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REVIZIJA BRITSKE IN AMERIŠKE PO- LITIKE V NEMČIJI

Bevin naglasil potrebo
kooperacije s sovjeti

VAŽNI RAZGOVORI V BERLINU

London, 23. dec. — Ameriška odločitev glede ustavitve pošiljanja strojev in druge industrijske opreme iz zapadne Nemčije v Rusijo predvideva revizijo britske in ameriške okupacijske politike v Nemčiji, ki je bila zadržana na konferenci velike trojice v Potsdamu. Amerika in Velika Britanija sta na tej konferenci dali zagotovilo Sovjetski uniji, da bo dobivala reparacije v obliki strojev iz okupacijskih con v zapadni Nemčiji.

Odlučitev o reviziji britske in ameriške okupacijske politike je padla po polurni konferenci zunanjih ministrov štirih velesil v Londonu. Povzročila je ugotovitev o možnem razpustu zavezniške kontrolne komisije, katere sedež je v Berlinu.

Britski uradni krogi izražajo bojazen pred razpustom komisije. Velika Britanija se še ni odločila za ustavitve plačevanja reparacij Rusiji kljub ameriški pritisku, ker bi to lahko rezultiralo v sovjetskih represalijah.

Po polomu londonske konference sta Velika Britanija in Amerika naznanili, da bosta podvzeli korake, da bodo industrije v zapadni Nemčiji prišle v okvir Marshallovega načrta, ki predvideva potrošnjo sedemnajst milijard dolarjev za ekonomsko okrevanje in rehabilitacijo šestnajstih držav v zapadni Evropi.

Britski zunanji minister Bevin je na sestanku z ameriški časniki ponovno naglasil, da so vrata odprta Rusiji in drugim državam v vzhodni Evropi za kooperacijo z zapadnimi silami. Dostavil je, da bo le kooperacija ustvarila pogoje miru v Evropi.

Važni razgovori so se pričeli v Berlinu. Tam so se sestali general Lucius D. Clay, ameriški vojaški guverner, general Brian Robertson, britski vojaški guverner, in člani njunih štabov. Predmet razgovorov je politična in ekonomska združitev okupacijskih con v zapadni Nemčiji.

Parnik z židovskimi begunci prestrežen

Jeruzalem, Palestina, 23. dec. —Enote britske bojne mornarice so prestregle parnik, ki je skušal priti v palestinsko luko. Na parniku je bilo 800 židovskih beguncev. Vsi bodo deportirani na otok Ciper, kjer je taborišče za židovske begunce.

VRHOVNO SODIŠČE ODLOČILO V PRILOG ZAMORSKIM KURJAČEM

Washington—(FP)—Zvezo vrhovno sodišče, ki je odločilo v prilog zamorskim kurjačem na južnih železnicah, se je postavilo na stran pravice. Odločilo je, da zamorski kurjači in drugi zamorski železničarji imajo pravice do povišanja pri njihovih delih.

Lastniki južnih železnic so se upirali povišanju zamorskih delavcev na podlagi pogodbe z neodvisno unijo strojnikov, kurjačev in inženirjev, ki prepoveduje povišanje zamorskih kurjačev in inženirjev. Prizadeti so bili tudi drugi zamorski delavci, uposleni na južnih železnicah.

Vrhovno sodišče je podprlo odločitev apelativnega sodišča, ki je prej podalo svojo razsodbo v prilog zamorskim delavcem. Unijska pogodba, ki je zapostavljala zamorske delavce, je bila sklenjena s predstavniki železnice vladne oblasti.

Anderson objavil seznam špekulantov

Predložen je bil
senatnemu odseku

Washington, D. C., 23. dec.—Poljedelski tajnik Anderson je objavil seznam špekulantov na žitnih borzah. Seznam vključuje 711 firm in posameznikov, med temi 181 iz Chigaga. Objava ni povzročila senzacije.

Kot vodilni špekulant je omenjen Edwin W. Pauley, svetovalec predsednika Trumana in uradni vojni direktor. Nadaljnji je Ralph Davies. Kakor Pauley, je bil tudi Davies oljni magnat v Californiji. V vojnem času je bil Davies pomožni vladni direktor oljne produkcije, ki je spadala v območje takratnega notranjega tajnika Harolda L. Ickesa.

Amerika nima zakona proti špekulacijam na borzah. Preiskavo je odredil kongres po objavi poročil, da nekateri vladni uradniki delajo profite kot špekulanti na žitnih borzah.

Seznam imen špekulantov je bil predložen senatnemu odseku za apropiacije. Med firmami je Anderson, Clayton & Co. v Houstonu, Tex., katere glavni delničar je bivši državni podtajnik Clayton.

Nemški magnat spoznan za krivega

Poljsko sodišče
obsodilo 27 nacistov

Nuernberg, Nemčija, 23. dec.—Friedrich Fleck, bivši direktor največjega jeklarskega, železarskega in premožnovega imperija v Nemčiji, je bil na obravnavi pred ameriškim vojaškim sodiščem spoznan za krivega izkoriščanja zaslužnih tujih delavcev in ropanja po državah, ki so bile pod okupacijo Hitlerjevih oboževanih sil, in obsojen na sedem let ječe. Sodišče mu je uključilo v kazni dve leti in pol zapore po aretaciji.

Otto Steinbrück, glavni Flickov pomočnik, je bil obsojen na pet let zapore, Bernhard Wis, Flickov nečak, pa na dve in pol leta zapore. Trije drugi Flickovi pomočniki so bili oproščeni. Obravnava proti obtožencem je trajala šest mesecev.

Krakov, Poljska, 23. dec.—Vrhovno ljudsko sodišče je obsodilo 27 nacistov, bivših članov elite garde, na smrt. Vsi so bili spoznani za krive zločinov proti človeštvu, katere so izvršili kot nadzorniki jejniškega taborišča v Auschwitzu.

Obtožnica jim je očitala, da so mučili in umorili več tisoč jetnikov. Žrtve so bile Poljaki, židje in Rusi. Med obsojenci je Max Grabner, bivši upravitelj taborišča.

Zadeva zapostavljanja zamorskih delavcev je prišla na dan, ko je Tom Tunstall, zamorski delavec, vložil tožbo na apelativnem sodišču proti železniški družbi Norfolk Southern in zahteval tisoč dolarjev odškodnine. Sodišče je odločilo, da je zadevna provizija v pogodbi protipostavna in diskriminacijska, ker bazira na pred-sodkih proti zamorcem.

Odlok vrhovnega sodišča pomeni, da bodo odslej zamorski kurjači in drugi železničarji imeli iste pravice do povišanja kot belopoltni delavci.

BODOČNOST SNPJ JE ODVISNA OD ČLANSTVA

Sugestije od nekaterih članov in odbornikov lokalnih društev, ki jih urad prejema, češ, da bo treba kmalu uposiliti stalne zastopnike za pobiranje asesmenta od članov, po vzgledu privatnih inšuranc družb, če bomo hoteli članstvo obdržati v jedrnosti, niso preveč razveseljive z ozirom na bodočnost organizacije. Tak sistem, če ga bomo prisiljeni vpeljati, ne bi pomenil noben korak k napredku, kajti kooperativna ustanova se ne more primerjati s privatnim podjetjem, katerega princip je dobiček. Organizacija, ki je lastnina članstva, more uspešno napredovati le tedaj, ako članstvo razume važnost in potrebo svoje ustanove; je aktivno za nje-n porast iz naravnega nagnenja ali načela in ne izključno vsled materialnih koristi.

Bratska podporna organizacija lahko služi svojemu članstvu v dva namena: v gmotno podporo za slučaj bolezni, nesreče ali smrti in duševni razvoj za spoznanje resnice in potov, kateri vodijo do blagostanja ter gospodarske stabilnosti vsega ljudstva. Te važne naloge vrši naša jednota, zato smatramo, da je nam tudi neobhodno potrebna. Kadar na splošno pričemo s pobiranjem asesmenta od članov na njihovih domovih, tedaj bomo med članstvom ubili vsako zanimanje za društvene seje in organizacijo vobče, ki zna postati le še ena več inšuranc družb, brez načela ali vpliva.

Dalje je treba povedati, da pobiranje asesmenta od hiše do hiše po zato postavljenih zastopnikih bo moralo tudi plačati članstvo in nihče naj ne misli, da bi v takem slučaju zadostovale plače, kakor jih sedaj prejema družbeni tajniki. Stalno nastavljeni zastopniki za jednoto v omenjene svrhe bi prejimali tudi stalno in za življenski obstoj primerno plačo.

Zakaj pa mislite, da si agenti, ki prodajajo življensko zavarovanje, toliko prizadevajo prodati one vrste inšuranc, katerega premije ali prispevki so najvišji? Mnogi ljudje kajpada so mnenja, da zato, ker je dotična zavarovalnica, ki jo zastopnik najbolj priporoča, tudi najbolj primerna za prizadetega, čemur pa ni tako. Oni skušajo predvsem prodati zavarovalnico, katere je zanje najbolj dobičkonosna, takozvani "endowment", ali po gotovih letih izplačana gotovina. Zanje ni vprašanje potrebe vaše zavarovalnice, ki jo skušajo vsiliti, kakor tudi ne, če vam jo bo mogoče zmagovati s plačili, ampak njim je za življenski obstanek, s katerega vidika tudi lovijo svoje kaline. Pri bratskih podpornih organizacijah ni tega!

Društvenemu odborniku ali članu naše jednote, kateri je na agitaciji za novimi člani, je pač vseeno, kakšno zavarovalnico si kandidati izbere, glavno je, da se novemu kandidatu temeljito pojasni vrednost in pomen raznega zavarovanja, o prispevkih itd., ker dotičnik ne spravi ničesar od novega člana, izvzemši kakinega malega priznanja ali odškodnine za stroške z agitacijo.

Vse omenjene ter podobne okoliščine je treba trezno razmišljati in preudarno prejeti, ko bi se začeli ogrevati za skop, ki bi gospodarsko postale breme za organizacijo na eni strani, na drugi pa pogubile njen sedanji načelni značaj.

Naši društveni odborniki, posebno nekateri tajniki in člani, vršijo tako dobro člansko agitacijo za jednoto, da je zelo dvomljivo, če bi jim bil v tem oziru kos tudi najbolje plačani zastopnik. Poleg tega so pa tudi aktivni v razširjanju naukov, ki jih zastopa naša organizacija, kar čestokrat pomeni mnogo več nego materialna pomoč. Vseled tega smo mnenja, da je naša dolžnost, ako želimo ohraniti to našo ustanovo, dokler nam bo ista potrebna, da ohranimo sedanji sistem pobiranja mesečnih prispevkov od članov, članom se pa priporoča, da naj bodo bolj točni s svojimi plačili in da naj nikaar preveč ne pričakujejo od tajnikov. Ker povečini tajniki prejema je neznatno odškodnino za svoje odgovorno in ne posebno prijetno delo, je dolžnost vsega članstva, da jim gre na roko s tem, da točno in brez posebnega opomina plača svoj mesečni asesment. Če se bomo vsi držali tega principa, ki bo tajnikom omogočil lažje poslovanje, bo tudi lažje dobiti člane za tajniški posej.

Bratje in sestre! Ne pozabite izrabiti priliko pridobiti novega člana za jednoto, bodisi v oddelku odraslih članov ali mladinskega!

Domače vesti

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Italijanska skupščina odobrila ustavo

Rim, 23. dec. — Nova ustava italijanske republike je bila odobrena v narodni skupščini s 453 proti 62 glasovom. S tem je bila monarhija legalno odpravljena. Nova ustava bo stopila v veljavo 1. januarja. Proti odobritvi ustave so glasovali le monarhisti in skrajni desničarji, ki so še vedno lojalni savojški dinastiji.

Preiskava stavke tiskarjev v Chicagu

Chicago, 23. dec.—Preiskava stavke, katero je oklicala tiskarska unija proti šestim listom, se je pričela. Pred člani kongresnega pododseka za delo in vzgojo so nastopili reprezentanti unije in izdajatelj. Tiskarji so zastavkali 24. novembra, ko so izdajatelj odbili zahtevo glede zvišanja plače brez podpisa nove pogodbe v soglasju s provizijami Taft-Hartleyevega protidelavskega zakona.

južnozpadno od San Franciscosa. Preiskujejo bo vodil dr. Karol K. Froman, član komisije in uradnik atomskega laboratorija v Los Alamosu, N. M.

Kitajski komunisti dominirajo bojišče

Vladna poročila o
uspehih neresnična

Nanking, Kitajska, 23. dec.—Največje bojišče v kitajski civilni vojni je sedaj dolina od reki Jangtse, 200 in 300 milj zapadno in severozapadno od Nankinga, glavne kitajske mesta, kjer je sedež vlade generalisima Čianga Kaišeka. Potek operacij narekujejo komunistične mobilne kolone, ki ne razkrijuje svojih namenov. Znano je, da je glavno bojišče pod dominacijo komunističnih sil.

Razplet operacij zakrivajo cenzura in zavajalna poročila, katere objavlja ministristvo narodne obrambe. Kaišekova vlada je vzemirjena zaradi komunističnih operacij na ozemlju v bližini Nankinga in Šanghaja, ki sta glavni bazi njenih oboževanih sil. Umakniti je morala čete z več front in iz province Santung.

Očitno je, da vlada ne more ustaviti komunističnih sil, čeprav objavlja poročila o uspehih. Te se svobodno kretajo in napadajo postojanke vladnih čet.

Glavna komunistična sila, katere poveljnik je general Liu Počeng, je zbrana v bližini gorovja Pieha, 50 milj severno od Hankova, velikega mesta ob reki Jangtse, in vzhodno od proge železnice Peiping-Hankow. Kaišekova vlada je že večkrat poročala, da je bila ta sila združena, toda vsa so bila neresnična.

Rumunija prevzela britsko lastnino

Glasilo vlade
objavilo dekret

Bukarešta, Rumunija, 23. dec.—Vlada je prevzela upravo in lastnino dveh največjih britskih oljnih kompanij v Rumuniji. To sta Astra-Romana in Unirea.

Prvo kompanijo je formirala Royal Dutch Shell Co., katero kontrolirajo britski in holandski interesi, drugo pa Phoenix Oil & Transport Co., britski koncern. Glasilo vlade je objavilo dekret o prevzetju lastnine obeh kompanij. Prišli sta pod kontrolo trgovinskega ministristva.

Dekret ne omenja, ali je prevzetje konfiskacija ali bosta kompaniji dobili odškodnino. Pred prevzetjem je bila kampa-nja v tisku proti britskim in ameriškim kompanijam. Obdolžene so bile sabotiranja produkcije olja v Rumuniji.

Poljaki brez dela v Angliji

Bivši častniki delajo
preglavice vladi

London, 23. dec.—Dasi se Attleejeva vlada pritožuje zaradi pomanjkanja delavcev v premo-govni in drugih industrijah, postopa okrog 44.000 Poljakov brez dela. Ti so bivši vojaki, ki so se borili proti Nemcem v Italiji na strani britske armade.

Okrog 100.000 Poljakov je v Angliji. Bivši vojaki so uposleni v premogovnikih in tovarnah. Nekateri so po izjavi britske vlade nesposobni za delo.

Problem za delavsko vlado so bivši poljski častniki. Ona ne ve, kaj naj stori z njimi. Poslati jih ne more na delo v rudnikih in tovarne.

Nadaljnji problem predstavljajo bolni in pohabljeni Poljaki. Ti so v vojaških bolnišnicah in barakah v severni Angliji. Delavska vlada mora skrbeti zanje. Le neznatno število Poljakov se je prostovoljno prijavilo za vrnitev domov.

DEBATA O AME- RIŠKI POLITIKI NAPRAM ITALIJI

Togliatti oplazil ame-
riškega poslanika
Dunna

CASNIKARJI ZASTRUPLAJO OZRACJE

Rim, 23. dec.—Ameriška politika napram Italiji je bila predmet ostre debate v ustavni skupščini. Obojal jo je Palmiro Togliatti, vodja komunistične stranke, zagovarjal pa Carlo Sforza, zunanji minister v vladi premierja Alcida de Gasperi. Zanikal je trditve, da se Amerika vmešava v notranje zadeve Italije.

Togliatti je v svojem govoru obtožil Jamesa C. Dunna, ameriškega poslanika v Rimu, da je šel preko svojih dolžnosti v poskusih, katerih cilj je organiziranje protikomunistične fronte v Italiji. "Časnikarji na plačilni listi gotovega poslanilstva zastrupljajo ozračje z neprestanim klepetanjem o ameriški pomoči Italiji," je dejal. "Zakaj Sforza ne protestira proti Dunnu, ki potuje po Italiji, snuje organizacije industrijevcev proti delavcem in skuša dobiti pristaje in podpornike za protikomunistično fronto?"

Deklaracija, katero je podal predsednik Truman, da bo Amerika vzdrževala mir in red v Italiji, če bo potrebno, ne garantira neodvisnosti Italiji. Italija bi postala protektorat Amerike. Ako hočemo, da Italija postane ono, kar želimo, bomo morali skrbeti, da ne bo prišla pod dominacijo bloka zapadnih sil. Italija naj vzpostavi zvezo z Rusijo, katere prijateljstvo potrebujemo, da bo lahko zavzela prostor med svobodnimi narodi, ki ji spada. Ameriški protektorat bi bil začetek konca Italije kot neodvisne države.

Naši nasprotniki trdijo, da nečemo sodelovati z De Gasperijevo vlado zaradi Marshallovega načrta. Niti grof Sforza ne ve, kaj je Marshallov načrt. Ze večkrat smo ga vprašali, naj nam razkrije, kakšna zagotovila je dala italijanska vlada za objubljenjo ji pomoč na podlagi Marshallovega načrta, toda odgovora nismo dobili.

Sforza je odgovoril, da je Trumanova deklaracija glede Italije v soglasju z drugim členom čarterja Združenih narodov in petnajstega ter sedemnajstega člena italijanske mirovne pogodbe. On je zagovarjal tudi Marshallov načrt.

DELAVSKA KONFERENCA ZA ODPRAVO VSEH PROTIDELAVSKIH ZAKONOV

Washington—(FP)—Na 14. letni konferenci delavskega departmanta, katere se je udeležilo 200 delegatov CIO, ADF in neodvisnih delavskih unij iz vseh držav, je bil sprejet predlog, da se prekličejo vsi protidelavski zakoni v vseh državah, ki so jih sprejele v zadnjih letih.

Konferenca so se udeležili tudi načelniki državnih delavskih uradov. Zborovalci so ostro obsojili državne zakone, ki so bili sprejeti proti delavcem pred in po sprejetju Taft-Hartleyevega protidelavskega zakona. V tem smislu so sprejeli resolucijo, ki zahteva, da se ustavi protidelavska gonja v vseh državah.

Resolucija naglašala potrebo, "da se odpravijo protidelavski zakoni, državni in zvezni, kajti sedanja gonja proti delavskim unijam vodi direktno v fašizem, proti kateremu se je borilo vse delavstvo s produciranjem bojnega materiala in na bojnih poljih. Mnogi delavci nimajo pravice, da se bi kolektivno pogajali z delodajalci, ker jim to zabranjujejo protidelavski zakoni v nekaterih državah."

Zborovalci so dalje obsodili vzpostavitev sodnijskih prepovedi, s katerimi delodajalci ustrahujejo delavce in jih prisilijo, da pristanejo na njihove pogoje. Delavci naj napno vse sile, da si pribore svoje pranje pravice.

Delavski tajnik Schwellenbach, ki se je tudi udeležil kon-

Panama zavrgla sklenjeni dogovor

Amerika ne bo
dobila vojaških baz

Panama City, Panama, 23. dec.—Člani narodne skupščine so soglasno zavrgli že sklenjen in podpisan dogovor z Ameriko, da slednja dobi v najem 14 vojaških baz na panamskem ozemlju v interesu obrambe Panamskega prekopa pred možno ogro-sijo.

Skupščina ni hotela ratificirati sklenjenega dogovora. To je izzvalo veliko veselje v panamski prestolnici. Več tisoč ljudi se je udeležilo pohoda po ulicah. Vzklikali so "Dogovor ni bil ratificiran!"

Situacija je zdaj taka kot je bila 1. septembra lanskega leta, ko je Panama obvestila ameriško vlado, da je veljavnost dogovora, kateri je bil sklenjen leta 1942, potekla. Na podlagi tega dogovora je Amerika dobila v najem več vojaških baz v Panami.

Grški časnikar aretiran v New Yorku

New York, 23. dec.—Ameriška vlada je odredila aretacijo grškega časnikarja pri organizaciji Združenih narodov pod pre-tvezo, da je nezakležen komunist. Časnikar je Nicolas Kyriazidis, ki je dospel v Ameriko kot obiskovalec 9. junija tega leta. On je pošiljal poročila več grškim listom. Dva izmed listov je grška vlada zadržala. Kyriazidis bo zaslišan v zvezi s predvidevano deportacijo.

Velika železniška nesreča v Nemčiji

Frankfurt Nemčija, 23. dec.—Uradno poročilo pravi, da je bilo 36 potnikov ubitih in čez 300 ranjenih v koliziji dveh vlakov. Nesreča se je pripetila v Fahr-Irlachu v bližini Neuwieda.

shallowega načrta, toda odgovora nismo dobili.

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NEKAJ SUGESTIJ GLEDE GLASILA

Lincoln, Ill. — Pazljivo sem prečital sugestije br. Tuška in Mikostnika, katera priporočata, da bi se glasilo tiskalo v dveh separatih izdajah, to je v angleški in slovenski. Br. urednik pa je ugotovil, da je to nemogoče in tudi pravila SNPJ tega ne dovoljujejo.

Naj še jaz spregovorim k temu nekaj besed. Znano mi je, da je, precej mladih članov, kateri razumejo slovensko in čitajo dopise in druge novice. Na drugi strani pa je prav tako veliko starejših članov, ki razumejo angleščino in jo čitajo. Torej mnogi stari člani čitajo tudi angleško sekcijo Prosvete. Če pa bi glasilo razdvojili, potem pa starejši člani ne bi vedeli, kaj delajo pri angleških društvih, mlajši pa ne, kaj delamo pri slovenskih. Vsi smo pa pod istim gospodarjem. Da, prišla bo izprememba in bo glasilo tiskano večinoma v angleščini, ampak sedaj še ni čas za to.

Strinjam se z br. Barbičem, kateri priporoča, da bi se prve štiri strani tiskale v angleščini, zadnje štiri pa v slovenskino. To bo dalo več veselja angleško govorečim članom in izprevidili bi, da gremo stari k zatonu in bo prišel čas, ko bodo oni morali prevzeti vodstvo in gospodarstvo SNPJ.

Naj še omenim, da smo imeli 10. decembra pogreb člana našega društva Josepha Krznarja. On je bil ubit na bojišču in pokopan v Belgiji, in sicer 13. oktobra 1. 1944. Stric Sam pa je na željo staršev dal izkopati truplo in ostanke so pripeljali v Lincoln. Pogreb je bil veličasten. Udeležilo se ga je veliko občanov in tudi precej članov našega društva.

Pokojni zapušča starše in dve sestri, vsi člani društva 118 SNPJ. Pokojnikov oče je bil doma blizu Gornjega Grada pri Novi Solti, mati pa od Rajhenburga, Slovenija. Globoko so žalje!
Mike Brill, tajnik.

USTANOVITEV DRUŠTVA 315 SNPJ IN DRUGA VPRABANJA

Canton, O.—Kdo je ustanovil društvo 315 SNPJ v Cantonu, O.? To hočem opisati, ker me v to sil lokalna potreba, obenem pa se bom dotaknil nekaj, kar bi bilo koristno za nas vse.

Bilo je leta 1916, ko je vstopil v šendo, kjer sem pri mizi obiral trde žile in napol kuhane kosti, neki meni tedaj še nepoznani rojak. Bil je Blaž Odar. Dejal je: "V bližnjem Cantonu sem se namenil ustanoviti s pomočjo vas, rojakov, društvo pod okriljem SNPJ."

Društvo je bilo ustanovljeno leta 1916. Od ustanovitvejo sp pri društvu še trije, in sicer: Blaž Odar, njegova soproga in Anton Krizman, ki je bil prvi predsednik.

Društvo je bilo veliko let jako aktivno in v njegovih vrstah je vladala harmonija. Prav tako so bile mesečne seje živahne in fimele smo velike priredbe. Neke nedelje se je pa smer napredne misli in harmonija spremenila v mrtvilo, v katerem še danes hira.

Tisto usodno nedeljo je neko presekalo društvo 315 na dvoje. Pojavila se je poleg originalne številke še ena. Od tu naprej naj piše kdo drugi, zato ker jaz sem vedno sodeloval. Da bo vsakdo razumel, naj rečem, da le v skupnosti in iskreni kooperaciji se doseže uspeh v malih nasebinah. V dveh jarmih en voz ne more kreniti nikamor. Napredek je torej mogoč le v enem društvu po malih nasebinah.

Naša mladina ni to, kar bi morala biti, namreč ni tako aktivna pri društvih, kot bi radi videli, da bi bila. Da zainteresiramo našo mladino v naše stvari, je potrebna kooperacija od strani staršev, samo s tarnanjem pa ne bomo prišli nikamor.

V marsikaterem društvu že poslujejo v angleškem jeziku. Torej, zakaj imamo dvoje angleško poslujoči društvi v naši in v drugih nasebinah? V takih primerih bi želi več uspeha, če bi se društvi združili. Do-

kler so društva in stari razcepjeni, toliko časa bo vladala ignoranca mesto življenja in aktivnosti. Tukaj rojeni člani so odrasli in gledajo na stvari s drugačnimi očmi kot smo mi. Mi smo rasti za plugom, s krampom, koso in motiko v roki, naša mladina pa raste v izobilju in se bolj zanima za sport kot pa za društvo. Na vse to bi morali stari gledati pravilno in naj skušajo vzajemno rešiti ta problem.

Sredina številka Prosvete se naj bi tiskala izključno v angleščini z nekaj strani veliko prilogo, ki bi bila privlačna za mlade člane. Dener za povečanje uradne številke se naj vzame tam, od koder pride za originalno. Jednota stoji danes pred velikimi spremembami.
Michael Chok.

PLESNA VESELICA NA STAREGA LETA VEČER

Waukegan, Ill.—Slovenski narodni dom bo pridelal plesno zabavo na starega leta večer, 31. decembra. Vabimo vse delničarje in splošno občinstvo, da pride v Slovenski narodni dom in pričaka novega leta.

Kakor lansko leto, tako bo tudi letos SND odprt vsem brez vstopnine za ples in jestvine za stonj.

V veliki dvorani bo igral lepe valčke in polke Gregorinov orkester. Ker Dom nima sirene, bo odbor preskrbel vsem piščalke in trombente, da bodo z njimi oznanjevali in pozdravljali novo leto. Torej vsi dobrodošli!

Slovenski narodni dom bo pridelal posebno zabavo tudi za pevce zbora SND. Vrtil se je poseben sestanek z odborniki in pevovodkinjo mrs. Christine Stritar in na dnevnem redu je bila razprava o splošnih problemih za podvig pevskega zbora. Slovenski narodni dom je osvojil sklep, da bo finančno podpiral še naprej ta slovenski zbor.

Vabimo na zabavni večer vse pevce, ki so že peli pri zboru, in vse one, ki imajo glasove, da pridejo na ta družabni večer, ki se bo vršil 28. dec. v Slovenskem narodnem domu, začetek ob sedmih zvečer. Dober odziv bo dal jamstvo za nadaljnji obstoj tega zbora pod vodstvom poštvovalne Christine Stritar. Ona bo napela vse strune za podvig naše pesmi.

Slovenski narodni dom želi veselo praznike in srečno novo leto vsem rojakom in rojkinjam!
Andrew Moček.

SEJA PODRUŽNICE 108 SANS

Detroit, Mich.—V nedeljo, 4. januarja, se bo vršila seja podružnice 108 SANS, začetek ob treh popoldne v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Livernois ave.

Organizacija SANS je važna za vse ameriške Slovence in za naše rojake v stari domovini, zato je važno, da se udeležijo prihodnje seje v velikem številu in tudi vsi tisti, ki še niste člani naše organizacije.

Danes stojimo pred velikimi vprašanji. Pomoč stari domovini je še vedno nujna. V l. 1948 bodo tudi volitve in nam ne sme biti vseeno, kdo bo nas zastopal v kongresu. Videli ste, kako porazno so izpadle za nas vse zadnje volitve, če pa bomo stali indiferentni ob strani, se bomo znašli pa še v slabšem položaju.

Torej pridite vsi na sejo, da se pogovorimo o tekočih problemih. Voščimo veselo božične praznike in srečno novo leto vsem čitateljem Prosvete in članom SANSa.
Frank Modic, tajnik.

FILMSKA PREDSTAVA V RENTONU

Renton, Wash.—Dne 4. januarja bomo v Rentonu predvajali kino-slike iz stare domovine, začetek točno ob dveh popoldne v srednji šoli (High School). Vabimo vse Slovence iz naše in drugih nasebin, da ne zamudijo te prilike in se gotovo udeležijo predstave, kajti tukaj na zahodu nimamo prilike pogosto videti filme iz stare domovine.

Pridite in videli boste še enkrat našo ljubljeno šolsko in druge slovenske kraje in mesta. Torej na gotovo svidenje!
Fred Medvešek, tajnik.

POROČILO O LETNI SEJI DRUŠTVA 53 SNPJ

Cleveland, O.—Na letni seji društva v boji 53 SNPJ so bili izvoljeni sledeči uradniki in zastopniki za l. 1948: Predsednik Frank Barbič, podpredsednik John Sorc, tajnik Joseph F. Durn, 15605 Waterloo rd., blagajnik John Zaic, zapisnikar Anton Jankovič (?). Nadzorniki: Frank Završnik, predsednik, Louis Lemut, Jos. Logar. Društveni zdravnik so vsi slovenski zdravniki v bližini. Vratarja Peter Eukovnik in John Starman. Zastopnika za clevelandsko federacijo Matt Petrovich in Frank Završnik, za izletniško farmo SNPJ John Sorc in John Zaic, za podružnico 48 SANSa Matt Petrovich in John Lokar st.

Društvo bo tudi v božično obdobje državalo svoje seje vsako drugo nedeljo v mesecu v Slovenskem delavskem domu na Waterloo rd.

Društvo je odstopilo dvorano v prid Slovenski zadrugi, kateri pa obhajala svojo 35-letnico v l. 1948. Naša običajna prireditve se vrši drugo nedeljo v mesecu novembru, ker pa to delavsko podjetje ni moglo dobiti dvorane, je nas naprosilo, če bi odstopili dvorano, kar se je zgodilo. Druga društva seveda tega niso hotela storiti. Naše društvo bo pa imelo piknik na izletniški farmi tretjo nedeljo v juliju, tako da bomo imeli vseeno vsaj eno prireditev.

Na letni seji smo sklenili pripetovati \$100 za boj proti črni reakciji, ki hoče uničiti naš svobodni tisk. Društvo bo še nadalje ostalo član podružnice 48 SANSa, prav tako Prosvetne matice. Razpravljali smo tudi glede ustanovitve krožka SNPJ. V bližnji bodočnosti bodo pozvani glede tega na posvet vsi uradniki okoliških društev SNPJ.

V prihodnjem letu bomo tudi skušali organizirati večje številne gledališke skupine, kajti sedaj imamo samo eno. S sportom skušamo zainteresirati našo mladino v splošen fraternalizem in za seje. Potrebno je, da začnemo uvajati mladino v naše društvene vrste in odbore, kajti starejši ne bomo mogli več dolgo voditi društva. Starši, opozorite svoje otroke na društvene seje in jih navdušite za društvene aktivnosti.

Udeležba je bila prilično povoljna in upam, da bo članstvo prihajalo v tako lepem številu tudi na seje med letom. Velika udeležba je vzpodbuda tudi za društvene uradnike. Saj ni lepega kot pohititi enkrat na mesec na društveno sejo in pomagati s svojimi idejami do izboljšanja društva. Torej ne pozabite na mesečne seje! Vsemu članstvu želim srečno novo leto!
J. F. Durn, tajnik.

PO LETNI SEJI DRUŠTVA SLAVIJE IN SILVESTROVA VESELICA

Chicago, Ill.—Društvo Slavija nosi št. 1, torej je naše najstarejše društvo SNPJ. Domnevam, da je na mestu podatki nekoliko poročila o poslovanju, napredovanju in nazadovanju našega društva v teku leta 1947. S takimi poročili dobimo pogled v splošno situacijo naših društev in naše jednote. Seveda, vsako posamezno društvo se razvija po svoje, vsako ima svoje individualne križe in težave, tako tudi naše.

Tajniki mnogih društev tožijo, da stari člani umirajo, novorojenčkov pa ni, torej je nazadovanje logična posledica. Tega problema zaenkrat nimamo pri našem najstarejšem društvu. V letu 1946 sta umrla samo dva člana, v letu 1947 pa samo eden, rojenih pa je bilo več, tako da smo z njimi nadomestili izgubo. Upam, da bomo tako srečni tudi v bodočnosti, kajti naši člani so po večini sicer stare, a trdne korenine! Društvo sicer ne zaznamuje velikega napredka v članstvu, ampak glavno je, da ni izgub. Napredovali smo v teku leta za pet članov, kar za najstarejše društvo ni ravno slabo. Napredovali bi boljše, toda nekaj članov se je preselilo v Californijo, Arizono, nekaj pa jih je vzelo prestopne li-

ste k angleško poslujočim društvom.

Skozi vse leto ni bil ne suspendiran ne črtan niti en član, odstopil pa je eden. Tudi glede financ ni slabo. V teku zadnjih 11 mesecev se je blagajna ojačila za \$257.60.

Kakor pri večini društev, tako smo tudi pri nas izvolili po večini stare odbornike, izvzemši podpredsednika, in sicer: Frank Zaitz, predsednik, John Šprohar, podpredsednik, Milan Medvešek, tajnik, Anton Udovič, blagajnik, Peter Bernik, zapisnikar, Valentin Meršol, reditelj. Društveni zdravnik dr. Zavrtnik.

Nadzorni odbor: Joško Oven, John Juretič in John Trojar. Zastopnika za centralni odbor čikaških podružnic SANSa Anton Garden in Milan Medvešek. Zastopnika za federacijo SNPJ za Chicago in okrožje: Frank Zaitz, Frank Alesh, Milan Medvešek, Caroline Macerle in Joseph Vidmar. Bolniški osek: Milan Medvešek, Anton Udovič in Math Pintar.

Udeležba na letni seji je bila dobra, blizu 60 članov, vendar pa manjša kot lansko leto, ko se je udeležilo nad 70 članov. Po seji smo imeli nekoliko zabave.

Sedaj pa nekaj resnih besed o veselici društva Slavije, ki se bo vršila na Silvestrov večer, 31. decembra, v dvorani SNPJ. Prvotno smo nameravali določiti obvezno vstopnino za slehernega odraslega člana in članico, toda mnogi smo bili prepričani, da je članstvo toliko lojalno društvu in se bo vseeno udeležilo veselice. Prepričan sem, da nas ne bo razočaral noben zdrav član in članica in da boste vsi pohitili na starega leta večer v dvorano SNPJ. Odbor bo skrbel za dobro postrežbo. Za ples bo igrala izvrstna Debečeva godba. To pot bomo servirali tudi v zgornji dvorani, v kateri bomo postavili mize.

Na veselico vabimo tudi vse naše prijatelje in prijateljice od sosednih društev, od Nade in Pionirjev, Vitezov in Ferrerjev, Rožnika in Victorians, s severne in južne strani mesta. Seveda, vabimo tudi naše Cicerončane in Berwynčane.

Torej na veselo svidenje na starega leta večer!
Milan Medvešek, tajnik.

GLEDE DVOJEZIČNEGA GLASILA

Barberton, O.—Zadnje čase je bilo objavljenih več konstruktivnih razprav o enotnem glasilu.

Tudi jaz se strinjam z br. Tuškom, naj bi odpravili skupno dvojezično glasilo. Vsač član naj bi prejemal glasilo le v enem jeziku, bodisi v slovenskem ali pa angleškem.

Glasilo naj bi se tiskalo na štirih straneh, enkrat na mesec pa na osmih in v tej mesečni prilogi naj bi bila objavljena vsa poročila glavnega in bolniškega tajnika, tako bi bila uradna poročila skupno objavljena, ne pa separatno, kot sedaj, ko je priobčeno nekaj poročil v vsakem glasilu. Vse uradne številke je težko hraniti, laže pa bi bilo enkrat na mesec. Tajniki in drugi uradniki morajo večkrat pogledati v glasila, v katerih so bila objavljena razna uradna poročila.

Ne strinjam pa se z urednikom, ki priporoča, da bi odpravili poročila o bolniški podpori, operacijah, smrtnini itd. Ta poročila so potrebna za objavo, kajti večkrat se zgodi, da se vsota nakazane bolniške podpore ne ujema z vsoto, ki jo ima vpisano društveni tajnik. Torej je potrebno, da se priobčuje v glasilu vse uradne stvari, kakor do sedaj.

Na letni seji smo imeli veliko udeležbo, da že dolgo ne tako velike. Izvoljen je bil ves stari odbor, zato smo sejo hitro končali.
Alois Oček, tajnik.

DRUŠTVENA VEŠT

Grand Haven, Mich.—Na letni seji društva 550 SNPJ je bilo sklenjeno, da mora vsak član in članica plačati \$1 v društveno blagajno za l. 1948. Prosim članstvo, da upoštevata ta sklep.
Anton Weiss, tajnik.

Federacije SNPJ

ZAPISNIK MILWAUŠKE FEDERACIJE

Milwaukee, Wis.—Predsednik Louis Marr odpre sejo ob pol dveh popoldne. Zapisnik izredne seje sprejet kot čitan.

Čitanje dopisov: Tajnik poroča, da je sprejel sporočilo iz glavnega urada, da so naši prošnji ugodni glede dneva SNPJ, torej bomo ta dan proslavljali v Milwaukee. Poročilo vzeto z veseljem na mnenje. Dalje je čitano vabilo na konferenco Prosvetne matice, ki se bo vršila v Waukeganu. Volitev zastopnika se preloži na razno.

Društvo 192 SNPJ vabi na 35-letnico in zaeno vpraša za oglas v njihovo spominsko knjižico. Prilagojajo tudi 10 vstopnic. Brata tajnik in blagajnik sta dala že pred sejo \$5, brata predsednik in Mike Rupe sta še na svojo roko dala vsak \$2.50. Vsem se da priznanje in se jim denar vrne, torej se plača iz blagajne \$10 za oglas, vstopnice pa se bo skušalo razprodati med članstvom.

Predsednik pravi, da ga veseli, ker se bo dan SNPJ vršil v našem mestu in izrazi upanje, da bomo z veseljem izvršili delo ter zadovoljili posetnike. Tajnik pa poroča, da so obnorniki že najeli dvorano in park. Se jim da priznanje.

Tajnik in blagajnik poročata, da je bilo koncem septembra v blagajni \$396.12. Računi so sprejeti kot čitani.

Nazvoči so zastopniki sledečih društev: 16, 104, 192, 234, 584, 747 in 764.

Poročila zastopnikov: Za društvo 16 poroča br. Jenko, da bodo imeli karotno zabavo in vabi na udeležbo, zaeno pa poroča, da je umrlo pet članov, katere pa so nadomestili z novimi. Br. Puncer poroča za društvo 104, da bodo imeli zabavo na starega leta večer in vabi na poset. Seje njihovega društva so obiskane jako povoljno. Br. Puncer tudi povabi vse na koncert pevskega zbora Naprej.

Za društvo 192 vabi sestra Vasil na njih 35-letnico in poroča, da je umrla sestra Krivetz; pridobile so tudi nekaj novih članic. Za društvo 234 poroča br. Ermenc, da gre do vedno naprej in da imajo tudi blagajno precej močno. Poroča tudi, da je br. Fritz prišel domov iz bolnišnice, kar se z veseljem vzame na znanje.

Za društvo 584 poroča sestra Ermenc, da bodo imeli ples in na vsajbo na udeležbo. Omeni tudi, da njihovo društvo podpira idejo za federacijski ali skupni dom, ako pa ne bomo šli naprej z delom, bodo šli pa sami zase. Za društvo 747 poroča br. Tamshe, da je vse po starem in da so njih seje slabo obiskane. Za društvo 764 poroča br. Dobnick, da bo 23. novembra koncert Lilije in vabi na poset. V teku enega leta so pridobili preko 40 novih članov. Navdušeni so to za idejo za skupni dom, ako pa ne bo nič, bo pa društvo Lilija samo kupilo svoj dom.

Zastopnik Prosvete poroča svoje težave in pravi, da ima več naročnikov nečlanov kot članov jednote. Tajnik in blagajnik sta tudi izročila oglas za \$5 za Društinski kolektor, za kar se jima da priznanje.

Tajniku se naroči, da piše na vsa federacijska društva, da izvolijo prvovrstne zastopnike, ki bi se udeležili vsake federacijske seje. Nato se preide na vprašanje, ali bi imela federacija kartno zabavo. Br. Rupe predlaga zabavo, sestra Oven podpira, nakar je predlog sprejet. Zabava se bo vršila v dvorani br. Ružiča v mesecu februarju. Br. Gornik priporoča več aktivnosti in uspeh bo zagotovljen. Br. Dobnick se strinja z njim, prav tako drugi.

Direktorica mladinskega krožka sestra Ermenc poroča o konferenci, ki se je vršila v Clevelandu. Vpraša tudi, ali bi smela nastopiti s krožkom na prireditvi Slovenske ženske zveze. Soglasno je sklenjeno, da bodo naši krožki vedno nastopali samo za društva SNPJ, ker jih podpira jednota in članstvo. Sestra Vasil priporoča, da bi se direktorji udeleževali mladinskih aktivnosti. Br. Ermenc čita in navdušuje za skupno delo za nameravano poslopje. Br. Dobnick priporoča za skupno delo za organizacijo Slovenskega doma. Nato br. Veršnik predlaga za skupno delo in da se predložena izjava odobri. Resolucija za skupno akcijo je sprejeta.

Za zastopnika na konferenci Prosvetne matice je izvoljena sestra Brenc in plača se ji za stroške \$5. Sestra Puncer vabi ženske v krožek Progresivnih Slovencek, nakar predsednik zaključi sejo ob štirih popoldne. Frank Britz, zapisnikar.

LETNA SEJA FEDERACIJE ZA VZHODNI OHIO IN PENNO

Sharon, Pa.—Naznanjam vsem društvom, ki spadajo k federaciji SNPJ za vzhodni Ohio in Penno, da se bo letna seja vršila 28. decembra, začetek ob dveh popoldne.

Društveni zastopniki se naj gotovo udeležijo te važne seje, kajti volijo namo federacijski odbor za prihodnje leto. Seje se naj udeležijo stari in novi zastopniki. Na gotovo svidenje!
Joseph Garm, predsednik.

Mir ljudem na zemlji...

Zopet smo v letnem času, ko si ljudje po vsem tako zvanem krščanskem svetu voščijo srečne božične praznike in veselo novo leto. V Ameriki je tudi "Miklavž" izredno zaposlen te dni in božična trgovina v polnem cvetju. V tej deželi je slednja sploh postala hrbtnica božičnega praznika, ki je postal predvsem praznik daril. Marsikdo si najbrže želi, da bi imeli več takih praznikov. Posebno pa si tega gotovo želi nežna otroška duša, ki ima z Miklavžem največje veselje.

Težko je seveda za one starše, lahko tudi za sinove in hčere, ki jim gre trda za življenje, kajti njihov Miklavž je reven. V resnici je tudi v tej bogati deželi stotisoče revnih družin, ki Miklavža poznajo le kot lepo legendo. Njih slumskih stanovanj se popolnoma izogne, kajti če ni cvetka, ni tudi božičnega drevesca, ne daril, ne Miklavža, ne ničesar. (V starem kraju nam je vsaj lesnikov pa šibo prinesel...)

Pri te izobčenič človeške družbe ni drugega kot le revščina, sama velikanska revščina, in sicer ne samo za božič, marveč vseh 365 dni v letu, leto za letom. Pri teh brezpravnih in tlačanih sta božič in Miklavž le velika bol, ki jim razjeda dušo in jih opominja na—izobčenje, manjvrednost in krivico. Ni čudno, ako se mnogi na dnu potope do absolutne nižine človeške eksistence, bolj odporni in energični pa se skušajo izvleči iz nižin tudi z zločinom; sprvega z malim, toda vedno večjim zločinom. Vzglede za to dobivajo iz svoje okolice, iz svojega mesta in dežele, iz dnevnega tiska, radia in Hollywooda. Da, tudi iz tako zvane "boljše" družbe, ki je nasičena z bolj rafiniranimi raketi, ki imajo lahko na svoji strani tudi postavu.

Da, božič je tukaj, ko odmevajo širom tako zvanega krščanskega sveta one velike in lepe besede: "Mir ljudem na zemlji..." In sicer odmevajo že od pamtvice, toda tako zvana krščanska civilizacija je človeštvo prinesla vse kaj drugega, samo miru ne. Res so tudi druge, nekrščanske in predkrščanske civilizacije poznale vojne in podjarmljanje, toda naša tako zvana krščanska civilizacija jih v tem barbarstvu daleč daleč prekaša, in sicer ne samo v našem stoletju, marveč tudi v preteklosti. V eni roki križ, v drugi meč... Vse to radi pohlepa po bogastvu, po tuji zemlji in zakladih, radi želje in navade izkoriščanja človeka po človeku. Ti mene, jaz tebe. O božiču bova pa oba zapela: "Hozana na višavah... Mir ljudem na zemlji..."

Res čudna taka civilizacija, pa naj se imenuje krščanska ali poganska, zapadna ali orientalska. Gotovo je, da o krščanstvu kot ga mi pojmujejo ni v dominantnih krogih te civilizacije, pa bili cerkveni ali posvetni, ne duha ne sluha. O da, na jeziku ga je dovolj, srce je pa prazno, odnosno nasičeno s strupom, hinavstvom, lažjo, zavistjo, pohlepom, sovraštvom, machiavelstvom. Vse to predvsem radi slabe, napačne vzgoje, nezdravih okoličin, bojne in krivične človeške družbe, ki sloni na izkoriščanju človeka po človeku. Odpravite slednje in človek se bo dvignil na novo stopnjo civilizacije, ki ne bo krščanska samo na jeziku, marveč tudi v svojem bistvu. Potem bo izginila tudi revščina in vojna in mnogoteri socialna zla, ki razjedajo danes ne samo zapadno, marveč tudi orientalsko, indijsko in afriško civilizacijo. Toda pogoj za dosego take civilizacije je v tem, da izgine vsa privatna svojina, ki služi izkoriščanju človeka po človeku. Ta pot je težka in trnjeva in dolga, toda je edina pot, po kateri bo moglo priti človeštvo iz bojne kapitalistične in laži-krščanske civilizacije.

Mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje... Naša največja želja je, da bi v prihodnjem letu ta mir in dobro voljo našla predvsem naša velika, bogata in z vsemi krasotami obdarjena Amerika. Po goje imamo za mir in dobro voljo samo, če hočemo, odnosno če hočejo oni, ki so na krmilu in gospodarji dežele. Izgledi za to so žal zelo majhni. V resnici jih ne vidimo in so torej te naše besede le pobožne želje. Vendar se jim ne moremo in ne smemo odreči, kajti življenje brez te želje in upov bi bilo brez pomena.

Ironija vseh ironij je v tem, da se po vojni zdaj že tretjič razlega po deželi velika pesem o miru ljudem na zemlji, toda tega duha kot tudi dobre volje je danes manj v Ameriki nego kdaj izza Palmerjeve historije. V slični historiji se Amerika nahaja tudi danes, v historiji, ki že meji na blaznost. Človek se vprašuje, zakaj. Mar ta historija izvira iz strahu pred Rusijo? Mar iz strahu pred—komunizmom? Mar iz strahu pred novo depresijo, pred negotovo bodočnostjo? Mar iz strahu pred novo vojno?

V kolikor ta strah izvira od Rusije in komunizma, je brez vsake bistvene stvarnosti. Mi smo globoko prepričani, da Ameriki s strani Rusije ne preti nobena nevarnost ne v bližnji niti dognedni bodočnosti. In sicer ne iz enostavnega razloga, ker Rusija danes sploh ne more misliti na kakšno vojno, kajti potrebovala bo še leta predno si bo zacelila ogromne rane iz zadnje vojne. Drugič bi morali biti v Moskvi totalno blazni, ako bi samo sanjali o kakšni agresivni vojni proti Ameriki. V resnici je lahko Rusija v veliko večjem strahu pred Ameriko, kajti slednja je edina sila, ki je danes sposobna za novo vojno in morda tudi toliko zblazna, da jo prične.

Prav tako votel je strah pred komunizmom, kar se Amerike tiče. Tistih 50,000 ali 75,000 komunističnih komarjev, kolikor jih je baje v stranki, so komaj kaplja v 145-milijonskem narodu, kjer pride vsaj pet policajev na vsakega komunisto. Deželi v resnici preti veliko večja nevarnost s strani fašistične reakcije.

V kolikor na drugi strani ta historija izvira iz strahu pred novo depresijo, novo vojno, iz strahu pred bodočnostjo ameriškega kapitalizma, je sigurno to, da ta bolezen ni sredstvo, s katerim se bo dežela lahko izognila lastnim prepadam. Če bo hotela to storiti vsaj do neke meje, se mora čim prej strzezniti in se iznebiti vsakega strahu, vsakega komunističnega in ruskega bavljava. Naša želja je, da Amerika čim prej ozdravi od te svoje bolezni.

Končno vsem članom SNPJ vso srečo v novem letu in resničnem miru na zemlji!

Predsednikova kolona

Veseli Božič in srečno Novo leto

Nahajamo se pri koncu leta 1947 in zaeno ob vstopu leta 1948. Kakor vselej ob spremembi leta, so to važni momenti tako v naši organizaciji kakor v splošnem javnem življenju dežele ter nas več ali manj prizadenejo.

Kakor v tem času vsakega leta, bo ves krščanski svet spet to pot obhajal prihod "odrešenika", o katerem so revna in zatirana ljudstva sanjala vse od pamtveka ter ga pričakovala vselej, ko je sonce zaokrožilo svojo pot proti jugu in se začelo vracati nazaj proti severu in oznanjati pomlad, krščanstvo pa je to posvetilo obhajilu božičnih in novoletnih praznikov. In kakor vsako leto, se bodo ljudje spet pozdravljali z običajnim "veseli božič" in "srečno novo leto", po cerkvah pa se bo slišala znana blagovest "mir ljudem na zemlji, ki so dobre volje." Manjkalo seveda ne bo Miklavža in božičnih daril tudi letos, kar je v toliki meri v tej bogati deželi menda veliko lažje in se je vsled tega ta reč tako razpasla.

Navedemo je to vse dobro in lepo. Kakor vsak član naše organizacije in vsak navadni človek, tako globoko in iskreno želimo tudi mi, da bi res zavladal pravi mir ter sreča in blagostanje za vse človeštvo na svetu. Saj je bilo klanja in prelivanja človeške krvi že veliko preveč in prav tako zatiranja in izkoriščanja človeka po človeku ter stradanja in pomanjkanja in kljub temu, da je neizmerno veliko naravnih dobrin in drugega bogastva na svetu. Pa—žal—ni tako in tudi izgledov ni, da bo kmalu kaj drugače. V deželi vlada velika druginja in grozi biti v bodoče še hujska, kar dela delavskim slojem silne skrbi in poraja stavke. Izgledi za bodočnost ameriškega delavstva so temni. Ljudje, ki razpolagajo z bogastvom in imajo glavno besedo pri vladah ter odločajo glede miru, si prizadevajo le, kako bi nagrabili še več in več ter svoje bogastvo in vpliv še bolj utrdili. To povzroča nemire in nezadovoljstvo doma, po svetu pa mednarodne komplikacije in diplomatske spore, ki vodijo v osvajalno vojno. To je vzrok, da se ljudstva sovražijo in koljejo med seboj še naprej. To je vzrok, da se zavezniški ne morejo sporazumeti in da mir z večino prizadetih držav še ni sklenjen kljub temu, da je druga svetovna vojna končala že pred dvema leti; da je namesto miru za te praznike toliko sovražne propagande in hujskanja za tretjo svetovno vojno in blatenja proti vsemu in vsakemu, kdor se s tem ne strinja.

To je tudi vzrok, da je toliko hujskanja in umazane propagande proti naši stari domovini in vsem tistim državam, katerih ljudstva so tekom zadnje svetovne vojne in strašnega trpljenja malo bolj na široko odprla svoje oči in spregledala, kaj je prav za prav pravi vzrok krvavim vojnarn in vsemu nepotrebnemu zlu in trpljenju ljudstev na svetu, pa zdaj poskušajo uvesti bolj pravičen in pošten gospodarski red, v katerem bo res omogočeno, da bo vladal trajni mir in bo lahko dobre volje vsakdo, ki dela in po svoji moči doprinese za ljudsko dobro.

Misel, iz katere izvirajo naše božične navade in praznične želje, ima svoj izvor v preprostem ljudstvu iz davnine in je v principu zdrava ter dobra. Toda ako hočemo, da bodo lepe besede, izražajoče božične misli, in resnici kdaj kaj pomenile in da ne bo ostalo samo pri besedah kot je bilo vse od početka krščanstva pa do sedaj, tedaj se moramo pobrigati, da se bodo tudi v praksi izvajale in ne samo pri nas, temveč povsod!

V tem času navadno vselej radi pogledamo malo nazaj in pomotrimo svoje delo v ravnokar zaključenem letu. To velja za nas kot poeidine in kot člane društev. Kar se tiče jednote, se je naše članstvo dobro izkazalo v preteklem letu. Po svoji moči je pomagalo, da smo napredovali na članstvu in premoženju, skrbelo je za potrebne prireditve in se udeleževalo slavnosti, podpiralo naše publikacije in našo pomožno akcijo za stari kraj, društva in posamezni člani so lepo in lojalno sodelovali z glavnim uradom, zakar jim gre od naše strani najlepša bratska zahvala. Ob vstopu v novo leto pa se zavzemimo, da bomo tako nadaljevali, da bomo ostali lojalni in delavni za jednoto naprej ter ji poskušali pridobiti v tem letu še več novih članov in zagotoviti več vsestransko zdravega napredka!

Zavedajmo se, da s tem, da pomagamo bolnim in skrbimo za člane v nesreči in potrebi, da pomagamo potrebnim tu in v stari domovini ter podpiramo rasne ustanove, namenjene napredku in koristim splošnega človeštva, vrnemo najbolj plemenito delo in smo vsled tega upravičeno ponosni, da smo člani velike bratovščine SNPJ! To—bratje in sestre—naj bo naša vodilna misel te praznike in v tem imenu vam VESELI BOŽIČ IN SREČNO NOVO LETO!—
V. CAINKAR, gl. predsednik.

Letne seje

Bentleyville, Pa.—Članstvo društva 240 SNPJ se naj udeležijo letne seje, ki se bo vršila 28. dec., začetek ob dveh popoldne. Ua dnevnem redu bodo volitve društvenega odbora. Udeležite se seje prav vsi!
Frances Skerbetz, tajnica.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Članstvo društva 405 SNPJ naj na znanje, da se bo vršila letna seja 28. dec., začetek ob pol treh popoldne v Hrvatski dvorani, 226 Candon st. Prosim članstvo, da se udeležijo seje v velikem številu, ker bomo volili odbor za prihodnje leto. Apelliramo tudi na vse, da poravnajo asessment do 1. januarja, da bomo mogli zaključiti račune. Na seji boste dobili tudi stenske koledarje SNPJ.
Mary Kustich, tajnica.

Radley, Kans.—Letna seja društva 72 SNPJ se bo vršila 28. decembra, začetek ob desetih popoldne v običajnem prostoru. Volili bomo društvene odbornike za leto 1948, zato se seje udeležite vsi! Na dnevnem redu bomo imeli tudi druge važne zadeve.
Jacob Remshak, tajnik.

McKinley, Minn.—V imenu društva 175 SNPJ vabim vse članstvo na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo, 28. decembra, začetek ob dveh popoldne v Mestni dvorani. Dolžnost vseh članov in članice je, da se udeležijo seje vsaj enkrat na leto. Naše društvo šteje 75 članov, seje pa se udeležuje le nekaj 15 članov. To je slika zanikr-

nosti članstva. Saj smo pri društvu vsi enakopravni, torej je dolžnost vseh, da sodelujejo z odborom. Torej pridite vsi na sejo in izvolite odbor po svoji volji, da ne bo pozneje neupravičene kritike. Naj še omenim, da bo nekdo deležen darila.—Frank Zerovec, tajnik.

Fleming, Kans.—Letna seja društva 30 SNPJ se bo vršila 28. dec., začetek ob dveh popoldne. Prosim vse člane, da se gotovo udeležijo te važne seje, kajti na dnevnem redu bomo imeli volitve društvenih odbornikov in druge važne stvari, katere je treba rešiti. Izvoliti bo treba novega tajnika, kajti jaz ne bom prevzel več tega dela.
Seja se bo vršila pri tajniku Louisu Supancicu, pol miže zahodno od cerkve v Flemingu. Na seji boste dobili tudi stenske koledarje, po seji pa bo nekoliko okrepčila. Seje se naj udeležijo tudi mladi člani in če bo potrebno, bomo lahko vodili sejo v angleščini.
Louis Supancic, tajnik.

West Winfield, Pa.—Pozivam članstvo društva 191 SNPJ na letno sejo, ki se bo vršila v nedeljo, 28. decembra, začetek ob desetih popoldne pri podpredsedniku Jocu Sepichu.
Članstvo je prošeno, da se udeležijo te važne seje v velikem številu, kajti na dnevnem redu bomo imeli volitve društvenih uradnikov za prihodnje leto in druge važne zadeve.—Louis Verijen, tajnik.

Cooperstown, N. Y.—Članstvo društva 457 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo vršila letna seja 28. decembra, začetek ob dveh popoldne pri bratu Avgustu Koncharju v Milfordu.
Seja bo zelo važna, ker bomo volili odbor za prihodnje leto in razpravljali o drugih važnih zadevah. Pridite vsi! Pridete naj tudi tisti člani, kateri ne posejajo rednih sej, bodo imeli priliko prevzeti kakšno odborniško mesto. Pri našem društvu so namreč uradniki posebno dobro nadplačani.
Michael Selan, predaednik.

GLASOVI IZ NASELBIN

IZ MILWAUKEEJA
Milwaukee, Wis.—Na Silvestrov večer navadno gremo kam, da se poslovimo od starega leta ter pozdravimo novega. Letos bo ta špas precej drag, drag za tiste, ki ne vedo, da je društvo št. 104 SNPJ priredilo prijetno domačo zabavo v Kraljevi dvorani. Medtem ko bodo drugi ljudje drago plačevali za puhlo zabavo, se bodo westalliški sosede prav po kraljevsko "unterhaltali", in to za malo in nizko cenlo. Je pomislite, dobra večerja, kateri bo sledil ples ob zvokih dobre godbe, bo stala samo en copak in petdeset centov!
Westalliščani pravijo, da bodo tam v velikem številu, toda vseeno bodo našli še dovolj prostora za nas, Milwaučane, ako pridemo tja pravčasno, to je okoli osme ure zvečer. Kaj pravite k temu ostali Milwaučani? Ali bi ne bilo lepo, če jih gremo obiskat ob slovesu starega leta? No, le pojdimo, saj nam bodo tam dobro postregli!
V nedeljo, dne 28. decembra, bo Sansova seja pri Reberniški. Na to tudi ne smemo pozabiti, kakor tudi ne sosede iz West Allisa. No, saj vemo: drug z drugim moramo delati, ker roka roko umiva. Tečeš, kakor pravijo na Štajerskem, pa na svidenje v West Allisu 31. decembra, v Milwaukeeju pa 28. decembra.
Milwaučan.

ČLANSTVO DRUŠTVA 273 SNPJ
Sheldon, Wis.—Članstvo društva 273 SNPJ naznanjam, da se bo vršila društvena seja v nedeljo, 28. decembra, začetek ob dveh popoldne v novi dvorani (North Star Pavillion).
Opozarjam članstvo, da je dolžnost slehernega, da se udeležijo te važne seje, kajti na dnevnem redu bomo imeli razne zadeve, med njimi volitev društvenega odbora za prihodnje leto. Pridite in si izvolite uradnike po svoji volji. Opozarjam vas, da se misli stari tajnik odpovedati temu uradu, kar je krivda članov, ki redno ne plačujejo društvenega asessmenta. V zadnjem letu je bilo toliko članov suspendiranih in črtanih, da je sramota za društvo.
Ob zadnjem novem letu je šlo naše društvo 150 odraslih članov in 132 mladinskih, sedaj pa imamo še 145 članov v odraslem oddelku in 113 v mladinskem. V tem letu je pristopilo v društvo 11 odraslih in osem mladinskih članov, tako da bi morali imeti sedaj 301 člana v obeh oddelkih, faktično pa jih imamo samo 258. Torej nazadovanje za 41 članov v teku enega leta.
Noben opomin in nobeno svarilo nič ne pomaga in ko pride čas za pošiljatev denarja v glavni urad, navadno še ena tretjina nima plačanega asessmenta. Kaj naj tajnik stori? Ali naj gre od hiše do hiše prosit za asessment? Za to tajnik nima časa, zato mora seči v žep in zaloziti za tiste, kateri so zanesljivi, ostale pa mu ne kaže drugega kot jih suspendirati, nakar pa pride zamera, češ, ali mi ne zaupaš.
Tajnica dela v zadrudni trgovini v Sheltonu in rada vzame denar za asessment vsak dan, to

rej ima vsak član priliko plačati kateri koli dan v mesecu. Tajnica je moja hi in dostikrat založi nad \$100 za neplačani asessment. Z zalaganjem asessmenta sem izgubil že lepo vsoto in me je to sram komu povedati, ker se mi povzru še smejejo. Neka članica pa mi je dejala, češ, da ne gre to iz mojeje žepa, ampak iz društvene blagajne. On naj pride kar knjige pogledat in bo dobila odgovor.
Na letni seji bo tudi vprašanje društvenega asessmenta. Sedaj plačujemo po 10c od člana, toda menim, da lahko ta asessment opustimo, kajti blagajna je na precej dobri podlagi, da bi pa kdaj postavili svojo dvorano, pa nima pomena, kajti sedaj imamo že lepo in prostorno dvorano, katero lahko dobimo vsak čas za malo odškodnino, bolje rečeno zastoj.
Lukas Dernovsek, blagajnik.

VABILO NA VESELICO
Verona, Pa.—Vse člane in članice društva 216 SNPJ, kakor tudi člane Narodnega doma vabimo na letno veselico, katere se bo vršila v soboto zvečer, 27. decembra. Vstopnice se bodo oddajale od 6. ure do polnoči.
Za ples bo igral tamburaški zbor iz East Pittsburgha. Ples se bo pričel ob devetih zvečer in bo trajal do ene po polnoči. Odbor bo vsem dobro postregel. Imeli bomo tudi domače klobase, za otroke pa hrenovke. Seveda, brez pijače ne bomo. Odbor se bo potrudil, da bo v vseh ozirih prijetna zabava.
Za Narodni dom:
Joseph Stancic, tajnik.

SLOVENSKI RADIJSKI PROGRAM IN SHOD V ZAPADNI PENNI
Moon Run, Pa.—Kmalu bo nastopilo leto 1948. O posebno važnih dogodkih v tem letu ne morem poročati, kar pa se tiče društvenega polja, pa smo bili še nekako srečni, kajti nismo imeli ravno preveč bolniških in smrtih slučajev.
V zapadni Pennsylvaniji imamo sedaj slovenski radijski program, za katerega si je stekel največ zaslug br. Anton Rednak iz Braddocka. Njegovo delo in trud je hvalevredno in vsa ga priznanja vredno. Priznanje tudi vsem društvom, klubom, ustanovam in posameznikom, kateri nudijo finančno pomoč. Ta program se oddaja vsako nedeljo dopoldne ob 11:30—12. ure na postaji WLOA (1550), Braddock.
V nedeljo, 28. dec., bo imela naša federacija SNPJ svoj program. Pozivam člane in članice SNPJ, da naravnajo kazalo na radiu na omenjeno postajo. Slišali boste delovanje federacije društev SNPJ v zapadni Penni.
Ob tej priliki opozarjam vse Slovence v zapadni Penni na javni shod, ki se bo vršil v nedeljo popoldne, 25. jan., v Slovanskem domu na 57. ulici in Butler st. Predvajane bodo najnovejše kino-slike iz Jugoslavije, kot govornik pa bo nastopil Mirko Kuhel, gl. blagajnik SNPJ in tajnik SANSa. Podrobnosti o tem shodu sledijo.
Jacob Ambrožič.

DELNIČARSKA SEJA SDD V DETROITU

Detroit, Mich.—Leto 1947. se nagiba k zatonu. Mesec december je važen za društva in klube raznih organizacij, kajti volimo odbornike za prihodnje leto in podana so letna poročila o pregledu dela v prošlem letu. Zato pa je važno za članstvo, da se udeležijo vsaj letne seje in podajo svoje sugestije in priporočila za bodoče leto.
Slovenski delavski dom bo imel svojo delničarsko sejo 28. decembra ob treh popoldne, to je prihodnje nedeljo. Važno je, da se udeležijo seje sleherni delničar. Slišali boste poročilo o napredku SDD v letu 1947. Nekateri delničarji še niso bili v klubovih prostorih, odkar so prenovljeni. Sedaj imamo moderno baro in mize. Vsa opravila je stala približno sedem tisočakov, danes pa bi stala toliko samo bara.
V tem letu smo skoraj napredovali za kritje stroškov nove opreme, in to kljub temu, da nas je majhna skupina, ki deluje pri SDD. Vzlic temu pa nismo vsi zadovoljni z napredkom in je vedno kaj narobe. Pri Slovenceh je menda že navada, da radi lovimo ono, kar je ušlo, ne znamo pa držati tistega, kar imamo v rokah. No, počasi pa vseeno napredujemo.
Na zadnji delničarski seji smo razpravljali o možnosti združitve s Slovenskim narodnim domom in da bi zgradili skupni slovenski dom za vse detroitško naselbino. To je važno vprašanje za nas vse. Torej udeležite se prihodnje delničarske seje, kajti tako važni zaključki so lahko sprejeti le tedaj, če je velika udeležba. Dom je last nas vseh, zato je potrebno, da se vsi udeležimo vsaj letne seje. Torej na svidenje v nedeljo, 28. decembra!
Frank Modic, predsednik.

DRUŠTVENE VESTI
Sand Coulee, Mont.—Pozivam članstvo društva 454 SNPJ na sejo, ki se bo vršila 12. januarja, začetek ob sedmih zvečer pri bratu Lukasu Dolešu. Na tej seji moramo izvoliti društveni odbor za l. 1948, kajti na decembrski seji ni bilo dovolj članstva, da bi ga lahko izvolili.
Torej udeležite se te važne seje, kajti odbor moramo izvoliti!
Marko Rukavina, tajnik.

Bentleyville, Pa.—Letna seja društva 240 SNPJ se bo vršila v nedeljo, 28. decembra. Udeležite se je vsi, ker bo na dnevnem redu volitve odbora za prihodnje leto. Pridete naj tudi mladi člani!
Louis Humar, predsednik.

Raton, N. Mex.—Članstvu društva 297 SNPJ naznanjam, da sm sprejel tajništvo. Prosim članstvo, da plačajo asessment še pred zadnjim v mesecu in mi s tem olajša delo. Moj naslov: Matt Starkovich, Box 328, Raton, New Mex.
Matt Starkovich, tajnik.

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LOVRENC LOTRICH
kateri je preminul 21. decembra 1933.
Štirinajst let se v grobu lihem tam počiva, mirno sploj pod odejo krasnih rož, selze naše kdo naj predajo, ljubi oče in sopro. Solnce nikdar ne satoza, da naše tušne misli k Tebi ne bi romale. Ostani nam v trajnem spominu do konce naših dni.—Zaljubljeni ostali: Elisabeth Lotrich, soproga, snovi in hči v Chicagu, Illinois.

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za svojega strica FRANKA KOS, doma iz Gornjega Lakenca, Dolnjsko, Jugoslavija, kateri se je pred leti nahajal v Sheboyganu, Wis. Ako bo sam čital ali ako kdo drugi ve za njega, prosim, da se mi priklani na moj naslov: Amalia Pelko, 7332 West 59th St., Summit, Ill. —(Adv.)

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Tajnik bolniških podpor predlozi zavezo brata F. Miheveca od drustva št. 53, Cleveland, O., ki se nahaja v zavodu za umobolne. Priporoca, da se zanj plača podpora iz izrednega sklada, kar je na podlagi potrebnih pojavnih glede njegovega slucaja odobreno.

Pri drustvu št. 56, Brooklyn, N. Y., je umrl član Anton Makje. Njegova hčer prosi, da se njemu izplača ostala bolniška podpora, ker je na boleznih skrbela za očeta, kar je na podlagi poročil o zadevi dovoljeno.

Tajnik bolniških podpor nadalje priporoca, da se plača podpora za br. Jos. Jereba od drustva št. 295, Bridgeville, Pa., in sicer njegovim staršem ter navaja vzroke za to.

Mladinski ravnatelj poroca, da drustvo št. 100, ki posluje v južnem delu mesta Chicago, prosi za enotne premijske slike in projektor za svojo prireditel, ki bo 19. decembra t. l., ter da jih bo on predvajal in prevzel vsa stvar na svojo skrb, ako bo prošnja odobrena.

Nato poroca, da se je vodstvo šole znane kot Galileo High School v San Francisco, Calif., obrnilo do nas s prošnjo za premijske slike iz Slovenije.

Zaeno poroca, da je br. Joseph Matthews, ki zastopa 3. okraj v odboru za atletiko, podal ostavko, kar se vzame na znanje.

Nato ravnatelj mladine predlozi prošnje za denarno podporo za nabavo kegljarskih jopičev. Odobrene so kot je razvidno iz sledečega:

Table with 3 columns: Št. dr., Ime, Vsota. Lists members and their respective amounts.

Nadalje ravnatelj mladine priporoca \$75.00 kot dodatno vsoto za nagrade tekmovalcem, ki prispevajo za naš mesečnik The Voice of Youth v tem letu, ter vsoto do \$1,000.00 za enake svrhe v letu 1948, kar je odobreno.

Sledi razprava o operacijskih zadevah, ki so bile predložene vrhovnemu zdravniku v posebni pregled in jih isti priporoca glavnemu izvršnemu odboru v končno odločitev. Odobrene so sledeče:

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Nato je razprava o prošnji br. Stev. Majušoviča od drustva št. 430, Gebo, Wyo., za popolno odpravnino, ki je na podlagi potrebnih zdravniških podatkov odobrena in v smislu pravil znaša vsoto \$740.00. Odobrene so nadalje prošnje za posojilo za asessment in izredno podporo in sicer:

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Prošnje za posojilo asessment Applications for Loan for Assessment

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Zapisniki sej gl. izvršnega odseka SNPJ

Seja 12. nov. 1947. Predsednik odpre sejo glavnega izvršnega odseka ob eni uri popoldne. Navzoči so bratje Cankar, Vider, Trojar, Kuhel, Gradisek, Vrhovnik, Godina in Garden.

Predloženi in sprejeti je zapisnik izvršne seje z dne 31. okt. t. l. Nato predsednik predlozi pismo od tajnika drustva št. 138, Strabane, Pa., v katerem poročajo, da bodo dne 1. jan. 1948, skupaj z mladinskim drustvom št. 589 ter podružnico SANSa št. 54 imeli prireditel s slikami iz starega kraja ter prošnje glavnemu izvršnemu odboru, da dovoli, da se glavni predsednik udeleži, kar je odobreno.

Nadalje predlozi pismo, ki ga je prejel od vodnika t. l. Archa in v katerem odgovarja na naše drezanje in vprašanje, kakaj je toliko zavičevanja. Vodnik pravi, da ni krivda na naši, pač pa na strani tožitelja, ter nas bo točno obvestil, kakor hitro izve, kdaj bo zaslišan.—Se vzame na znanje.

Glavni tajnik nato predlozi: Poročilo gl. odbornika Spillerja s konvencije Missouri Fraternal kongresa, ki se je vršila 16. in 17. oktobra t. l. in na kateri je zastopal jednoto.—Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Od drustev št. 230 in št. 250, ki posluje v Granite City ohranimo Madisonu, Ill., je prošnja za dovoljenje za združenje omenjenih društev, kar je odobreno.

Nadalje se želita združiti drustvi št. 87 in 613, Herminie, Pa., kar je tudi dovoljeno.

Poročilo od glavnega odbornika M. Kumerja glede njegove misije, ko je bil delegiran, da se udeleži slavnosti dneva SNPJ za delavski praznik v Clevelandu, O. Poročilo se vzame na znanje.

Prošnja br. J. Ružiča od drustva št. 175, McKinley, Minn., za izgubo vida. Po pregledu predloženih zdravniških listin je sklenjeno, da se mu izplača vsota \$500.

Od organizacije Minnesota State Fraternal Congress je pismo, v katerem poročajo, da se bo 20. novembra pričela njih letna konvencija v Minneapolisu, Minn., ter vabijo, da naj jednota pošlje svoje zastopnike.—Sklenjeno je, da se delegira glavni odbornik J. Kobi.

Tajnik bolniških podpor predlozi zavezo umrle, sestre Josephine Krivitz od drustva št. 192, Milwaukee, Wis. Gre namreč za nekaj ostale bolniške podpore, za katero se poganja njena hčer in podpira svojo prošnjo s trditvijo, da je bila bolna mati popolnoma v njeni oskrbi.—Sklep je, da se izplača hčeri.

Nadalje predlozi zavezo br. Jos. Pavliča od drustva št. 379, ki prosi za odpravnino iz bolniškega sklada.—Odobreno.

Mladinski ravnatelj poroca, da drustvo št. 237, Conneaut, O., prosi za enotne premijske slike za svojo prireditel dne 13. dec, nadalje drustvo št. 584, Milwaukee, Wis., ki jih želi predvajati na svoji seji 28. nov.—Odobreno.

Nato predlozi prošnje od raznih društev za denarno podporo in nabavo kegljarskih jopičev. Dovoljeno kot sledi:

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Nadalje predlozi kegljarske prošnje, ki so jih izdelal za nagrade mladinskim direktorjem za tretje četletje 1947: skupno znašajo vsoto \$263. Priporoca, da se po razpravi zgodi.

Odobren je nadalje račun za vsoto \$51.39, plačano za tretje, ki so bile podarjene zmagovalcem v Na rodni golf in balnearski turneji. Upravitelj jednotnih publikacij predlozi pismo od drustva št. 539, Chicago, Ill., ki prosi, da naše tiskarsko podjetje sponzorira eno kegljarsko skupino njih drustva za to sezono, kar stane \$15 in kar je odobreno.

Na priporočilo urednika je nadalje sklenjeno, da se s 1. januarja

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Claridge Lodge Elects Officers; Dance Dec. 26th

CLARIDGE, Pa.—Lodge No. 7 of SNPJ had its final meeting of the year with a fairly good attendance. At this meeting officers for the following year were elected. Anton Florencic was elected chairman, John Castellich Sr. remains vice chairman and Frank Supansic the treasurer for another year. Peter Baloh, our past financial secretary, had to give up his job due to the illness of his wife and his work coming on night and day shifts. Sorry to see you give it up, Pete, for you were doing a swell job. Joe Beltz has been elected your new financial secretary. I'm hoping that I am able to take care of the job as the past secretaries have. With your cooperation we may make a go of it.

Once again the SNPJ Lodge of Claridge has entered a bowling team in the Claridge Businessmen's Tenpin League. Although our boys are not leading this league we certainly make our presence known. It's just too bad we cannot get the boys at the alleys together every week for their work makes it impossible or we wouldn't take a back seat for anyone. Captain Whitey Koter would be looking down at a few other teams. The boys really look good in their new bowling shirts. Keep pounding that king-pin, boys, and make Captain Whitey a happy boy.

At this time I would like to announce a dance which our Lodge is sponsoring. The dance is to be held on Dec. 26 at the Slovenian Home. The music to be furnished by none other than Frankie Yankovich and his recording Yanks of Cleveland, Ohio. What do you say, members, let's make this dance a real success. Yes, and you surrounding SNPJ towns are also welcome to this affair. Come on out to Claridge and have one good time. Don't forget that's the day after Xmas, Dec. 26. **JOE BELTZ, Sec'y.**

Ramblers' Spotlight

OAKMONT, Pa.—This is just a reminder to all members of Lodge 713 to attend the annual lodge meeting Sunday, Dec. 28. Besides the election of officers, there will be other important matters on the agenda; therefore, the meeting will begin promptly at 2 p. m.

The bowlers are especially requested to be present since many items pertaining to bowling shirts, etc., will be discussed. Decisions on these matters can best be arrived at with your presence.

A party for all members will follow the meeting. Make it your duty to attend the meeting and be on time! **D. F., 713.**

The population of Europe more than doubled between 1800 and 1900, say a Twentieth Century Fund report, increasing from 187 million to 400 million.

Juvenile Circles Of the SNPJ

Circle 21 Elect New Officers

SHARON, Pa.—Our Juvenile Circle No. 21 held its special meeting at the SH on Dec. 14. We had it on that date as our dance was to be on the evening of the same day. There was the election of officers, presentation of gifts among the Circle members, refreshments and the regular meeting of the Circle.

The new officers are Patricia Okorn, president; Helen Okorn, vice-president; Robert Germandic, treasurer; Olga Bahor, recording secretary; Mary Lou Stibely, financial secretary; Erick Bahor, sergeant-at-arms; Helen Okorn and Frances Luin, auditors. These officers will be installed at our January meeting. After the special meeting refreshments were served and singing and play practice was held.

That evening we held our dance and the music was furnished by the Vagabonds. We had a huge crowd and I am sure that they all had a wonderful time. We hope to have our next dance sometime next month.

The Circle girls will start to bowl next month and get in shape for the bowling tournament in April. There will be movies of Yugoslavia shown at the Slovene Home on Feb. 21 and a large crowd is expected to attend. A small program will be given by the Juvenile Circle before the movie starts. (By the way, we all want to congratulate Steve and Richard Robich for the deer they got while hunting deer.) **FRANCES K. BAHOR.**

Perfect Circle Will Meet on December 27

CHICAGO.—The Perfect Circle had a special meeting last Saturday under the direction of Bob Sannemann and the Circle officers, in Mrs. Sannemann's absence. We are sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Ann.

The Voice of Youth Contest was discussed. All members were urged to write during this vacation for the February issue and thus compete for the swell prizes.

Our annual meeting which is strictly a Circle affair for members and parents will be held December 27, Saturday evening, at 7:30, in the lower SNPJ Hall. The members were urged to attend and vote. All candidates must be over twelve years of age.

Grab-bag names were exchanged, in five groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, and over 13. Approximately fifty cents should be spent on these gifts.

A special Christmas committee which will meet this Friday, consists of the officers and Lewis Reven.

After the election, there will be refreshments and dancing. From the Perfect Circle: A merry Christmas to all! **SYLVIA TROJAR, Sec'y.**

Veronian News

VERONA, Pa.—Want to first of all mention that we have our regular dance this Saturday, Dec. 27, beginning at the usual time and we will again feature the Musical Stylists. Have been having some nice crowds at our dances and glad to see you different members and again invite you to attend this one for a good time will be had by all. As usual the food problem will be taken care of by our Juvenile Director, Mrs. Mary Bozick, so plan to be with us.

And now for the results of the important meeting that was held when we elected new officers for 1948. As president we now have Joe Luzer; vice pres., Joe Zolci, fin. secretary, Mike Lipesky; treasurer, John Lipesky; recording sec'y, Marge Markovitch, lodge sec'y, Larry Cassol; lodge physician, Dr. Frank Costa. The board of directors consists of Tony Trates, Kenny Hulton, Larry Cassol, Frank Porovne, Frank Krucic, Elmer Effler and Matt Kern.

Auditing committee consists of Joe Kumar, Frank Petica and Eli Suhevich, and the entertainment committee Cornelia Gorun, John Lipesky, Mrs. Mary Bozick, Matt Kern, Joe Luzer and Frank Ruskevich, while on the sick comm. we have Jennie Effler, Mrs. Doles and Mrs. Laura Templeton. Mrs. Mary Cassol and Mrs. Jennie Effler volunteered for Juvenile Directors. The officers for the year 1947 want to thank each and every member for their cooperation while the officers were in office and extend congratula-

tions and good luck to the new ones.

A tenth Bowling Tournament will be held February 21-22 in Cleveland, Ohio, for both men and women. Any one interested get in touch with Larry Cassol or Elmer Effler for they have the entry blanks for same and also blanks for hotel reservations.

As far as our own bowling league is concerned, teams are to be chosen and the league will get under way Sunday, Dec. 28. If anyone wishes to join the league they can still do so by getting in touch with either Mike Lipesky or Elmer.

More officers for the coming year. The athletic board, John Lipesky, Matt Kern, Antie Bursic, Frank Krucic, Eugene Mokosek and Joe Kumar, while yours truly was again nominated as reporter, and the bartender and steward for 1948 are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Paveiko, known to all of us as Fran and Mike.

Extend belated birthday greetings to Mrs. Madge Stanick of Lawrenceville and Mrs. Mary Ellen Kirn.

Say, are you different members ready for the large dance to be held on New Year's Eve at the club? This affair is to be something special for paper hats, noise-makers, etc., are to be furnished and we again invite you members to join the Veronians when we ring out the old year and greet the new. Remember now, you have a date for Wednesday, Dec. 31, to dance for Frank Porovne and his Musical Stylists, beginning at 10 p. m. See you then. **CORNELIA GORUN, 600.**

Sharon Circle News and Views

SHARON, Pa.—On Sunday, Dec. 14, our meeting was brought to order by President Edward Kramer. This meeting was very important to us because of the election. In electing officers it is very important to elect reliable and cooperative people, for it is their job to see that everything goes right in the Circle.

In January I will be out of the Circle and I want to urge all the ones under the age of eighteen to join the Circle, because they really will have a wonderful time. I can't express my feelings in a few words, but I will say that I want to thank all the kids for being so swell and I will be seeing some of the juveniles in the older lodge shortly.

We also had some bad news at this meeting. Our Manager, Frances Novak, resigned. Frances will be married shortly and won't have too much time for the juveniles, but she is willing to be Assistant Manager. We would all like to thank her for staying with us so long. Frances really did a lot for us; we received so many trophies and were tied with Chicago for first place. I know all the kids will miss her not being manager. She really was swell. They haven't really decided who will be the manager next, but I know they will try just as hard as Frances did to bring them in first place again.

In the evening a dance was held by the Circle and had a very large crowd. Music was furnished by the Vagabonds (well known on Sunday afternoon Slovene Hour at 4:15).

Our Circle had a program on Christmas Eve, and everyone was invited to come and see it; the 'kiddies too, for Santa was there, too.

December 28 will be another big day down at the hall—a couple of lodges are getting together to sponsor a dance. Music will be furnished by the well known, well liked, none other than the Kobal-Racich orchestra from Girard, Ohio. Come out for a swell time. What's the matter with the out-of-towners such as Girard, Bessemer, Youngstown and Warren? Snowbound? Car trouble? No way out? There's a bus running, so no excuse.

The Kobal-Racich orchestra now has a program of its own, just tune in every Saturday at 5:30 to station WRRN for some good Slovene music.

Also keep in mind New Year's Eve when the Keystones will have another big affair at the Slovene Home. Everyone is welcomed to come. **DOROTHY PAULENICH, Treas.**

Your Social Security

Are you failing to claim money that you have earned, or money earned for you? You may be, if you are a retired worker or the survivor of a deceased worker in commerce or industry and haven't inquired. Call at the nearest office of the Social Security Administration to see if you are eligible for monthly cash benefits. The offices serving the midwest are located at 1610 West Van Buren Street, 1579 N. Milwaukee Avenue, and 225 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, Ill.

Golden Eagles Lodge No. 643 and Ljubljana Lodge No. 49 to Stage Combined Dance Saturday, Dec. 27

GIRARD, Ohio.—A last reminder to one and all to attend the gala dance sponsored by lodges Golden Eagles and Ljubljana. The date is Saturday, Dec. 27.

The place, the Slovene Home, 1063 N. State st., Girard. The popular Joe Umec and his orchestra have been engaged for this affair. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock. Chairman Ed Godec and committee have all arrangements completed. Mrs. Matekovich and Mrs. Rowan will have charge of preparing the luncheon. Committee members are asked to report early at the dance.

Yearly Meeting

The yearly meeting was held Sunday, Dec. 14. Twenty-six members attended. The attendance was not too good considering the importance of the meeting.

Election of officers was held and the following will lead the Golden Eagles for the year 1948: Pres.,

Lucky Stars Plan Dance on Jan. 3

IMPERIAL, Pa.—The Lucky Stars Lodge 716 SNPJ have elected their officers for the coming year at their annual lodge meeting. They are Albert Lengarsky, president; George Tomko, vice president; Polly A. Sladick; secretary; John Miklaucic, treasurer; Frank Virant, recording secretary.

Auditors are James Maglich, chairman; Matilda Yamnik and Frank Opeka. Sick committee, George Tomko.

Our regular lodge meetings will be on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 in the afternoon at the usual place.

A dance will be held on January 3 at the Slovenian Hall. Music will be furnished by the popular Vagabonds from Sharon. You are all in store for a grand time, so come to Imperial.

On the sick list is Sis. Margaret Tome who is at home now. We wish her a speedy recovery. Birthday greetings to Bro. Virant and to Bobby Sladick.

We hope that the Christmas play by the Juvenile Circle will be a big success. Santa will give every juvenile member of the SNPJ, Lucky Stars or SSCW, a bag, which I believe will be a thrill to all kiddies, also a party for the adults.

We have finally received our bowling schedule. As you know, our first game will be Jan. 4, so let's see if the Lucky Stars can be a little better this year.

Any lodge that has a Juvenile Circle and wish to bowl, can get in touch with me so that the juveniles could bowl the same time as the adults.

Don't forget the dance on Jan. 3 at Imperial. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. **POLLY A. SLADICK, Sec'y.**

Silver Star News

YUKON, Pa.—The December meeting of the Silver Stars Lodge 729 was well attended. Now that you have the lodge spirit, let's make it a duty to be active members by attending all meetings as well as all social affairs.

This is the only way a membership like ours can progress in the future. Let us not forget the January meeting, as following our discussions we shall have the yearly social. The menu will contain all the Slovene favorites, such as klobase, ham, potissa, and, of course, the men will relax—we will have your desire: plenty of drinks and dancing. The meeting time will be 2 p. m. as usual.

Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Firemen's Hall here in Yukon, the well-known Slovene band of Cleveland, Frank Yankovic and his Yanks will be swinging those popular tunes of all Slovenes in every state. Just the name Frank Yankovic should be enough to bring a huge crowd to the dance, as never a dull moment is spent with this popular accordionist at hand. Dancing time 8 p. m. Let's plan to attend.

On January 17, the Silver Stars will celebrate their 17th anniversary with a dance. Music by the ever-popular Frank Perovne and his Musical Stylists from Verona. Just a reminder to all lodges to set aside this date for the Silver Stars.

In behalf of all the Silver Stars, I wish to extend our holiday greetings to all. **CAROLYN ZALOKAR, Sec'y.**

Many city families are paying 60% of their income for food alone.

Stan Hribar; Vice Pres., Ed. Prevec; Sec'y, Mary Selak; Treas., Marko Matekovich; Rec. Sec'y, Mary Matekovich, who just recently was transferred from the juvenile dept. The auditors are Henry Cigolle, Ed. Corlec, Ray Robsel.

The social committee consists of Frances Hribar, Katherine Kocjan, Frances Matekovich, Ann Jacobs, Bill Seiti, Carl Swabek and officers. Federation delegates are Andy Kocjan and Stan Hribar, Circle director is Frances Matekovich and her assistant will be her daughter Mary.

The Golden Eagles will continue to be a member of the Eastern Ohio and Pennsylvania Federation of SNPJ lodges, and also of the Educational Bureau. The meeting was very interesting and all members joined in the discussions. Vice Pres. Ed Godec presided as Stan Hribar is still on the sick list. The Eastern Ohio and Pennsylvania

FLASHES

By Donald J. Lotrich

CHICAGO.—At a poorly attended meeting the Pioneers elected the following officers for 1948: Paul Chapman, president; Louis Zorko, vice president; Donald J. Lotrich, sec'y; Ann Vodopivec, rec. sec'y; Joe Cerkoney, treas.; John Simon, sergeant-at-arms. Mary Andrea, Steve Cerkoney and Anne Beniger, auditors. Dr. John J. Zaverbnik and Charles Neumann were selected as lodge physicians. Meetings will continue every third Friday of the month at the SNPJ Hall. In his remarks Paul Chapman explained that it was an honor to be president of a large lodge such as the Pioneers. However, we find it more difficult for people to understand the real need for fraternal units such as ours. Any individual wanting to amount to something must be alert, energetic and industrious. That applies to organizations as well. The Pioneers can always use officers and members who will perform their duties for the best interests of the lodge. Congratulations to those who accepted these tasks, because tasks they really are.

At the meeting, we initiated 10 new members to give the Pioneers the largest membership total in our history of 1148-731 for the adult department and 417 for the juvenile department. We have made no spectacular gains in 1947, but we more than held our own. Medical reports were accepted and a couple of contributions were made. The reports were short, but we did have some discussions in adopting our lodge by-laws. Anne Cartier won the \$2 cash award and Myra Andres the juvenile award. Ida Simon and her committee served refreshments. The chairman will confer with the executive committee and bring in a slate of committees for 1948, at the January meeting. We'll have to devise means and ways for members of our lodges to learn the need of devoting a certain amount of time and energy for the well-being of our unit. That's really the only way we can continue to grow and prosper.

Awards to the secretaries for 1947 from the headquarters have already been made. I received mine and of course, am appreciative because it will help me plug one of the gaps for dues money advanced and not collected. It seems that every secretary has this problem. Indeed, those who had this job before our time, explain that they had the same difficulty. It seems to be a constant problem in order to retain people in our lodges.—More and more money will have to be devoted in the future years for those who do these chores because it is becoming ever harder to get competent people to accept this work.—Those Pioneers who have not received their gifts at the juvenile yule party on Dec. 14, should come in during the month of January and pick up their package. We will not hold them any longer than during the month of January, so please come in within that time to the secretary's office at 2610 S. Lawrence ave. Bring the gift ticket along.

The Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp. has assets upward of 182 million dollars. Those who invest in savings and loans thus have an additional guarantee for their investments. Savings and loans, loan their money to members who purchase, remodel or repair their home or for the construction of new homes. Thus, these investments have good security behind them, in addition, savings and loans are mutual organizations and the

people can make them a real cooperative institution, by attending the annual meetings and seeing to it that the dividends apportioned are sufficient, that the reserves are adequate and the management is operated for the benefit of the entire association. What an institution does reflects right back on the members. Progressive groups have always had sound institutions because their influence keeps things running properly.

Though business for all commodities has been brisk, the profits were exorbitant in 1947. That's why "Merry Christmas" has lost some of its feeling for 1947. Too much of plain business. Too little of the spirit. The best of everything to our folks for this holiday.

Rillton Lodge No. 63 Gives Dance Dec. 28

RILLTON, Pa.—SNPJ Lodge No. 63 will hold a dance at Rillton Italian Hall on Sunday, Dec. 28. Dancing from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. Lunch and refreshments will be served. There will be candy and pop for all juvenile members at 7 p. m. **LOUIS SHUSTER, Sec'y.**

Fontana Lodges Hold New Year's Eve Dance

FONTANA, Calif.—SNPJ lodges 569 and 723 will sponsor their annual New Year's Eve dance Dec. 31 at the local Slovenian Hall. Proceeds of the dance will be for the benefit of our SNPJ Hall, which is getting too small at the present time.

The building committee has started making plans to begin construction to enlarge the hall. We expect to start building in early spring.

A cordial invitation is extended to all our members, friends and neighboring lodges of Los Angeles, to those near and far, to participate. Plenty of refreshments for all, and a good time is in store for all who will attend. Music will be furnished by popular Louis Simoncic and his orchestra. So don't forget our New Year's Eve dance. **Mrs. F. PECNIK.**

Sheldon Lodge Annual Meeting December 28

SHELDON, Wis.—The next meeting of Lodge 273 will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, at 2 p. m. at the Sheldon dance hall. Officers will be elected for the following year. Calendars will be passed out to members and other important business brought up.

One matter that will be brought up will be—should we keep on charging that extra assessment on each adult member? This is up to the members to decide, so please come and vote for what you think is best.

Don't forget to come to the meeting Sunday. Let's have a record attendance at the last meeting of the year. The lucky person whose name is drawn will get \$9. Maybe you'll be the lucky one. **EMMA DERNOVSEK, Sec'y.**

Perfect Circle Yule Program Is Big Success

CHICAGO.—Perfect Circle 26, under the direction of Ann Sannemann and Edward Udovich, director and assistant director, respectively, presented another successful Yule program for the local district Federation at the SNPJ Auditorium, Sunday, Dec. 14.

The main feature of the program was a "Christmas Fantasy" in three scenes, showing an average home, then Santa's workshop, and Santa's visit at the home. The playlet, in pantomime with voices supplied backstage and heard over the loud-speaker, flows smoothly through the scenes and brings the entire idea to a pleasing conclusion.

Of course, the real attraction after the program was Santa himself who officiated at the distribution of gifts to about 600 children who with their parents packed the auditorium to capacity. The gifts were many and varied and the hearts of the kiddies were filled with joy.

On top of all this, the children were treated to a free luncheon, which is another annual feature of the Federation. Frolicking and dancing followed in the upper hall, while the adults enjoyed themselves in the lower hall dancing to the tunes of lively polka music. As customary at these annual Yule affairs, children held sway throughout the afternoon and evening entertainment and merry-making.

An otherwise perfect occasion was marred by the injury sustained by Ann Sannemann during a rehearsal for this program at SNPJ Hall on Friday, Dec. 12, from which she is recovering satisfactorily. **—ELBEE.**

Attention, Members SNPJ Lodge No. 454

SAND COULEE, Mont.—All members of SNPJ Lodge No. 454 are urgently requested to attend the next lodge meeting which will be held on Jan. 12 at 7 p. m. at the home of Bro. Lukas Doles. At this meeting we will elect lodge officers for the coming year, because attendance at the December meeting was too small to elect officers. Therefore, it is your duty to attend the January meeting so that we will be able to elect officers and carry on our lodge work. **MARKO RUKAVINA, Sec'y.**

Verona Narodni Dom Annual Party Dec. 27

VERONA, Pa.—The annual party of Narodni Dom for members and their families will be held Saturday, Dec. 27, at the Club. Tickets will be distributed from 6 p. m. till 12 midnight. Music by Tamburita band from East Pgh. from 9 to 1 a. m. There will be an abundance of good homemade klobase, roast lamb (jagnjetina) and, of course, the favorite for children, hot dogs with soft drinks. The committee has done all possible to insure all attending a pleasant evening. Members and families are invited to attend. **JOSEPH STEFANCIC, Sec'y.**

Young Americans

DETROIT, Mich.—Election of officers took place Friday, Dec. 12. President Andrew Grum declined in favor of Ray Travnik. Vice-president is Virginia Koss. Re-elected were: Mike Nagel, treas.; Stanley Krainz, sec'y; Frank Hribar, sergeant-at-arms. Ann Obranovic, our recording secretary for the past few years, declined in favor of Sue Koss. Congratulations on the good work, Ann.

Auditing committee: Jo Spendal, Al Pernel and Julius Kaminski. Entertainment committee: Jo Spendal, chairman; Elwood Blake, Charlie Berry and Julius Kaminski. Juvenile director, Helen Stimac. SNPJ Federation delegates: Lena Maser, Ray Travnik and Helen Stimac. SND delegates: Andrew Grum, Mike Nagel, Charlie Berry and Elwood Blake.

Our meetings shall be held as in the past, the second Friday of the month, at 7:30 p. m. at 17153 John R. We voted to keep Dr. Ponie as our lodge physician for 1948. Candidate for Athletic Director will be elected at our January meeting. So members, get out and make your choice.

Plans are progressing between the Wolverines and Young Americans for the SNPJ National Bowling Tournament to be held in Detroit on April 24-25. More about that in the near future from some of the committee.

Since the SNPJ Eastern Invitational Bowling Tournament is to be held in Cleveland on Feb. 21-22, the

SNPJ Y.A.'s drawing and dance will be postponed until the following Saturday, Feb. 28, to be held at the SWH, 437 So. Livernois. There will be many prizes given away. Get your lucky tickets from any one of the bowlers.

Many lucky people went home winners of turkeys, chickens, etc., after our game nite Saturday, Dec. 13. Why is it some people are always lucky? For instance, Frank Hribar.

It's almost lunch time and my thoughts turn back to the balina banquet, held on Dec. 6, at the SND. Many thanks to the ladies that cooked, baked and aided in making the tables attractive and groaning with good, luscious food. Everyone that attended was mighty pleased and content after that meal. I am looking forward to another one next year.

The Y. A. girl bowlers have their new bowling dresses, and I must say they look very nice. We are striving to get closer to first place. But we sure have strong competition from the 1st and 2nd place Wolverine teams. So come on, girls, get in and bowl the best you can and have some fun.

Best wishes for the holidays to all. **HELEN STIMAC, 564.**

According to the Natl. City Bank, 375 leading business corporations during the first nine months of this year increased their rate of profit 62% over last year.

NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ATHLETIC BOARD

As was announced in a recent issue of the Official Organ, nominations are again open to SNPJ lodges for candidates for the National Athletic Board. Altogether seven representatives are to be elected, one for each athletic district in the Society. The election will take place at the semi-annual meeting of the Supreme Board in the month of February, 1948, at which time district representatives will be chosen from the list of candidates nominated for a term of one year.

Candidates for the National Athletic Board may be nominated by any lodge, English or Slovene speaking, in the seven athletic districts into which the Society is now divided. Each lodge, whose members desire to exercise this privilege, has the right to nominate one candidate for the district in which it is located. It is not necessary for a candidate to be a member of the lodge nominating him, but he must be a member of a lodge in its district. Before nominating a member for the Athletic Board, it is important in each case to know that he not only has the qualifications but, also, the time to devote to the organization and promotion of sport activities which the duties of this office require.

Nominations shall take place at the regular lodge meetings held in December or January. It is not compulsory for any lodge to choose a candidate for this office but, on the other hand, should a lodge see fit to nominate one who has the necessary qualifications, kindly see that his name, address and lodge number are mailed to the Athletic Director of the Society on or before February 1, 1948. . . . The seven athletic districts of the SNPJ are as follows:

- District 1—Eastern Pennsylvania and New York
- District 2—Western Pennsylvania (West of Cambria County) and W. Va.
- District 3—State of Ohio
- District 4—State of Michigan
- District 5—Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois and Missouri
- District 6—Northern Indiana (No. of Clinton Co.) and Northern Illinois (No. of Logan Co.)
- District 7—Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Midwest Tourney Date Changed

We have received notice to the effect that the Midwest SNPJ Bowling Tournament, originally scheduled to take place at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on February 28-29, has been changed to a week later. The new dates are March 5-7, 1948. This change was necessitated due to the fact that the city tournament, an annual event in Sheboygan, was forced to extend its dates to include February 28 and 29 in order to accommodate a record-breaking entry. All bowlers who expect to participate in the Midwest SNPJ Bowling Tournament are asked to kindly make note of the change in dates. MICHAEL VRHOVNIK, Director of Athletics.

S. N. P. J. SPORTS

Kegling Kapers

By J. J. Spilar

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Forward, Loyalties! 'Twas a ferocious forward charge that the Loyalty No. 1 warriors displayed as they battered the pacesetter Utopian No. 5 five in all three clashes. After the torrid performance had been analyzed, the victorious gang proudly possessed the top rung in the actual and handicap three game series with 2811 and 3183, first in the actual single with 994 and second in the spot column with 1118. Morris Debenak blasted a season high 249 game and his 620 series rated runner-up honors in the individual three game totals. Vse je nase! Eddie Stefancic's 521 was best for the walloped (boy, did we get it) club, who must have had smoke in their eyes watching the blistering barrage.

The Comrade No. 1 crew had the pleasure of posting a league high 2706 series in the opening session but that didn't last long as the larping Loyalties topped it on the late shift. Tony Skok paced the attack with a 596 set while Frank Ostanek's 574 led the Lodge Cleveland keggers who took it on the button in all three melees.

Going up! From the lowly ledges of the twenty-four team standings to a tie for seventh place comes the belated drive of the Lunder Adamic Hotshots who whitewashed the Lodge V-Boj boys to stretch their victory string to ten straight. Tony Prime hit 543 for the improved gents and Tony Starman's 465 led the losers.

At Matulis' 558 series enabled the Concordian No. 2 team to shutout the Loyalty No. 3 guys and also chalk up a 3138 score, third best in the handicap division. Al's fine spurge was based on 173, 173 and 212 tallies and was the initial 500 this year for this lad. Andy Ferrilla's 445 topped the blueanks.

Team Results: Strug. No. 2-3, Utop. No. 2-0, J. Karlinger 583, R. Lisch 556. Con. No. 1-3, E-Vety No. 158-0, L. Kodramaz 564, J. Zgonc 492. Utop. No. 4-3, Z-Bratje No. 2-0, J. Jerse 488, S. Pozun 432. Loy. No. 4-3, Utop. No. 3-0, A. Tilyash 510, F. Bohinc 530. Com. No. 1-3, Cleveland 0, T. Skok 596, F. Ostanek 574. Loy. No. 1-3, Utop. No. 5-0, M. Debenak 620, E. Stefancic 521. Con. No. 2-3, Loy. No. 3-0, A. Matulis 558, A. Fexfilja 445. Lunder Adamic 3, V-Boj 6, T. Prime 543, T. Starman 465. Loy. No. 2-2, Utop. No. 1-1, F. Ruzja 511, J. Zupanec-S. Benedict 472, Z-Bratje No. 1-2, Com. No. 2-1, T. Debeljak 581, J. Ruzje 569. Strug. No. 1-2, Spartans 1, S. Podnar 519, E. Selan 550. Utop. No. 6-2, Euclid No. 158-4, J. Pinasky 586, T. Ogrin 516.

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S. N. P. J. Trojans

JOHNSTOWN, Pa.—I am very happy to report at this time that our yearly meeting was well attended. It was wonderful to see that so many members realized their responsibility to the lodge, and set aside this one night to attend the meeting. Now don't stop attending until the next yearly meeting, for all lodge meetings are important, and should be attended, so that you may take part in the decisions made by the members present.

First of all, I wish to announce the newly elected officers for the year 1948. Joseph Culkar, president; Joseph Glavach, vice president; Dorothy Glavach, secretary; Josephine Bizjak, treasurer; Elsie Culkar, rec. sec.; Frances Hovecar and Anne Bricely, auditors. The above mentioned officers all know their duties and I am sure they will carry them out the best way possible and to the best advantage of the lodge and keeping in mind to do their utmost for the good of the SNPJ as a whole.

At the time of publication of this article, Christmas was over, and I sincerely hope that it was one of your merriest, and all thoughts will be with the celebrating of the coming New Year. That in turn reminds us that we are all planning to spend New Year's Eve with the SNPJ Trojans and take part in the gala celebration that the committee in charge has planned for us.

The affair will take place at the Moxham Slovene Hall, in the form of a dance, with music being furnished by Lou Kopler and his band, starting at 9 p. m. At this time the hall dance floor will have been completed and there will be twice as much dancing space, so that there will be room for everybody and their friends. Paper hats, noisemakers, confetti and balloons will be given to everyone, and there will be refreshments galore.

At this dance we will determine the winner of our beautiful Zenith portable radio, which has been on display at the Moxham Slovene Hall for the past month. The drawing will be held right after the New Year is ushered in. If you don't have your tickets as yet, make sure you get some before or at the dance. All stubs must be turned in on or before New Year's Eve.

Very few members still owe for their Oct. 11 dance ticket, and the committee would really appreciate it very much if this money would be in as soon as possible so that the new committee can start with a clean slate, so please pay the secretary or the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Six new juvenile applications were accepted at our December meeting; we now have 139 juveniles and 131 adult members. Keep up the good work, members, we want to become much stronger in number. Our sick members reported at this meeting are Anna Jerovsek, Frank Saksek, and Charles Korber. If possible, pay these sick members a visit, and we all wish them a speedy recovery.

A \$15 donation was given the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, as a Christmas gift to the children of Yugoslavia. We felt this was a very worthy cause and the members wholeheartedly consented to the donation.

James Trofino was unanimously selected as a candidate for the Athletic Board from our lodge. Having served several times before we felt with his experience, he could still carry on his job as well as it can be done. We wish you luck on the executive board's selection, and want you to be the athletic director from this district. Agnes White was selected as Juvenile Director from our lodge, and she, too, will be very capable, for she has assisted both Ann Bricely and myself on several occasions in regard to the Juvenile Circle No. 47 here in Johnstown.

Brown and gold were selected as our lodge colors, and there was quite a lot of deliberation on this selection. The boys wanted blue and gold; since that was the color of their smushball jerseys and the bowlers wanted brown and gold since that is the color of our shirts. Discussions such as these, small as they are, add color to our meetings, and we had a little fun over this matter.

A final reminder for all of our friends to attend our gala New Year's Eve celebration, for the committee promises such a time as has never been sponsored in our locality as yet. Plan to usher in the New Year with the SNPJ Trojans.

ELSIE CULKAR, 749.

Your Social Security

The account number that appears on the social security card of every worker identifies the wage credit account maintained for each worker. The size of retirement and death benefits that may be payable is set by this account.

Send Your Article on Time!

We are constrained to appeal to our active members to send their lodge news and articles on time. Although Monday is the deadline when all articles for the Wednesday issue of Prosveta should be in our office, it has frequently happened, especially lately, that the letters were post-marked on Monday or Sunday and consequently arrived too late for publication in the Wednesday issue. If such articles contain important dates, about the lodge meetings or dances, etc., all we can do is to carry them in the Slovene language in our daily on Thursday, if they arrive on time, or on Friday. This obviously is not satisfactory as far as lodges, especially the English speaking, are concerned.

We therefore urge all our members to send in their lodge news and articles on time, early enough that we receive them by Friday, if possible, but by Monday at the very latest. We shall appreciate this and will be able to give you better service.—Editor.

BADGERLAND NEWS

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—It has been brought to my attention that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strukel are back in our midst after farming in Michigan for the last few years. Would be nice to see you people at our meetings again. How about it? Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Pugel were recent visitors to our fair city. They now reside in Detroit. Another old-time Badger to visit our town recently was Frank Bolka who has transferred to the lodge in Aurora, Minn. Frank is now in business in Aurora and happy to state that he is doing nicely.

Our congrats to Leona Puncer and Matt Plahuta from Chicago who have announced their engagement recently. I understand that they first met at one of our bowling tournaments which should be an added inducement for you single guys and gals to take in these SNPJ gatherings.

New members to join our lodge recently and whom I may have omitted in previous writings are, Dottie Simerl, Ann Evancich, and Ann Rebernisck.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 25.—More than likely the Prosveta will reach your house on Friday, due to Christmas falling on Thursday this week which will fall on our meeting date, and no excuses will be accepted on forgetting the date. So make your plans now to attend the last meeting of the year. Officers for the coming year will be elected and all other business taken care of in good fashion. The entertainment committee consisting of Marge Lonkner, Mickey Nowak, Lilly Hammel, Dottie Simerl and Millie Smith, have promised you a good old-fashioned party after the meeting where there will be potica, klobase and other Slovene goodies. Santa will also be there and each member is asked to bring a gift worth around 25c which will be interchanged at the meeting. So keep the date in mind and try to bring some other member along.

Again reminding you stragglers that dues must be paid up for the current year by the end of the month so that the secretary can close the books. Please take care of this matter as there are quite a few in this category.

Heading the list in the Remic 875 was Doc Kriskovic who cracked a big 680 series. Doc's ind. games were 228-184-248. Nice shooting. Doc. Next in line was Joe Glavan who spilled a total of 651. Joe had games of 212-225 and 182. Curly Brownell entered the select class as he powered his fadeaway hook to the tune of 602 on games of 156-188 and a big 258. Al Maren had a nice series of 621 with ind. games of 178-241 and 202. Last to enter the charmed circle was Al Jeray who just made it with an even 600 on games of 162-213-225. Others above the 550 bracket were Lou Lonkner with 574 and Wally Remic with 562.

Nothing to report on the Badger lassies loop as they held a Yuletide party with no bowling. In the Remic Social, Lou Lonkner was in the groove as he pounded the setups for a big 644 set on games of 165-256 and 223. Only other worthwhile score was the 557 posted by Cy Zvonar. Who was the guy that cracked a 109 and a 394 total in the loop? Better get the termites out of that ball in a hurry, eh what. Johnny Brownell cracked his second honor score of the week as he posted a 601 in the Greenfield 825 loop. In the Womens Classic two of our gals hit the select class. Clara Yanke spilled 566 and Gen. Hren cracked 525.

Holiday greetings are extended to one and all and may they be extended thruout the coming year to bring joy and happiness for all for the entire year. SALTY, 584.

Annual Meeting, SNPJ Lodge 446. NEW CASTLE, Pa.—Attention, members of SNPJ Lodge 446. This is a reminder to all members of the lodge to attend the annual lodge meeting which will be held Sunday, Dec. 28, at 9:30 a. m. At this meeting, election of officers for 1948 and all of the lodge business to be reviewed for 1947. Please attend the meeting if possible. NICK PAKOVITCH, Sec'y.

RECA Co-ops Serve 2 Million. WASHINGTON (CNS)—Two million people are now served by RECA co-ops, it was announced here December 2 by the Department of Agriculture. First RECA co-op was set up in 1935.

Claridge Vol. Fire Dept. Dance Jan. 2. CLARIDGE, Pa.—There will be a dance at the Slovene Home Blue Room here on Friday night, Jan. 2, for the benefit of the Claridge Volunteer Fire Dept. building fund. The music will be furnished by the popular Frank Yankovic and his Yanks from Cleveland, Ohio. Dancing will start at 8 p. m. PETER C. MOCHNIK, Sec'y.

Forty-one towns in 10 southern states now employ Negro policemen.

Struggler Lodge

STRUGGLERS-STAR-GAZETTE

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—With the Xmas spirit all around us, we will try to enlighten the SNPJ world of what had taken place at our election and yule party.

First of all, business matters were disposed of in a manner befitting the occasion; not too fast but in reality very slow for the kiddies who were anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus with his famous pack.

While the election of officers was in progress our own Matty Podnar saw to it that the kiddies were taken care of in the barroom with soda pop and helping them along in singing those carols with the help of Paul Golob. And in the midst of elections Matty would open the door and inquire rather timidly, "Say, aren't you through yet? Don't know what to do next!" Are you kidding, Matty?

What surprised and pleased the officers most was the great number present, both the oldsters and the youngsters. And of all people, none other than Johnny Lokar and his charming wife Marge. Ann (Vidmar) Hovecar with friend Hubby and two daughters. Frank Linc (without wife Mille) looking quite lost indeed. Canary Koss, wife Mary and the youngsters enjoying the movies. Freddy Marinko sitting 'way in the back renewing old acquaintances while wife and daughter smiled happily.

For those delicious apples and oranges we give thanks to Freddy who donated them to our yule party. Thanks loads! Wally and Mary Lampe keeping an eye on their pride and joy who started to dance and laugh heartily at the slightest sound of a laugh.

Louis Marolt, one of our proudest daddies, telling all about the latest addition of the family. Johnny Marolt (Santa Claus) looking and playing the part to a "T." Tony and Florence Zaman acting as doctor and nurse after their daughter Patsy fell and cut her lip. Steffi Tolar remarking that whenever Slovenes get together there is always bound to be singing old songs both Slovene and English.

Agnes Sedey being kept busy taking care of son Brian while daddy was enjoying "Our Gang" comedies on the screen. We often wonder whether the kiddies or their daddies enjoyed the movies the most. And a great big "thank you" for Frank Sajovic who showed movies of our Twentieth Anniversary, several selected short subjects and comedies.

And now we come to the results of elections. President Frank Ipavec; Vice-Pres. Bill Sedey; Sec'y, Walter Lampe; Treasurer, Ted Laurie; Rec. Sec'y, Anne Zelle. Board trustees: Paul Golob, Fred Perusek and Ed Leskovec. It remains almost the same with the exception of vice proxy and the sec'y and treasurer changed hands.

Looks like the year of '48 will be a promising one indeed and we expect the full cooperation of each and every loyal Struggler member.

Last year scribe forgets, a very important decision was enacted and here it is: Lodge Strugglers went on record at the meeting of Dec. 14 to purchase an enclosed merry-go-round for the SNPJ farm. The construction of the merry-go-round will be under supervision of Frank Marolt. More details will be given in future editions of the Prosveta, so watch for it!

The Xmas party was a huge success as noted on the expression of the faces of the kiddies. And once again thanks is again in order to all who helped make our first Xmas Party the great success that it was!

ANNE S. ZELLE, Rec. Sec'y.

"Atomic Farming" To Boost Output

CHICAGO.—Great advances in farm production as a result of research with radioactive isotopes was promised yesterday by David Lillenthal, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission. Lillenthal addressed the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in the Stevens Hotel.

Isotopes are particles of ordinary minerals made radioactive in the atomic pile at Oak Ridge. Activated substances can be fed to plants and their course followed by means of radiation.

"It will help to solve one of the most vexing problems of humanity—how to keep food production in pace with the growth of the world's population," Lillenthal said.

Plant scientists can, "in a way never before possible," chart the changes that occur in the process of plant life, he explained.

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Official Proceedings

SNPJ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting of Oct. 15

Meeting is called to order at 9 a. m.; present are all officers except Lisch because of other duties; he is excused; minutes of the Aug. 13 meeting are approved as read.

Secretary reports the following mortgages were paid off in full:

FHA 9, Cleveland, \$1,122.87 Aug. 14; FHA 86, Chicago, \$2,321.56 Sept. 15; Mortgage 38, Cleveland, final \$8.54 paid off Oct. 3, and Mtg. 164, Youngstown, paid off \$350 Oct. 9. On Sept. 1, a \$1,000 Chicago Park District 4th bond, due Sept. 1, 1955, was called and paid in full.

The Priklad building & Loan Association paid its final liquidating dividend Sept. 4, equaling 15% of the par value of our investment, or \$30; in addition, we received a 25% liquidating dividend due but not received in 1946; this sum amounted to \$50. In liquidating this stock received from the old SNPJ relief fund, we realized 75% of the original investment.

The Junior Mortgage 68-J in Cleveland might be liquidated by the estate of the late mortgagor; attorney Joseph Zorman has been in touch with the parties concerned; an administrator of the estate has been appointed by the court; the daughter of late John Ogrizek, who lives in the house, has decided to liquidate the loan and to that end paid in October \$25 on account of the delinquent interest; the total principal and interest due on this loan is in excess of \$800.

On Aug. 19, we received the regular quarterly dividend on General Public Utilities Corporation stock at the rate of 20 cents per share, or \$155.40. No effort was made to dispose of this or any other stock at this time, because there was a general downturn in the market price during this period.

New investments: In accordance with our decision on August 14, we subscribed to \$250,000 Chicago Transit Authority revenue bonds; 3% due July 1, 1970 to 1972, and 3 1/2% bonds due 1978. This purchase was distributed among ten bond houses in Chicago and Cleveland at 25 bonds each as follows: William Blair & Co., Central Republic Company, First Boston Corporation, Kneeland and Company, Ames, Emerich and Company, M. B. Vick and Company, Kidder, Peabody & Company and E. H. Rollins & Sons, all of Chicago, and J. F. Perko & Co. and Frank

On Sept. 8, we received a reply from the St. Clair Savings and Loan Company, notifying us that the company cannot enter into contract with us to furnish us GI loans under the terms and conditions decided upon by this committee on August 14. Our limit was \$500,000 maximum at net yield to us of 3 1/2%. The company's condition is \$1,000,000 of loans during one year and a servicing fee of 1%. A copy of their reply was sent to all the members of this committee outside of the home office.

On Aug. 22, the 850 Lake Shore Corporation (formerly the Lake Shore Athletic Club) sent out the official notice about the proposed sale of the property, soliciting the approval of the certificate holders. A 2/3 majority is necessary for the consummation of the sale. The trustees estimate that the certificate holders will receive at least \$7.50 per unit; if so, the SNPJ will receive \$71,250 for its 9,500 units.

Available for investment today is \$25,000 in the juvenile department and \$250,000 in the adult department. Report accepted and all transactions approved.

Secretary reads the answer from Clark-Monroe Building Corporation to his two requests. This letter explains actual status. He added that a few days ago we received a dividend of \$30 at the rate of \$1 per share.

It is decided (3 members voting for purchase, 2 abstaining and chairman voting for the purchase) to purchase \$25,000 Mystic River Bridge Authority 2 1/2% Bridge revenue bonds, due March 1, 1980, to yield 2.90 at 99 1/2. By a majority vote decided to order these bonds from E. H. Rollins & Sons.

All the following bonds were ordered immediately by chairman: \$25,000 Gulf States Utilities Co. 2 1/2%, due May 1, 1970, price 98, unanimous, from Halsey, Stuart & Co.; \$25,000 Sioux City Gas & Electric Co., 2 1/2%, due Dec. 1, 1975, unanimous at 98 from Halsey, Stuart & Co.; \$25,000 Illinois Power Co., first mortgage 2 1/2%, due March 1, 1976, unanimous at 101 to yield 2.82, from Halsey, Stuart & Co.; \$25,000 Wisconsin Electric Power Co., first mortgage bonds, 2 1/2%, due June 1, 1976, unanimous at 98 from the First Boston Corp.; \$25,000 Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, 2 1/2% First and Refunding series B, due February 1, 1977, unanimous at 98.25 from the First Boston Corp.; \$25,000 Texas Power & Light Co., 3% due in 1977, unanimous at 100.99 to yield 2.95. Halsey, Stuart & Co. had none of these bonds on hand, but will try to get them for us, therefore, secretary is authorized to complete purchase; \$25,000 Arkansas Power & Light Co., 2 1/2%, due July 1, 1977, unanimous at 97 from Halsey, Stuart & Co.

Unanimously decided to invest \$50,000 in ten insured Savings and Loan Associations, \$5,000 in each at 2.50% or better dividend rate. Kuhel, Vider and Cankar are empowered to select the ten associations.

It was also unanimously decided to invest the remaining \$25,000 in U. S. government bonds at best yield available. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p. m. Matt Petrovich, Chm. M. C. Kuhel, Sec'y Jacob Zupan, Rec. Sec'y

Your Social Security. To make sure that he and his family will receive the maximum benefits to which they may be entitled under old-age and survivors insurance, the worker should have only one social security card. If he has more, the local Social Security Administration office will give him free advice on which one to use.

LONDON.—(ALN)—British union membership has reached a peak of 8,714,000, the Ministry of Labor announced. Highest previous total was 8,348,000 at the end of 1920.

to increase production and allowed to retain enough food for themselves. Landlords were satisfied since higher production increased their revenue.

True or False— WOULD UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING HURT OUR SCHOOLS?

How much do you know about Universal Military Training? President Truman has announced that he will ask Congress to enact a UMT law next month. Since the direct effect of Universal Military Training would be felt most on young men of high school and college age, we are here reproducing a discussion of UMT and our public schools. The material was prepared by the National Council Against Conscription.

1. The discipline instilled by Universal Military Training would supplement and strengthen the efforts of educators.

False. "Military discipline," says the Junior R.O.T.C. Manual, "is intelligent, willing and cheerful obedience to the will of the leader. . . . It creates in the individual a desire and determination to undertake and accomplish any mission assigned by the leader."

The good teacher sees his job as one of helping to develop individual personalities; alert, questioning, independent, creative.

This is precisely what military training does not do. Turning over formative youths to military indoctrination will do more to develop a class of men willing to accept the "fuehrer-principle" than any other factor.

2. The primary purpose of UMT is the indoctrination of youth with the military point of view.

True. Time after time, military men have admitted that such training is of only doubtful military value, but of incalculable value in instilling the military attitude.

General Eisenhower, testifying before a Congressional committee, admitted that in the event of war "physical training will always have to be repeated. . . ." but that "psychological indoctrination and moral training requires the longest time but fortunately is never completely forgotten."

3. Universal Military Training would have no direct effect on educational institutions.

False. The War Department's plan now under consideration would call for six months of direct training, followed by six months more of the "equivalent." This "equivalent" would mean enlistment in the National Guard or Regular Army, Navy or Marine Corps; specialist training in approved technical trade or vocational schools; or college education, which must include four years of ROTC.

4. Adoption of UMT would result in the militarization of most, if not all, American colleges that admit male students.

True. Obviously, if all men of college age are required to take UMT—and there are no exemptions except for extreme physical disability—the large majority of male students certainly would choose colleges with military units in preference to spending another six months in army barracks. This would mean to have ROTC units, and the prerequisite War Department approval, or have their very existence endangered!

5. Most colleges had ROTC units before the war.

False. In 1939, fewer than 7 per cent of civil colleges in the United States offered ROTC.

6. The probable cost of UMT would be about equal to the total spent annually on public education in the United States.

True. A recent report of appropriations for public education in the United States (1942) showed a total of \$2,671,000,000 for public schools. No figures have been specified for UMT, but the direct costs alone have been estimated by top-ranking Military Analyst Hanson Baldwin as from \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000 per year. By the

plants either owned by CCA directly, or by CCA in conjunction with other regional co-ops.

Alfred D. Stedman, associate editor of the St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press and Dispatch, told the delegates at the opening session that the tax status of cooperatives offers no discrimination against other corporations. Replying to charges leveled against co-ops by the NTEA and other business groups, Stedman said, "Any corporation which wished to make patronage refunds to its patrons in accordance with an announced schedule or contract, can, like the co-op, legally deduct these from taxable income."

Free Capitalism Can't Stand This

"Atomic energy makes all our conceptions of daily living obsolete, eradicates virtually all our limitations, cures all our maladies, and opens the door to a way of life as uncomplicated as that of a South Sea native basking in the sun and plucking his food from the breadfruit tree. Our paramount problem, our chief hazard in the atomic age will be what to do with our spare time."

So says Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, in the December issue of American magazine.

We put the above broad statement at the top of this editorial because we want to link it with a question: How would the capitalist private-profit system, deriving its initiative from the desire for profit, functioning upon the fact of scarcity, exploiting human beings to produce surpluses of wealth which enrich chiefly an owning class, be able to function if the optimum of energy released by a split atom were harnessed to the business of production and distribution?

Mr. Hutchins says heat will be so plentiful that it will be used to melt snow as it falls. What, then, will happen to the coal-digger who appears to believe that he was born to spend his life underground?

"Laws and gardens will be luxurious," he predicts, "for atomic energy promises fertilizers and soil balancers more powerful than any known today." How, then, would grain speculators be able to function?

"Factories will operate only a few hours a week to produce more goods than can be used." What chance will there be then for private owners to cut costs and compete for markets?

If Mr. Hutchins is correct, the era of abundance, security, leisure and peace lies just ahead—if man has the intelligence to shape his social concepts to the economic facts that the atom will bring into being. But do we want the leisure, abundance and security that the atom offers? Are we willing to forego the class injustices, the mad scramble for wealth, the soul-killing burden of poverty, the scheming, lying, competing, wasting and warring that combine to make our glorious "American way of life?"

Why, we would have to sacrifice the capitalist private-profit system itself if all the good things that Chancellor Hutchins envisages were to become realities! Indeed, mankind can't possibly have the atom's bounty unless private-profit is abandoned as the mainspring of human activity!

However, there is another choice for Americans who accept the Wall Street formula for patriotism. Mr. Hutchins tells about that too. If we desire to hold fast to class inequalities at home and international rivalries around the world, we can develop a military machine to open the markets of the world for American products. And if anybody stands in our way we can use the atom to—as Hutchins puts it—"annihilate all life on earth."

Which will it be? Capitalism, rivalry, war and race suicide? Or brotherhood, abundance and peace under a new order? . . . Or would our readers prefer to discuss the next rise of the wage and price cycle?—(Reading Labor Advocate)

Unamericans Bury Probe of U.S. Fascism

WASHINGTON (FP)—Relax, folks, the republic is safe!

Haggard and drawn from "six months of intensive investigation" of fascist activities in the U. S., Rep. John McDowell (R. Pa.) has officially declared that native fascists are powerless because they are broke.

McDowell, chairman of a subcommittee of the House un-American activities committee, reported Dec. 1 that his extensive investigation has failed to turn up any evidence that warrants a full-dress congressional hearing.

Admitting that his former FBI sleuths had found a lot of racial and religious intolerance, McDowell said he failed to see any evidence of it operating under a master plan. It's just sort of anarchistic bigotry, he said.

"To get anywhere," he opined to the press, "they (the fascists) would have to have an organization with money behind it. They simply don't have it."

Referring to published reports that the House un-American activities committee might launch a public hearing into a fascist movement in Texas, McDowell said his men did check into a "report floating around Chicago that Gerald L. K. Smith had inherited a lot of money from a Texas millionaire." Smith

Billions at Stake in Battle Over Under-Water Oil

By RAYMOND LONERGAN

Harold L. Ickes, for a long time Secretary of the Interior, now knows how it feels to be "fired" by a boss who doesn't like your work.

"Honest Harold" became a columnist when Mr. Truman neatly detached him from the Cabinet and he has been devoting most of his space to ferociously attacking people he doesn't like—in and out of public life.

A couple of weeks ago he took a gosh-zwifal wallop at Attorney General Tom Clark and Secretary of the Interior Krug. Ickes felt that the two eminent gentlemen had betrayed Uncle Sam's interests during the battle over the immensely valuable off-shore oil deposits. Their conduct was so bad, according to Ickes, that if they didn't have the decency to quit, they should be fired.

The Washington "Star" printed Ickes' attack, but in a day or so editorially repudiated the whole thing, holding that Harold's charges were baseless. Since then Ickes' column has not appeared in the "Star."

Secede Over Oil

A few days ago it was announced from Austin that the Democrats of Texas might secede from the Democratic party in 1948 unless this off-shore oil was given to the states. Senator McGrath, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was denounced as a "tyrant" because he had advised a convention of "Young Democrats" not to pass a resolution on this ticklish subject.

The Senator, who is a stubborn gentleman, refused to recede from his position. What the Texas "politicos" will do remains a matter for speculation.

However, these two developments serve to emphasize the importance of this "tidelands oil" issue.

How much is involved? Well, in California alone it is estimated that 300,000,000 barrels of oil have been taken out so far, and exports will tell you that deposits along the shorelines of the United States may be worth \$200 billion, or enough to almost pay off the national debt.

Future Oilfields

Not so long ago the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey issued an attractive pamphlet containing a map of the future oilfields of the world. Along the coastline of every nation it indicated oil deposits, very much heavier at some points than at others. Apparently Russia has more of this under-water oil than any other country. Canada is magnificently supplied.

So, riches beyond the dreams of old Croesus are at stake. The big oil companies want these oil deposits given to the states. That's because, up to date, the big fellows have been able to get pretty much what they wanted from state officials.

However, they have been fairly successful with Federal officials—that is, if we are to believe what the spokesmen for the "independent operators" tell us.

They are inclined to agree with Ickes that Attorney General Clark and Secretary of the Interior Krug didn't have their hearts in the court fight to save the oil for Uncle Sam. Nevertheless, the Federal government won the battle.

Position of "Independents"

And now the "independents" are asking the Interior Department to grant leases on tideland oil under

is an old-time America Firster and has long been identified with "front organizations" for the native fascists.

McDowell said his inquisitors found "plenty of evidence of intolerance," but none that was organized. He observed that many "smear sheets" dealing with racial and religious intolerance were "rackets" operated for the profit of their owners, but some are just "one man operations."

Such as Liz Dilling, McDowell?

ON THE CAPITAL'S CUFF

Witch-Hunters Aim Blow at Radio

By TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Growing bolder by the minute from its successful invasion of the moving picture field with its thought control and witch hunting, the House un-American activities committee is shoving into radio.

While many Americans were inclined to poo-poo the Thomas-Rankin group as a crack potted bunch of publicity seekers whose interest would be largely concerned with labor unions and liberals, the new venture is significant because it opens the door for an even greater widening of its works. The newspapers and schools may well be next.

The latest move came when Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R. N. J.) demanded that the Federal Commission furnish the un-American committee with the official records of the four great radio chains to show the amount of time sold and donated to individuals and organizations to attack the committee's Hollywood inquisition.

One top radio network executive told Variety, the trade journal of show business and radio, that the

oil leasing act, which was passed about 30 years ago in the Woodrow Wilson administration. The Interior Department refuses to do this and holds that matters are in status quo until Congress passes legislation dealing specifically with the under-water oil.

In the meantime, the big fellows who have drilled wells along the coast will continue to pump.

"The 'independents' see in this just another effort to either get the oil deposits into the hands of the states or to put jokers in the leasing law which will benefit the big oil companies—and possibly both.

The "independents" insist that the big companies have controlled the machines of both the old parties in the oil states for a quarter of a century. That explains the threat of secession down in Texas, they declare, and also the strange coincidence that "radical" and "conservative" state officials out in California have generally pulled together on this issue.

Must Be on Alert

This writer doesn't pretend to be able to straighten out this tangled web. Only this is clear:

The people of the United States own these oil deposits. They are of fabulous value. Every oil man in America—freaked and straight—is trying to get a hand in developing this liquid wealth.

Unless the people are on the alert, the proceeds from this oil will not be used to pay off the national debt, but to create many more millionaires, and perhaps a few billionaires.—(Labor)

Join Co-ops, Vets Urged

KENOSHA, Wis. (CNS)—Veterans were urged to take part in the consumer cooperative movement by the Wisconsin State convention of the American Veterans Committee here November 22 and 23.

The delegates condemned proposals to tax co-op funds used as refunds to patrons, and condemned attempts to infringe on-the-right of people to associate in non-profit organizations for their mutual benefit.

Your Social Security

Residents of every community have available near them the free services of the field offices of the Social Security Administration which administer the Federal old-age and survivors insurance program. These offices assist in the filing of claims for retirement or death benefits, issue new or duplicate social security cards, provide information on the operation of the program.

With the endless, wasteful, drinkless, eggless, meatless, chickenless program already in effect and more and more politicians talking about less and less, you can still bet your 47c dollar on a sure thing.

Nary a one will add a "less" to the sacred word profit.

Now that Herbert Hoover's working in Washington again, there's only one thing missing to bring back the "good old days."

And if current predictions of competent economists come true, we'll have that with us pretty soon.

One way of ending the housing shortage, says the bright-young-man-in-the-office, is to build more houses.

Why hasn't Washington thought of that?

WALLACE ASKED TO HEAD 3RD PARTY TICKET

NEW YORK—(FP)—The possibility that Henry A. Wallace will run for President on a third party ticket was greatly strengthened Dec. 17 when the executive committee of the Progressive Citizens of America, one of his main supporters, announced it had voted overwhelmingly in favor of such a course.

With about 25 of its 30 members present, the committee voted with a single exception to urge Wallace to pick up the third party banner for 1948. The action was taken, it said, after most of PCA's 22 state chapters had independently expressed their approval of the stand and requested the national organization to act.

The sole dissenting vote came from PCA co-chairman Dr. Frank Kingdon, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator in New Jersey. Kingdon resigned from the organization as soon as the vote was taken. He said his decision was primarily the result of his quest for Democratic support in his own campaign.

The PCA statement declared that the Democrats under Pres. Truman have "betrayed the principles of Roosevelt" and that the former Roosevelt coalition "cannot hope for regeneration of the Democratic party under the Truman leadership."

"Millions of Americans will stay away from the polls if they are confronted with only a choice between two brands of reaction," PCA said. "These millions of Americans must not be disenfranchised. They must have a choice. Only if Mr. Wallace runs as an independent candidate

Slavic Americans Strike Back!

NEW YORK—The recent meeting of the National Committee of the American Slav Congress showed a greater realization on the part of progressive Slavic Americans of the gravity of the political crisis in our country and firmer determination to join all democratic forces in a counter-offensive against the economic royalists and their warmongering representatives in the Administration," declared George Pirinsky, Executive Secretary of the Congress, in a report released Nov. 19.

"It is in the firm stand of Wallace that all forward-looking Americans of Slav descent see the continuation of Roosevelt's policies of social reform at home and friendship and cooperation abroad," continued the report. "Wallace's strike cry that 'it is high time to strike back at the reactionaries' permeated the reports, discussions and decisions of the National Committee meeting," which were summarized in a 6-point Program of Action, calling for 1) bringing forward the contributions of Slavic Americans to the industrial and cultural development of America; 2) end to Slav-baiting and witch hunts; 3) repeal of Taft-Hartley law; 4) support of Cong. Sadowski's proposal for Congressional investigation of U. S. policy of rebuilding Germany; 5) loans and relief to our wartime Allies without political strings; 6) election in 1948 of liberal Congressmen who will defend the people's interests and work for restoration of FDR's domestic and foreign policies; and 7) strengthening United Nations on basis of Potsdam and San Francisco decisions as only road to international cooperation and friendship necessary for establishment of lasting peace.

The action of the PCA executive committee is scheduled to be ratified by a board of directors meeting in Chicago Jan. 16 and by the national convention Jan. 17 and 18.

EDITOR'S NOTE

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS: All letters intended for publication in the Prosveta must be properly signed; unsigned letters cannot be considered. Initials or pen names will be used if requested and if the contents permit, but we must know the names, lodge numbers and addresses of the writers. This applies to all. Don't write with pencil; use pen or, still better, typewriter, and don't write on both sides of the sheet.

The price of an average house in Los Angeles is 20.4% more today than during the 1935-39 period.

Auto Dealers Making So Much They Can't Count It

The nation's 45,000 automobile dealers this year will make from 50 per cent to 70 per cent of their investment, as compared with a normal pre-war return of 15 per cent.

This statement is made by the Wall Street Journal, one of the leading financial papers of the nation, in a story that quotes leaders in the industry as saying that "some dealers are making so much money they can't even count it," that profits are "unbelievable."

There are three basic reasons for the huge profits in automobiles this year:

Profits per car have been increasing along with new car prices. A dealer now makes a profit of \$1,005 on the sale of a Cadillac model that carries a factory price of \$4,190. Before the war the same type car sold for \$3,080 and the dealer's profit was \$739.

Dealers are making big money in used car trade-ins. Before the war many dealers took a loss on their trade-ins, thus reducing the profit.

The repair and accessories business is running at record rates to keep the 20 million pre-war cars on the streets.

The huge profit per car results from the "dealer discount system" which allows the dealer 24 per cent profit on all General Motors Cars, 25 per cent on Ford cars and 24 per cent on all Chrysler products except Plymouth which pays a 22 per cent profit.

This profit margin was developed in the pre-war years when dealers had to absorb losses on trade-ins

of old cars—the average loss running to 8 or 9 per cent.

For example here are the figures on a typical pre-war sale:

The average car sold for about \$900 in 1941, yielding the dealer a profit of about \$216, or 24 per cent. But he could count on a loss of about \$72 (8 per cent) on a trade-in, so his gross profit would be cut to \$144 on the transaction.

The car that sold for \$900 in 1941 now brings about \$1,400, at the regular dealer's. His profit margin is the same old 24 per cent, but this now yields him \$336 profit. And instead of taking a loss of 8 per cent on the trade-in he can figure on making another 25 or 30 per cent gross profit on the sale price of the new car on his trade-in—making him another \$378 in profit.

Thus on the same deal that made him \$144 in gross profit before the war the dealer is now making \$714—an increase of 500 per cent. And this does not take into account the bonus demanded by many dealers before they will sell you a car at all.

The sale of accessories with new cars is another profitable side-line with automobile dealers. Most new cars now come loaded down with radios, heaters, and other "extras" that run up the price, and the dealer's profit on the sale of these extras is usually about 40 per cent.

Many dealers in small towns are particularly lucky since they can carry on their business without hiring salesmen, do not need to advertise and thus can keep their operating costs as low as they were before the war.

—The Machinist.

Uncle Sam Is Now Engaged In a Shooting War

By KENESAW M. LANDIS II

Few Americans realize that their country is now engaged in a shooting war.

Until recently it was possible to argue that the military aid we have been sending to Greece did not constitute armed intervention in the quarrels of others.

Indeed, we strongly denounced the whole idea of intervention, as incompatible with the freedom of small countries.

It was for the announced purpose of thwarting the intervention of others that we decided to send help to Greece—a kind of courtesy extended by one sovereign government to another.

But the Greek government, which we claimed was democratic, turned out to be corrupt and inefficient.

So Dwight Griswold, head of our mission in Greece, felt obliged to recommend the resignation of the cabinet, and to suggest the name of a new premier better qualified to administer our aid.

Was this intervention? Surely we had the right, in sending food and clothing to a country, to see that our money wasn't wasted.

But one thing has led to another. The munitions we unloaded in Greece have been wasted just like the food and clothing.

We've already enough arms, according to Griswold, to end the civil war. But the Greek guerrillas, outnumbered more than six to one by the American-equipped troops, have been gaining.

So the military authority of our Greek mission, hitherto restricted to supply functions, was expanded to include strategy and tactics.

American officers, attached to government forces in the field, will give the advice by which Greeks can more efficiently kill Greeks.

"If we advise an attack and the Greeks attack and it is a failure, it is a Greek responsibility, not ours," said Lt. Gen. William Livesay, our chief officer on the spot.

A Greek responsibility. But what if any of our officers are captured by the guerrillas? Can they be stood against a wall and shot, as the guerrillas are shot?

"We are merely helping the Greeks to quell a rebellion within their own borders," said Gen. Livesay.

But have the guerrillas no rights? What if the Russian should decide to help them, and sweep us into the sea? Could we now complain on moral grounds?

"Any people anywhere being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right—a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world."

What Communist said that? Abraham Lincoln. (Chicago Sun)

WORLD-WISE

By ISRAEL EPSTEIN—Allied Labor News

AMERICANS don't like to be told what to think, even by their own government. They shouldn't find it hard, therefore, to understand how other peoples feel when governments are tailored for them in Washington, just because they've suffered in war and could do with a temporary lift from U. S.

And what kind of government? The one in Greece was put together by U. S. ambassador Lincoln McVeagh and aid administrator Dwight Griswold, as was stated frankly by every American paper at the time. Now it has gone on from fighting peasant guerrillas to forbidding peaceful strikes, on pain of death for leaders and "agitators." Associated Press reports that the U. S. embassy was mildly distressed at the Greek move as bad public relations. But there was no hint of withdrawing U. S. support from the regime that made it, and which itself was made here.

Now let's take the Italian government, which also shoots down strikers. Help to this outfit is part of the first Marshall plan appropriations now being debated in Congress. Undersec. of State Robert A. Lovett (partner in Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. of Wall Street) has just promised that aid will stop if Italy goes left, even by democratic vote. This is telling the Italians to run their affairs by Lovett's standards—or no food.

Exhibit three is China. Rep. W. Sterling Cole (R. N. Y.), chairman of a House armed services subcommittee which has been discussing "aid" there, said in Washington Nov. 22 that "the U. S. should obtain permanent use of naval facilities at Tsingtao, in northern China." He also declared that "despite admitted corruption in the Nationalist (Chiang Kai-shek) government, it is highly preferable for the U. S. to have—an immoral government in China than a hostile government, no matter how pure and moral, but dominated by Communist influences."

The Chinese people, who think their country belongs to them, have other ideas. "Hostile" is what people become when you impose your own plans on them by arming tyrants. Henry A. Wallace on Nov. 24 explained that the Chinese "sooner or later will replace the present government. When they do, any debts incurred by Chiang Kai-shek will probably be repudiated. Additional aid for Chiang is an investment in enmity. We shall turn a great people, who should be our friends, completely against us."

Exhibit four is France. This country currently holds the record for nonsense written about it in the dollar press. John Foster Dulles, Republican foreign policy brain and bigshot in the Wall Street outfit of Sullivan & Cromwell, has just offered a strange deal to Gen. De Gaulle, would-be right-wing French dictator. He suggested that De Gaulle could have U. S. support if he not only smashed unions but agreed to the strengthening of west German industry (with Wall Street money). West German industry has been the arsenal of three past German attacks on France. Is this the way to make friends? We doubt it.

No one can possibly object to aid for all war-torn countries and U. S. food to help hungry people rebuild. That's supposed to be the aim of the Marshall plan, but facts are different. While some food is shipped with conditions attached, arms go to unpopular dictators without strings. Local versions of the Taft-Hartley act, imposed with U. S.-supplied power, are applauded by the commercial dailies. Labor's resistance is branded "red."

For degeneration of American concepts in present policy, refer to the State Dept.'s own releases. A recent one, Aspects of American Foreign Policy, claims nothing has changed since Pres. George Washington. It quotes Washington, who said in 1790: "My sympathetic feelings . . . are irresistibly excited whenever, in any country, I see an oppressed nation, unfurl the banner of freedom." Then it quotes Truman in 1945: "All peoples . . . prepared for self-government should be permitted to choose their own form of government." These two statements, it argues, mean the same thing.

Sorry, but we see no similarity. Washington said not a word of anyone being "prepared" for self-rule. He considered it the right of all. Nor did he use the word "permit." He believed other people's affairs to be their own business—if they did not hurt the liberty of others. He held all peoples entitled to rise to change the system they lived under. What else does "unfurl the banner of freedom" mean?

The men in Washington today, on the other hand, do not consider even the French, Italians, Greeks and Chinese "prepared" to rule themselves. Therefore, as you will see by a thoughtful reading of your own newspaper any day of the week, they do not propose to "permit" them to do so.

MARGARINE, THE FOOD CINDERELLA, IS BLOSSOMING

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Lowly margarine, which U.S. dairy interests have forced into the marts of trade in its unattractive, white color to render its competition with artificially colored butter less potent, is overcoming the unfair and discriminatory handicap at an ever-increasing pace.

Butter at \$1 per pound is going to make even more millions of American families think that perhaps coloring your spread at home instead of having it done for you at the creamery isn't so bad. And margarine, by the way, meets every sanitary and nutrition test butter can offer.

Back in 1940, when butter was free from OPA's price lid, margarine sold at a rate of 320 million pounds as it had for the previous ten years on an average. But wartime shortages, rationing and sharp improvement in margarine distribution, brought about a rapid change in the picture.

According to figures supplied by the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, which keeps records because it taxes margarine at a quarter of a cent a pound to satisfy the butter folks, margarine sales in 1944 were up to 588 million pounds.

By 1946, this had dropped slightly to 572 million, but the first three quarters of 1947 on the official figures showed a total output of 497 million pounds. Add industry estimates for the remaining three months of this year and you come up with a figure of 701 million pounds. And 701 million pounds of margarine is considerably better than double 1940's total consumption.

Margarine is made under strict federal control at every step, must be composed of 80% fat and supply 3200 calories per pound—just like butter. It is made of highly refined food oils (cottonseed, soybean, peanut and corn), pasteurized milk, salt and a uniform amount of vitamin A.

The new popularity of margarine comes despite the federal tax, to which is added a number of other special federal licensing fees all thought up by dairy interests to hold down a competitor. These include a \$6 per year tax on each retail store that wants to sell margarine, a wholesale license of \$200 and a manufacturer's license of \$600.

None of these licenses are paid by butter dealers, wholesalers or producers—and butter, as pointed out previously, is almost universally colored artificially. In the eastern and New York trade butter comes considerably more blonde than it does in the middle west or Chicago area, where families like more yellow in their spreads.

In addition to the federal levies, many states impose excise taxes on

margarine of from 5 to 15c a pound. They are: Idaho 5c; Iowa 5c; North and South Dakota 10c; Utah 5c; and Washington and Wisconsin 15c each. And 23 states forbid the manufacture and sale of colored margarine altogether.

Although the dairy interests insist they are protecting the farmer by fighting margarine, the facts fail to lend support to the argument. Margarine is an agricultural product, being the second largest user of soybean oil and about 25% of all cotton-seed oil, along with substantial quantities of peanuts and corn oils, not to mention milk. Margarine uses foods from farmers of 44 of the 48 states.

Butter, so bravely defended by the corporate dairy lobbies, is regarded as the low end product of dairy production. Farmers get far less per gallon for milk that goes into butter than they do from the gallons they sell for fluid milk. Yet the corporations make more money on butter than on fluid milk.

The interests defending butter from margarine are not the herd owner, but the stockholders of the big dairies . . . and the consumer is beginning now to realize it.

Co-op Tax Problem Minimized in Harvard Review

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CNS)—No legislation is necessary to correct what tax abuses may exist in the co-op picture, declares W. L. Bradley in an article called "The Taxation of Cooperatives" in the Autumn issue of the Harvard Business Review.

He dismisses charges against co-ops item by item. He points out that legal tradition respecting non-taxability of patronage refunds were established in cases involving private businesses' refunds to customer. He brings up the numerous cases of exemptions and privileges provided for business paralleling the exemption provided for agricultural cooperatives.

He suggests no changes in the treatment of consumer cooperatives. In Chicago and Los Angeles 80% of the non-Negro residential areas are kept lily-white by restrictive covenants.

Inside Out

By Stetson Kennedy Federated Press

BILL OF RIGHTS TAKEN FOR A RIDE

The Freedom Train is back in New York but the Bill of Rights is still being taken for a ride in more ways than one.

The armed kidnaping of a volunteer woman organizer at Tallapoosa, Ga., is a case in point. Mrs. Edna Martin, 41, the mother of six children, went to Tallapoosa to help workers at the American Thread Mill organize a union.

At midnight, four men and five women broke in through the window of her boarding house room. They were armed with shotguns and threatened to kill her if she made any outcry. Thrown into the back of an open truck, one woman sat on her while a man bound her hands and stuffed a dirty rag into her mouth.

After a wild ride through the countryside, she was dumped out in the woods and threatened with death if she ever returned to Tallapoosa.

LABOR HAS RUGGED ROW TO HOE

That's just one sample of what labor has to contend with before America will be safe for unionism. Here's another sample.

In July of this year, the Negro employees of the Tyson Lumber Co. at Cairo, Ga., held a meeting for the purpose of forming a union.

While the meeting was in progress, a gang of white men broke in, lined the Negroes up at pistol point and forced them to return to their homes. Armed guards were then posted to see that the Negroes did not leave their homes again that night.

It seems almost incredible that such things can happen in America in 1947. But it is happening, here and now. One must wonder, therefore, whether it is more important to send a Freedom Train across the country, or see to it that the U. S. Dept. of Justice lives up to its responsibility to protect the Bill of Rights from being taken for a different sort of ride—as at Tallapoosa and Cairo, Ga.

Since passage of the Taft-Hartley slave labor law, the union-haters have gone hog-wild. The aforementioned Tyson Lumber Co., for instance, has actually informed the NLRB, by notarized letter, that "neither the AFL, CIO nor U. S. government is going to tell it what to do."

Folksay down south has it that "they used to kill you for trying to organize a union; now they just knock all your teeth out."

But that is over-optimistic. If American labor doesn't close ranks and fight back against the real enemy, it may have life as well as teeth knocked out of it.

Co-op Dep't Store Goal of Clevelanders

CLEVELAND (CNS)—A cooperative department store is the goal of a group that met here December 1 in the YMCA auditorium. There were 125 delegates present, representing various labor, co-op and Negro groups.

The group, which is now formally set up for business under the name of Advisory Council for Cooperative Development, plans not only a million dollar department store, but later excursions into super-markets, housing and health. The department store project is being planned along the lines proposed by Consumer Distribution Corporation, which is assisting in the organization of department store co-ops in three other eastern cities.

Among the speakers endorsing the idea of the Co-op were A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Hardy Merrill of the United Auto workers, and Charles P. Lucas of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People.

The first step will be an organization campaign recruiting members for Cooperative Services of Cleveland, which operates co-op food stores.

Beware of New Types of Anti-Freeze Solutions

Motorists should beware of new anti-freeze preparations now appearing on the market and make sure they are not harmful before putting them in the radiator, the American Automobile Association warns.

Some manufacturers, taking advantage of the current shortage of anti-freeze, are attempting to market new types of solutions that are unsafe to use. The American Automobile Association says that for all practical purposes there are only two types of anti-freeze motorists should buy:

Alcohol and methanol, both of which readily evaporate during warm weather. The so-called permanent anti-freezes, made chiefly of ethylene glycol.

Materials such as salt or sugar solutions, honey, oil and kerosene have been tried as anti-freeze mixtures in the past, but their use has been condemned either because they damage the cooling system of

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FIGHT FOR HEALTH

By the Physicians Forum—Federated Press

The Unseen Plague, Chronic Disease

Many people know Dr. Ernst Boas, chairman of the Physicians Forum, as a vigorous and able supporter of outside the medical profession know chronic illness, that is, illness which lasts over a long period of time.

Dr. Boas, an outstanding specialist in internal medicine, has done a great deal to stimulate interest in this problem. He has written numerous articles and several outstanding books on chronic disease. His influence was to a large extent responsible for the construction of Goldwater Memorial Hospital, a large hospital for chronic illness in New York city.

As a matter of fact, it was Dr. Boas' keen interest in chronic disease that led him to support national health insurance. He realized that chronic illness could not often be attacked successfully in the later stages. A person with a chronic disease had to have early diagnosis and treatment so the disease could be controlled and complications avoided.

But one of the greatest obstacles in the way of early diagnosis and treatment is the cost of medical care. People delay going to the doctor because they cannot afford medical bills. Clearly what is needed is to remove this obstacle through a national system of health insurance by which people can pay for their medical care in advance.

It has been estimated that at least 25 million persons, more than a sixth of our population, have a chronic disease. Of these, more than seven million have some disability from their illness, and 1 1/2 million are invalids. Chronic diseases cause nearly a million deaths and the loss of almost a billion working days every year.

Our public health departments have succeeded in practically wiping out typhoid fever, cholera and similar diseases through the protection of water and milk supplies. They have conquered smallpox and diphtheria through vaccination and immunization.

The discovery of the sulfa drugs and penicillin has given the medical profession new and effective weapons in the fight against short-term diseases such as pneumonia and various types of infections.

But the chronic or long-term diseases are still far from being conquered. The most important of

these are heart disease, hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure, nervous and mental illness, arthritis, kidney disease, tuberculosis, cancer and diabetes. They are our biggest health problems, but we have only just begun to attack them seriously.

Research is one of the great needs if we are to combat the chronic diseases successfully. We have to learn a great deal more about how to prevent them. We must discover more effective methods of treatment.

Yet medical research is still being conducted on a horse and buggy scale. As a nation, we spend only \$110 million a year for medical research as compared with total of \$450 million for industrial research. The federal government is spending only \$28 million this year for medical research as compared with \$30 million for research in plant and animal diseases.

Moreover, there is no overall plan of action. As a result, very little may be spent on research in important diseases while others which are much less significant receive a great deal of attention. For example, heart disease, which is a leading cause of death among school children, kills about 600,000 persons every year, yet less than \$5 per death is spent on research. On the other hand, more than \$1,000 per death is spent for research in infantile paralysis, which kills only about a thousand persons a year.

WORLD EVENTS

By Scott Nearing

General Marshall went before a Congressional Committee on November 10 with a plea and a proposed bill for emergency aid to West Europe. On the same day President Truman published a report on the progress of aid to Greece and Turkey. A day Harriman, as Chairman of a special committee appointed by the President to inquire into U.S.A. capacity to carry the relief and refinancing of West Europe, made the committee report public. A week later the President presented Congress with the first part of the formal Marshall Plan, now known as the European Recovery Program (ERP).

The four documents contain a reasoned statement of the Truman Administration program for holding back communism by meeting the most urgent consumer and capital goods needs of non-Soviet Europe. At the beginning of his long statement, General Marshall said: "The President will lay before the Congress the program of the Administration for aid to Europe. My duty as Secretary of State is to present the reasons for the program." He continued: "The need for our assistance in the European area is real and it is urgent. As a result of the war the European Community . . . was left prostrate. This area despite its diversity of national cultures and its series of international conflicts and wars, nevertheless enjoys a common heritage and a common civilization."

"The war ended with the armies of the allies meeting in the heart of this community. The policies of three of them have been directed to the restoration of that European community. It is now clear that only one power, the Soviet Union, does not for its own reasons share this aim. "We have become involved in two wars which have had their origins in the European continent. The free peoples of Europe have fought those wars to prevent the forcible domination of their community by a single power. Such domination would have inevitably menaced the stability and security of the world. To deny today our interest in their ability to defend their own heritage would be to disclaim the efforts and sacrifices of two generations of Americans."

General Marshall then called attention to the great importance of the sixteen non-Soviet countries in world economy, to the recommendations of the committee of European Economic Cooperation for Unit-

ed States aid of \$16 to \$20 billion over a period of four years, and to the probability that this program would involve an immediate emergency grant of \$507 million and appropriations for the period up to June 30, 1949, of about seven and a half billion dollars. The stopgap aid of \$597 million would go to: Austria, \$42 million; France, \$328 million; and Italy, \$227 million.

General Marshall's proposals of November 10 recognize and accept the division of Europe into east and west, and aim to back West Europe against East Europe. In Marshall's words: "We wish to see this community restored as one of the pillars of world security; in a position to renew its contribution to the advancement of mankind and in the development of a world order based on law and respect for the individual."

Precisely what has the contribution of West Europe been? 1. General Marshall states that the sixteen European Marshall Plan countries plus West Germany, "before the war, accounted for nearly one-half of the world's trade. They owned nearly two-thirds of the world's shipping. Their industrial production . . . was slightly greater than that of the United States." In a word, the one-eighth of the human race living in West Europe had about four times its pro rata share of the world's business.

2. The free or sovereign nations of West Europe, unable to agree among themselves as to how their disproportionate share of the world's business was to be divided, have fought two ruinous wars in one generation "to prevent the forcible domination of their community by a single great power."

3. Marshall did not say this but we note in passing that British policy, backed by the U.S.A., has aimed consistently not only to prevent one power from dominating the continent but to keep Europe divided, competitive and weak in order to strengthen the relative British (and American) position.

4. This western state system of competing sovereign nations, each representing the interests of profit-hungry adventurers, has brought untold misery upon mankind and brought itself to the verge of collapse by following the principle of its individualistic, anti-social being: "Every one for himself."

5. Instead of taking the next obvious step and, in the interest of mankind, proposing a generous appropriation to expedite the burial of this corpse of an outmoded social order, General Marshall wants to spend six or seven billion in the next year or so to restore it to life. In the August World Events letter I pointed out that the advocates of the Marshall Plan were interested in the "restoration" of Europe rather than its "re-construction." "Restore" means to return to a former state or condition. General Marshall favored restoration in his November 10 presentation. Although he referred to a European Recovery Plan, he used the word "restore" three times in the first few paragraphs of his statement: (1) "The war ended with the armies of the major allies meeting in the heart of this community. The policies of three of them have been directed to the restoration of that community." (2) "We wish to see this community restored as one of the pillars of world security." (3) "The record of the endeavors of the U. S. Government to bring about a restoration of the whole of that European community is clear for all who wish to see."

6. In short, Marshall's proposition is that the U.S.A. restore West Europe to its pre-war status, set it up once more in its profit-chasing business, in order that it may continue to desolate the continent by fighting its fratricidal and increasingly expensive wars. Could anything be more illogical or more typical of the military mind?

7. If the social institutions of West Europe, twice in one generation, have bled the continent white and upset the life of the planet, why let the mad-men who support the system, and to a decreasing extent gain by and from it, continue to make public policy in the future? Have the blood-baths of 1914-18 and 1936-45 taught no lessons? Will it take another orgy of destruction and murder to convince the human family that it is wicked folly to continue the support of men and measures which have demonstrated their impotence to bring order and peace to the earth?

Triumph of Education A certain heedless reporter so far forgot himself recently as to speak very harshly to a big dumb prizefighter with a hair-trigger temper.

"You called me a fool!" yelled the fighter. "And for that I'm going to whale the daylight out of you!" "Yes, I said it," replied the fool-hardy reporter, "and I reiterate it!" "Well," said the boxer, suddenly quite mollified, "that's different. Then I'll overlook it." Then, clauding up slightly again, he added, "But don't think an apology will do you any good next time!"

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