be spared from military purposes, women's hosiery manufacturers would like to have a supply to reinforce the restricted output of rayon stockings.

We ask WPB which is most important—balloon and flare cloth, even hosiery—or lace? —B & B

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Veronian News

VERONA, PA.—Serving you for the year 1943 are these new Veronian Lodge 680 SNPJ officers: Elmer Eiffler, Pres.; Eli Suschevich, Vice-Pres.; John Lipsky, Sec'y; Anne Gostky, Treas., and Josephine Buric, Rec. Sec'y.

The Sick Committee is composed of Fran Pavelko and John Krulc, Entertainment Committee: Joe Zolet, Mirko Stanik, Henry Gostky, Andrew Sepelyak, Eli Suschevich and this scribe; Auditing Committee: John Kubala, Steve Ruskevich, and Andrew Lipsky; Athletic Committee: Mirko Stanik, Walter Gostky, Joe Zolet, Frank Perrone, and John Yugovich. The bartender is Michael Pavelko who replaced Ken Hulton.

Looking over those names one can see that the Veronian Club will get plenty of action in the near future. Congratulations, new officers, with the hopes that you put all you have in your new jobs, so that our Veronian Lodge can be up among the leaders.

Everyone who attended our general meeting can say it was a huge success. It saw for the first time Mr. and Mrs. Martin Slivsek, Joseph Melle and Martin Castellio from Lodge 394 attend their first meeting as Veronians to which they transferred, Mr. Melle and Castellio expressing their views and are glad to be Veronians. It was John (Searney) Krulc's hat that played an important part during the election of our new officers. Yes, it should change the name from Searney to "Johnny on the spot" for Krulc who has been elected as one of our new Board of Directors which is composed of Joe Zolet, Frank Perrone, Mirko Stanik, John Yugovich, and Michael Sepelyak.

Guess Who: The person who is in today's quiz resides near the Allegheny river. I will give you a clue by telling you that it's a she and that the nickname begins with an M, which is Marge. Now read this next line closely so that you will get her last name: Says a hunter who talks with a foreign accent to a stranger about himself and his buddy, "Any zebra in the jungles me and he can lick." One thing that's important in this quiz is that the nickname is Marge and nothing else. Last week's answer, George Bugna.

Despite the icy roads and rain the Veronian Juvenile Yule party was a success. Santa was there to greet the youngsters; usually the smaller children cry upon seeing Santa for the first time, but not this time; we still can't figure out what this Santa had to be able to keep the youngsters around him all the time. Santa couldn't stay very long because he still had other places to go to. You should have seen the expressions on the little ones' faces when the lights went out and then back on only to find that Santa had disappeared, and when they were told that he went up the chimney they walked over to the fire place. Thanks, Santa, for coming to the Veronian Club and don't forget to stop in again next year.

Next on the program was a speech by Pres. Elmer Eiffler, welcoming the juveniles and telling them that they were a part of the Lodge and SNPJ and to always be good members. From there, Larry Cassol, who was the master of ceremonies, took over and the beginning of his program was the showing of moving pictures that lasted for one hour. Thanks to Johnnie Kubala who is the owner of the moving picture projector and who also is an up and coming Veronian who we know will help in our future successes. Said Johnnie when thanked by the entertainment committee, "The children enjoyed the movies, and any time you want to show pictures at the club I will only be too glad to be here."

Refreshments were served by the pretty Veronians, Zebrig, Markovitch, Samac, Mehalick, Gostky and a few others. Every juvenile received a box of candy, making the committee's job complete. Yes, from the time when they sang the national anthem until the hour of leaving, Chubby Gostky's juveniles enjoyed themselves.

Among the other adults to witness the first yule party of this type were Mr. and Mrs. Toy, Mrs. Mary Melle, Mr. and Mrs. Slivsek, Mrs. Doles, Mrs. Gostky, Mrs. Lesar, Mr. and Mrs. Kaus, Mrs. Slosar and Mrs. Sekel.

Soon another big day will be here for the Veronians. It's the day when we will be hosts to all of the lodges in the SNPJ that belong to the Western Penna. Fed. This meeting on Jan. 17 will be more interesting than ever before, because it will at this time when many things are rationed, see how all of our Fed. lodges are getting along and because of our Victory Campaign being in its last stages. So to all Fed. lodges, let's start this New Year right by attending the meeting in order that plans can be made for future affairs and that our SNPJ lodges can be proud of their members and to give our juveniles a boost in their future doings.

all-star team sometime during the season, so it's only customary that I shall name my choice as the two most interesting writers of the Prosveta, namely, Michael Kumer, 1st Vice-Pres. of the SNPJ, now in the army, and D. J. Lotrich, also member of the Supreme Board. Among our own Veronians Larry Cassol is the No. 1 choice as the best all-around worker in the Lodge in 1942. Larry, who was in the thick of all sports and affairs, really deserves the congrats due him for putting the Veronians where they are today. Not far behind is Elmer Eiffler, our Prexy, who has won many friends among our Veronians as well as loads of friends from the other lodges.

News Notes: A surprise visitor at our main meeting was Joseph Hezir, a merchant marine. Things are shaping nicely for a girls' basketball team. Say girls, with Mirko Stanik, who has been one of the outstanding basketball stars in the valley, as coach, it's a cinch that with the material at hand Veronian girls will make history in basketball.

This scribe takes this time in wishing all a happy New Year, with a little reminder that our next meeting will be on Jan. 10 at 2 p. m. So long.

MICHAEL LIPESKY, 680.

NEWS FROM THE WEST COAST

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Again the most important meeting of the year on the calendar of SNPJ lodges came and fulfilled its mission. This year our Lodge 743 met at the home of Brother Lesky Sr. in Hollywood. After the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, Secretary Grachan reported on unfinished business regarding steps taken at the last meeting to withdraw from the Croatian National Association, the reason being the present war. Bro. Frank Petrich, who was elected at the last meeting to look up the CNA by-laws and prepare a statement, submitted the following resolution:

"Because the SNPJ lodge 743 of Los Angeles, Calif., is a member of the Croatian National Association of Los Angeles, a corporation existing for the purpose of fostering and spreading good will and fraternalism among the Croatian and Slovene people in the state of Southern California and to work out practical plans to own and operate a hall and ground for cultural and recreational purposes, thus paving the way for better understanding and mutual interest among these two branches of Yugoslav people, but because of the present war situation the collecting of funds is impractical for the reason that our mutual activities must be directed primarily towards the winning of the war; therefore, be it

Resolved, that activities for the above named purposes (fully enumerated in the by-laws of said corporation) be discontinued, the association itself dissolved for the duration of the war (as per article 26 sec. 3 of the by-laws which provides: 'if no visible results of our mutual efforts to accomplish this aim be achieved by January 1943, the corporation shall be dissolved), and the assets be divided equally among its participating lodges as members; and be it finally

Resolved, that the liquidation of said CNA be carried out not later than three months after adoption of this resolution by the SNPJ lodge 743 of Los Angeles, Calif.

Adopted unanimously at the regular meeting of SNPJ lodge 743 of Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 20, 1942. Signed: President and Secretary, Lodge Lesky."

The resolution was ordered to be submitted to the CNA to be acted upon by its delegates at the next meeting.

Among the members who transferred, according to Secretary's report, was the Hiti family who transferred to the Fontana lodge. From the Youngstown, Ohio, lodge came Miss Ruth De Lost, who until recently was convalescing on a ranch in New Mexico. Sister De Lost, who was present at the meeting, has fully recovered and is now working in a Hollywood studio.

After an appeal by the President and the Secretary of the lodge to try to bring in new members in 1943, refreshments were served to the members present. In our executive family only one change was made, that of recording secretary. Brother Albert Lesky takes the place of Sister Martha Hall.

In my last article on the mass meeting of Dr. Subaki, the name Kochevich should have read Kovachevich. Mr. Math Kovachevich is chief deputy enforcement officer in Detective License Bureau, State Board of Prisons Directors, State of California, and his wife is a high school teacher. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kovachevich are ardent workers in the cause of better understanding not only among Croats towards Serbs but also towards Slovenes and vice versa. As never before the present situation certainly calls for such understanding among our peoples. Their special leaning is democracy in all respects.

FRANK PETRICH, 743.



The Hapsburg Intrigues

On Monday, Dec. 14, 1942, Congressman Emanuel Celler, of New York, at 10:45 p. m. over station WHN broadcast the following: "I call attention to some insidious propaganda being carried on under our very noses—a smelly campaign to restore the despised Hapsburgs to their exploded and extinct throne in Vienna and to reestablish the Austro-Hungarian Hapsburg dynasty throughout the Danubian basin. In Washington, in New York, in Cleveland, the plotters gather and hatch their schemes to enthronize Otto Von Hapsburg, now resident in this country. They send forth tons of pamphlets and circulars extolling this opera-bouffe archduke as a liberator of the Austrians, Hungarians, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Poles. Most if not all these intriguers are comic opera barons or paper mache monarchists surrounding Otto and they are primarily interested not in freeing Austria and Central Europe from the Nazi pincers, but in reestablishing a Fascist-controlled monarchy where they can be rewarded with fat gifts and misplaced power. They fawn upon Otto and his lick-spittles.

In the background stands Otto's mother, Empress Zita, arch-conspirator of them all. Otto, Zita and their flunkies are all refugees. We have offered them a refuge and the hospitality which they are daily misusing. The time has come when we must call a halt to their practices. We can no longer view with complacency their monarchial plottings and shenanigans. They are out to divide our Allies-in-exile, to set one against the other. The campaign to reestablish the Hapsburg feudalism means the destruction of the independence of Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia, means the denial of President Wilson's principle of self-determination of nations whereby these independent nations were formed and have functioned until Hitler's Luftwaffe and panzer divisions subdued them. Otto, Zita and their ilk would bowl over these several governments, integral members of the United Nations and gather them together and stick them into their own pockets to have them emerge as mere puppets of the Hapsburg-controlled Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Such designs are insulting to our intelligence and they weaken our Allies-in-arms and thus damage their opposition to the Axis culprits. These plots frighten our Allies-in-arms and thus impede our war effort. But worst of all, our land which shelters this febrile Otto and his mother, brothers and sisters and his Gilbert and Sullivan court jesters in protection as refugees is made a political arena for their maneuvers and machinations.

Sad to relate also, numerous American socialites, surfeited with wealth and worldly goods and who like to pay at royalty, have become Otto's and Zita's sycophants and have associated themselves with their monarchial activities. The kowtow to Otto and are proud to be known as part of his court.

Otto is advertised and propagandized as a democrat, but before we can accept him as such, let him first call himself just plain Otto Hapsburg or Otto Spitzbub or whatever his real name is. Second, let him renounce all claim to a throne. Third, let him cease holding a mock court where he bestows titles and decorations upon his followers. He recently appointed a court chaplain and rewarded one of his cronies by bestowing upon him the order of the Golden Fleece. Others of these orders that he dangles before his so-called stooges and courtiers and from whom he exacts allegiance right here in the United States are the order of St. Leopold and the order of Franz Josef. Incidentally, no American citizen can lawfully receive a decoration or title from any foreign prince, potentate or government—it is a crime to do so. I thus warn any of our citizens that may be a part of the clique or committee surrounding Otto.

For example, Admiral Darlan was offered a number of decorations to our fighting North African soldiers and officers, but they were not privileged to accept without our Government's permission. Yet here we have a would-be puppet, a refugee with a Belgian diplomatic passport, incidentally, here in New York City and Washington who presumes to hold court and who has the hardihood to bestow in sovereign fashion medals, titles and decorations.

We refused to give asylum to King Carol of Rumania as a refugee, yet we made that stupid mistake in case of Empress Zita and her white-headed boy, Otto. "Victory over the Axis is not enough: We must annihilate Fascism. What availed if we defeat Hitler and have Fascism appear in a different guise and setting? There is no choice between Hitler Nazism and the Fascism of the Hapsburg dynasty. Hapsburg connotes the opposite of freedom. The restoration of Otto, even only in Austria, would be turning the clock backward. Hapsburg spells feudalism, and feudalism means Fascism. In the Danubian countries the Hapsburgs are associated with the rule of absolutism and denationalization, with depression and oppression.

For the Czechs it has meant

The Upper Crust



"Gentlemen, this is the last meeting of the board. We can't waste our time at only \$25,000 a year."

ruthless destruction of national independence. For the Hungarians it means the ruthless execution in 1839 at Arad of 13 brave generals who fought for the Hungarian constitution. It means wholesale brutalities against the fearless leadership of Kosuth and his collaborators. Kosuth fought for the independence of Hungary and for the termination of the Hapsburg dynasty which Otto would seek to revive. "It is well to remember that Americans came to Kosuth's aid. He journeyed here in 1851 and was acclaimed everywhere a hero and fighter against oppression. In Brooklyn, from whence I come, there is a street named for him. Very likely he has been honored in many other American cities. Presumably Otto and Zita would now change the names of these streets to Hapsburg Platz.

"Some Americans think the problem of Southern Europe can be solved by simply restoring a king. They reason what would be wrong if we sent to Vienna a charming prince with all the trappings of a stage hero? They forget that this is not a personal affair, but to those involved the restoration of the detested Hapsburg structure enabling an imperial bureaucracy and a feudal aristocracy to keep in power by sheer force of an imperial army, all in defiance of the Atlantic Charter and the Four Freedoms.

"Restoration of the Hapsburgs in the lands now occupied by Poles, Czechs, Croats and Slovenes, Magyars and Austrians would emphasize all their hostilities and lay the foundation for a third world war. "The shrewd Bismarck said in 1866, quote: 'Whoever is master of Bohemia is master of Europe. Europe must therefore never allow any nation except the Czechs to rule over it, since that nation does not lust for domination. The boundaries of Bohemia are the safeguard of European security, and he who moves them will plunge Europe into misery.' End of quote.

"I agree with Bismarck. Only the Czechs must rule Bohemia. The Hapsburgs would have it otherwise and destroy the safeguards of European security. "Authority was recently given by the Secretary of War for the organization of an Austrian battalion within the ranks of the United States Army. This follows the admirable practice of encouraging aliens and Hitler haters in our midst to join our armed forces. There has been established a Norwegian battalion, a Filipino battalion, a Greek battalion and even a Japanese battalion, the latter being a continuation of the so-called Hawaiian National Guard until and which comprised totally Japanese nationals. These battalions are in infantry, and must be commanded by officers who are American citizens. The members of these battalions must apply to the local draft boards for so-called voluntary induction.

"Strange as it may seem, Otto von Hapsburg and his so-called Military Committee for the Liberation of Austria would claim credit for the establishment of this Austrian battalion and their publications seem to imply that they are running the show. Nothing is farther from the truth. They flash a letter which Secretary Stimson wrote which is as non-committal as it is harmless. It merely welcomes recruits and thanks Otto and his committee for procuring volunteers for the battalion. This letter is being exaggerated out of all proportion. They imply that the War Department has set this committee up with Otto at its head as an official recruiting agent. There is no such thing. All inductions in this battalion must be seen through their local draft boards. Any Austrian is privileged to join the Austrian battalion, even Otto himself. But he would have to go in as a private. You can bet your bottom dollar he won't do this. If

he would, I might be tempted to withdraw all I have said about him. Otto's military committee would give the impression that it has won official approval by our Government; that is utterly false and ridiculous. Neither Secretary Hull nor Stimson nor any other head of any department has espoused this group. To do so would be playing with dynamite. In fact, the State Department has repudiated all assertions by any of them at any time that it approves or even encourages any attempt to set up any Austrian monarchy or an Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

"It is well to consider a dossier on Otto. He was born in 1912. Early in 1919 he and his family left Austria at the request of the Government and with the approval of American and British Armistice officials. He has never returned since. He can't possibly have any memories of his people and country. He spent his first two years of exile in Switzerland and then lived in Spain and Belgium. Otto has actually no Austrian background—he is just a carpet-bagger. The Hapsburgs are so disliked in Austria, to say nothing of the other countries that had formed the Austrian part of the monarchy, that their expulsion met no opposition whatsoever. Early in 1920, when the Emperor Charles, husband of Zita and father of Otto, made an attempt to return to Hungary, he was immediately deported when he arrived in Vienna. They were excluded from the territory of the republic of Austria for eternal time by the so-called Anti-Hapsburg law.

"I am submitting to the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice the names of a number of the reactionary agitators who comprise Otto's so-called court. I am asking that an investigation be made to see whether or not they may be agents of a foreign government and whether they are registered as such. Furthermore, when an alien visitor receives from an American consul abroad a visa to his passport which enables him to enter the United States, he is usually cautioned by the consul first, not to engage in business activity, and second, not to engage in political activity. The Federal Bureau of Immigration is empowered to cancel the visa if the holder has violated the instructions given by the consul. Undoubtedly, the members of Otto's committee, and those around and about him as his courtiers have violated the pledge upon which their visas were granted. I am therefore submitting names to Commissioner Harris of Philadelphia, head of our Naturalization and Immigration Service, with the request that he make a rigid investigation of the activities of this group.

"William L. Shirer, recently speaking over the radio about the Hapsburg pretensions said, quote: 'Are we fighting a war for freedom merely to restore the Hapsburg rule to them?' (Meaning the peoples of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire). Shirer spoke of the great outcry from Czechs, Poles and Yugoslavs who lived under the Hapsburg yoke."

SNPJ Lodge No. 295 is Looking for a Stewart
BRIDGEVILLE, PA.—Lodge 295 of Fryers Hill, Bridgeville, Pa., is looking for a steward. Anyone who is interested in bringing transfer papers to our lodge is eligible for this position. There are three rooms, free rent, gas, water and electricity and a reasonable salary each month. Anyone interested please consult Brother John Kvartich, Station St., Bridgeville, or Sister Frances Oblack, 921 McLaughlin Rd., Bridgeville, Pa. Cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.
FRANCES OBLACK, Sec'y. (Adv.)

Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting of Nov. 11

Meeting is called to order at 1 p. m. All officers are present except assistant secretary. Minutes of previous meeting are approved.

President Cankar reads report from A. Vidrich in regard to the affair of lodge 190, which he and J. Culkar attended. Report is approved and filed.

The Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress asks for a representative at annual convention. Bro. Maglich is delegated.

A circular letter from the Treasury Department as a request to buy war bonds was received. Our Society is already doing what it can in promoting war bond sale.

The premises located at 257 103rd street need repair; necessary repairs are ordered.

Slovene National Congress. Decided that the question whether members of supreme board attend should be submitted to the board members: shall executive committee and members of the supreme board residing in Cleveland represent society at the congress or all members of the supreme board, attendance not compulsory.

Secretary Vider submits application from Bro. Baloh, member and for years secretary of lodge 7, for financial aid for payment for a new artificial leg from the special benefit fund, and the sum of \$50.00 is approved.

Request from People's Lobby for annual contribution. The sum of \$25 as usually is contributed due to the fact that this organization is for years conducting very useful work for the benefit of the people.

Interpretation of the by-laws in regard to women members joining army units. The same rules should apply for women members as for the men.

He reports that the 25th anniversary of lodge 321 he attended was morally a success and the attendance despite of rain was satisfactory.

Mildred Simic, employee, resigned from her position and he hired Edith Tancek. Action is approved.

Secretary of the sick benefit department submitted the matter of Stephana Cerne of lodge 575, who is not entitled to child birth benefit according to the by-laws due to the fact that she is not insured for sick benefit for a period of 3 months. Since there is only two days lacking, it was decided to pay this member from the special benefit fund in order to avoid any violation of the by-laws.

Juvenile director asks permission to send the society's films to Circle 47 for Nov. 20, recommends the contestants of the ML literary and drawing school be paid in war savings stamps as prizes, and that for this season the society financially supports the bowling leagues from athletic fund to the amount not exceeding \$2.50 for each individual member. Recommendations approved. Meeting adjourned at 5 p. m.

Meeting of Nov. 25

Meeting is called to order at 1 p. m. All members of the committee are present. Minutes of the previous meeting are approved with minor corrections.

President Cankar reports result on the referendum of the supreme board in connection with the Slovene congress; 17 voted in favor and 10 voted that the executive committee and board members residing in Cleveland attend. Majority is for and all board members should be advised about the results. Assistant editor Louis Beniger is delegated to represent Prosveta and Mladinski List at the congress.

President reports that he was invited to the conference called by chairman of Slav Congress Leo Krzycki, who explained that the Slav Congress called for the same days as the Slovene congress, was postponed and that he heartily approves the action undertaken by the Slovenes and promised he would attend our congress Dec. 5.

He reads report from J. Spiller who was delegated to attend the Missouri Fraternal Congress. Report was approved and filed.

A complaint against head editor by sister Moseley of lodge 192 was read, in which she expresses dissatisfaction, because he had con-

siderably condensed her article. Editor explains that the article in question was of such volume it would require 5 columns in the official organ, and in order to accommodate other members and lodges with space, he had no other way but to condense her article from which nothing of importance was omitted. Committee concurs his action.

Secretary Vider submits the following: Circle 16 of Thomas, W. Va., asks for financial assistance to sponsor a Christmas party and \$25 is approved. Lodge 172 asks for financial help for lodge treasury, which request is disapproved on the ground that lodges must find means for own expenses. Lodge 381 asks for contribution for Circle's Christmas party and \$25 is approved. Lodge 394 notified the committee that they have decided to merge with lodge 680, which is approved. Bro. Cvirm of lodge 564, a charity patient at a hospital for tuberculosis, asks to change his insurance in favor of the hospital. Request approved as purely voluntary.

Bro. Matt Petrovich submitted report on the celebration of lodge 450 which he attended as representative of the Society. He states that moral and financial success was achieved. Report is approved and filed.

Request from the Chicago District Federation for the use of both halls free for the Christmas party given for the children on Dec. 20 is approved and juvenile director Vrhovnik is delegated as speaker. The application for promissorial claim of Ladislav Majdich of lodge 313 approved by supreme medical examiner, is also approved.

Secretary asks the opinion of the committee on the question of increasing of insurance by a member in the army. The committee instructed the secretary that no request for increase of insurance should be granted for the duration of the war to service men.

Applications for various benefits and loans for assessment were approved. (Details in Slovene minutes.)

Secretary of the sick benefit department submits the matter of Anton Kenig of lodge 96, who is not entitled to sick benefit, and he suggests that some special benefit be granted him; the amount of \$35 is approved.

Treasurer Kuhel reads a letter from the American Red Cross acknowledging and thanking the Society, as follows:

"This acknowledges receipt of your letter of November 10th, enclosing check for \$5,000.00, being your Society's very generous contribution to the American Red Cross. We wish to express to the members of your Society the deep appreciation and thanks of the officers and Executive Committee. Our official receipt is enclosed herewith."

Juvenile Director Vrhovnik submits request from Circle 2 for financial assistance and \$25 is approved. He recommends contribution for the newly organized Circle in Brooklyn, N. Y., and \$25 for Circle 49 is also approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m. VINCENT CANKAR, President. F. A. VIDER, Secretary.

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